

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 September 2025 at Ashfield Service Centre

Meeting commenced at 6.33pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Mat Howard	Deputy Mayor
Chloe Smith	Elected as Deputy Mayor during Item 1 the Deputy Mayor Election held at this meeting
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
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Sharon Bowman	Director Corporate
Peter Shields	Director Engineering
Ryann Midei	Director Property and Major Projects
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic and Transport Planning Manager
Erin White	Resource Recovery & Fleet Manager
Scott Mullen	Strategic Investments and Property Manager
Rocco Sergi	Coordinator Strategic Investments and Properties
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Carmelina Giannini	Executive Assistant to Director Community

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Motion: (Byrne/Atkins)

That apologies from Councillor Tastan be accepted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Motion (Atkins/Barlow)

That apologies from Councillor Antoniou be accepted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Scott declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 53 - *Together2: Social Enterprise Cafe for disability employment* as her son volunteers at the community organisation. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Scott declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 55 - *Lambert Park Sporting Ground - APIA Lease Conditions* as she her home is adjacent to Lambert Park. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Scott declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 56 - *Public Exhibition - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 67-75 Lords Road, Leichhardt* as her home is adjacent to the planning site. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Blake declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 15 - *2025 Inner West Council Annual Grant Program* as his partner and her dance business have applied for various grants in this upcoming grants round. He will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Blake declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 17 - *Reconciliation Action Plan Update and Engagement* as the item references the Anti-Racism program which has engaged Western Sydney University's Challenging Racism Program. His partner is a facilitator with that program as part of her role at Western Sydney University. He will leave the meeting during voting and discussion on the matter.

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 - *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 Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 - *Local Transport Forum Meetings - 18 August 2025 and 1 September 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 Raciti declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in relation to Item 6 - *Post Exhibition - Blackmore Park Plan of Management* as she lives nearby. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Raciti declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 55 - *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 Raciti declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 56 - *Public Exhibition - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 67-75 Lords Road, Leichhardt* as it is located next to Lambert Park. She will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Motion: (Howard/Fergusson)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Carlisle/Howard)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 August 2025 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

- Under the Procedural Motion to Suspend Standing Orders and move items in globo, update the title for item 55 from 'Advertising' to 'Advancing', so that it reads: "Advancing Disability Access in Council Street Infrastructure".

Motion Carried

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

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.

C0925(1) Item 1 Election of Deputy Mayor

The General Manager advised that the election of the Deputy Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021*.

Motion: (Byrne/Howard)

1. That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for a term commencing 23 September 2025 until September 2026.
2. That the method of voting for the Election of the Deputy Mayor be conducted by show of hands.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Position of Deputy Mayor

The General Manager advised that he has received nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for Councillor Barlow and Councillor Smith.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Barlow being the first nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Barlow received a total of 3 votes from Councillors Blake, Atkins and Barlow.

The General Manager asked all Councillors who support Councillor Smith being the second nomination received for the position of Deputy Mayor to raise their hands.

Councillor Smith received a total of 10 votes from Councillors Raciti, Macri, Smith, Fergusson, Howard, Clay, Scott, Carlisle, D'Arienzo and Byrne.

The General Manager declared that Councillor Smith is elected Deputy Mayor until September 2026.

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

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

1. Item 8 - Flood Management Advisory Committee Meeting - 27 August 2025
2. Item 9 - Local Transport Forum Meetings - 18 August 2025 and 1 September 2025
3. Item 19 - Internal Ombudsman Shared Service review of Customer Service Improvements
4. Item 21 - Investment Report at 31 August 2025
5. Item 24 – AR Bluett Memorial Award, Stephen Ward Scholarship
6. Item 26 – Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment – Monthly Project Update
7. Item 27 – Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade – Monthly Project Update
8. Item 33 – Notice of Motion: Vietnamese Refugee Memorial
9. Item 36 – Notice of Motion: Gambling Harm Minimisation in Children
10. Item 39 – Notice of Motion: Music event at Henson Park
11. Item 41 - Notice of Motion: 'I Have a Dream' Mural Newtown - State Heritage Listing
12. Item 42 – Notice of Motion: Stanmore Village Business Support
13. Item 43 – Notice of Motion: Traffic Management Study – Dulwich Hill
14. Item 44 – Notice of Motion: FOGO in Early Childhood Education
15. Item 46 - Notice of Motion: Review of Pedestrian Crossing - Livingstone Road, Marrickville
16. Item 47 – Notice of Motion: Inner West Landmark Playground
17. Item 48 – Notice of Motion: Footpath to Hawthorn Light Rail station
18. Item 49 - Notice of Motion: Safety on Livingstone Road
19. Item 50 – Notice of Motion: Enmore Road Business Engagement
20. Item 57 – Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report
21. Item 58 - RFT 48-24 Stormwater Drainage Pit and Pipeline Condition Survey 2025
22. Item 59 - Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement
23. Item 60 - Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Member, Minutes and ARIC Annual Report 2024-25

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

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

1. Item 8 - Flood Management Advisory Committee Meeting - 27 August 2025
2. Item 9 - Local Transport Forum Meetings - 18 August 2025 and 1 September 2025
3. Item 19 - Internal Ombudsman Shared Service review of Customer Service Improvements
4. Item 21 - Investment Report at 31 August 2025
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8. Item 33 - Notice of Motion: Vietnamese Refugee Memorial
9. Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Gambling Harm Minimisation in Children
10. Item 39 - Notice of Motion: Music event at Henson Park
11. Item 41 - Notice of Motion: 'I Have a Dream' Mural Newtown - State Heritage Listing
12. Item 42 - Notice of Motion: Stanmore Village Business Support
13. Item 43 - Notice of Motion: Traffic Management Study – Dulwich Hill
14. Item 44 - Notice of Motion: FOGO in Early Childhood Education
15. Item 46 - Notice of Motion: Review of Pedestrian Crossing - Livingstone Road, Marrickville
16. Item 47 - Notice of Motion: Inner West Landmark Playground
17. Item 48 - Notice of Motion: Footpath to Hawthorn Light Rail station
18. Item 49 - Notice of Motion: Safety on Livingstone Road
19. Item 50 - Notice of Motion: Enmore Road Business Engagement
20. Item 57 - Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report
21. Item 58 - RFT 48-24 Stormwater Drainage Pit and Pipeline Condition Survey 2025
22. Item 59 - Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement
23. Item 60 - Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Member, Minutes and ARIC Annual Report 2024-25

