

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 October 2025 at Ashfield Service Centre

Meeting commenced at 6.32pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Mat Howard	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor (attended via audio-visual link)
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Sharon Bowman	Director Corporate
Peter Shields	Director Engineering
Ryann Midei	Director Property and Major Projects
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Helen Bradley	Resource Recovery Planning Manager
Manod Wickramasinghe	Traffic & Transport Planning Manager
Ken Welsh	Coordinator Strategic Transport Planning
Manuel Moncada	NSW Audit Office
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Carmelina Giannini	Executive Assistant to the Director Community

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Carlisle)

That Council accept Councillor Scott's request to attend tonight's Council meeting via audio-visual link due to personal reasons.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 - *Local Transport Forum Meeting - 15 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 Transport Forum. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter as the vote is exercised through a representative.

*** Councillor Barlow made another declaration later in the meeting (shown on the next page) in relation to Item 6 - Local Transport Forum Meeting - 15 September 2025.*

Councillor Howard declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 24 - *Mandatory Reporting to Council of Reports Received from Fire & Rescue NSW* as one of the listed properties is in close proximity to his principal place of residence. He will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 42 - *Notice of Motion: Transport for NSW Consultation on McGill Access* as he resides in the vicinity of precinct being considered. He will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Motion (Atkins/Antoniou)

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: (Howard/Smith)

That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 23 September 2025 and Extraordinary Council held on Tuesday, 30 September 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.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 7:07 pm and vacated the chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith assumed the chair.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 7:31 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

Councillor Carlisle left the Meeting at 7:48 pm.

Councillor Carlisle returned to the Meeting at 7:50 pm.

Councillor D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 7:50 pm.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Barlow declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6 – *Local Transport Forum Meeting – 15 September 2025* as she has recently moved into a rental property close to site being discussed in Item 9 of the Local Transport Forum meeting. She does not think there is a significant appreciable financial gain or loss associated with this item, however under the circumstances, she will exercise an abundance of caution and to avoid any perception of impropriety, she will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Motion (Howard/Atkins)

That Council note the disclosure of interest.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr D'Arienzo

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Meeting at 7:52 pm.

C1025(1) Item 48 Mayoral Minute: Congratulating Helen Bradley for winning the Women of Distinction Award - 2025 Ministers Awards for Women in Local Government

Motion: (Byrne)

That Council congratulates Helen Bradley for winning the 2025 Woman of Distinction Minister's Award for Women in Local Government.

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 8 - Public Exhibition - Jack Shanahan Reserve - Draft Plan of Management
2. Item 12 - FOGO contamination and microplastics including fruit stickers
3. Item 14 - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 13 October 2025 Minutes
4. Item 15 - Investment Report at 30 September 2025
5. Item 16 - Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Monthly Project Update
6. Item 17 - Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Monthly Project Update
7. Item 19 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub - Funding sources and procurement strategy
8. Item 22 - Local Democracy Groups Six Monthly Progress Update
9. Item 26 - Designated Persons Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest Returns 2024-2025
10. Item 27 - Notice of Motion: Rescheduling of November and December 2025 Council meetings

11. Item 28 - Notice of Motion: Abolishing Subminimum Wages for People with Disability
12. Item 31 - Notice of Motion: Wombat Crossing or Other Pedestrian Improvements for Wardell Road
13. Item 32 - Notice of Motion: Adoption of the Our Backyard River Campaign Objectives
14. Item 33 - Notice of Motion: Container Deposit Scheme (Return & Earn) in the Inner West
15. Item 35 - Notice of Motion: NSW Solar for Apartment Residents (SOAR)
16. Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Support for Summer Crawl and King Street Crawl
17. Item 37 - Notice of Motion: GreenWay Concerns for Residents of 1-3 Williams Parade, Dulwich Hill
18. Item 46 - Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report
19. Item 47 - Panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers

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:

1. Item 8 - Public Exhibition - Jack Shanahan Reserve - Draft Plan of Management
2. Item 12 - FOGO contamination and microplastics including fruit stickers
3. Item 14 - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 13 October 2025 Minutes
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15. Item 35 - Notice of Motion: NSW Solar for Apartment Residents (SOAR)
16. Item 36 - Notice of Motion: Support for Summer Crawl and King Street Crawl
17. Item 37 - Notice of Motion: GreenWay Concerns for Residents of 1-3 Williams Parade, Dulwich Hill
18. Item 46 - Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report
19. Item 47 - Panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers

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

C1025(1) Item 8 Public Exhibition - Jack Shanahan Reserve - Draft Plan of Management

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the Draft Plan of Management for Jack Shanahan Reserve for a period of 42 days and seek public feedback on the proposed plan of management and masterplan for the park.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the Park Plan of Management be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

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

C1025(1) Item 12 FOGO contamination and microplastics including fruit stickers

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council include messaging to remove fruit stickers to avoid contaminating FOGO via Inner West channels including:
 - a) School and Early Learning Centre FOGO education materials;
 - b) FOGO webpage;
 - c) Council e-news and printed newsletters; and
 - d) social media.
2. That Council encourage local producers and suppliers of compostable bin liners to incorporate messaging to remove fruit stickers from 2026 onwards.
3. That Council write to the Minister for the Environment, seeking support for the design standard for compostable fruit stickers or alternatives (such as lasering) to be fast-tracked from the proposed 2030 timeframe.
4. That Council promote mandated NSW and Federal bans (for example, soy sauce "fish" and fruit stickers) as part of its campaigns on plastics and waste reduction.

