

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 April 2026 at Ashfield Service Centre

Meeting commenced at 7:31pm

Present:

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| 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 (Entered the meeting at 7:33pm) |
| Mat Howard | Councillor |
| Victor Macri | Councillor |
| Philippa Scott | Councillor |
| Ismet Tastan | Councillor |
| Peter Gainsford | General Manager |
| Simone Plummer | Director Planning |
| Ruth Callaghan | Director Community |
| Sharon Bowman | Director Corporate |
| Peter Shields | Acting Director Property and Major Projects |
| Manod Wickramasinghe | Acting Director Engineering |
| Matthew Pearce | General Counsel |
| George Georgakis | Administration Manager |
| Erin White | Resource Recovery and Fleet Manager |
| Aleksandar Spasenovski | Major Projects Manager |
| Sajjad Ali | Acting Chief Financial Officer |
| Katherine Paixao | Business Paper Coordinator |
| Tia Camelin | Business Paper Officer |

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Motion: (Macri/Scott)

That leave of absence for the Mayor, Councillor Byrne and Councillor Raciti be granted.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Fergusson

Councillor Fergusson entered the Meeting at 7:33 pm.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Blake declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 32 – *Notice of Motion: Local Tradies Live & Work Parking Permits* as this plan would enable him to receive financial benefit and to avoid a conflict of interest he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Tastan declared a significant, pecuniary interest in Item 32 – *Notice of Motion: Local Tradies Live & Work Parking Permits* as this plan would enable him to receive financial benefit and to avoid a conflict of interest he will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 – *Local Transport Forum Meeting – 16 March 2026* 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 Howard declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 26 – *Expansion of Senior’s Morning Teas* as he works for one of the organisations that is partnering with Inner West Council to deliver the project. He will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 17 March 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Macri left the Meeting at 7:37 pm.

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

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

- 1. Item 5 **Christmas in the Inner West**
- 2. Item 7 **Local Transport Forum Meeting - 16 March 2026**
- 3. Item 8 **Post Exhibition - Land Classification - 3-7 Regent Street, Petersham**
- 4. Item 9 **Post Exhibition - Lackey Street, Summer Hill improvements**
- 5. Item 11 **Australia Street Parklets**
- 6. Item 13 **Stanmore Library - New Community and Public Space**
- 7. Item 14 **Post Exhibition - Complaints Handling Policy**
- 8. Item 15 **Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 26 November 2025 Minutes**
- 9. Item 16 **Legal Status Update**
- 10. Item 20 **Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Project Status Update**
- 11. Item 24 **Street Cleansing Service Update**
- 12. Item 25 **Junior Parkrun in the Inner West**
- 13. Item 27 **Investment Report at 28 February 2026**
- 14. Item 30 **Notice of Motion: Greening Jesmond Avenue**
- 15. Item 34 **Notice of Motion: Victoria Road Underbridge Safety**
- 16. Item 35 **Notice of Motion: Charlotte Street Pedestrian Safety**
- 17. Item 36 **Notice of Motion: Heating the Annandale Community Centre**

- 18. Item 37 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossings at Norton Street and William Street intersection, Leichhardt
- 19. Item 38 Notice of Motion: Centenary Park cricket net upgrades
- 20. Item 39 Notice of Motion: South Dulwich Hill Traffic Review
- 21. Item 41 Notice of Motion: Transitioning to Independence from Vehicle Ownership
- 22. Item 42 Notice of Motion: Expanding FOGO to Multi-Unit Dwellings
- 23. Item 43 Notice of Motion: Metro Activations in Marrickville and Dulwich Hill
- 24. Item 45 Notice of Motion: Supporting LGBTQ+ Businesses in the Inner West

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

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

- 1. Item 5 Christmas in the Inner West
- 2. Item 7 Local Transport Forum Meeting - 16 March 2026
- 3. Item 8 Post Exhibition - Land Classification - 3-7 Regent Street, Petersham
- 4. Item 9 Post Exhibition - Lackey Street, Summer Hill improvements
- 5. Item 11 Australia Street Parklets
- 6. Item 13 Stanmore Library - New Community and Public Space
- 7. Item 14 Post Exhibition - Complaints Handling Policy
- 8. Item 15 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 26 November 2025 Minutes
- 9. Item 16 Legal Status Update
- 10. Item 20 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Project Status Update
- 11. Item 24 Street Cleansing Service Update
- 12. Item 25 Junior Parkrun in the Inner West
- 13. Item 27 Investment Report at 28 February 2026
- 14. Item 30 Notice of Motion: Greening Jesmond Avenue
- 15. Item 34 Notice of Motion: Victoria Road Underbridge Safety
- 16. Item 35 Notice of Motion: Charlotte Street Pedestrian Safety
- 17. Item 36 Notice of Motion: Heating the Annandale Community Centre
- 18. Item 37 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossings at Norton Street and William Street intersection, Leichhardt
- 19. Item 38 Notice of Motion: Centenary Park cricket net upgrades
- 20. Item 39 Notice of Motion: South Dulwich Hill Traffic Review
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- 22. Item 42 Notice of Motion: Expanding FOGO to Multi-Unit Dwellings
- 23. Item 43 Notice of Motion: Metro Activations in Marrickville and Dulwich Hill
- 24. Item 45 Notice of Motion: Supporting LGBTQ+ Businesses in the Inner West