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 8 **Flood Management Advisory Committee Meeting - 27 August 2025**

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Flood Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 August 2025.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 9 Local Transport Forum Meetings - 18 August 2025 and 1 September 2025

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 18 August 2025 and the Extraordinary Local Transport Forum meeting held on 1 September 2025.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 19 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service review of Customer Service Improvements

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 21 Investment Report at 31 August 2025

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 24 AR Bluett Memorial Award, Stephen Ward Scholarship

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 26 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Monthly Project Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 27 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Monthly Project Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Vietnamese Refugee Memorial

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council note the resolution C0425(1) Item 26 of 29 April 2025 to acknowledge the contribution of Vietnamese Refugees to the Inner West.
2. That Council further resolve that this acknowledgement should take the form of a permanent memorial and that it be located in the vicinity of Little Vietnam in Marrickville.
3. That Council begin consultation with the Vietnamese community and Marrickville community on the establishment of a permanent memorial.
4. That Council construct and dedicate the memorial prior to 30 April 2026, ensuring it is delivered within the year commemorating 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War.
5. That Council apportion funding from the main streets revitalisation fund to deliver the project.
6. That Council receive a progress report via councillor briefing note in September 2025, outlining the timeline, costs and consultation and engagement schedule for the establishment of a permanent memorial.
7. That Council engage staff from both the Communities Directorate and Infrastructure Directorate in the delivery of the memorial.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Gambling Harm Minimisation in Children

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council note support for Gambling Harm Minimisation in the Inner West community.
2. That Council include [GambleAware](#) Week 20-26 October 2025 in online communications and on the Council website.
3. That Council note data from the Office of Responsible Gambling indicating nearly 30% of children have gambled.
4. That Council support the Office of Responsible Gambling initiatives to address gambling harm in children by making Council venue(s) available (where requested) for the conduct of [GambleAware](#) information sessions by the Office of Responsible Gambling, for Inner West parents and children.
5. That Council provide the [GambleAware](#) resource information to the Youth Interagency.
6. That Council provide [GambleAware](#) resource information to Council's Youth Local Democracy Group

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Music event at Henson Park

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council convene a meeting with the Newtown Jets to discuss their proposal for a live music cultural event at Henson Park.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: 'I Have a Dream' Mural Newtown - State Heritage Listing

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council note ongoing work by Inner West Council to ensure the protection of the 'I Have a Dream' Mural, including the application of an anti-graffiti coating and ongoing monitoring of the mural.
2. That Council acknowledge the 'I Have a Dream' Mural was heritage listed by the (then) Marrickville Council in 2014.
3. That to provide for further protections of the 'I Have a Dream Mural,' Council seeks advice on the application process for State Heritage listing with the NSW

Government, to be reported back to Council.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Stanmore Village Business Support

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council, as part of the communications for the Stanmore Music Festival, incorporate promotional messaging for local retail businesses in Stanmore Village.
2. That Council, as part of the program for the Stanmore Music Festival, work with festival organisers to develop a program map that includes all the food, drink and hospitality related businesses located near the Festival.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Traffic Management Study - Dulwich Hill

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council notes community concerns regarding traffic safety, congestion, and pedestrian accessibility in the Dulwich Hill area bounded by and including New Canterbury Road, Pigott Street and Denison Road, including the surrounding streets of Dulwich Street and Lewisham Street.
2. That Council acknowledges the need for comprehensive traffic analysis in this precinct to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.
3. That Council conducts a comprehensive traffic management study for the Dulwich Hill area bounded by:
 - a) New Canterbury Road (northern boundary)
 - b) Denison Road (southern boundary)
 - c) Pigott Street (eastern boundary)
 - d) Including the surrounding streets: Dulwich Street and Lewisham Street
4. That Council requests that the traffic management study include, but not be limited to:
 - a) Traffic volume analysis and peak hour assessments
 - b) Speed surveys and compliance monitoring
 - c) Pedestrian and cyclist safety assessments
 - d) Parking utilisation studies
 - e) Analysis of through-traffic versus local traffic
 - f) Identification of accident blackspots and safety concerns
 - g) Assessment of public and active transport accessibility
 - h) Impact analysis of nearby developments and land use changes

5. That Council engages with the local community with a community meeting to gather input on traffic-related concerns and potential solutions.
6. That Council recommends traffic management improvements including traffic calming measures, parking management strategies, speed limit reviews, signage and line marking improvements.
7. That Council provides a report to the Local Transport Forum presenting the findings of the traffic management study and recommended actions.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 44 Notice of Motion: FOGO in Early Childhood Education

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council expand the FOGO collection in schools and Council run early learning centres to include not for profit, community based childcare centres, funded through the Domestic Waste Reserve.
2. That Council consider a program that offers FOGO to for-profit childcare centres on a fee-for-service basis and provide a report to the December Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Review of Pedestrian Crossing - Livingstone Road, Marrickville

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council acknowledge the concerns raised by residents about the safety of the raised pedestrian crossing on Livingstone Road, adjacent to St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.
2. That Council note reports of several near misses at this crossing, which is heavily used by families, children, older residents and parishioners attending church and community activities.
3. That Council request staff to undertake a review of the Livingstone Road pedestrian crossing, in consultation with the church and local schools, and report back to the Local Traffic Forum before December 2025 with recommendations for any improvements.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 47 Notice of Motion: Inner West Landmark Playground**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council note the construction of landmark playgrounds across NSW, including Wulaba Park, Fairfield Adventure Park, Casula Parklands Playground, Bungarribee Park, Charles Heath Reserve, Five Dock, Strathfield Park, and Banksia Play Space at Wadanggari Park.
2. That Council investigate the design and construction of a landmark playground in the Inner West Council Area and consider the establishment of a landmark playground as part of the Inner West Playground Strategy, to be exhibited in 2026, and in any future review of the Inner West Developer Contributions Plan.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith**Against Motion:** Nil**C0925(1) Item 48 Notice of Motion: Footpath to Hawthorne Light Rail station****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council note that there is an existing pedestrian desire line through the grassed area of Shields Park between the Hawthorne Light Rail Station and Darley Road, Leichhardt, which has created a noticeable 'goat track'. There is opportunity to construct a pathway to formalise this desire line.
2. That Council note that staff have estimated the cost to formalise this path is \$50,000.
3. That Council resolve to report back at the next quarterly budget review with a capital works funding option which requires no overall increase in capital funds, and to complete the works within the 2025/26 financial year.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott and Smith**Against Motion:** Nil**C0925(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Safety on Livingstone Road****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council notes resident concerns about safe vehicle entry and visibility when accessing Livingstone Road from side streets between New Canterbury Road and Frazer Street/Sydenham Road, particularly during peak hours.
2. That Council notes that Livingstone Road (between New Canterbury Road and Frazer Street/Sydenham Road) is a state road, and refer the following matters to Transport for NSW and/or the Local Transport Forum for further investigation and report back:
 - a) installation of 'keep clear' road markings where side streets enter Livingstone Road;
 - b) installation of 'give way' or other safety signage where side streets enter