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

C1025(1) Item 14 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 13 October 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 13 October 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

C1025(1) Item 15 Investment Report at 30 September 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

C1025(1) Item 16 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

C1025(1) Item 17 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - 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

C1025(1) Item 19 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Hub - Funding sources and procurement strategy**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

C1025(1) Item 22 Local Democracy Groups Six Monthly Progress 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**C1025(1) Item 26 Designated Persons Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest Returns 2024-2025****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**C1025(1) Item 27 Notice of Motion: Rescheduling of November and December 2025 Council meetings****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council reschedule the Ordinary Council Meeting on 11 November 2025 to 18 November 2025.**
- 2. That Council reschedule the Ordinary Council Meeting on 2 December 2025 to 9 December 2025.**
- 3. That Council publish these changes to the Inner West Council Meeting Schedule on Council's website.**

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**C1025(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Abolishing Subminimum Wages for People with Disability****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council acknowledge that at present Inner West Council does not procure from, fund or participate in, or award new grants to, Disability Enterprises that participate in segregated services or employment of people with disability on sub-minimum wages or engage in restrictive practices.**

2. That the Access Local Democracy Committee be asked to:
 - a) review all relevant policies and provide advice to Council about potential amendments to ensure the Inner West is not supporting organisations or groups that undertake the practice of paying workers with disability a subminimum wage;
 - b) consider and suggest additional measures Council could implement to ensure it is not contributing to or enabling, either directly or indirectly, the payment of wages below the minimum award rate to people with disability;
 - c) suggest how Council might advocate for wage parity for people with disability; and
 - d) consider and suggest potential mitigations of any unintended consequences of current or future actions.
3. That in the meantime the General Manager review and provide a report to the February 2026 Council meeting on work underway to:
 - a) Review successful grant recipients in the current term of Council to identify any grants awarded to organisations that might be engaging in segregated services, payment of sub-minimum wages or restrictive practices;
 - b) review the Sponsorship Policy and Grants Guidelines/criteria to ensure exclusion of sponsorship or funding for any individual or organisation that fails to provide appropriate remuneration to people with disability;
 - c) maintain a thorough supplier onboarding process to ensure engagement with businesses that meet our ethical standards and compliance obligations, including requirements related to modern slavery;
 - d) Work with Council's primary office supplier to determine their actions toward eliminating subminimum wages throughout their supply chain;
 - e) strengthen provisions requiring sponsors and funding recipients to comply with all employment legislation and anti-discrimination law; and
 - f) ensure web pages and directories of support services for people with disability or older people do not contain any references to Australian Disability Enterprises.

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

C1025(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Wombat Crossing or Other Pedestrian Improvements for Wardell Road

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council notes community concerns about pedestrian and cyclist safety on Wardell Road, particularly at the crossing point near 80 Riverside Crescent, Dulwich Hill, where pedestrians and golfers frequently cross between the Cooks River path, Marrickville Golf Course, and the Dulwich Hill rail precinct.
2. That Council acknowledges the increasing pedestrian and cycling activity expected in this area with the opening of the Dulwich Hill Metro station and improvements along the Cooks River path.
3. That Council requests staff review pedestrian and cyclist safety at the crossing point on Wardell Road, just north of the Cooks River bridge, and to assess the feasibility of installing a wombat crossing or other appropriate pedestrian safety measures.

4. That Council refers this matter to the Local Transport Forum for further consideration, including a review of current traffic volumes, pedestrian counts, sightlines, accessibility, and potential safety improvements, including a wombat or other formalised crossing, with a report at the Forum on or before March 2026.
5. That Council investigates other opportunities for improved active transport connectivity, including options for a dedicated pedestrian and cycling bridge parallel to Wardell Road bridge and safe separated cycling links between the Cooks River path and Dulwich Hill Station, to be included in the report to the Local Transport Forum.

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

C1025(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: Adoption of the Our Backyard River Campaign Objectives

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council note the Cooks River Alliance was recently awarded highly commended for its *Our Backyard River* campaign in the 2025 Sydney Awards.
2. That Council formally adopt the objectives of the *Our Backyard River* campaign, which seeks to reconnect local communities with the Cooks River Catchment — including its tributaries such as Wolli Creek, Cup and Saucer Creek, and the Alexandra Canal — by celebrating the river system as a shared natural and cultural asset.
3. That Council actively utilise the campaign's branding, messaging and communications materials in Council's environmental education, community engagement, and communications programs when referring to the Cooks River Catchment and its tributaries, to ensure consistent messaging and alignment with partner councils, the Cooks River Alliance, and community organisations.
4. That Council reaffirm Inner West Council's ongoing commitment to active participation in and contribution to the Cooks River Alliance and the Cooks River Masterplan, of which the *Our Backyard River* campaign is a core component, to support coordinated planning, restoration and stewardship across the catchment.
5. That Council request the General Manager write to the CEO of Sydney Airport Corporation seeking stronger engagement with the Cooks River Alliance, including potential funding for projects impacting the Cooks River.
6. That Council ask that a report be brought to Council within six months outlining opportunities to integrate the *Our Backyard River* campaign objectives into current and upcoming projects, including:
 - a) Waterway rehabilitation and naturalisation works;
 - b) Interpretive and educational signage;
 - c) Litter prevention and stormwater quality improvement programs;
 - d) Citizen science and community stewardship initiatives;
 - e) Public art, storytelling, and cultural interpretation projects celebrating the Cooks River; and
 - f) Council communications.

