

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 August 2025 at Ashfield Service Centre

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Mat Howard	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
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Chloe Smith	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ryann Midei	Director Property and Major Projects
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Peter Shields	Director Engineering
Sharon Bowman	Director Corporate
Julian Sakarai	Senior Manager Governance and Risk
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Gunika Singh	Team Leader Planning Operations
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Scott Mullen	Strategic Investments and Property Manager
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Akelo Costa	Acting Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Raciti declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 66 - *Lambert Park Sporting Ground - APIA Lease Conditions* as her husband is the President of the Leichhardt Tigers, and her son is on the board. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 16 - *Local Traffic Committee Meetings - 16 June 2025 and 21 July 2025* as she works in the Office of Kobi Shetty MP, who in her capacity as the member for Balmain, has a representative on the Traffic Committee. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter as the vote is exercised through a representative.

Councillor Blake declared a significant pecuniary interest in relation to Item 30 - *Reconciliation Action Plan Update and Engagement* as the item references the Anti-Racism bystander training. His wife is part of the Western Sydney University combatting Racism program who is delivering this training. He will leave the meeting during voting and discussion on the matter.

Councillor Blake declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 40 - *54 Thornley Street Leichhardt - Tree Removal* as he received and has tabled a petition by residents opposed to this item. He will remain in the chamber during voting and discussion.

Councillor Scott declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 31 - *Together2: Social Enterprise Cafe for disability employment* as her son works there. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Scott declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 66 - *Lambert Park Sporting Ground - APIA Lease Conditions* as she lives in close proximity to Lambert Park. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Atkins)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 17 June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

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.

Councillor D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 7:21 pm.

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Meeting at 7:24 pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 7:36 pm. The Mayor vacated the chair and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard assumed the chair.

Councillor Carlisle left the Meeting at 7:42 pm.

Councillor Carlisle returned to the Meeting at 7:44 pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 7:50 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

Councillor Fergusson left the Meeting at 8:20 pm.
 Councillor Howard left the Meeting at 8:25 pm.
 Councillor Howard returned to the Meeting at 8:26 pm.
 Councillor Fergusson returned to the Meeting at 8:33 pm.

Procedural Motion (Atkins/Fergusson)

That the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

The meeting recommenced at 8:52 pm

C0825(1) Item 1 Condolence Motion: Sue Short

Motion: (Tastan/Byrne)

1. That Council record our sadness at the passing of Sue Short and writes to the family expressing our condolences.
2. That Council recognise on behalf of the Balmain community the contribution Sue has made to the community and propose an appropriate recognition of her service to the community and considers planting a tree, in consultation with the family.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 2 Condolence Motion: Carla Stacey AO

Motion: (Howard/Byrne)

1. That Council note the sad passing of Carla Stacey AO and write to her family expressing the sincere and deep condolences of the Inner West Council.
2. That Council acknowledge the significant and enduring contribution of Carla Stacey AO to the Marrickville and Inner West communities by:
 - a) Establishing an award program in her name recognising citizens who make a contribution to nurturing participation and excellence in sport and recreation, to be included as part of the Inner West community awards program; and
 - b) Investigate naming the pathway between Amy Street and Centennial Street, Marrickville - currently informally designated the "Amy Street pathway"- in her honour, in accordance with the Inner West Naming Policy, with a report to be forthcoming at a later date.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 3 Condolence Motion: Father Nektarios Zorbalas**Motion: (Howard/Smith)**

1. That Council note the sad passing of Father Nektarios Zorbalas and write to his family and the Parish of Saints Constantine and Helen, Newtown, expressing the sincere and deep condolences of the Inner West Council.
2. That Council consult with the parish of Saints Constantine and Helen and Father Nektarios Zorbalas' family and plant a tree in his memory.
3. That Council work with the parish at St Nicholas of Marrickville and Parish of Saints Constantine and Helen in Newtown to discuss the potential of working together to support the 'Soup Kitchen' started by Fr. Zorbalas.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0825(1) Item 67 Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion: Robert Baddeley Simpson AO****Motion: (Byrne)**