Livingstone Road;

- c) no parking on Livingstone Road in the immediate vicinity of Rosford Avenue;
- d) any other safety measures identified; and
- e) also consider safe road treatments to improve access and egress to the Marrickville Library and associated residential carpark from Livingstone Road, including the feasibility of a “keep clear” road marking.

Motion Carried

For Motion:

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

Against Motion:

Nil

C0925(1) Item 50 Notice of Motion: Enmore Road Business Engagement

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council notes that Enmore Road is home to the state's first ever Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) and is the premier destination for live music and entertainment in NSW.
2. That Council notes that Enmore Road was accidentally excluded from business engagement following the adoption of new trading hours and extension of the precinct in June 2025, and reaffirms Council's commitment to engaging with local businesses, business associations, and other stakeholders across Inner West SEPs to inform and support their engagement with the SEPs.
3. That Council door-knocks and contacts all businesses in the Enmore Road SEP within the next fortnight to distribute plain-language information about the new SEP conditions and provide a direct point of contact within Council for SEP enquiries and also provides this information for distribution to the Newtown Enmore Business Chamber (NEBC).
4. That Council hosts a forum in partnership with the NEBC to discuss how Council can continue to support business in Newtown and Enmore, including:
 - a) The Enmore Road SEP and future South King Street SEP,
 - b) Inner West Council's business associations grants program adopted in June 2025 and other opportunities to support outdoor dining, place-making, streetscape, and facade improvements,
 - c) The impact of the State Government's Vibrancy Reforms,
 - d) Events in Enmore and Newtown, including Fest by Inner West and the potential revival of the Newtown Festival,
 - e) Creating a diverse economy that supports day and night-time retail and hospitality opportunities,
 - f) Ongoing engagement opportunities and any other matters arising.

Motion Carried

For Motion:

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

Against Motion:

Nil

C0925(1) Item 57 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 58 RFT 48-24 Stormwater Drainage Pit and Pipeline Condition Survey 2025

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council accepts Rapid Map Services Pty Ltd schedule of rates tender submission for RFT 48-24 Stormwater Drainage Pit and Pipeline Condition Survey 2025.
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute an agreement with Rapid Map Services Pty Ltd for RFT 48-24 Stormwater Drainage Pit and Pipeline Condition Survey 2025 for a contract value of \$2,100,000 ex GST (\$2,310,000 inc GST) and to authorise any variations which may occur.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 59 Renewal of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council determines, pursuant to section 55(3)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993* that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by openly inviting tenders for the provision of productivity and collaboration software, due to the following extenuating circumstances:
 - a) The Microsoft 365 suite remains the most prudent and strategically aligned choice for Council, and the costs and risks associated with alternative productivity and collaboration platforms are unacceptable
 - b) There would be no better outcome by proceeding to open tender given the favourable pricing provided under the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) using the Digital NSW Prequalification Scheme: ICT Services (SCM0020)
2. That Council notes that entering into a new 3-year Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft by 31 October, 2025 (rather than waiting until renewal is due in February 2026) may avoid over \$600,000 in costs over the 3-year contract term.
3. That Council delegates authority to Council's General Manager to enter into an agreement with Microsoft (via its Transacting partner) for a new 3-year Enterprise Agreement, via the Digital NSW Prequalification Scheme: ICT Services (SCM0020), once approval and final pricing is provided.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 60 Appointment of Independent Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Member, Minutes and ARIC Annual Report 2024-25

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council receive the minutes and adopt the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 27 August 2025.**
- 2. That Council resolves to appoint Ms Helen Hu as an Independent Member to the Inner West Council Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee, for a period of four (4) years, with an option for re- appointment for a further 4 years, subject to a formal review of the member's performance.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub

Motion: (Carlisle/Scott)

- 1. That Council notes the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Democracy Group's endorsement at its meeting on 15 July 2025 of the building located adjacent to 24A Australia Street in Camperdown Park, as the preferred site for the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.**
- 2. That Council endorse the building located adjacent to 24A Australia Street in Camperdown Park, as the site for the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.**
- 3. That Council endorse proceeding with the commencement of concept designs and cost estimates for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Camperdown Park and ensure the inclusions in the initial concept design and site plan provided to Council at the December 2024 meeting are captured in these plans.**
- 4. That Council endorse proceeding with concept designs and cost estimates for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub at Camperdown Park.**
- 5. That Council calls for construction to be completed by mid 2027.**
- 6. That Council preferences contracting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-run businesses, suppliers and products in the delivery of the hub.**
- 7. That Council endorse the demolition of the former Tempe Jets Club building in Tempe Reserve in line with the Tempe Reserve Plan of Management, and demolition of the adjacent remote control racetrack, pending the following actions being taken:**
 - a) Council write to Tempe residents notifying them of the necessity to demolish the Tempe Jets Club due to safety and other concerns, detailing the current state of the building and grounds, indicating the future projects for the land it sits on, and noting council's work to upgrade the Robyn Webster Indoor Sports Centre and include community space as part of that project, subject to community consultation;**
 - b) bring a report to Council before December 2025 outlining the future use of the**