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

C1025(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Container Deposit Scheme (Return & Earn) in the Inner West

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council note the success of the NSW Container Deposit Scheme (Return & Earn), particularly noting the environmental, social and economic benefits achieved and the high participation from Inner West residents.
2. That Council congratulate the NSW Minister for Environment and Energy on the decision to expand the eligibility of containers under Return & Earn to include wine and spirit bottles; cordials and juice concentrates; and larger containers, to commence mid-2027.
3. That Council conduct an audit of all existing TOMRA Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) and other Return & Earn collection points within the Inner West LGA, to identify gaps in coverage (spatial, hours, capacity), and on the basis of that audit, prepare a priority list for new sites.
4. That Council advocate to TOMRA Cleanaway (or relevant RVM / collection-operators) and to the NSW Minister for the Environment and EPA for the installation of additional RVMs and/or collection points in Inner West, informed by the audit, to ensure more equitable access.
5. That Council request staff investigate options for how Council may assist residents who collect eligible used beverage containers as a form of income supplement, to make collection and redemption more accessible. Possible assistance may include (but is not limited to) partnership with community groups or options for residents to purchase and use additional crates or garbage bins for eligible containers.
6. That Council request that Council develop a protocol to assist residents who collect eligible used beverage containers for income supplement purpose to more easily access outdoor events at Council venues, properties and ovals for this purpose, consistent with health, safety and security requirements, with the intention that the protocol inform how residents collecting beverage containers are engaged with at large-scale outdoor events.
7. That Council request that staff report back to Council within six months with:
 - a) the results of the RVM / collection point audit (including map of gaps & priority sites;
 - b) Correspondence related to the issue;
 - c) Update on a protocol for access at Council venues as per clause 6;
 - d) an advocacy plan to present to TOMRA / NSW Government for securing additional infrastructure; and
 - e) communications strategy to raise awareness among Inner West residents and community organisations about the expanded eligibility and about opportunities under Return & Earn.

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

C1025(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: NSW Solar for Apartment Residents (SOAR)

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council be acknowledged as a source of the feasibility data that supported the development of the NSW Solar for Apartment Residents (SOAR) program developed between the Albanese and Minns Governments.
2. That Council communicate the program to Inner West LGA residents to encourage applications for SOAR grants for the installation of solar panels on eligible apartment buildings and other multi-unit dwellings in the Inner West.

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

C1025(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Support for Summer Crawl and King Street Crawl

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council allocates \$15,000 to support the Summer Crawl free live music event to be held in January 2026, with funding to be sourced from the events budget previously allocated towards the annual Newtown Street Party.
2. That Council identifies any additional funding that could be allocated to support the Summer Crawl event through the next quarterly budget review and other sources.
3. That Council works with Summer Crawl organisers to investigate additional and in-kind support that could be provided by Council, including but not limited to facilitating the closure of Eliza Street in Newtown for a live music activation, extended trading hour at participating venues where requested, and promotional activity including via the Newtown Enmore Business Community.
4. That Council organises a meeting with the organisers to discuss opportunities to provide ongoing support for the Summer Crawl and King Street Crawl events.

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

C1025(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: GreenWay Concerns for Residents of 1-3 Williams Parade, Dulwich Hill**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council acknowledges that residents of 1-3 Williams Parade, Dulwich Hill have been impacted by the construction of the GreenWay corridor and are concerned with loss of privacy, potential safety and noise impacts.
2. That Council notes that:
 - a) The GreenWay will deliver significant community benefit;
 - b) Council staff have met on-site with concerned residents to understand the issues and work towards a resolution;
 - c) The elevated nature of the pathway and rest areas provides direct sight lines into residents' bedrooms, bathrooms, living areas and balconies;
 - d) The corridor is acknowledged by Council to be one of the narrowest sections of the GreenWay, creating acute privacy issues;
 - e) The short-term mitigation measures outlined by Council staff include fence height increases, shade cloth, and plantings; and
 - f) Additional measures need to be explored with residents to reach resolution.
3. That Council investigate the feasibility and costs of installing permanent privacy screening/sound barriers along the pathway edge adjacent to 1-3 Williams Parade (such as laser-cut decorative panels, privacy screens, or similar solid barriers) and explore design options for the rest area/viewing platform adjacent to the properties, including any impacts on budget and timelines, and report those options to the Major Capital Works Committee.
4. That Council commits to ongoing communication and engagement with the residents to reach a resolution.

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**C1025(1) Item 46 Quarterly Strategic Investment Property Report****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

C1025(1) Item 47 Panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into an arrangement with Cumberland City Council for a period of one year, and execute any associated documentation, to share its panel of conduct reviewers, comprised of the following entities:
 - a) Nemesis Consultancy Group t/a National Workplace Investigations
 - b) O'Connor Marsden & Associates Pty Ltd
 - c) Procure Group Pty Ltd
 - d) Pack Investigations Pty Ltd as The Trustee for Weir Trading Trust t/a Weir Consulting (National).
2. That Council receive a further report once the SSROC procurement is finalised, for Council to consider appointing pre-qualified suppliers to a new panel of conduct reviewers.

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

C1025(1) Item 1 Update on Inner West e-Bike Strategy and Policy and shared e-bike parking bays

Motion: (Fergusson/Antoniou)

1. That Council write to the Federal Government encouraging support for the *Road Vehicle Standards Amendment (Safer EBikes) Bill 2025*, tabled in Federal Parliament on 1 September, which aims to address the import of and access to high powered electric bikes in Australia.
2. That Council continue to work with Shared bike operations on creation of e-micro-mobility hubs for the parking of e-bikes and other e-micro-mobility devices, and ensure these hubs are incorporated into Council's future E-Bike Strategy.
3. That Council note the Road Transport and Other Legislation Amendment (Micromobility Vehicles and Smartcards) Bill 2025, currently at first reading. If enacted, it will regulate e-bike deployment, parking, and safety, empower councils to enforce parking, and introduce a per-trip levy (25% to councils). Combined with NSW grants, these measures will support Council funding for managing shared e-bike services.
4. That Council defer the proposed shared e-bike operator round table until the status and provisions of the above-mentioned legislation are clarified.
5. That Council writes to the NSW Government in support of the Road Transport and Other Legislation Amendment (Micromobility Vehicles And Smartcards) Bill 2025 currently being considered in NSW Parliament, and reaffirms the need for:
 - a) better shared e-bike regulation;
 - b) designated parking areas; and
 - c) encourages the NSW government to invest more in separated cycleways and other active transport infrastructure.