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 5 Christmas in the Inner West****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. That Council endorse the table highlighting the deployment of Christmas decorations from mid November 2026 across the Inner West.
2. That Council endorse the procurement of a key Christmas decoration for the new Dulwich Hill Station Plaza, Leichhardt Town Hall, Annandale and Alex Trevallion Plaza.
3. That Council endorse the following initiatives for Christmas 2026- Inner West Light Up Fest; reusable bunting for shop fronts on main streets, the festive grants program, and a program of community Christmas decoration workshops.
4. That Council endorse the initiatives proposed for further cost feasibility and delivery analysis to be provided by a briefing note no later than August 2026. This briefing note will report on
 - a) an Inner West Christmas Events Calendar;
 - b) development of a Christmas communications strategy promoting local businesses artists and community organisations, including a shopfront competition; and
 - c) a dedicated webpage for "Light Up" Fest.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 7 Local Transport Forum Meeting - 16 March 2026****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 16 March 2026.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 8 Post Exhibition - Land Classification - 3-7 Regent Street, Petersham**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council resolves to classify land being Lot 2 DP 1304506 (24 Car Parking Spaces), Lot 3 SP 108083 (Unit G03 including storage), Lot 5 SP 108083 (Unit G05 including storage), Lot 6 SP 108083 (Unit G06 including storage), Lot 18 SP 108083 (Unit 111 including storage), Lot 33 SP 108083 (Unit 211 including storage) and Lot 48 SP 108083 48 (Unit 311 including storage) as Operational Land for the purpose of the *Local Government Act 1993 NSW*.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 9 Post Exhibition - Lackey Street, Summer Hill improvements****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council endorse the proposal to make Lackey Street, Summer Hill 'event-ready'.**
- 2. The Council approve the ongoing free provision of traffic management services operated by Council staff at all four Plug and Play venues up to six times per year by adding \$76,000 to the operational budget for 26/27 financial year.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 11 Australia Street Parklets****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council endorses the proposal for two new parklets in Australia Street Newtown, noting targeted stakeholder feedback is generally supportive of the planned works.**
- 2. That Council notes that the two proposed parklets in Australia Street are planned to be built by the end of June 2026, subject to the completion of all necessary design and approval activities.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 13 Stanmore Library - New Community and Public Space

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council endorses further development of the concept design for a community centre at Stanmore Library and new public space.
2. That the developed concept including cost estimates and timeline be reported back to Council by December 2026.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 14 Post Exhibition - Complaints Handling Policy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council adopt the revised Complaints Handling Policy.
2. That Council update the Policy Register and publish the adopted Complaints Handling Policy.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 15 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 26 November 2025 Minutes

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council adopt the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 26 November 2025.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 16 Legal Status Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council receive the report and note that during the reporting period:
 - a) There were 84 active litigation matters in the Land and Environment Court, Local Court and New South Wales Civil and Administration Tribunal;
 - b) 21 Land and Environment Court Class 1 Appeals were finalised; and
 - c) 5 Local Court prosecutions resulted in convictions and fines totalling \$25,514;
 - d) Council recovered \$981,150 of professional costs from litigation matters during the current financial year.

- 2. That Council consider the publication of this Confidential item, on Council’s website after 31 December 2027, subject to prior consultation with affected parties.**

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 20 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Project Status Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and note the report which details the following progress since the last report:

- a) The State Significant Development Application public exhibition has closed. A response has subsequently been provided to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure on all submissions received;**
- b) The detailed design is progressing for the western grandstand, northern grandstand and lower bowl seating, supported by specialist consultants; and**
- c) The procurement process to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced contractor to finalise the design and undertake the works continues, with the public Expression of Interest completed and evaluated. A separate report on this procurement will be provided to the April Council Meeting.**

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 24 Street Cleansing Service Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive the report and note:

- a) The new cleansing standard for special entertainment precincts and premium laneways has been operating successfully for 3 months**
- b) That further to this a new education initiative, "Love your Lanes", to bring bins in off lanes is to be implemented in laneways in Enmore, Stanmore and Newtown in April/May 2026 with a view to extend the program to lanes with similar issues**
- c) That further updates will be provided to Councillors via briefing note in 6 months.**

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 25 Junior Parkrun in the Inner West**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive the report and note that:**

- a) **Parkrun Australia is currently undertaking a review of Junior Parkrun events in Australia; and**
- b) **Council officers are continuing to work with Parkrun Australia to establish a Junior Parkrun within the Inner West including assistance with appropriate grant funding applications.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 27 Investment Report at 28 February 2026****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council receive the investment report for February 2026, noting an annualised return for the month of 4.52% p.a on a marked to market basis compared with the AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark of 3.76% p.a.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: Greening Jesmond Avenue****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

1. **That Council undertake consultation with residents on increased in-road tree planting at Jesmond Avenue, Dulwich Hill between Union Street and Cobar Street.**
2. **That Council prepare a report back on consultation outcomes as well as feasibility, cost and road usage of increased in-road tree planting at this location.**
3. **That Council investigate for potential consideration in the 27/28 budget processes**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Victoria Road Underbridge Safety

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council notes the current condition of Victoria Road, in particular the stretch between Charlotte Avenue and Meeks Road, is unmaintained, with missing road markings, and cracks in the road and footpath contributing to dangerous conditions on the road and for pedestrians.
2. That Council as soon as is practicable, repaint the road markings and repair the road surface, with works to be undertaken within the scope of the existing roads or parks maintenance budget.
3. That Council officers attend the site to determine any additional safety measures that may be required at this location, including but not limited to accessibility and lighting.