- land the Tempe Jets Club sits on and indicating clear proposals, costs and timeframes for future uses of the land; and
- c) create a record of use at the site to recognise the significance of the Club to the Tempe community and work with local historians and artists to exhibit, publish or display this history, either online or in person at a point in the future.
8. That Council provides funding of \$500,000 to be allocated as part of the first quarterly 2025/26 budget review for the demolition of the former Tempe Jets Club building and adjacent remote control racetrack.
9. That Council notes the significant work done to date by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Democracy Group, community members and experts to develop a vision for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub in the Inner West, thanks them for their work, and commits to their ongoing inclusion in these construction efforts.
10. That Council officers report back to the October 2025 Council meeting on potential funding sources and procurement strategies for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion (Howard/Scott)

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 3.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 3 Local Traffic Committee Meetings - 16 June 2025 and 21 July 2025

Motion: (Smith/Atkins)

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Traffic Committee meetings held on 16 June 2025 and 21 July 2025, subject to the following amendments to Item 12 of the minutes of 21 July 2025:

1. That Council note the approval of the Traffic Management Plan by Transport for NSW.
2. That Council approve the implementation of the proposed temporary road closure at London Street and the temporary part road closure at Simmons Street for a trial period of 6 months.
3. That the amended signs and linemarking plan for London Street (Parking changes plan) be approved.
4. That the amended signs and linemarking plan for Simmons Street (Parking changes plan) be approved.
5. That Council notes the concerns of residents and investigates potential traffic

calming treatments in the surrounding streets of London and Simmons Streets, including but not limited to temporary traffic calming devices, additional line marking, additional Variable Message Signs, and selected treatments implemented in conjunction with the temporary road closures following a period of community engagement.

6. That additional advisory signs be placed on Liberty Street advising that London Street is closed and to use Stanmore Road to Access Enmore Road and that Council install or renew line markings and signage related to keep clear and no parking zones.
7. That Council request that TfNSW expedite approval for the implementation of InnerWest@40 in the local streets bounded by Liberty Street, Stanmore Road, Enmore Road and the rail line by commencement of the trial period.
8. That the ongoing Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study for Petersham-Enmore-Camperdown-Stanmore precinct consider the impact of the London Street road closure.
9. That Council write to all impacted households within 400m of the trial closure locations to advise them of the trial, any temporary traffic calming treatments and linemarkings to be installed, and provide a direct point of contact at Council for residents to report any traffic safety concerns.
10. That Council provide extra rubbish bins near the corners of Enmore Road and London and Simmons Streets

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 4 Post Exhibition - Draft Media and Social Media Policy

Motion: (Howard/Scott)

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

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

Amendment (Atkins/Blake)

That Council amend point 1 to:

1. That Council adopt the Media and Social Media Policy with the following changes to item 5.7:
 - a) *5.7 A Councillor who submits a notice of motion that forms the basis of a Council resolution will be offered the opportunity to lead on media opportunities and to feature in photo, video or communications published by*

Council. The Councillor who leads on media opportunities may choose to involve other Councillors.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

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

C0925(1) Item 5 Financially Sustainable Service Delivery Program

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

1. That Council endorse the Financially Sustainable Service Delivery Program. The program will entail a comprehensive review of all expenditure, revenue, and service levels.
2. That the review does not reduce service levels in childcare, libraries and arts, aquatic centres, waste collection, parking and ranger services, events, parks and streetscape maintenance, and community centres and wellbeing.
3. That Council receive a report at the February 2026 Council meeting with the outcome of the Financially Sustainable Service Delivery Program.
4. That the General Manager report to the December 2025 Council meeting with an update and to each Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) meeting until the program is completed.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 7:38 pm as she declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 as she lives nearby.

C0925(1) Item 6 Post Exhibition - Blackmore Park Plan of Management

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

1. That Council as Crown land manager of Blackmore Park adopt the Plan of Management for Blackmore Park (Lot 649 DP 729259) and as owner of Lot 2 DP797913, Lot 1 DP 184476, Lot 1 DP1045624, Lot 1 DP1239048.
2. That Council staff prepare a briefing note for Councillors with a timeline and cost, including budget neutral funding allocation, for:
 - a) Installation of new way finding signage from Blackmore Oval to Hawthorne Canal Dog Park to coincide with the reversion of Blackmore Oval from off-leash to on-leash dog walking; and
 - b) Further suggestions to improve the amenity and maintenance of the adjacent Hawthorne Canal Dog Park, including review of the grass maintenance, fencing, shared path signage, cafe facilities, and road markings and maintenance for the section of Canal Road that links Blackmore Oval to the dog park.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 7:42 pm.

C0925(1) Item 7 Public Exhibition - Code of Meeting Practice

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft Code of Meeting Practice for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy for 42 days, subject to the inclusion of the following clauses:
 - a) 10.15 A Councillor may propose a foreshadowed motion in relation to the matter the subject of the original motion before the Council, without a seconder during debate on the original motion. The foreshadowed motion is only to be considered if the original motion is lost or withdrawn and the foreshadowed motion is then moved and seconded. If the original motion is carried, the foreshadowed motion lapses;
 - b) 10.16 Where an amendment has been moved and seconded, a Councillor may, without a seconder, foreshadow a further amendment that they propose to move after the first amendment has been dealt with. There is no limit to the number of foreshadowed amendments that may be put before the Council at any time. However, no discussion can take place on foreshadowed amendments until the previous amendment has been dealt with and the foreshadowed amendment has been moved and seconded; and
 - c) 10.17 Foreshadowed motions and foreshadowed amendments are to be considered in the order in which they are proposed. However, foreshadowed motions cannot be considered until all foreshadowed amendments have been dealt with.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft Code of Meeting Practice be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 10 Update on Inner West e-Bike Strategy and Policy and shared e-bike parking bays

Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)

That Council defer this report to the October 2025 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 11 Princes Highway between Cooks River and Railway Road, Sydenham**Motion: (Barlow/Howard)**