1. That Council write to the family of Bob Simpson to express our gratitude for the contribution he made to the Inner West, the Marrickville and Petersham Cricket Clubs and Australian Cricket.
2. That Council work with the Simpson family to create a permanent memorial to Bob at Marrickville Oval where he first debuted as a grade cricketer when just a teenager and to install a commemorative plaque at his boyhood home in Marrickville.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)****That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward the following items to be dealt with at this time:**

1. Item 6 - Tourism Plan Bi-Monthly Report - Updated Advertising Strategy
2. Item 9 - Inner West Choral Festival
3. Item 14 - Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Monthly Project Update
4. Item 20 - Post Exhibition - Lobbying Policy
5. Item 21 - Statutory Review of Delegations
6. Item 22 - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting 21 May 2025 Minutes
7. Item 23 - Quarter Four - Progress Report on the Delivery Program 2022 - 26
8. Item 24 - Investment Report at 30 June 2025
9. Item 25 - Investment Report at 31 July 2025
10. Item 28 - Biodegradable dog waste bags main street trial - Balmain-Rozelle
11. Item 29 - State Emergency Services access to Inner West Council Aquatic Facilities

12. Item 32 - Progress Update - Parking and Land Dedication in Jubilee Place, Balmain
13. Item 33 - Inner West Shifting Gears Forum
14. Item 35 - Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Monthly Project Update
15. Item 36 - Clontarf Cottage Refurbishment Update
16. Item 37 - Marrickville Town Hall – Expression of Interest process for the use of the basement
17. Item 38 - Councillor Expenses for 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025
18. Item 39 - Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025
19. Item 40 - 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt - Tree Removal
20. Item 43 - Notice of Motion: Amy Street Pathway
21. Item 45 - Notice of Motion: Illawarra Road Business Support
22. Item 46 - Notice of Motion: Youth Voice Summit
23. Item 49 - Notice of Motion: Steel Park Illawarra Road Pedestrian Crossing
24. Item 51 - Notice of Motion: Parking on Easter Street, Leichhardt
25. Item 53 - Notice of Motion: Audit of 'No Stopping' Zones for Potential Conversion to Shared e-Bike Parking
26. Item 54 - Notice of Motion: Crystal Street Business Support
27. Item 55 - Notice of Motion: Advertising Disability Access in Council Street Infrastructure
28. Item 61 - Major Capital Projects Committee and Project Summary Report
29. Item 65 - Camperdown Commons - Lease Assignment

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

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

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2. Item 9 - Inner West Choral Festival
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Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 6 Tourism Plan Bi-Monthly Report - Updated Advertising Strategy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council adopt the amended Advertising Strategy as outlined in *Table 1* of this report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 9 Inner West Choral Festival

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council endorse the proposal to deliver the inaugural Inner West Choral Festival at White Bay Power Station in August 2026 as outlined in this report.

2. That funding of \$100,000 form part of the 2026/27 budget consideration.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 14 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Monthly Project Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council endorse proceeding with a playground as a part of Stage 2 of the LPAC Upgrade as detailed within the report.

2. That Council endorse proceeding with the additional shade structures as a part of Stage 2 of the LPAC Upgrade as detailed within the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 20 Post Exhibition - Lobbying Policy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

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

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 21 Statutory Review of Delegations

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council increases the General Manager's delegated financial authority to enter into a contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding to \$2 million (excluding GST)/\$2.2m (including GST), subject to the limitations and exclusions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager.
2. That Council delegates to the General Manager, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, all the powers and functions of the Council that it may lawfully delegate, subject to the limitations and exclusions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager.
3. That Council re-affirms its delegations to the Mayor and delegates to the Mayor, or any person acting in that role, all the powers and functions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the Mayor, subject to the limitations and exclusions specified in the attached Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 22 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting 21 May 2025 Minutes

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting held on 21 May 2025.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 23 Quarter Four - Progress Report on the Delivery Program 2022-26

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 24 Investment Report at 30 June 2025

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 25 Investment Report at 31 July 2025

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 28 Biodegradable dog waste bags main street trial - Balmain-Rozelle