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Charlotte Street Pedestrian Safety

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council notes the current condition of the pedestrian staircase between Charlotte Avenue and Schwebel Street is poorly lit, with overgrown vegetation obscuring vision.
2. That Council as soon as is practicable, trim back the surrounding vegetation, repairing or replacing lighting sources and installing additional lighting, with works to be undertaken within the scope of the existing roads or parks maintenance budget.
3. That Council prioritise renewal of this asset, as the fencing has fallen into disrepair and the stairs are worn and at a hazardous gradient, with works to be undertaken within the scope of the existing roads or parks maintenance budget.

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Heating the Annandale Community Centre

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council officers prepare a report, including a budget and funding source, investigating the installation of energy-efficient heating solutions for the main hall of the Annandale Community Centre, including options for reverse-cycle air conditioning, which was omitted from the recent renovation.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossings at Norton Street and William Street intersection, Leichhardt****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council officers prepare a report, including identification of budget and funding sources, at the next opportunity for the Local Transport Forum to investigate the installation of pedestrian crossings across the remaining three legs of the intersection of Norton Street and William Street, Leichhardt.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Centenary Park Cricket Net Upgrades****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council request that Council Officers include improvements to the cricket nets at Centenary Park, including increasing the height of the structure and identifying any other design or safety enhancements to improve usability, in the upgrade to Centenary Park planned for 2027-2028.**
- 2. That Council request that the proposed cricket net improvements be incorporated into the report back to Council on the Centenary Park upgrade, and included in the budget for the park renovation.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Absent:** Cr Macri**C0426(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: South Dulwich Hill Traffic Review****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

- 1. That Council acknowledges the implementation of InnerWest@40 in South Dulwich Hill to lower the speed limits to 40km/hr.**
- 2. That Council conducts updated traffic counts around South Dulwich Hill including intersections at Wardell Road and Riverside Crescent, Ewart Street and Wardell Road, Ness Avenue and Tennyson Street, Ness Avenue and Garnet Street.**
- 3. That Council refers this matter to the Local Traffic Forum for further consideration, including a review of current traffic volumes, speeds and pedestrian and cyclist counts on Ness Avenue, Tennyson Street and Garnet Street, review the**

effectiveness of the Wardell Road and Riverside Crescent left-turn ban in reducing local through traffic, sightlines, accessibility and potential safety improvements with a report at the Traffic Forum within 6 months.

4. That Council investigates the feasibility of traffic calming measures, additional signage, line marking, speed reduction treatments, or shared zone declarations in South Dulwich Hill to be included in the report to the Local Traffic Forum.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Transitioning to Independence from Vehicle Ownership

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council conduct a series of workshops across the LGA for community members, in particular seniors, who are on pensions or fixed incomes.
2. That the workshops provide informative outlines of what transitioning away from vehicle ownership means, with the benefits and the alternatives that allow continued independence, at a point in time when the cost of vehicle ownership can become onerous for community members.
3. That Council include public transport and car share information segments in the workshops as the alternatives to vehicle ownership.
4. That Council include peer presenters who have successfully made the transition away from vehicle ownership to participate in discussions with attendees to share their experiences.
5. That Council deliver a report to the June 2026 meeting outlining the program schedule, promotion plan and potential costs where the funding cannot be accommodated in existing budgets.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Expanding FOGO to Multi-Unit Dwellings

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council welcomes the NSW Government mandate requiring councils to provide a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service to households by 2030, noting that exemptions may apply to certain multi-unit dwellings (MUDs) where provision is not currently feasible.
2. That Council acknowledges that Inner West Council, beginning with the former Leichhardt Council, has been an early adopter of FOGO services in multi-unit

dwelling and continues to show leadership in food recycling by having expanded FOGO to all single dwelling homes and embracing the local circular economy.