- 1. That Council endorses the strategy outlined in the report regarding streetscape enhancements along the South Princes Highway corridor, between Smith Street/Union Street and Holbeach Avenue.**
- 2. That Council work with Transport for NSW to explore and implement opportunities for safer and more attractive pedestrian and active transport infrastructure along the South Princes Highway corridor.**
- 3. That Council conduct an assessment of any safety critical issues with footpaths in this precinct, and undertake this work as a matter of priority in the 2025/2026 financial year, with funds drawn from the existing road maintenance or footpath renewal budgets.**
- 4. That, until work is completed, further information be supplied to councillors on a quarterly basis via councillor briefing note, and that the council provide clear information about the number of new street trees to be planted in the next relevant briefing note and any other works that can be undertaken to improve accessibility and active transport links.**
- 5. That Council, at the conclusion of design work for the corridor, write to communities along the South Princes Highway Corridor between Smith Street/Union Street and Holbeach Ave to communicate the actions council is undertaking, including footpath works, signage, public domain works, planting new street trees and vegetation, as well as noting the increase to the frequency of high pressure cleaning on main streets, the business faced program and other measures to improve main streets in the Inner West.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 12 Supply of Waste Collection Vehicles**Motion: (Howard/Blake)**

- 1. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to award the tender for the Supply of Waste Collection Vehicles.**
- 2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute any contract for the Supply of Waste Collection Vehicles and to authorise variations to these contracts for a contingency amount valued at 10% of the contract value.**
- 3. That Council are advised of the tender outcome for the Supply of Waste Collection Vehicles including awarded amount, supplier, environmental benefits and timing for commencement of operations.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 13 Automated Waste Systems

Motion: (Macri/Howard)

That Council defer this matter to a workshop to fully explore the challenges and benefits.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 14 Events and Engagements at the Inner West Sustainability Hub

Motion: (Smith/Barlow)

1. That Council endorse and adopt the increased program of engagements for the Inner West Sustainability Hub, and include hosting the annual end of year reception for Council's environmental volunteers at the Hub.
2. That Council encourage further activation of the site by inviting local environmental organisations, especially those with a focus on the circular economy, to put forward an Expression of Interest for use of underutilised spaces at the Inner West Sustainability Hub, with a report back to Council at the conclusion of the EOI process.
3. That per previous Council resolution, consult with stakeholders listed in the report on the name and scheduling of the new sustainability-themed festival to be held at the Hub, funded by the reallocated budget for the Footprints Ecofestival, including whether to coincide this event with a recognised world environment day.
4. That Council include promotion of the proposed 'Inner West Reuse Trail' as part of the Inner West Tourism Action Plan.
5. That as part of Council's Sustainable Schools Network FOGO education program, engage with local schools and ELCs to develop an appropriate interactive excursion program at the Hub focused on recycling and the circular economy.
6. That Council receive a report on scheduling, engagement, and budgetary considerations for the program of engagements and other initiatives listed above by the December 2025 Council Meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Blake left the Meeting at 8:00 pm as he declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 15 as his partner and her dance business have applied for various grants in this upcoming grants round.

C0925(1) Item 15 2025 Inner West Council Annual Grant Program

Motion: (Smith/Macri)

1. That Council approve the funding recommendations for the Inner West Council 2025 Annual Grant Program in Attachments 2-11.
2. That Council notes the second year of funding for the two-year 2024-2026 Active Inner West Grants, Community Wellbeing Grants and Environment Grants in Attachments 12-14, which were approved by Council in September 2024.
3. That per previous Council resolution regarding the Love Your Club program, that Council develop and report to the November 2025 Council Meeting on a grant program to assist local community clubs with minor infrastructure projects, subject to the following eligibility criteria:
 - a) Applicants must be members of the Small Clubs Network, and
 - b) Applicants must sign a pledge of intention to transition away from poker machine revenue or to remain poker machine-free.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Blake

Councillor Blake returned to the Meeting at 8:03 pm.

C0925(1) Item 16 Councillor Representation on Committees

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

That Council endorse the councillor representation as outlined in the staff report subject to the following amendments:

- a) The General Manager's Performance Assessment Panel: the Mayor Clr Byrne, the Deputy Mayor Clr Smith, Clr Howard and Clr Antoniou;
- b) Flood Management Advisory Committee: Cr Howard (Chair) and Clr Blake; and
- c) Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC): The Mayor Clr Byrne, Clr Howard, Clr Atkins (alternate), Clr Raciti (alternate).

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Blake left the Meeting at 8:04 pm as he declared a significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 17 - *Reconciliation Action Plan Update and Engagement* as the item references the Anti-Racism program which has engaged Western Sydney University's Challenging Racism Program. His partner is a facilitator with that program as part of her role at Western Sydney University.

C0925(1) Item 17 Reconciliation Action Plan Update and Engagement

Motion: (Carlisle/ Barlow)

1. That Council receive and note the report.

2. That Council officers engage with Reconciliation Australia to produce a report back to Council, no later than November 2025, a full evaluation of Council's progress towards the actions and deliverables identified in our Reconciliation Action Plan, and publish the Traffic Light spreadsheet.
3. That Council officers report back to Council no later than November 2025 with a plan for community engagement and collaboration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and Reconciliation Australia to identify any new needs for inclusion and recommendations to refresh the Reconciliation Action Plan for 2025-2027.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor Blake returned to the Meeting at 8:14 pm.

C0925(1) Item 18 Birchgrove Oval Floodlighting Upgrade

Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council note the correct key milestone date for Planning and Investigations – Delivery program, stakeholder identification and project risk identification is July – September 2025.

Motion Carried

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

C0925(1) Item 20 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service review of Customer Service Improvements - Supplementary Report

Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor Clay left the Meeting at 8:17 pm.
 Councillor Clay returned to the Meeting at 8:23 pm.

C0925(1) Item 22 Update on Major Residential Development Panel and progress of housing delivery

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Byrne)

1. That Council receive and note the report.

2. That future reports to Council on the Major Residential Development Panel to:

- a) be authored by the General Manager;
- b) address identified bottlenecks to improve process efficiency; and
- c) include post-DA survey results.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 23 Mandatory Reporting to Council of report received from Fire & Rescue NSW - 59-61 Kensington Road Summer Hill and 2A Brown Street Ashfield

Motion: (Carlisle/D'Arienzo)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 25 Utilisation of Council Venues

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That future iterations of the report be renamed 'Update on Creative Town Halls Program' and focus on the metrics of the Creative Town Halls program, to be authored by the Director Community.
3. That Council commence ongoing promotion and advertising of the creative town halls program.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 28 Leichhardt Park Wharf and Pontoon

Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)

That Council receive a further update at the November 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Car share spots

Motion: (Macri/Raciti)

That a report on the use and annual fee for car share spaces to include a comparison of other councils to come back to Council for consideration at the February 2026 meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 8:40 pm.