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 29 State Emergency Services access to Inner West Council Aquatic Facilities**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0825(1) Item 32 Progress Update - Parking and Land Dedication in Jubilee Place, Balmain****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0825(1) Item 33 Inner West Shifting Gears Forum****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0825(1) Item 35 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Monthly Project Update****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0825(1) Item 36 Clontarf Cottage Refurbishment Update****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive and note the report**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 37 Marrickville Town Hall - Expression of Interest process for the use of the basement

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 38 Councillor Expenses for 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 39 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 40 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt - Tree Removal

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Amy Street Pathway**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council note that at the Council meeting on 9 August 2022, Council resolved to amend the Plan of Management for Henson Park, and that this included retaining the pathway known as the “Amy Street Pathway” connecting Amy Street and Centennial Street, Marrickville.
2. That Council notes this is a vital pedestrian thoroughfare connecting the north and south communities of Marrickville.
3. That Council notes the pathway is currently closed while construction is underway as part of Stage 2 of the Henson Park upgrades.
4. That Council upgrades the pathway before reopening it later this year, including:
 - a) Resurfacing the pathway;
 - b) Removing the barbed wire fences and replacing fences on both sides of the pathway, incorporating artistic elements that reflect the sporting, industrial and natural history of the precinct and other elements that ensure the pathway is aesthetically pleasing, safe and accessible; and
 - c) Incorporating interpretative signage.
5. That Council investigate naming the pathway in commemoration of the late Carla Stacey AO in accordance with the Inner West Naming Policy, to be reported at an upcoming meeting of the Council and with sufficient time to incorporate recognition prior to the pathway’s reopening.
6. That should the pathway be nominated for renaming in honour of Carla Stacey AO, consultation be undertaken with her family regarding the recognition to take place.
7. That Council fund the upgrades to the pathway through the second quarter budget review.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: Illawarra Road Business Support**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council host a roundtable of businesses located on Illawarra Road, Marrickville, to determine ways Inner West Council can support them and promote local businesses in Marrickville, and that the Member for Summer Hill and three Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward councillors be invited to participate.
2. That Council investigate opportunities to upgrade footpaths, lighting, street furniture and other public amenities as part of the Public Domain Strategy and seek grant funding to progress this work as a matter of priority.
3. That Council commit to hosting a festival and events to celebrate the opening of the Metro in Illawarra Road, Marrickville, and around Dulwich Hill station, funded through the quarterly budget review process.

4. That Council investigate including Illawarra Road in the Marrickville Music Festival from 2026.
5. That Council consider ways to work with Illawarra Road businesses directly to activate the Calvert Street carpark for events as part of the Plug and Play program.
6. That Council report back to Council on the outcome of the Roundtable and other initiatives on or before November 2026.

Motion Carried**For Motion:**

Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion:

Nil

C0825(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Youth Voice Summit**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council resolve to hold a Youth Voice Summit as part of the development of the Children and Youth Strategy, involving young people from across the Inner West and organisations that service youth.
2. That Council hold the Youth Voice Summit in the 2025-2026 financial year, with costs funded through the existing Communities Budget.
3. That Council involve the Young Leaders local democracy group and other young people in the development of the program.
4. That Council include as a key outcome of the Youth Voice Summit a communique that captures the discussion, outcomes and aspirations of participants and which specifically addresses opportunities for Council to improve engagement with and services for young people.
5. That Council report back to Council in November 2025 with a timeline, program of events, and other information, regarding the planned Youth Voice Summit, as well as further details on the Child and Youth Strategy.
6. That Council consider including the following elements in the Summit:
 - a) A survey or other engagement prior to the event capturing young people's views of the Inner West, and specifically on service provision from Inner West Council and ways to meaningfully engage and serve young people;
 - b) A stakeholder roundtable, including service representatives and young clients from organisations servicing and supporting young people across the local government area;
 - c) Additional engagement with organisations and young people from marginalised communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, LGBTIQA+, disability and culturally and linguistically diverse communities;
 - d) A plenary session featuring young leaders from the Inner West focused on youth engagement and empowerment;
 - e) A listening, learning and engagement session for student leaders and representatives from local primary and secondary schools, and youth representatives from other local organisations with Federal, State, and Local elected representatives; and
 - f) Other engagements, activities and events as determined by staff.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Steel Park Illawarra Road Pedestrian Crossing