3. That Council affirms its commitment to expanding access to FOGO services to as many multi-unit dwelling households as practicable, and sets a goal that every household in the Inner West will have access to FOGO services, recognising the environmental benefits of diverting food waste from landfill.
4. That Council requests that Council officers prepare and report back in September 2026 on a plan to increase the uptake of FOGO services in multi-unit dwellings across the Inner West, including but not limited to:
 - a) Any requirements for Inner West Council to expand FOGO to MUDs as part of the State Government mandate;
 - b) Identification of barriers to MUDs participating in FOGO;
 - c) Opportunities to expand FOGO take-up in MUDs;
 - d) Potential milestones and targets for take-up of FOGO in MUDs;
 - e) Communications and collateral that could be used to increase the take up of FOGO in MUDs;
 - f) Potential costs and resources required;
 - g) Any learnings or feedback from engagement with strata committees, residents of multi-unit dwellings or building owners who already have FOGO services; and
 - h) Any policy, infrastructure or advocacy measures required.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Metro Activations in Marrickville and Dulwich Hill

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council develop a plan to celebrate the opening of the Metro from Sydenham to Bankstown, due to take place in the second half of 2026.
2. That Council acknowledge that businesses and residents in Marrickville and Dulwich Hill have experienced significant disruption during the period of the conversion, but that once the service is open, significant numbers of people from across Sydney will visit our suburbs and support local businesses and residents will have access to a rapid public transport service every 4 minutes in the peak.
3. That Council request Council staff join with Service NSW to doorknock local businesses in the precincts surrounding Marrickville and Dulwich Hill stations to assess how council can assist in the period leading up to the opening and determine what support might be useful post-opening.
4. That Council notes planning by council staff to improve the public domain in Illawarra Road and Dulwich Hill funded through the Mainstreet Revitalisation Program, forming part of the 2026-2027 Budget considerations.
5. That a report be brought back to the June 2026 Council meeting detailing a plan for activations at the precincts surrounding Sydenham, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill stations that includes, but is not limited to:

- a) Public domain activations, including banners, posters, or other decorations;
 - b) Provide businesses with Inner West Council pennants and collateral;
 - c) A wayfinding plan, including footpath decals, signage and a precinct map surrounding stations, to connect people to key local attractions and shopping centres;
 - d) Encouraging and facilitating buskers to perform in public spaces and parks in close vicinity to Sydenham, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill stations;
 - e) Activations in the Calvert Street carpark, aligned with the Plug and Play program, and in the new public square adjacent to Dulwich Hill Station;
 - f) A shopfront window dressing competition, welcoming visitors to our suburbs; and
 - g) Other low-cost activities or initiatives that support local businesses and showcase our business districts.
6. That Council request officers to write to the Minister for Public Transport and Night-time Economy to inquire about funding opportunities to support events and local activations as detailed above, otherwise, consider funding as part of the 2025-2026 budget process.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

C0426(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: Supporting LGBTQ+ Businesses in the Inner West

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council acknowledges and celebrates the important contribution of LGBTQ+ owned and inclusive businesses and venues, to the cultural, social and economic life of the Inner West.
2. That Council notes the Inner West is increasingly acknowledged as a leading hub for LGBTQ+ culture, small business and nightlife in Sydney, attracting visitors, fostering inclusion, and strengthening the local economy.
3. That Council commits to supporting local LGBTQ+ businesses and venues through practical measures including:
 - a) Promotion of LGBTQ+ business via council channels;
 - b) Taking out an advertisement in LGBTQ+ focused media in the coming month promoting the Inner West as a hub for LGBTQ+ business, venues, events and organisations, including those coordinated by Inner West Council, funded through the existing communications budget or the Tourism Strategy, and following consideration of sharing costs with the City of Sydney;
 - c) Inclusion in economic development and night-time economy strategies; and
 - d) Exploring opportunities for grants, events, and partnerships that enhance visibility and sustainability.
4. That Council co-hosts a roundtable with the City of Sydney for LGBTQ+ businesses, venues, and community stakeholders including the Pride Business Association (PBA), to identify priorities, barriers, challenges and opportunities, and to inform future Council initiatives.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Macri

Councillor Macri returned to the Meeting at 7:38 pm.

C0426(1) Item 1 Delivery Program 2025-29 (Year 2), Operational Plan and Budget 2026/27 and Long Term Financial Plan 2026-36 - Drafts for Public Exhibition

Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)

1. That Council note the draft Operational Plan 2026/27 contains 184 Actions and 122 Key Performance Measures that will be used to track Council's performance in delivering the Plan.
2. That Council note the Draft Budget 2026/27:
 - a) Forecasts a surplus of \$4.6m
 - b) Provides for \$164.7m capital expenditure on a range of renewal and expansion projects
 - c) Includes \$4.98m in savings (1.6% of budget) from the Financially Sustainable Service Delivery program, in line with Council's resolution from February 2026
3. That Council note that scenario 1 of the Draft Long Term Financial Plan, used in the Draft Budget 2026/27:
 - a) Returns modest surpluses over the 10 years, accumulating to \$68m; sufficient to ensure Council's financial sustainability while providing for 'budget shocks'
 - b) Key performance measures exceeding benchmarks for the full 10 years
4. That Council endorse the following draft plans to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days:
 - a) Draft Delivery Program 2025-29 (Year 2), Operational Plan and Budget 2026/27 (including Fees and Charges 2026/27); and
 - b) Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-36.
5. That Council receive a report on the public exhibition outcomes and the final draft plans for adoption at the June 2026 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 2 Building Our Community Update

Motion: (Scott/Atkins)