6. That Council ensure as part of the E-bike strategy and policy that appropriate prioritisation is given to parking bays on public domain areas and near transport nodes such as train stations.
7. That Council note that the current ad hoc parking of rented e-bikes affects accessibility on narrower footpaths, and therefore appropriate parking and separated cycleway infrastructure should be prioritised in future grants that may be made available through new state schemes.

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

C1025(1) Item 2 Annual Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2024/25

Manuel Moncada from the NSW Audit Office addressed Council in relation to Item 2.

Motion: (Scott/Smith)

1. That Council authorise the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management contained within the General Purpose Financial Statements.
2. That Council endorse the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 to be placed on public exhibition no later than 31 October 2025 for a period of 7 days.

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 Cllr Howard to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 3.

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

C1025(1) Item 3 Public Exhibition - Draft Parking Strategy & Public Domain Parking Policy

Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft *Parking Strategy* and draft revised *Public Domain Parking Policy (Attachment 1 and 2 of the report)* for a period of 42 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Strategy and Policy, subject to the following amendments:
 - a) Wording in 7.2.4 - Paid Parking be amended to read “*There will be no additional parking meters installed in the Inner West Council area beyond the number already installed in the above-listed areas and outside of the above-listed areas*”; and
 - b) 7.4.2 - Mobility Parking entitlements be updated to reflect recent reforms

announced by the NSW State Government that make it simpler to renew a mobility parking pass and which clarify that in certain circumstances, an existing mobility parking pass remains valid until a new one is issued.

2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft *Parking Strategy* and draft revised *Public Domain Parking Policy* be brought back to Council for consideration and adoption.
3. That prior to being brought back to Council, further formal feedback be sought on the revised Strategy and Policy from the Access, Bicycle, Small Business and Transport local democracy groups and that this feedback be incorporated into the report provided to Council.

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

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 8:25 pm.

Procedural Motion (Carlisle/Smith)

That Council allow Cllr Howard to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 4.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 8:27 pm.

C1025(1) Item 4 Public Exhibition - Sydenham Road Strategy

Motion: (Howard/Macri)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the draft *Sydenham Road Strategy (Attachments 1 and 2 of the report)* for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Strategy.
2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the draft *Sydenham Road Strategy* be brought back to Council for consideration and adoption.
3. That Council investigate additional funding sources for long term works, including developer contributions and State and Federal grants, and include this information when the Draft Strategy returns to Council.
4. That as part of the consultation, businesses along Sydenham Road are directly engaged and notified by letter.
5. That Council seek an urgent meeting with Transport for NSW and the Member for Summer Hill to provide an update on the Strategy and to progress those elements that require State Government agency concurrence and funding, particularly an additional crossing at Buckley Street, traffic lights at Fitzroy Street and a potential cycleway.

6. That Council staff investigate ways to proactively encourage existing and future businesses to incorporate outdoor dining and/or parklets on Sydenham Road and to include this information when the Draft Strategy returns to Council.
7. That Council earmark a mural in the next round of the Perfect Match program for a property in the study area for the Sydenham Road Strategy.
8. That Council officers investigate the feasibility of installing fairy lights in the mature trees in the precinct area included in the Strategy and include this information when the Draft Strategy returns to Council.
9. That in addition to the community engagement strategies stipulated in the report, Council advertise the exhibition period via social media.

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

C1025(1) Item 5 Local Transport Forum Terms of Reference and 2025 Authorisation and Delegation Instrument

Motion: (Howard/Byrne)

That Council defer the item to a later date, and to receive a briefing at a councillor workshop.

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 (Fergusson/Howard)

That Council allow the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Smith to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 6.

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

Councillor Barlow left the Meeting at 8:34 pm.

C1025(1) Item 6 Local Transport Forum Meeting - 15 September 2025

Motion: (Smith/Howard)

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 15 September 2025, subject to the following amendments:

1. **Item 7 - Newtown Enmore Parking Review Study:**
 - a) That the Newtown Enmore Parking Review Study be received and noted.
 - b) That further consultation be undertaken into installing 'No Stopping' restrictions at the intersections detailed below with a risk assessment to

determine the length of 'No Stopping':

- i. St Marys Street/Gilpin Street/Oxford Street;**
- ii. Albermarle Street/Australia Street;**
- iii. Albermarle Street/Denison Street;**
- iv. Albermarle Street/Probert Street;**
- v. Albermarle Street/Chelmsford Street;**
- vi. Albermarle Street/Oxford Street;**
- vii. Albermarle Street/Bedford Street;**
- viii. Phillip Street/Gladstone Street;**
- ix. Phillip Street/Charles Street;**
- x. Phillip Street/Belmore Lane;**
- xi. Phillip Street/Thurnby Lane;**
- xii. Trade Street/Albert Street;**
- xiii. Trade Street/Pierce Street;**
- xiv. Trade Street/Kingston Lane;**
- xv. James Street/Simmons Street;**
- xvi. Denison Street/Fitzroy Lane;**
- xvii. Baltic Street/Bedford Street;**
- xviii. Lynch Avenue/Francis Street;**
- xix. Cambridge Street/Cambridge Lane;**
- xx. Lynch Avenue/Julieta Street; and**
- xxi. Albert Street/Bedford Street.**

c) '90 degree angle parking vehicles under 6 metres only' signposting with associated kerb extensions be supported at the following locations and they be listed for consideration in Council's Traffic Facilities Program subject to consultation, and that this consultation include writing to every resident on the street, be evaluated on a street-by street basis and that council staff inform ward councillors when consultation is due to commence:

- i. on the southern side of Pemell Street between Reiby Street and Simmons Street;**
- ii. on the southern side of Gilpin Street between Kingston Road and Kingston Lane;**
- iii. on the southern side of Dickson Street between Pearl Lane and King Lane; and**
- iv. on the southern side of Julieta Street between Llewellyn Street and Scouler Street.**

d) That the Council Officers consider the petition from residents of Dickson Street Newtown as part of the consultation process into 'angle parking' signposting in that street, to inform the Council Officers' recommendations.

e) That 'No Parking' and associated 'No Stopping' restrictions at intersections be installed at the following locations subject to consultation:

- i. the southern side of Cambridge Lane between Cambridge Street and London Street; and**
- ii. both sides of Hoffman Lane between Chelmsford Street and London Street.**

f) That '2P 6pm-10pm Permit Holders Excepted Area M8' signposting restrictions be installed in the following streets subject to consultation, and that this consultation include writing to every resident on the street,

be evaluated on a street-by street basis and that council staff inform ward Councillors when consultation is due to commence:

- i. western side of Francis Street between Enmore Road and Lynch Avenue;
- ii. eastern side of Juliatt Street between Enmore Road and Lynch Avenue with an option to consider both sides of Juliatt Street between Enmore Road and Lynch Avenue;
- iii. eastern side of Scouller Street between Enmore Road and Juliatt Street, with an option to consider both sides of Scouller Street between Enmore Road and Juliatt Street; and
- iv. northern side of Lynch Avenue between Juliatt Street and Francis Street.

g) Following completion of the full consultation process, that Council Officers review the outcomes and develop a report to a future Local Traffic Forum for consideration and recommendations.

2. Item 9 - *Unnamed laneway (rear of Church Street and Warren Road), Marrickville (Midjuburi-Marrickville Ward/Summer Hill Electorate/Inner West PAC)* be deferred for further consideration at the Local Transport Forum after engagement with affected residents.

Motion Carried

For Motion:

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

Against Motion:

Nil

Absent:

Cr Barlow

Councillor Barlow returned to the Meeting at 8:38 pm.

C1025(1) Item 7 Post Exhibition - Loyalty Square, Balmain Improvement Works

Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)

1. That Council proceed with the design and procurement with the aim of completing the project in advance of Anzac Day 2026. An update report with the proposed wording for the story boards and a list of fallen soldiers be tabled for adoption at the December 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.
2. That Council seek to allocate space for names that may be identified in the future on the understanding that these are reviewed by Inner West Council's Community History and Heritage Team in consultation with the Balmain / Rozelle RSL sub branch.
3. That Council select furniture that is welcoming and accessible to all community users (i.e not hostile architecture / anti- homeless).

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

C1025(1) Item 9 Callan Park Draft Foundation Plan of Management

Amendment (Blake/Atkins)

That Council endorses this report as a submission regarding *the Greater Sydney Parklands Draft Foundation Plan of Management for Callan Park*, together with its associated *Access, Movement, and Parking Strategy with the following amendment:*

1. In the section "Zone: Kirkbride and Parklands GSP Management Priority 3 (Identify a long-term vision for the Kirkbride buildings and convalescent cottages and determine appropriate uses) ", change the comment to:

‘Adoptive reuse is supported as a high priority in keeping with the *Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002.*’

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 (Blake/Atkins)

That Council endorses this report as a submission regarding *the Greater Sydney Parklands Draft Foundation Plan of Management for Callan Park*, together with its associated *Access, Movement, and Parking Strategy with the following amendment:*

2. In the section "Strategic Direction 4: GSP Management Priority 2 (Work with the not-for-profit and social enterprise sectors to better understand opportunities for these sectors within Callan Park)", change the comment to:

‘The development of a financial sustainability model for Callan Park is advocated. Opportunities for commercial activities within the parkland must be balanced with the need to protect the fabric of the parklands, not only its special landscape characteristics but also the significant heritage elements and buildings which the parkland supports, in keeping with the *Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002*. The Plan of Management should identify the cultural and natural values of the parkland and include a long-term financial plan of how these values can be preserved and enhanced for future generations of park users.’

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 (Blake/Barlow)

That Council endorses this report as a submission regarding *the Greater Sydney Parklands Draft Foundation Plan of Management for Callan Park*, together with its associated *Access, Movement, and Parking Strategy with the following amendment:*

3. In the section "Strategic Direction 4: GSP Management Priority 6 (Mitigate heat by maintaining green, thriving sports fields, open space and gardens through smart irrigation, water conservation and soil improvements), change the comment to:

‘Consideration needs to be given for the support of alternative technologies in

terms of sporting facilities to support population growth and the growing demand for access to quality sporting surfaces.'

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

Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 8:51 pm as vacated the chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith assumed the chair.

That Council endorses the report as a submission regarding *the Greater Sydney Parklands Draft Foundation Plan of Management for Callan Park*, together with its associated *Access, Movement, and Parking Strategy* subject to the following amendment to page 559 to correct Darling Street to Balmain Road in the first line as shown below:

'Examine the opportunity for a separated cycleway running parallel to Balmain Road, between the existing heritage stone fence and the line of trees. The path may need to be elevated at some locations (or for its full length) to avoid damaging tree roots. This cycleway would fill in a critical gap in the network without jeopardising kerbside parking, which has been a key consideration along Darling Street.'