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council construct a raised pedestrian crossing on Illawarra Road to replace the existing at-grade pedestrian island at Illawarra Road and Wharf Street, subject to community consultation.
2. That Council receive a report at the Inner West Local Traffic Committee on or before November 2025 regarding a raised pedestrian crossing at this location and outlining a consultation schedule, preliminary designs and other information.
3. That time consultation and program delivery to align with the upgrade of Steel Park as an inclusive playground.
4. That Council fund upgrades through the quarterly budget review or annual budget process, dependent on timing of the project.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 51 Notice of Motion: Parking on Easter Street, Leichhardt

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council consult with businesses on Parramatta Road and residents of Albert Street with a rear entrance on Easter Street, Leichhardt to understand the current parking situation on Easter Street.
2. That Council prepare a report for Council's Local Traffic Committee with recommendations for improving the parking experience on Easter Street for businesses and residents.
3. That Council as part of the consultation, consider the current parking zoning and whether any rezoning is recommended on Easter Street or any surrounding streets; improvements to the signage, particularly to replace the single sign at the intersection of Easter Street and National Street with signs along Easter Street; use of Council rangers; and the use of residential and business parking permits.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 53 Notice of Motion: Audit of 'No Stopping' Zones for Potential Conversion to Shared e-Bike Parking

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council conduct an audit of existing 'No Stopping' zones across the Inner West Local Government Area to identify and compile a list of locations that could be trialled as shared e-bike parking bays.
2. That Council prioritise locations that:
 - a) Are in high traffic areas;
 - b) Are situated on popular cycling and pedestrian routes; and
 - c) Are near sites where shared bikes are frequently parked and/or problematic.
3. That Council provide a report to Council at the September 2025 meeting, outlining:
 - a) A list of 'No Stopping' zones deemed suitable for conversion; and
 - b) Estimated costs and potential funding options for implementing the conversions.
4. That Council provide an additional report to Council at the September 2025 meeting outlining progress on Motion C0325(1) Item 29 from the March 2025 meeting, including proposed delivery dates for the following:
 - a) The shared bike roundtable with key local providers; and
 - b) The development of the e-Bike Strategy and e-Bike Policy.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 54 Notice of Motion: Crystal Street Business Support

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council install a 'Racism Not Welcome' street sign on the corner of Crystal Street and Brighton Street, Petersham.
2. That Council investigate opportunities to upgrade and improve footpaths, lighting, street furniture, pedestrian safety, and other public amenities as part of the Public Domain Strategy and seek grant funding to progress this work as a matter of priority.
3. That Council host a roundtable of businesses and other leaseholders, including the Metropolitan Community Church, located on Crystal Street, Petersham to determine how Council can support these businesses and improve the amenity and safety of the precinct.
4. That Council report back to Council on the outcome of the roundtable and other initiatives by the December 2025 meeting.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 55 Notice of Motion: Advancing Disability Access in Council Street Infrastructure

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council acknowledges the fundamental importance of accessible street infrastructure in ensuring people with disability and low physical mobility can fully participate in community life and exercise their right to equal access to public spaces.**
- 2. That Council notes:**
 - a) Council's strong commitment to inclusivity and accessibility for people with disability;**
 - b) The increasing awareness of accessibility barriers in our streetscapes requires systematic and ongoing improvement of pedestrian infrastructure;**
 - c) Investment in accessible footpaths, kerb ramps, and pedestrian crossings is essential for the mobility and independence of people with disability, older residents, parents with prams, and other community members with mobility needs;**
 - d) The Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Action Area 4 specifically commits Council to "improve the accessibility of local infrastructure, venues, parks, and facilities";**
 - e) Creating truly accessible infrastructure sometimes requires difficult decisions, including the potential removal and replacement of street trees where root systems or placement significantly impact footpath accessibility; and**
 - f) While such decisions must balance environmental and accessibility considerations, Council's commitment to inclusive infrastructure remains paramount.**
- 3. That Council resolves to:**
 - a) Reaffirm its commitment to accessibility throughout our communities, including Council venues, streetscapes, and open spaces, as articulated in the DIAP;**
 - b) Prioritise the implementation of DIAP Action 4.5 regarding investment in annual footpath renewal and Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan priorities;**
 - c) Ensure the priority works program for accessibility improvements is completed by the end of the 2025/26 financial year, including:**
 - i. Ongoing footpath and pedestrian crossing maintenance to accessibility standards;**
 - ii. Installation of new raised pedestrian crossings where feasible;**
 - iii. New and upgraded kerb ramps as standalone projects; and**
 - iv. Integration of kerb ramp improvements with scheduled footpath renewal works;**
 - d) Maintain accessibility as a key consideration in all infrastructure planning, budgeting, and implementation decisions; and**
 - e) Provide a report back to Council within six months on the progress of accessibility improvements in street infrastructure, including completion timelines for priority works.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 61 Major Capital Projects Committee and Project Summary Report