1. That Council receives and notes the Engagement Outcomes Report for the first phase of Building Our Community.

2. That Council endorses the proposed program of engagement, with a combined Local Democracy Group, Deliberative Forum, door knocking and supporting communications campaign completed by October 2026, and the public exhibition of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Development Contribution Plan completed by December 2026.
3. That reports continue to be provided to each Major Capital Projects Committee and thereafter to Councillors via briefing note.
4. That Council, as part of the program of engagement provide education and information on how the proposed projects are prioritised and related to population growth in the relevant areas.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 3 Bi-monthly Omnibus Planning Report

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Scott)

1. That Council endorse the delivery of the draft Our Fairer Future Plan Stage 2 to a September 2026 meeting.
2. That Council submit early engagement submissions to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure to inform the creation of the Parramatta Road Corridor State led plan;
 - a) That Council host an online information briefing for the new streets now within the Parramatta Road Corridor Plan.
 - b) That Council will advocate for comprehensive community consultation, including face-to-face engagement, to be undertaken by DPHI when the draft plans become available for exhibition likely to be in September 2026.
3. That Council request the State Government to invite Council's City Architect to be part of the International Design Competition Jury for the Bays West Precinct.
4. That Council notes the draft King Street Special Entertainment Precinct planning proposal will be received in June 2026 for exhibition.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 4 Business Facade Improvement Grant Program

Motion: (Howard/Scott)

1. That Council approve the grant recommendations for the Business Facade Improvement Grant Program as follows:
 - a) Embellish Atelier located on Victoria Road, Rozelle - Baludarri Ward;
 - b) Cafe the Beans located on Marrickville Road, Dulwich Hill - Djarruwanang Ward;

- c) James Bouzios & Associates, Universal Finance on Illawarra Road near Marrickville Metro Station - Midjuburi Ward;
 - d) Hearthe Cafe located on Douglas Street, Stanmore - Damun Ward; and
 - e) Georgia Draws a House on Parramatta Road, Annandale - Gulgadya Ward.
2. That Council increase funding for the Business Facade Improvement Program to \$50,000 in 2027, enabling a total of 10 local projects to be funded.
 3. That at the conclusion of the program in 2027, a full evaluation of the 15 funded projects be brought to council, including reflections on impact, value for money, feedback from participants and community, and options for improvements to the program.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 6 In-road tree planting St Marys Street Camperdown – Consultation outcomes

Motion: (Atkins/Smith)

1. That Council endorse the inclusion of a kerb blister island and two (2) in-road street trees in St Marys Street Camperdown as per Attachment 1, on the condition that the work be undertaken in-house and can be funded from existing operational budgets, and that an additional kerb blister island on the eastern side of St Marys Street north of Probert Lane be incorporated if feasible.
2. That Council notes the cost to provide in-road street trees is substantially higher than trees provided in the footway due to the additional planning, consultation, road works, and ongoing care required.
3. That Council uses this project to investigate development of a standardised in-road tree planting method which can be done in-house, minimises costs, is financially sustainable, and could be replicated at appropriate sites identified by Council officers, and receives a report back on this trial to a future Council meeting of this term.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 10 Post Exhibition - Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management

Motion: (Smith/Atkins)

1. That Council adopt the Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management for community land vested in its care and control.
2. That Council endorse the referral of the Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management to the Minister for adoption in respect of the 19 Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks that are vested as crown land.

3. That all funding required for upgrade works identified in the Pocket and Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management is incorporated into the forthcoming Inner West Council Infrastructure Delivery Plan and notes the prioritisation of these works will be set when this plan is prepared in October 2026.
4. That Council note the correction to Attachment Page 23 – Table 2.1 – Maundrell Park, Petersham is displayed as Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward. Maundrell Park is in Stanmore-Damun Ward.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 12 Steel Park Companion Animal Off Leash Area

Motion: (Howard/Macri)

1. That Council approve the establishment of a fenced small dog off leash area within Steel Park Marrickville, located to the west of the existing pedestrian path at Thornley Street
2. That Council endorse the allocation of \$25,000 of capital funding in the 2026/27 financial year to complete all necessary works required to establish the small dog off leash facility.
3. That Council undertake an evaluation of the small dog leash area in Steel Park in 18 months and report back to Council via councillor briefing note.

Motion Carried

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

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

Procedural Motion: (Antoniou/Carlisle)

That Council enter into Confidential Session.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Council entered into Confidential Session at 8:17 pm.

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:

C0426(1) Item 17 Fuel Continuity Plan (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.

C0426(1) Item 18 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Project Status Update (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business AND (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it AND (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

C0426(1) Item 19 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Construction Works Expression of Interest (Section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business AND (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it AND (Section 10A(2)(d)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) that would, if disclosed confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

Councillor D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 8:17 pm.

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Meeting at 8:19 pm.