Procedural Motion (Byrne/Atkins)

That Council allow Cllr Blake to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 30.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 8:48 pm.

Procedural Motion (Howard/Clay)

That Council allow Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 30.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: Tree Removal at 54 Thornley Street Leichhardt

Motion: (Blake/Barlow)

1. That Council note that:

- a) Thornley Street is a quiet residential street situated on the Excelsior Estate running north to south;
- b) Outside 54 Thornley Street is a 16m tall Yellow Bloodwood tree which is one the last remaining mature aged tree within the area;
- c) The tree plays significant functions such as:
 - i. Canopy and shade;
 - ii. Emotional solace to those waiting at Leichhardt Women's Medical Centre; and
 - iii. Home to multiple species of mammals including possums, and birds, including lorikeets, cockatoos and currawongs.
- d) On about 5 June 2025, Council affixed a tree removal notice to the tree;
- e) On 6 June 2025, a local resident submitted a GIPA application in respect of the tree (*Attachment 3*). The GIPA application sought production of documents dated or coming into existence on or after 1 January 2023 concerning, constituting or on the subject matter of any of the following:

- i. The decision made by the Inner West Council to issue a tree removal notice dated on or about 6 June 2025.
 - ii. The reasons for the decision.
 - iii. Inspections of the tree by employees and/or consultants of the Inner West Council.
 - iv. Assessments by employees and/or consultants of the Inner West Council on the condition of the tree including written reports.
 - e) On 10 June 2025, being 2 business days after affixing the notice, Council commenced preparatory works to remove the tree the following date by placing bollards outside 54 Thornley Street. There were no extenuating circumstances requiring the removal of the tree within 14 days after the affixing of the notice and such action was contrary to Section 9 of Council's Urban Forest Policy adopted 20 May 2025.
 - f) On 10 June 2025, Council stopped the works to remove the tree following representations by Cllr Philippa Scott.
 - g) On a date after 10 June 2025, council replaced the tree removal notice with a second notice. The notice advises that a replacement Brush Box (understood to be "100 litre" tree) shall be planted as part of Council's 2025/2026 Tree Planting Program if the tree is removed.
 - h) On about 22 June 2025, residents established a petition calling for the rescission of the decision to remove the tree. Notice of the petition was given to residents via a letter box drop to the 500 houses closest to the tree and posts to the Leichhardt Community Group Facebook page. As at 10:00am on 9 August 2025, 380 residents have signed the petition
 - i) On about 17 July 2025, Council responded to the GIPA Application by only providing an extract from its CRM and correspondence to/from Councillors and residents dated after the first removal notice was affixed to the tree.
 - j) On 30 July 2024, Michael Tay, Coordinator Public Tree prepared an Inspection Report addressing details of his inspection of the tree on 21 March 2025 and the reasons for the tree's removal. In his report, Mr Tay considered that:
 - i. The condition of the tree is good, and it is generally healthy.
 - ii. The only reason for its removal is because, in his opinion, there are no practical remedial options to reinstate the footway to a conforming level and width
 - k) Residents have commissioned Margot Blues, Consulting Arborist (AQ5) to prepare an independent report on the condition of the tree. In her report dated 4 August 2025 Ms Blues expressed opinions to the following effect:
 - i) Her TRAQ assessment resulted in an overall tree risk rating of LOW and an overall residual risk rating of LOW.
 - i. As the tree is mature, in good health and well established, its removal should be the last consideration especially from an environmental viewpoint.
 - ii. The tree has a very high retention value based on its health, condition, environmental benefits, prominence and estimated remaining ULE.
 - iii. The slight disruption to the footpath ... would not seem significant enough to warrant the removal of such a mature healthy tree. [The issue] could be managed and the tree retained.
2. That Council accept the petition tabled as *Attachment 2* to this Notice of Motion.
 3. That Council requests the General Manager to:
 - a) Rescind the decision made on or before 5 June 2025 to remove the tree situated at 54 Thornley Street, Leichhardt (Tree).
 - b) Commission a report from a suitably qualified independent environmental

consultant (Environmental Consultant) to provide advice and recommendations in respect of Council's obligations under the NSW Biodiversity and Conservation Act (NSW) 2016 and the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and *Biodiversity and Conservation Act* (Cth), and on receiving such a report act in accordance with the recommendations made the Environmental Consultant.

- c) Work with residents of Thornley to explore options for repairing the cracked footpath, include ramps, and/or constructing a footpath around the eastern side of the tree.
- d) In the event that Council has demonstrated that it has fulfilled its obligations with the above acts and exhausted all engineering options to preserve the tree, a replacement tree is to within four weeks of the removal of the Tree as part of its 2025/2026 tree planting program.
- e) If the tree is to be removed, a wildlife removal plan is to be put in place before removing the tree.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

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

C0925(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Cooks River Lighting

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council notes the recent allocation of funds required to install lighting along the Cooks River Pathway from Kendrick Park, Tempe, to Steel Park, Marrickville.
2. That Council acknowledges that this funding is the result of tireless community advocacy following the abhorrent attack of a young woman on the Cooks River Pathway in 2023.
3. That Council recognises the critical contribution of community members, such as Kiera Mackenzie, who have worked to raise awareness around the lack of lighting along the river, as well as local organisations such as the Cooks River Alliance, Mudcrabs, and Marrickville Football Club.
4. That Council continue to support ongoing community initiatives aimed at improving safety along the Cooks River and throughout the Inner West.
5. That Council ask council officers to add the Cooks River lighting project to the agenda and regular reporting of the Major Projects Committee.
6. That Council provide regular updates of progress to the community, Marrickville Football Club, Cooks River Alliance, and the Office of the Member for Summer Hill and Office of the Member for Heffron.
7. That Council, given the funding commitment from the State Government, and following a further assessment of costs for the Cooks River Lighting project, reallocate any surplus funding initially dedicated to the project in the Inner West Council's operational budget to fund the upgrade of lighting, footpaths, safety upgrades and other infrastructure as part of the Sydenham Road Strategy.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Amendment (Barlow/Atkins)

That Council amend point 7 to:

7. That Council, given the funding commitment from the State Government, and following a further assessment of the costs for the Cooks River Lighting project, reallocate any surplus funding initially dedicated to the project in the Inner West Council's operational budget to fund the additional safety priorities identified along the Cooks River Walk including pathway maintenance, vegetation and fenceline maintenance, and signage through parks and pathways.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

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

C0925(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: School Road Safety Audit

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council undertake a full review of road safety around local schools in the Inner West Council area, with the ambition of improving road safety for students, pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.
2. That Council include as part of the review:
 - a) A safety and accessibility assessment of all existing infrastructure, including pedestrian crossings, footpaths, cycleways, signalling, signage, parking, line markings, and kiss and ride arrangements;
 - b) A program of maintenance of existing infrastructure to improve safety and accessibility;
 - c) Opportunities for new infrastructure or traffic arrangements that will improve road safety and accessibility around schools; and
 - d) Opportunities to trial a reduction in school zone speeds to 30 km/hr in select locations.
3. That Council directly engage schools, P&C's/P&F's, students, residents surrounding schools, and local businesses, in the review, through both direct engagement and a community survey.
4. That Council publicise the review in the Inner West Community News and other council communication channels.
5. That Council directly engage the Department of Education, independent and catholic schools associations, and Transport for NSW in the review.
6. That Council directly engage the Department of Education, independent and religious schools associations, accessibility experts, and Transport for NSW in the audit.
7. That Council undertake to address any urgent safety-critical maintenance of existing infrastructure as it arises, and as a priority.

8. That Council fund the review through existing operational budgets, any critical maintenance works identified through the quarterly budget review process, and any other medium and long-term works through future budget processes.
9. That Council provide a councillor briefing before December 2025 to update councillors on the staff's recommended approach to undertake this work and on progress made.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Support for Inner West Tech + Start Up and AI Procurement

Motion: (Fergusson/Barlow)

That Council engage directly with Inner West Tech + Start Up, a local organisation supporting innovation and entrepreneurship, to explore opportunities for Council collaboration and support, including but not limited to:

- a) hosting themed "tech challenge" events that connect local talent to real municipal issues;
- b) running Council sponsored competitions that reward tech based solutions delivering community benefit;
- c) assist with the establishment of pop-up tech hubs to support networking, development, and collaboration;
- d) prepare a report for the October 2025 Council meeting detailing Council's current and proposed support for Inner West Tech + Start Up; and
- e) promoting and supporting women, girls and non-binary individuals in the tech and start-up space.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Rights to Protest

Motion: (Atkins/Barlow)

1. That Council acknowledges the right to peaceful protest is fundamental to a mature democracy.
2. That Council notes that this right has been under attack in New South Wales.
3. That Council calls on the NSW Government to repeal recent changes to the law that have criminalised the right to protest.
4. That Council writes to the NSW Premier, Opposition Leader and all local State MPs advocating for this change.
5. That Council submits points 1-3 of this motion to the Local Government NSW 2025 Annual Conference.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

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

C0925(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Delivering new homes in the Parramatta Road Corridor

Motion: (Byrne/Scott)

1. That Council seek a partnership with the NSW Government to undertake further residential rezoning of the Parramatta Road corridor, with the aim of delivering up to 8000 new homes in the section of the corridor within the Inner West local government area.
 - a) This is to be undertaken through a state significant development process, with Inner West council as a participating partner. The methodology for the investigations would replicate the locally based planning and block-by-block analysis that has been the basis of the *Our Fairer Future plan* (Inner West LEP 2025); and
 - b) The planning process should also include early comprehensive community consultation, including with land owners, consideration of transport, public domain improvements, open space, not-for-profit housing, commercial and retail opportunities, and improvements to the streetscape.
2. That Council write to the NSW Premier and the NSW Planning Minister seeking their agreement to commence this project immediately, with close collaboration between the Inner West council and the Department of Planning.
3. That Council note that our advocacy for the conversion of the former Westconnex dive site at Camperdown to a mixed residential development has been successful in achieving 200 new publicly owned homes as part of the development.
 - a) Restate as part of this proposal to the NSW Government that the remaining two residual WestConnex sites in Ashfield and Haberfield should be converted to residential with public housing incorporated, based on the already established model at Camperdown.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

Councillor Scott left the Meeting at 9:26 pm.

C0925(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Early Childhood Education Reforms

Motion: (Atkins/Barlow)

1. That Council endorses the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2025 Annual Conference:
 - a) That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:
 - i. affirm the critical importance of providing safe and high quality to care for children in Early Childhood Education and Care settings;
 - ii. recognise the systemic failure of current systems to ensure quality standards have been met, and as a consequence children have been endangered;
 - iii. acknowledge that for-profit service providers are more likely to fall below

- acceptable standards, and that Early Childhood Education is best delivered by not-for-profit organisations;
- iv. acknowledge that Local Councils are well placed to provide and to support not-for profit early childhood education;
 - v. fund Councils to establish safe staffing ratios so that no educator is left alone with children and acknowledge that CCTV is no substitute for safe staffing;
 - vi. provide block funding to local councils for the purpose of expanding the council-run early learning centres, and to allow councils to help meet demand for early learning across NSW;
 - vii. allocate 100% of Smart & Skilled Funding to TAFE NSW for early childhood education & care training;
 - viii. introduce rent controls upon landlords of early learning centres; and
 - ix. review and resource the regulator so that it is fit for purpose and to ensure that all centres are inspected and quality standards enforced and publicly reported.
2. That the General Manager be delegated the authority to make any minor amendments to the wording of this motion if requested by LGNSW and agreed to by the mover of the motion.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

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

Absent: Cr Scott

Motion (Carlisle/Byrne)

1. That Council endorses the following motion to be submitted to the Local Government NSW 2025 Annual Conference:
- a) That Local Government NSW notes that:
 - i. the NSW Government is working on comprehensive reforms to strengthen child safety in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) which will strengthen laws, increase fines for poor quality operators and require the publication of safety and performance records.
 - ii. the Commonwealth Government has established new powers to stop child care subsidy funding to providers with safety or quality concerns.
 - iii. the vast majority of ECEC providers are delivering excellent services that deliver quality and safety for children.
 - b) That Local Government NSW calls on the NSW Government to:
 - i. affirm the critical importance of providing safe and high quality to care for children in Early Childhood Education and Care settings;
 - ii. recognise the systemic failure of current systems to ensure quality standards have been met, and as a consequence children have been endangered;
 - iii. acknowledge that for-profit service providers are more likely to fall below acceptable standards, and that Early Childhood Education is best delivered by not-for-profit organisations;
 - iv. acknowledge the need to move from a market driven model to a system that is actively managed with greater emphasis on quality and safety for children
 - v. work with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories to