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 Smith used her Casting Vote for the **MOTION** and the **MOTION** was carried.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 8:53 pm. The Deputy Mayor vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

C1025(1) Item 10 Kids Play/Kids Say - Strategic Engagement Framework for Playground Development and Upgrades

Motion: (Fergusson/Scott)

1. That Council endorse the implementation of the Kids Play/Kids Say Engagement Framework detailed in the report for future district level playground upgrades, subject to updating the park consultation *Table 1.0* as follows:

Table 1.0 District Level Play Spaces

Name of Park	Ward Area	Primary Schools
Algie Park	Leichhardt	Haberfield Public School, St Joan of Arc Catholic School
Ashfield Park	Ashfield	Ashfield Public School, Summer Hill Public School, St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
Birchgrove Park	Balmain	Birchgrove Public School
Camdenville Park	Marrickville	Camdenville Public School

Camperdown Park	Stanmore	Bridge Road School, Australia Street Infants School
Centenary Reserve	Leichhardt	Croydon Public School, Holy Innocents Catholic Primary School
Cohen Park	Balmain	Annandale North Public School, Annandale Public School, St Brendan's Catholic Primary School
Easton Park	Balmain	Orange Grove Public School
Hammond Park	Leichhardt	Ashfield Public School, Haberfield Public School
King George Park	Balmain	Rozelle Public School
Lambert Park	Leichhardt	Kegworth Public School
Leichhardt Park - Mary Street Playground	Balmain	Orange Grove Public School
Leichhardt Park - Blue Hippo Playground	Balmain	Orange Grove Public School
Mackey Park	Marrickville	Wilkins Public School
Marrickville Park	Marrickville	Wilkins Public School
Petersham Park	Stanmore	Petersham Public School, Lewisham Public School
Pratten Park	Ashfield	Ashfield Public School, Summer Hill Public School, Dulwich Hill Public School
Rozelle Parklands	Balmain	Rozelle Public School
Richard Murden Reserve	Leichhardt	Kegworth Public School, Haberfield Public School and St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School
Steel Park	Marrickville	Ferncourt Public School
Tempe Reserve	Marrickville	Tempe Public School
Yeo Park	Ashfield	Yeo Park Infants School, Ashbury Public School, Dulwich Hill Public School, St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School
*Gladstone Park	Balmain	Balmain Public School and Father John Therry School
*Weekley Park	Stanmore	Stanmore Public School and St Michael's Catholic Primary School
*Elkington Park	Balmain	Birchgrove Public School

*These three park area are not district level parks but do have schools residing adjacent to them which rely on access and use for their physical education curriculum.

2. That Council expand the primary schools consulted for both Easton Park and Rozelle Parklands to include Orange Grove Public School, Rozelle Public School, and Annandale North Public School as they are all equidistant.

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

C1025(1) Item 11 Membership of Catchment Groups

Motion: (Howard/Smith)

That Council defer the item to the December 2025 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

C1025(1) Item 13 Privately-led Planning Proposal - Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre - 20 Smidmore Street Marrickville

Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council endorse Planning Proposal for 20 Smidmore Street, Marrickville to amend the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022, as follows:
 - a) Rezone the site from E4 General Industrial to E1 Local Centre;
 - b) Introduce a maximum height of building control of 24m;
 - c) Increase the maximum floor space ratio control from 0.95:1 to 1.8:1;
 - d) Include a site-specific local provision requiring no net loss of non-residential floor space, or a non-residential floor space ratio of no less than 1.64:1, whichever is greater; and
 - e) Delete clauses 44 and 49 of Schedule 1 (Additional permitted uses) that currently apply to the site.
2. That Council forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
3. That Council request the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to authorise Council to be the Local Plan Making Authority (LPMA), and if Council is authorised as the LPMA, Council delegate the plan making functions to the Director Planning to exercise the function in accordance with the LEP Making Guideline.
4. That Council following receipt of an affirmative Gateway Determination and compliance with its conditions, agree to place the updated Planning Proposal and supporting documentation on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and consult with public authorities.
5. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the Planning Proposal be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.

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

C1025(1) Item 18 Inner West Pride Walk Update

Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council thanks the staff who have led this project and thank the LGBTIQ+ Working Group members and LGBTIQ+ organisations that have participated and collaborated in the project to date.

3. That Council request staff hold a further Roundtable with the LGBTIQIA+ Working group, local LGBTIQIA+ organisations and interested councillors prior to presenting the list of preferred locations at the December council meeting as a final form of consultation.
4. That Council call for the completion date to be brought forward so as to launch the Inner West Pride Walk as part of Pride Month 2026 (June).

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

C1025(1) Item 20 Town Hall Open Day Festival Update

Motion: (Smith/Howard)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council staff bring a revised report to the November 2025 Council Meeting with a revised proposed schedule for Open Day Festivals separate to existing festivals.
3. That Council receive a report back to the December 2025 Council Meeting on a draft example communications and promotional strategy for the Open Day Festivals, including branding, social and digital media, banners, posters, and other physical advertising, the Tourism Action Plan, and external creative and cultural venues, platforms, and networks - and include indicative costs.

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

C1025(1) Item 21 Improvement of facilities at Dawn Fraser Baths

Motion: (Byrne/Tastan)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council note that the February 2025 Council resolution to identify how more events could be held at the Baths was not reported back in April 2025 as required and has not been carried out.
3. That Council provide the aforementioned report to the November 2025 Ordinary 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

C1025(1) Item 23 Tourism Action Plan Bi-Monthly Report

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

- 1. That Council receive and note the report.**
- 2. That further development, implementation and management of the Tourism Action Plan be delegated to the Senior Manager Communications and Engagement.**

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

Councillor Howard left the Meeting at 9:07 pm as he declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 24 as one of the listed properties is in close proximity to his principal place of residence.

C1025(1) Item 24 Mandatory Reporting to Council of Reports Received from Fire & Rescue NSW

Motion: (Clay/Byrne)

That Council receive and note the report.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Howard

Councillor Howard returned to the Meeting at 9:11 pm.