C0426(1) Item 17 Fuel Continuity Plan

Motion: (Scott/Howard)

1. That Council receive the report and note that the General Manager will provide further updates to Councillors should circumstances change.
2. That Council consider the publication of the confidential report attached to the business paper on Council's website after six months, subject to consultation with affected any parties.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 18 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade - Project Status Update

Motion: (Scott/Clay)

That Council receive and note the report which details the following progress since the last report:

1. Negotiations have proceeded and continue for the subject matter of the tender with the intention of appointing a contractor in the near future. These negotiations are subject to commercial in confidence requirements, with an update provided in *Confidential Attachment 1*.
2. That Council consider the publication of this Confidential item on Council's website after the completion (end of defects liability period) of the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Stage 2 Upgrade, subject to consultation with affected parties.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

**C0426(1) Item 19 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Construction Works
Expression of Interest**

Motion: (Scott/Macri)

- 1. That Council accepts the recommendation from the Expression of Interest Evaluation Committee to invite the following shortlisted Respondents to participate in the Request for Tender process for the Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment Design & Construct contract:**
 - a) FDC Construction (NSW) Pty Limited;**
 - b) ADCO CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD; and**
 - c) Kane Constructions Pty Ltd.**
- 2. That Council consider the publication of this Confidential Item, on Council's website after the completion (end of defects liability period) of the Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment, subject to consultation with affected parties.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Council moved back into Open Session at 8:39pm following the adoption of the Procedural Motion below:

Procedural Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)

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

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

**C0426(1) Item 21 Mandatory Reporting to Council of Reports Received from Fire &
Rescue NSW for 6 Properties**

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

- 1. That Council receive the report and note the following in regards to each property;**
 - a) 35-41 Addison Road Marrickville – no further action as all required works have been satisfactorily completed as per FRNSW requirements;**
 - b) 328 Liverpool Road Ashfield – a Development Control Order has been issued in order to ensure appropriate rectification of the single remaining unresolved issue identified by FRNSW;**
 - c) 481 King Street Newtown – a Development Control Order has been issued in order to ensure appropriate rectification of the single remaining unresolved issue identified by FRNSW;**

- d) 22 Glen Street Marrickville - a Development Control Order has been issued in order to ensure appropriate rectification of works as identified by FRNSW;
 - e) 260a Liverpool Road Ashfield – no further action as all required works have been satisfactorily completed as per FRNSW requirements; and
 - f) 338 Illawarra Road Marrickville – formal referral to Homes NSW by Council has taken place as Council is not the regulator in this instance.
2. That Council write to Homes NSW requesting they make residents aware of the fire safety breaches at 338 Illawarra Rd, Marrickville as well as a timeline for the rectification action being taken.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 22 Public Tree Planting Awareness and Engagement Program

Motion: (Smith/Atkins)

1. That Council receive the report and note that:
- a) Council is progressing the development of an integrated tree management system, due for completion in 2026, which will support improved planning, delivery and reporting of Council's public tree planting program, including Council's target of planting approximately 1,000 new public trees each year and replacement tree planting where trees are removed;
 - b) The integrated tree management system will provide the foundation for a future public facing tree planting tracker and map, enabling the community to view public tree planting locations and viable vacancies across the LGA, with opportunities to expand information over time as the system matures;
 - c) A communications and engagement package is being finalised to improve community awareness of Council's tree planting program and the benefits of street trees, using a mix of digital communications and signage near new tree planting locations and in high pedestrian and high visibility locations;
 - d) Residents are able to nominate locations for investigation for potential public tree planting through existing Council programs, including Adopt-A-Spot and Living Streets Verge Gardens, with suitable locations assessed and incorporated into Council's planting program where appropriate;
 - e) An audit of the existing memorial tree register is in progress, and this information will be included in a mapping layer as part of the integrated tree management system;
 - f) Council has provided training to staff and will undertake future onboarding to new staff on the memorial tree plantings policy and register; and
 - g) Council is issuing a letter of apology to the resident and liaising on the planting of a replacement memorial tree.
2. That Council endorse that the signage near new tree planting locations and in high pedestrian and high visibility locations begin to be installed by June 2026, noting that signage can be updated to link to the future public facing tree planting site once functional, and that councillors receive a future briefing on the integrated tree management system and public facing site.
3. That Senior Council staff review, at least until the digital mapping of memorial trees has been completed, any requests to physically remove a tree with a site visit and review of memorial records.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Tastan left the Meeting at 8:50 pm.

Councillor Tastan returned to the Meeting at 8:53 pm.

C0426(1) Item 23 Our Backyard River Campaign

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council note the embedding of the Cooks River Alliance *Our Backyard River* campaign into relevant Council projects, initiatives and communications, and specifically into the following:
 - a) New Bushcare and Citizen Science programs in Tempe focusing on river rehabilitation;
 - b) The Gumbramorra Swamp Re-creation in Mackey Park Marrickville;
 - c) Relevant events – eg the Muddy River Festival; and
 - d) A new Council webpage promoting Our Backyard River

2. That Council report annually each December for the next three years on how the Council is working to achieve the objectives of the Backyard River campaign in programs, communications and policies, 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

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0426(1) Item 26 Expansion of Senior's Morning Teas

Motion: (Clay/Scott)

That Council receive the report and note that:

- a) A Christmas Seniors Morning Tea will be hosted in December 2026 at Annandale Community Centre;
- b) A Seniors Morning Tea will be hosted in partnership with House of Creativity at a location in the Midjuburi/Marrickville Ward;
- c) A Seniors Morning Tea for LGBTQ+ community will be hosted in partnership with ACON;
- d) Future updates to the Seniors Morning Tea 2026 program will be provided in a briefing note to Council; and
- e) A 'Christmas at the Pavilion' seniors' morning tea be included.