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Major Capital Projects Committee meetings held on 25 November 2024, 24 February 2025, 31 March 2025, 28 April 2025, 26 May 2025 and 23 June 2025.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 65 Camperdown Commons - Lease Assignment

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council as Crown land manager of Camperdown Park (R8205) and (D.500444 resolves to approve the Assignment of Lease from Camperdown Project Pty Ltd (Outgoing Lessee) to Intedie Pty Ltd (Incoming Lessee) for the Premises known as Camperdown Commons situated at part-Camperdown Park, Camperdown.**
- 2. That Council as Crown land manager of Camperdown Park (R8205) and (D.500444 authorises the General Manager or nominated delegate to negotiate, finalise terms and formally execute the assignment of lease documentation including completion of all necessary legal and lease registration requirements.**
- 3. That Council as Crown land manager of Camperdown Park (R8205) and (D.500444 notes that in accordance with Lease Clause 16.8, Council cannot unreasonably withhold consent to a request to assign the lease.**

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward Item 57 - Notice of Motion: Amendments to Inner West Local Environmental Plan and Item 17 Public Exhibition - Draft Parking Strategy & Public Domain Parking Policy to be dealt with after Item 4 - Update on 'Fairer Future for the Inner West Plan' - Council led alternate planning approach for new housing.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Smith)

That Council allow Clr D'Arienzo to speak for 3 additional minutes on Item 4.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Carlisle)

That Council allow Cllr Clay to speak for 1 additional minute on the Atkins/Antoniou amendment in Item 4.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 4 Update on 'Fairer Future for the Inner West Plan' - Council led alternate planning approach for new housing

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Byrne)

1. That Council hold an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 30 September 2025 at 6.30pm at the Ashfield Service Centre to consider the detailed engagement outcomes report for the Our Fairer Future Plan, and amendments recommended to the Our Fairer Future Plan in response to the submissions received by Council.
2. That Council publish the agenda on Tuesday 16 September 2025 for the Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 September 2025.
3. That Council hold the Public Forum on Monday 22 September 2025 at 6.30pm at the Ashfield Service Centre for the Extraordinary Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 September 2025, and publicise details about the Public Forum on Council's website.
4. That Council request that any person wishing to speak at the Public Forum on Monday 22 September 2025 make an application to speak by 2pm on the day of the Public Forum.
5. That officers provide economic modelling including an assessment of feasibility, housing yield and scale of development in order to update the affordable housing requirements for Our Fairer Future Plan. This economic modelling should consider the feasibility of requiring affordable housing contributions at 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 30%.
6. That officers include in the Fairer Future report for the September 2025 meeting recommendations as to how the Affordable Housing Policy should be amended in response to community and organisation submissions
7. That officers include in the Fairer Future report for the September meeting a timeline for progressing the development of Council owned sites for conversion to not-for-profit housing through partnerships with the Community Housing sector as well as the state and federal governments.
8. That in response to the community consultation, officers include in the Fairer Future report for the September meeting a table of issues, outcomes of urban design modelling and testing by technical experts with recommendations and rationale to either validate or update the proposed planning control relating to land

uses, heritage, Floor Space Ratio (FSR), height, setback and building envelope controls.