Procedural Motion (Howard/Smith)

That the meeting be adjourned for 5 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 9:14 pm

The meeting recommenced at 9:19 pm

C1025(1) Item 25 Booth Street connection to White Bay Cruise Ship Terminal - Tourist Path and Active Transport Link

Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)

- 1. That Council receive and note the report.**
- 2. That Council note and thank Council for taking the initiative to explore options to continue the Booth Street Active Transport Corridor to Darling Street, while acknowledging that the original March 2025 motion did not call for this extension.**

3. That Council commit to providing a continuation of the Booth Street Active Transport Corridor from Donnelly Street to Darling Street by implementing Option 2 – Quietway treatment. This includes a reduced speed limit of 30 km/h, entry and exit surface texture elements, and traffic calming measures. Council recognises that establishing this Quietway benefits both cyclists and pedestrians, particularly for connections between the Hospital, Gladstone Park, and the Darling Street shopping precinct.
4. That Council support continued planning and delivery of the Robert Street cycleway in this term of Council.
5. That Council ensure that the Robert Street design accommodates both pedestrians and cyclists, providing a combined pedestrian path and cycleway.

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 (Antoniou/Howard)

That Council allow Clr Atkins to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 29.

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 (Barlow/Blake)

That Council allow Clr Antoniou to speak for 2 additional minutes on Item 29.

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 (Carlisle/Smith)

That Council allow Clr D'Arienzo to speak for 1 additional minute on Item 29.

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

C1025(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025

Motion: (Atkins/Antoniou)

1. That Council notes with concern that the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025 reduces local planning control and transparency, increases the risk of corruption in planning processes, and will decrease community input and confidence in planning decisions.

2. That Council notes with concern the fundamental changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 arising from amendments to the objects of the Act and to Part 4.15, including significant weakening of requirements to consider cumulative impacts, environmental impacts, site suitability, and the public interest in decision-making.
3. That Council notes that the Bill has been described as “the biggest planning reform in 50 years,” yet has proceeded with minimal public consultation and limited engagement with local government.
4. That Council notes with concern that the proposed Development Coordination Authority centralises powers within the Department of Planning and reduces the independent and specialist input previously provided by agencies such as the Environment Department and Rural Fire Service, with no clear mechanisms to ensure transparent or arms-length decision-making.
5. That Council acknowledges the critical role that metropolitan councils play in managing housing density, infrastructure capacity, transport networks, and environmental sustainability through locally informed, place-based planning processes.
6. That Council writes to the Premier, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Members for Balmain, Newtown and Summer Hill:
 - a) Seeking retention of local Community Participation Plans, ensuring meaningful and inclusive community engagement in local planning processes;
 - b) Highlighting the value of Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) in delivering infrastructure, public benefit, and affordable housing outcomes for local communities—and the significant loss that would occur if councils were prevented from negotiating VPAs;
 - c) Raising concern about the administrative burden and cost-shifting to councils that will result from the new time-frames and referral processes, leading to poorer planning outcomes and reduced accountability; and
 - d) Highlighting broad concerns about governance, environmental assessment, and the public interest arising from the Bill, while acknowledging that recent Legislative Assembly amendments—such as the introduction of a 28-day minimum consultation period for targeted assessments, the exclusion of designated development (e.g. coal mines, power stations, concrete works), and the retention of bush-fire-prone-land provisions—represent partial but insufficient improvements.
7. That Council requests a report from staff outlining the likely implications of the Bill for the Inner West and its potential impacts on housing density, infrastructure planning and environmental and social safeguards.
8. That Council advocates through Local Government New South Wales and the SSROC for a coordinated response to these reforms.

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

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Macri)

1. That Council acknowledge the reforms to improve and modernise the planning system in NSW through the introduction of the NSW Planning System Reforms Bill, has been met with support from a broad cross section of the NSW Parliament.
2. That Council note that the Bill guides the efficient delivery of housing, infrastructure and energy in NSW and the objects of the act will now include affordable housing, climate resilience and proportionately in planning decisions.
3. That Council write to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure seeking a briefing on the Bill for Councillors.

Motion Carried

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

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

C1025(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: Re-establishment of Pratten Park Advisory Committee

Motion: (Carlisle/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council establish a Pratten Park Advisory Committee to provide input and advice on the Pratten Park Plan of Management.
2. That Council prioritise the completion of the Plan of Management which should include consideration of the restoration of the grandstand, car park upgrades, renovation of the Pratten Park Bowling Club, tennis court lighting, and upgrade and improvement to all sporting facilities.
3. That Council table a report for the November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting proposing the membership of the Advisory Committee for the endorsement by Council.
4. That the Plan of Management and subsequent upgrade of the precinct is to be included on the agenda of the Major Projects Committee.
5. That a place on the advisory committee be offered to a member of the Access Local Democracy Group to provide advisory input.

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

C1025(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Marrickville Parklands Picnic Area

Motion: (Howard/Macri)

1. That Council acknowledge the ongoing dedication and work of staff from Council's Urban Ecology team, as well as that of volunteers and staff from both the Mudcrabs and Marrickville Golf, Sporting and Recreation Club, to support biodiversity at Marrickville Golf Course.

2. That Council note that the hilltop area between the 8th and 18th tee has been identified in the Marrickville Parklands Plan of Management (POM) as a the site of a future picnic area.
3. That Council acknowledge the site is currently strewn with invasive weeds including lantana and is littered with refuse from historical illegal dumping.
4. That Council request Council staff clear the hilltop of the illegal waste to better allow access to Mudcrabs volunteers and council staff to develop a vegetation management plan to tackle invasive species on the site while caring for the native fauna within, funded from the existing parks management budget.
5. That Council commit to establishing a picnic area at the site in the 2026-2027 financial year, with funding provisioned through the 2026-2027 budget process.