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion (Antoniou/D'Arienzo)****That the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes.****Motion Carried****For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

The meeting recommenced at 9:10 pm

C0426(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Partnership to Deliver King Street Crawl and Summer Crawl**Motion: (Smith/Howard)**

1. That Council acknowledges the success of the Summer Crawl free music festival held in January 2026, including:
 - a) Over 250 artists performing across more than 40 venues in Newtown, Enmore, Marrickville, and Erskineville;
 - b) An estimated 12,000 total visitors across the 12 hours of the event; and
 - c) A projected \$1.5 million return to the local economy.
2. That Council notes the financial and in-kind support provided by Inner West Council for this event, including the closure of Eliza St for a live music activation.
3. That Council further notes Council's resolution of October 2025 to work with festival organisers, the Music and Booze Co, on an ongoing partnership to deliver Summer Crawl and King Street Crawl as annual events (in January and July respectively).
4. That Council notes that festival organisers have sought Council funding for King Street Crawl in July 2026 to support expansion to the Enmore Theatre, fund additional artist line ups, and facilitate the closure of Eliza St for live music activation.
5. That Council resolves to provide one-time financial support of \$75,000 for the King Street Crawl event in July 2026, with funding to be identified through the next quarterly budget review, discretionary funding in the events budget, and other sources as identified.
6. That Council resolves to continue discussions with the Music and Booze Co with the intent to develop a multi-year partnership and funding agreement to support sustainable delivery of Summer Crawl and King Street Crawl as annual events. Discussions should consider:
 - a) Recognition of the Inner West Council as a leading sponsor of both events; and
 - b) Future expansion of both events, including into Marrickville and parts of Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

Motion Carried

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

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

The amendment below was voted on prior to the above motion and was lost.

Amendment (Antoniou/Atkins)

That Council add the following points (to the Motion):

7. **That Council require Music and Booze Co. to sign a value statement to ensure all activations administered under the agreement adhere to the council's values of respect, compassion, anti-racism, anti-queerphobia, accessibility to ensure the wellbeing of our diverse community.**

8. **That Council require Music and Booze Co. and associated events under this agreement to clearly communicate a centralised, and relevant process for patrons of the event to share feedback, concerns or complaints.**

Motion Lost

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

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

C0426(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Parramatta Road Corridor – State led rezoning

Clr Atkins withdrew the Notice of Motion and as such it was not considered at the meeting.

C0426(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: New Inner West Council Limited Time Parking Schemes

Motion: (Macri/Antoniou)

That Council supports an overall recommendation that new limited time parking schemes to be introduced as a result of Metro Rail Development and the implementation of the TOD and Town Centre State Environment Planning Provisions, should contain many of the existing parking regulations already implemented in areas of the Inner West Council, particularly;

- a) **That single residences be entitled to at least 1 parking permit for the relevant street or scheme;**
- b) **That new schemes be restricted to one side of the street only;**
- c) **Reaffirms its commitment under the Fairer Future Plan that any redevelopment of Council-owned land currently used for public car parking, including for the purposes of social housing, is to be premised on the full replacement of all existing public car parking spaces within the development;**
- d) **Extends this commitment to include:**
 - i. **The development of affordable housing on Council-owned or controlled land that is currently used for public car parking and is proposed to be repurposed or redeveloped, and**
 - ii. **Any redevelopment of Council-owned or controlled car parks located within local shopping strips, town centres, and commercial areas.**
- e) **Ensures that replacement parking is:**
 - i. **Located on-site or, where this is demonstrably unfeasible, within a proximate location that maintains equivalent access;**

- ii. **Equivalent in number to the existing public parking spaces removed; and**
- iii. **Designed to maintain accessibility and functionality for residents, local businesses, and visitors.**
- f) **Requires that this principle be embedded in all relevant planning controls, project briefs, and negotiations relating to redevelopment of Council-owned car park sites.**

Motion Lost

For Motion: Cr Macri

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

The following Motion was then put forward.

Motion (Howard/D'Arienzo)

That Council note consultation is currently underway on the Draft Parking Strategy and revised Parking Policy, including consideration of the arrangements around resident parking schemes and permits, and considers amendments to these schemes as part of that process.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Cr Macri

Councillor Blake left the Meeting at 9:29 pm as he had declared a pecuniary interest on Item 32 as the plan would enable him to receive financial benefit.

Councillor Tastan left the Meeting at 9:29 pm as he had declared a pecuniary interest on Item 32 as the plan would enable him to receive financial benefit.

C0426(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: Local Tradies Live & Work Parking Permits

Motion: (Macri)

That Council investigate the introduction of Local Tradies Live and Work Parking Permit for tradesmen who live and work in the Inner West Council community in all new limited time parking schemes.

This motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Councillor Tastan returned to the Meeting at 9:31 pm.

Councillor Blake returned to the Meeting at 9:31 pm.