1. work together to clarify and resolve their responsibilities in ECEC.
2. move from a market driven model to a system that is actively managed with greater emphasis on quality and safety for children.
3. develop and implement a broad intergovernmental agreement that addresses the whole ECEC system and any funding implications addressed through a national agreement
4. invest and support high quality providers, especially not for profit, including local government providers, who may need additional help.
5. establish an Early Childhood Reform Commission
6. reinstate Commonwealth funding for state and territory regulators

2. That the General Manager be delegated the authority to make any minor amendments to the wording of this motion if requested by LGNSW and agreed to by the mover of the motion.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Crs Atkins, Barlow and Blake

Absent: Cr Scott

Councillor Scott returned to the Meeting at 9:35 pm.

C0925(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Improving community resilience - embedding Social Workers in the Inner West Library System

Motion: (Atkins/Barlow)

1. That Council notes that working with local organisations to embed to social workers in our library system is a priority of the Council adopted in October 2024, and recommit to the priority to 'Investigate embedding social workers in Council's library system'.
2. That Council note that this endeavour will be an important model for vulnerable young people to access necessary social support and minimising barriers to entry.
3. That Council notes that the trial of the Domestic Violence Hub will inform the investigation of this initiative.
4. That Council host a roundtable in early 2026 with key social work stakeholders such as members of the IWC Interagency group, Department of Health, Department of Communities and Justice, professional social work bodies, universities, representatives of the state government, and library staff to explore the scope, service model, and proposed timeline for embedding social workers into the Council library system, to be hosted at the Council's flagship library in Marrickville.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Carlisle left the Meeting at 9:39 pm.

Councillor Carlisle returned to the Meeting at 9:42 pm.

C0925(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: St Peters Interchange Parkland

Motion: (Howard/Byrne)

1. That Council reaffirm its position that any remediation approach at the St Peters Interchange must address the source of contamination and risks to community safety.
2. That Council write to Transport for NSW and the NSW Environmental Protection Agency calling for full transparency on contamination risks, the interim gas venting plan, and the timeline for safe delivery of the promised parkland.
3. That Council request staff seek from Transport for NSW, the Environment Protection Authority and the site auditor a detailed update on the site, remediation plans, and associated risks and that further information be provided to councillors via a report to council as soon as practicable.
3. That Council staff also provide a report to Council as soon as practical on the outcomes of the following resolutions:
 - a) 7 September 2021 C0921(1) Item 9;
 - b) 14 June 2022 C0622(1) Item 21; and
 - c) 21 November 2023 C1123(1) Item 24.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion: (Howard/Scott)

That Council enter into Confidential session.

Motion Carried

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

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:

C0925(1) Item 53 Together2: Social Enterprise Cafe for disability employment (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.

C0925(1) Item 54 Domestic Violence Hubs contains matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property (Section 10A(2)(f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*).

C0925(1) Item 55 Lambert Park Sporting Ground - APIA Lease Conditions (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.

C0925(1) Item 56 Public Exhibition - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 67-75 Lords Road, Leichhardt (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.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0925(1) Item 53 Together2: Social Enterprise Cafe for disability employment

Motion: (Atkins/Barlow)

That Council defer this item for a detailed Councillor briefing as soon as practicable.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0925(1) Item 54 Domestic Violence Hubs

Motion: (Carlisle/Barlow)

- 1. That Council endorse the trial of a Domestic Violence Hub at the location outlined in this report.**
- 2. That Council requests an update on the trial to be reported to Council in June 2026 and the outcomes of the trial be reported to Council by December 2026.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Scott left the Meeting at 9:49 pm as she declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 55 as her home is adjacent to Lambert Park.

Councillor Raciti retired from the Meeting at 9:49 pm as she declared significant, pecuniary interest in relation to Item 55 as her husband is the President of the Leichhardt Tigers, and her son is on the board.

C0925(1) Item 55 Lambert Park Sporting Ground - APIA Lease Conditions

Motion: (Byrne/Macri)

- 1. That Council approves the provision of a 75% Accommodation Grant to be applied to the Lambert Park lease terms for APIA Leichhardt Football Club, in accordance with Council's Land and Property Policy.**
- 2. That Council approves a reduced annual contribution to the Sinking Fund (from \$100,000 to \$50,000 per year) applicable to the Lambert Park lease terms with APIA Leichhardt Football Club.**
- 3. That Council endorse the Lambert Park lease terms for APIA Leichhardt Football Club that are contained within this report.**
- 4. That Council authorises the General Manager or delegate to negotiate, finalise terms and execute the Lease documentation.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Crs Raciti and Scott

C0925(1) Item 56 Public Exhibition - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 67-75 Lords Road, Leichhardt

Motion: (Byrne/Blake)

1. That Council note that the proposed dedication of public land at 75 Lords Road is of little public utility and would likely be in essence a private walkway and will be coming at considerable forgone developer contributions for public benefit.
2. That Council further note that Council has received no written request from the Department of Planning or the Eastern Sydney Regional Panel to agree to the proposed use of Developer Contributions and that Council has the legal authority to determine its own position regarding the public benefits to be achieved through the VPA.
3. That Council write to the Minister for Planning and Departmental Secretary to inform them that we do not consider the proposed VPA to be in the public interest.
4. That Council prepare for the October 2025 Council meeting, alternative options for public benefits that could be achieved for the Leichhardt community through the VPA.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Crs Raciti and Scott

Motion: (Howard/Macri)

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

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Crs Raciti and Scott

Councillor Scott returned to the Meeting at 10:12 pm.

Meeting closed at 10.12pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 6:	Katarina Addicoat Laura Arnott Christina Valentine	Lilyfield Lilyfield Leichhardt
Item 14:	Kirsten Junor	Marrickville
Item 28:	Fiorella Gioia Brad Greentree Vania Gioia	Leichhardt Leichhardt Lilyfield