Motion Carried

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

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

Amendment (Barlow/Atkins)

That point 5 be amended to:

5. That Council consult on establishing a picnic area at the site during the broader community consultation about spending the federal grant money for the Marrickville Golf Course due to commence later this year.

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

C1025(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Waste management support for tenants

Motion: (Antoniou/Howard)

1. That Council notes that in some circumstances tenants, particularly those in transitional housing may be unable to organise clean up services due to a myriad of personal and systemic reasons.
2. That Council notes that strata, leasing agents, and boarding house managers are well-placed to organise a hard rubbish clean up when tenants are unable to.
3. That Council prepares and electronically distributes relevant resources around booking pick-ups to leasing agents, property, and boarding house managers it is in contact with to increase education on the free pick-up service and provide any physical common area signage upon request.
4. That Council engages with relevant services such as Newtown Neighbourhood Centre on potential ways to support tenants in transitional accommodation and boarding houses who may need additional support in accessing appropriate waste services.

5. That Council investigates the development of education collateral including signage for multi-dwelling developments to display signage in common waste management areas regarding bulky item collections.
6. That Council note resolution C0522(1) Item 24 from 10 May 2022, following a notice of motion moved by Cllr Howard and Cllr Langford calling on the Council to, in part *“(engage) with real estate agents to provide information to tenants or owners who are relocating about the booked clean up service and engages with strata committees to better manage collections;”*
7. That Council provide a report to the first meeting of the Waste Management Working Group in 2026 on actions taken in response to the previous resolution (referred to in point 6) and to the further actions detailed in points 1-5 of this motion tabled by Cllr Antoniou.

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

C1025(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Parking solutions Morris Street Summer Hill

Motion: (Antoniou/Carlisle)

1. That Council notes the petition from the residents of Morris Street Summer Hill requesting additional parking measures to be investigated on their street.
2. That Council refer the petition for formal consideration by the Local Transport Forum, in line with the existing process, to investigate the implementation of parking zones on both sides of Morris Street Summer Hill that;
 - a) prioritises resident parking during the weekdays; and
 - b) allows for open parking during the weekends.

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

C1025(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Council Reports

Motion: (Byrne/Smith)

1. That Council require that all reports to Council are to be authored by a member of the executive, being a Director of the General Manager.
2. That Council no longer require that reports to Council have an authoriser given that executive staff will be the authors of the reports.

Motion Carried

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

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

C1025(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Glebe Island Bridge Advocacy

Motion: (Byrne/Blake)

1. That Council propose to the NSW Government that the reopening of the Glebe Island Bridge as a pedestrian and cycling thoroughfare be included as a priority in the Master Planning of the Bays Precinct.
2. That Council seek negotiations with the Government about how this could be funded through a combination of developer contributions and capital investment from the NSW Government, the Inner West Council and the City of Sydney.

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

Amendment (Blake/Antoniou)

That Council notes the advocacy of the Member for Balmain, the Hon Kobi Shetty MP in supporting a community campaign to restore and reopen Glebe Island Bridge, noting the petition has received over 1000 signatures in support.

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

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 9:58 pm and vacated the chair as he declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 42 as he resides in the vicinity of precinct being considered. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith assumed the chair.

C1025(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Transport for NSW Consultation on McGill Street Access

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Smith)

That Council writes to Transport for NSW and requests Transport for NSW works collaboratively with Council to explore all feasible options for safe and practical ingress and egress between Old Canterbury Road and the Luna apartment complex and updates residents of the outcome.

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 9:59 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith vacated the chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byrne assumed the chair.

Procedural Motion: (Smith/Howard)

That Council enter into Confidential session.

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:

C1025(1) Item 44 Public Exhibition - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 67 Victoria Road, Rozelle (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.

C1025(1) Item 45 Public Exhibition - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 186 Victoria Road, Rozelle (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.

Councillor D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 9:58 pm.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C1025(1) Item 44 Public Exhibition - Voluntary Planning Agreement - 67 Victoria Road, Rozelle

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

1. That Council publicly exhibit the Voluntary Planning Agreement (*Attachment 1 of the report*) for a minimum period of 28 days and seek community feedback.
2. That Council authorises the General Manager or delegate to approve any amendments to the Voluntary Planning Agreement prior to public exhibition.
3. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the Voluntary Planning Agreement be tabled at a future Council meeting for consideration.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr D'Arienzo

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Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr D'Arienzo

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Meeting at 10:01 pm.

Motion: (Clay/Blake)

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

Meeting closed at 10:02 pm.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Item #	Speaker	Suburb
Item 3:	Sally Armati	Rozelle
	David De Coster	Rozelle
	Michelle Martin	Rozelle
Item 6:	Jacqueline Wesson	Marrickville
	Elizabeth McGlynn	Newtown
	Kate Alexandra Bleasel	Newtown
Item 7:	Angela Michaelis	Balmain
Item 9:	Paul Avery	Balmain
	Louise Appel	Lilyfield
	Helen Gilbert	Balmain
	Paul Power	Rozelle
Item 13:	Nik Wheeler	Sydney
Item 25:	Rebecca Fernandez	Leichhardt
Item 28:	Hannah Solomons	Dulwich Hill
	Korey Gunnis	Lapstone
Item 29:	Louise Appel	Lilyfield
	Helen Hughes	Summer Hill
Item 31:	Mark Thompson	Earlwood
Item 32:	Jason L'Ecuyer	Marrickville
Item 37:	Adam Lennard	Dulwich Hill
	Bronwyn Holland	Dulwich Hill
Item 41:	Rebecca Fernandez	Leichhardt