Councillor Macri retired from the Meeting at 9:31 pm.

C0426(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Supporting Inner West Residents in the Global Sumud Flotilla

Motion: (Antoniou/Atkins)

1. That Council acknowledges the effort of Australians, including two Inner West residents, seeking to deliver much needed aid to Gaza as part of the Global Sumud Flotilla mission.
2. That Council notes that more than three quarters of Gaza’s population are experiencing acute hunger and malnutrition, and yet the Israeli Government has banned Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children, Oxfam and up to 30 other international aid organisations from operating within Gaza.
3. That Council acknowledges the dedication of Sumud Flotilla Participants to Australian values of democracy, equality, freedom and a fair go - and the alignment to Inner West Council’s own values of integrity, respect, compassion and collaboration.
4. That Council writes to the local member and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator Penny Wong, calling on the Australian Government to:
 - a) Advocate for the safe passage of Australians and others on board the Global Sumud Flotilla to deliver humanitarian aid in Gaza;
 - b) Provide consular support for Sumud Flotilla Participants in the Middle East, including clear lines of communication between participants, their families, and members of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; and
 - c) Investigate any allegations of unlawful treatment, torture and brutality perpetrated against Australians in the event of detention by the State of Israel.

Motion Lost

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

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

Absent: Councillor Macri

The following Motion was then put forward and was carried.

Motion (Howard/Carlisle)

1. That Council acknowledges ongoing concern within the Inner West community regarding the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
2. That Council notes public reporting that Australian individuals participating in the Global Sumud Flotilla have met with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and notes DFAT advice that:
 - a) Australians should not travel to Israel or the Palestinian territories;
 - b) Attempts to enter Gaza by sea carry significant risks, including death, injury, arrest or deportation;
 - c) The Australian Government is providing consular assistance to Australians in Lebanon, Israel and the Palestinian territories, although its ability to provide assistance in the West Bank and Gaza is limited; and
 - d) Those wishing to assist with aid are encouraged to do so through established humanitarian channels.

3. That Council recognises local initiatives, including mutual aid and community-led efforts, supporting people affected by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Support for Addi Road 50th Anniversary

Motion: (Carlisle/Howard)

1. That Council resolves to support Addison Road Community Organisation in principle to deliver its 50th anniversary celebrations, subject to operational capacity and relevant approvals.
2. That Council resolves to request that Council officers liaise with Addi Road to identify suitable in-kind support opportunities, including event promotion, planning and logistical advice, traffic management coordination, and operational support where feasible.
3. That Council encourages Addi Road to apply for funding through the Inner West Grants program which closes on Friday 15 May 2026.
4. That Council resolves to recognise and acknowledge Addi Road's 50-year contribution to the Inner West and the broader community through Council communications.

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 44 Notice of Motion: Concordia Club Carpark

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

1. That Council note the exciting work to install a canoe ramp on the Cooks River, which will provide a safe, accessible way to launch into the river.
2. That Council acknowledge that the construction for this project has impacted the neighbouring Concordia Club, with heavy vehicles and equipment contributing to the deterioration of the carpark, which is partially owned by Inner West Council and the Concordia Club via NSW Crown Lands.
3. That Council welcome that resurfacing of the council portion of the carpark are included in the 2026-2027 Budget.
4. That given the impact of council's extensive and prolonged construction work, agree to resurface the whole of the Concordia Club carpark, as a once-off, and that this be funded through either the budget for the Cooks River Canoe Ramp, the existing budget allocation for the carpark renewal or general road maintenance budget.

5. That the carpark resurfacing be prioritised for as early as practicable in the 2026-2027 financial year, and following consultation with the Concordia Club.

Motion Carried

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

C0426(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Pride Centre Activations

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

1. That Council acknowledges that the Inner West Pride Centre, led by Twenty10, has been open for over 18 months and provides a critical services and space for LGBTQ+ people from across the Inner West, and applauds the positive community impact that Pride Centre is having, including through hosting events and supporting drop-in sessions by the Inner City Legal Centre and other services.
2. That Council notes the continuing availability to the broader Inner West community of spaces at the Pride Centre for community meetings and events.
3. That Council supports the continuation and expansion of community impact at the Inner West Pride Centre through public facing events and programming.
4. That Council considers the allocation of \$75,000 in the 2026-2027 Budget to support funding for events in the Inner West Pride Centre, including (but not limited to):
 - a) Seniors Morning Teas;
 - b) Specialist talks;
 - c) Mardi Gras and Pride Month events;
 - d) Open days;
 - e) Drag story times; and
 - f) Drop-in sessions to support LGBTQ+ Inner West residents with services, including free legal advice.
5. That Council continue to offer programs and events at the Inner West Pride Centre and explore the establishment of monthly markets at the Pride Centre, while also continuing to include such events and programming at other Inner West Council venues such as libraries and aquatic centres.
6. That if adopted as part of the 2026-2027 Budget, request staff meet with Twenty10 and other relevant stakeholders and report back to Council with a schedule of programs and events at the September 2026 Council meeting.

Motion Carried

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

Meeting closed at 9:56 pm.

Unconfirmed minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 April 2026.