9. That officers include in the Fairer Future report an assessment of the expansion of eligibility of all tiers of Community Housing Providers (CHPs) for the management of affordable housing.
10. That officers include in the Fairer Future report and assessment of expanding the affordable housing scheme being applied Local Government Area (LGA) wide.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith
Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Tastan

Amendment (Atkins/Antoniou)

1. That Council, after the extraordinary meeting, place any revised version of the plan on public exhibition until the end of November 2025, providing information in plain English and other relevant languages.
2. That Council specifically seek comment on any revised plan from every Inner West Council local democracy group.
3. That Council during the exhibition period hold at least one public meeting in each Inner West Council Ward.
4. That Council add any revised plan to the list of major projects in the trial of doorknocking resolved at the 18 February 2025 Council meeting (C0225(1) Item 17).
5. That Council make all submissions available to the public on the council website immediately.
6. That Council consider a final report on the plan at a Council meeting in December 2025.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan
Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Amendment (Macri/Raciti)

That Council hold the public forum over 2 nights on Monday 22 September (Marrickville and Ashfield Wards) and Wednesday 24 September (Leichhardt, Balmain and Stanmore Wards).

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Macri, Raciti and Tastan
Against Motion: Crs Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott and Smith

Amendment (Antoniou/Blake)

That the report and recommendations should explicitly include acknowledgement that research states that 20% of the completed dwellings will be required to be affordable

housing to meet current demand, and staff include in an updated feasibility report, alternative ways the draft LEP could meet or exceed this need.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

C0825(1) Item 17 Public Exhibition - Draft Parking Strategy & Public Domain Parking Policy

Motion: (Howard/Blake)

That Item 17 be deferred until a meeting following adoption of the amended Inner West Local Environment Plan, and with the following additions:

- a) Stronger action on businesses utilising parking on residential streets; and
- b) Consideration of offering line marking to demarcate driveways as a Council service available at a fee, in addition to residents being able to paint driveway lines at no-cost.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 57 Notice of Motion: Amendments to Inner West Local Environmental Plan

That Mayor ruled this Notice of Motion redundant.

Procedural Motion (Howard/Scott)

That Council Suspend Standing Orders to bring forward Items 63 and 64 and enter into Confidential Session. At the conclusion of resolving the above two items in Confidential Session, Council deal with Items 11, 12, 13, 19, 26, 27 and 50.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

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:

C0825(1) Item 63 RFT 18-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Project Management Services (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

C0825(1) Item 64 RFT 17-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Architect and Principal Design Consultant Services (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act* 1993) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act* 1993) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Howard)

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

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0825(1) Item 63 RFT 18-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Project Management Services

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

1. That Council accepts Ernst and Young tender submission for RFT 18-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Project Management services in the amount of \$1,197,163.00 ex GST (\$1,316,879.30 Inc GST).
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute an agreement with Ernst and Young for RFT 18-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Project Management services and authorise variations which may arise.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 64 RFT 17-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Architect and Principal Design Consultant Services

Motion: (Scott/Fergusson)

1. That Council accepts Cox Architecture tender submission for RFT 17-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment for Architect and Principal Design Consultant services in the amount of \$1,625,000.00 ex GST (\$1,787,500.00 Inc GST).
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute an agreement with Cox Architecture for RFT 17-25 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Architect and Principal Design Consultant services and authorise variations which may arise.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 11 SXSW Fest by Inner West 2025 Update

Motion: (Smith/Clay)

1. That Council approve allocation of \$150,000 for collaboration with SXSW Sydney to deliver the Fest by Inner West program.
2. That Council provide funding in the amount of \$150,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 12 Swimming Season for Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre and outdoor fitness equipment Petersham Park

Motion: (Smith/Howard)

1. That Council approve the summer swimming season for the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC) to include April and September each year at an additional cost of \$140,000 per annum.
2. That Council approve the summer swimming season for the Steel Park Water Play area to include April and September each year.
3. That Council approve the location of the outdoor fitness equipment in Petersham Park near the grandstand.
4. That Council hold a Customer Service Stall at Petersham Park and Steel Park on the first Saturday of September 2025 and consider other promotional activities for the first weekend of the swimming season at FDAC and Steel Park Water Play area, including banners and signage at the pool, social media posts in the lead up to the opening, and a feature in the September 2025 newsletter.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 13 Proposed live screening of the Koori Knockout 2025

Motion: (Barlow/Byrne)

1. That Council endorse the proposed live screening of the Koori Knockout at Leichhardt Oval in 2025 as outlined in this report.
2. That Council provide funding of \$30,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.
3. That Council acknowledge and thank Council staff, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, the Walgett Aboriginal Connection, NITV and Koori Radio for their collaboration and advice in formulating Council's approach to this event.

