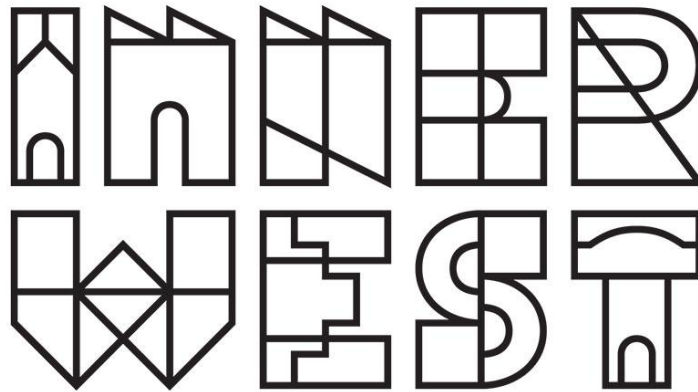


SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025

6:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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

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Item No: C1225(1) Item 63
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: SUPPORT FOR RALLY TO SAVE WESTS TIGERS
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

Item 63

MOTION

That Council support the Rally to Save Wests Tigers to be held at Pratten Park Bowling Club on Saturday December 13 at 10:30am and work with the Bowling Club to provide logistical support for the event. This should include assistance with audio equipment, seating and promotion of the rally through Councils social media channels.

Background

Wests Ashfield Leagues Club and the Wests Tigers are two of the most important not-for-profit institutions in our community.

Sadly, across the past year both entities have damaged by an extraordinary series of governance decisions that has resulted in chaos and dysfunction within the boards overseeing these organisations.

The Holman Barnes Group (HBG) is the parent entity that controls both the Wests Ashfield Leagues Club and the Wests Tigers.

In the past year the board of HBG has now removed 8 directors, 3 chairman and 2 CEOs across both organisations. This includes the unilateral removal of directors of their own Board as well as last week dispensing with 4 independent directors of Wests Tigers, whom they had appointed only 11 months previously.

On Monday, the CEO of Wests Tigers Shane Richardson resigned also.

By any measure, this level of dysfunction is not in keeping with proper standards of governance for a registered club or a community organisation.

Both the National Rugby League and Liquor and Gaming NSW this week made public statements expressing concerns about these events with the NRL instigating a preliminary investigation.

Most concerningly, there is a very real danger that this ongoing poor governance will result in the Wests Tigers ceasing to hold an NRL license and participating in the competition.

In response, concerned Inner West citizens are holding a snap rally this Saturday 13 December at 10:30 at Pratten Park in Ashfield to Save Wests Tigers.

This includes a call for Liquor and Gaming NSW and the NRL to intervene to ensure proper, independent governance of the West Tigers.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1225(1) Item 64
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: LEICHHARDT LYNX BOWLING CLUB
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council writes to Leichhardt Lynx Bowling Club to extend our congratulations on their 100th Anniversary.
2. That Council acknowledges the resilience, community spirit, inclusivity, and passion that has enabled the Lynx to thrive for 100 years.
3. That Council congratulates the Lynx President Natasha Fairfax, Leichhardt Bowling Club Chair Alistair Scott, and Club General Manager Baz Compton on their leadership in the community and commits to supporting the sport of lawn bowls and the club into the future.

Background

The Leichhardt Lynx recently celebrated 100 years since the founding of the Leichhardt Women's Bowling Club; the oldest independent, continuously operating women's bowling club in NSW. Established in 1925, its first members paid 10 shillings and sixpence to play on the same green the club calls home today. It quickly became a pioneer in the sport, becoming one of the five founding clubs of the NSW Bowling Association and the first in NSW to name a bowling green after a woman – Dorothy "Tup" Honeybone.

This milestone comes after a period of serious decline during which the club stood on the brink of closure. Within the last seven years, a volunteer-driven community effort, led by President Natasha Fairfax, Leichhardt Bowling Club Chair Alistair Scott, and Club General Manager Baz Compton, has secured the club's future, with membership more than tripled - supported by inclusive recruitment initiatives, social bowls programs, and a commitment to making the game accessible to all.

A century on, the Leichhardt Lynx remain a testament to resilience, innovation, and the enduring strength of local community spirit.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.