4. That Council staff continue to work collaboratively with the Walgett Aboriginal Connection, NITV, Koori Radio and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council to determine the schedule for live streaming the Koori Knockout over the weekend of October 3-6 2025.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 10:31 pm and vacated the chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard assumed the chair.

C0825(1) Item 19 Post Exhibition - Code of Meeting Practice

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice.
2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally and externally the adopted Code of Meeting Practice.
3. That Council receives a further report after the Office of Local Government releases the new Model Code of Meeting Practice.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

Amendment (Atkins/Barlow)

That point 1 be amended to:

1. That Council adopt the Code of Meeting Practice subject to the following amendments:
 - a) Add a new item to clause 19.2 to ensure that a foreshadowed motion which lapses is recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Council with the name of the councillor who foreshadowed the motion, and a notation that it lapsed.
 - b) Amend clause 10.22 to replace "2 minutes" with "3 minutes".

Motion Tied

For Motion: Crs Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott and Smith

Against Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Macri, Raciti and Tastan

Absent: Cr Byrne

The Chairperson, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard used his Casting Vote against the **MOTION** and the **MOTION** was lost.

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 10:37 pm.
 Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 10:39 pm.
 Councillor Smith left the Meeting at 10:38 pm.
 Councillor Smith returned to the Meeting at 10:41 pm.

C0825(1) Item 26 Mandatory Reporting to Council of Report received from Fire & Rescue NSW - 5 and 6 Wood Street Tempe

Motion: (Howard/Blake)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council commit to conduct an urgent fire and compliance audit of all properties owned by, or under the management of, the business responsible for the premises at 5 and 6 Wood Street, Tempe.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

C0825(1) Item 27 Mandatory Reporting to Council of Report received from Fire & Rescue NSW - 193-195 Liverpool Road Ashfield - 6-12 Dudley Street Marrickville - 4 Wood Street Tempe

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

C0825(1) Item 50 Notice of Motion: Centenary Park, Croydon

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

1. That Council amend the sporting fields renovation schedule so that Centenary Park is upgraded in 2027/2028 at the same time as the inclusive playground construction already scheduled for Centenary Park, with planning to be completed in 2026/2027. All designs remain under consideration.
2. That Council bring forward the planned renovation of Ashfield Park to be upgraded in 2026/2027 with planning to be completed in 2025/2026.
3. That Council commence new consultation on the Centenary Park upgrade with stakeholders including Ashfield Cricket Club, Burwood Football Club, Western Suburbs District Cricket Club, Super Six-a-side Soccer, park users, and Croydon residents, and keep the Mayor and General Manager informed about the consultation and the recommendation for upgrade before it comes to Council.
4. That Council approve that this new schedule and new consultation will supersede the report deferred for consideration at the March 2025 Council meeting, which should not be brought back to Council.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Against Motion: Crs Antoniou, Barlow and Tastan

Absent: Cr Byrne

Amendment (Blake/Antoniou)

That the renewed consultation on the Centenary Park upgrade contains an explicit option with exclusively natural turf and upgraded drainage for comment by the community.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake and Tastan

Against Motion: Crs Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith

Absent: Cr Byrne

C0825(1) Item 5 Establishment of Business Facade Improvement Program

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council approve the proposed Business Facade Improvement Program outlined in this report, with the following inclusions:
 - a) That Council approve the proposed Business Façade Improvement Program outlined in the report with the following amendments
 - i. Works to improve disability access in accordance with relevant building codes be included as a criteria, even if development consent is required.
 - ii. Under the heading "What types of projects would not be funded" remove the exclusion around works that require development consent.
2. That as part of the trial, Council officers further consider financial barriers to small and new businesses applying and include this in the evaluation of the trial program.
3. That Council consider, in addition to the criteria stipulated in this report, applications from a group of businesses that:
 - a) would otherwise meet the eligibility criteria stipulated in the report for individual properties;
 - b) are situated in close proximity to each other;
 - c) and are willing to share the cost for works across multiple shopfronts.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 10:54 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Howard vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

C0825(1) Item 7 Microforests in Every Ward Update

Motion: (Smith/Antoniou)

1. That Council endorse the development of the “Option A” site in Stanmore-Damun Ward, and identify a site for delivery in Ashfield-Djarrawunang Ward within the next 12 months, to be reported back to Council.
2. That Council investigate the budget and maintenance implications of the other listed alternative sites in Stanmore-Damun, Ashfield-Djarrawunang, and Marrickville-Midjuburi Wards to progress in future years.
3. That Council endorse an update to Council’s Environment and Sustainability and Urban Forest webpage(s) to include current information about the locations and benefits of microforests for Inner West residents, include a feature on Council’s microforests trial in a future edition of the newsletter and on social media channels, and explore installing signage and information on microforests at each site.
4. That Council continue liaising with local environmental volunteers on opportunities to involve volunteers in the care, maintenance, and promotion of microforests.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 8 Options analysis for a solidarity crossing

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council approve the provision of a trans solidarity crossing along the footpath outside the Pride Hub in Camdenville Park subject to agreement from Trans Pride Australia.
2. That funding in the amount of \$17,000 be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.
3. That a further meeting be held on site with Trans Pride Australia, the Sydney Rangers, Flying Bats and other local sporting teams with a demonstrated interest and commitment to LGBTIQA+ inclusive sport such as the Sydney Women’s’ Baseball League.
4. That Council staff work with Trans Pride Australia to nominate a day to celebrate the opening of the solidarity crossing - potentially International Day of Trans Visibility in March 2026 if not earlier - and that the crossing be included in an upcoming edition of the Inner West Community News.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

C0825(1) Item 10 Town Hall Open Day Festivals

Motion: (Smith/Scott)

1. That Council approve the program and budget proposed in this report to deliver the Town Hall Open Day program.
2. That Council provide funding of \$105,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly budget review.
3. That funding of \$105,000 form part of the 2026/27 budget consideration.
4. That Council receive a report to the October 2025 Council meeting outlining how the Open Day Festivals will engage local creative networks and the community to showcase the success of the Creative Town Halls Program.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural motion (Byrne/Howard)

That Council defer Items 15, 16, 18, 30, 31, 34, 41, 42, 44, 47, 48, 52, 56, 62 and 66 to the next Ordinary Council meeting on 23 September 2025.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 11:00 pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 4:	Eddie Ma	Marrickville
	Alyce Umback	Marrickville
	Edward Finn Dann	Enmore
	Caterina Pacialeo	Dulwich Hill
	Doodie Herman	Leichhardt
	Tim Austin	Ashfield
	Michael Carey	Marrickville
	Justin Simon	Summer Hill
	John Stamolis	Balmain
	Loretta Picone	Balmain
	Dan Conway	Marrickville
	Clara da Costa-Reidel	Balmain
	Hall Greenland	Leichhardt
	Stuart Gibson	Newtown
Item 8:	Warner Ward	Marrickville
	Jen Peden	Petersham
Item 16:	James Buckman	Enmore
	Doug Rosser	Enmore
	Kathryn Welch	Enmore
Item 17:	Margo Cashman	Dulwich Hill
Item 40:	Jo Blackman	Dulwich Hill
Item 41:	Rebecca Fernandez	Balmain
Item 42:	Simon Skelton	Leichhardt
	Vincent Buret	Leichhardt
Item 50:	Louise Appel	Lilyfield
Item 52:	Isheeta Gupta	Annandale
	Ben King	Balmain
	Mat Wilk	Rozelle
Item 56:	Jessica Bineth	Summer Hill
Item 57:	Timothy Flett	North Willoughby
	Louise Appel	Lilyfield
	Eddie Ma	Marrickville
	John Stamolis	Balmain
Item 66:	Rick Montrone	Russell Lea