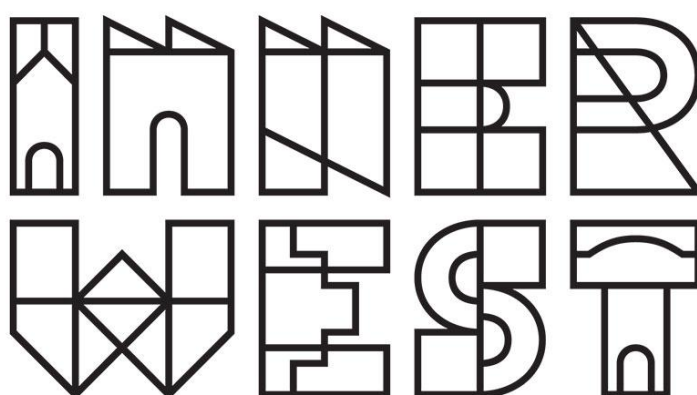


SPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026

7:30 PM

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

**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: C0526(1) Item 41
Title: Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion - Aunty Ann Weldon AM
Author: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

Motion

That Council record our profound sorrow at the passing of prominent Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Ann Weldon AM, Wiradjuri matriarch, Redfern activist, Dulwich Hill local, and a driving force in the Aboriginal community for more than five decades.

Background

I move this condolence motion and record our profound sorrow at the passing of prominent Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Ann Weldon AM, Wiradjuri matriarch, Redfern activist, Dulwich Hill local, and a driving force in the Aboriginal community for more than five decades.

Born in Cowra in 1953 and raised on Erambie Mission on Wiradjuri Country, Aunty Ann was inspired by the momentum of the 1967 Referendum and moved to Sydney in 1970, embedding herself in the Redfern community that would define much of her life's work.

She was instrumental in establishing some of the most enduring Aboriginal institutions in New South Wales, including the Aboriginal Legal Service, the Aboriginal Children's Service, the Aboriginal Medical Service, and the Aboriginal Housing Company. She served as the first female CEO of the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service, the first CEO of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, and the longest-serving full-time Chairperson of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Board.

In 2025, she was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia for her tireless work in the housing and disability sector and her role in the union movement alongside the Public Service Association, where she created the PSA's Aboriginal representative body, the first of its kind in the Australian union movement.

I offer my deepest condolences to her daughter, City of Sydney Councillor Yvonne Weldon. Yvonne captured her mother's passing in these beautiful words: *"The world as we know it has shifted, leaving us with an even deeper appreciation for the strength and tenacity gifted to us by our Wiradjuri ancestor."*

Aunty Ann was a giant, a fierce advocate, a strong woman, a community leader, and a deeply respected Elder. Inner West Council extends our heartfelt condolences to Yvonne, to the Weldon family, and to the many communities across New South Wales who mourn her loss.

Attachments

Nil.

Item: C0526(1) Item 42
Title: Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion - Rory O'connell
Author: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

Motion

That Inner West Council acknowledges the passing of Rory O'Connell on 28 April 2026, following a brave battle with cancer.

Background

That Inner West Council acknowledges the passing of Rory O'Connell on 28 April 2026, following a brave battle with cancer.

Rory was a proud resident of the Inner West who tirelessly served our local community. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and daughter Louise.

Council extends its sincere condolences to Margaret, Louise and all of Rory's family and friends, and resolves to present them with a full condolence motion as a lasting record of the esteem in which he was held by this community.

Attachments

Nil.

Item: C0526(1) Item 43
Title: Questions From Councillors On Agenda Items
Author: Director Corporate Sharon Bowman

The Code of Meeting Practice (Clause 3.32) provides that if a Councillor requests information from the General Manager about an agenda item, the information in response must also be made available to the public in a way that does not involve any discussion of the information. This means that if Councillors ask questions before the meeting following their review of the agenda, we will publish the questions and our responses unless the information is already included in the agenda.

Questions on the following matters were asked and responses provided as listed below:

ITEM NO	SUBJECT
4	Live Music and Major Events at Henson Park
5	Centenary Park Sporting Ground Update
6	Public Exhibition – Camperdown Memorial Rest Park – Draft Plan of Management and Draft Master Plan
8	New public plaza adjacent to Balmain Town Hall
11	Public Kerbside EV Chargers Utilisation

Item 4: Live Music and Major Events at Henson Park

Question

The Council report regarding Live Music at Henson Park has raised some concern with people living near the oval. One concern is the noise generated in the night hours from these events.

Can you please confirm, to what times in the evening are music or major events permitted to be held in Henson Park?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

Approvals must be sought from Council for each individual event held at Henson Park. Our Planning team assess these applications. In terms of noise generated from an event, it is upon Council to set appropriate conditions through the event licence.

For Henson Park, events must include an acoustic report and a noise management plan. These documents set acceptable noise levels and outline how sound will be monitored and controlled during the event. As a guide, noise is typically managed to achieve about 65 dBA at nearby residential boundaries. Sound levels are monitored in real time by an acoustic engineer and controls such as sound limiters are used if required.

Events are generally expected to conclude by around 10 pm. Later finishing times may be considered in limited circumstances, such as Friday or Saturday evenings, subject to Council approval.

Council also requires community engagement leading up to the event and the operation of dedicated complaints hotline during the event, so any issues can be addressed promptly.

All the above measures are designed to balance the activation of Henson Park with the amenity of surrounding residents.

Item 5: Post Exhibition - Centenary Park Sporting Ground Upgrade

Question 1.

Can you please confirm that the new signage referred to in the Centenary Park report includes replacing the main park sign on the corner of Lang and Queen Streets?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

I confirm the new signage referred to in the Centenary Park report includes the replacement of the main park sign on the corner of Lang and Queen Streets.

Question 2.

Can you advise whether Council uses the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water’s *‘Best Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields’*?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

Our Engineering directorate maintains our sports fields. Council’s current sporting ground maintenance aligns with the principles and intent of these guidelines. Our approach incorporates best practice turf management, irrigation efficiency, soil health, and sustainable maintenance techniques to ensure safe, high-quality playing surfaces while supporting environmental outcomes.

While Council does not adopt the guidelines as a standalone prescriptive document, they are reflected in our operational standards, continuous improvement processes, and contractor specifications. We also regularly review industry guidance and emerging practices to ensure our maintenance methods remain current and effective.

Question 3.

In the report there are a series of claims regarding hybrid-turf but no citations. Could you please provide the relevant studies or reports that have informed the council report in the papers?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

The content included in the report is not drawn from a single source but rather reflects a synthesis of established industry knowledge and guidance on sports field surface design and management. This includes widely accepted principles outlined in contemporary resources such as:

- Industry guidance on hybrid turf systems (e.g. SIS Pitches and similar technical providers), which describe hybrid turf as a predominantly natural grass surface reinforced with synthetic fibres (typically ~95% natural turf) to improve durability and performance. [sispitches.com],
- Sports turf management and design literature, which consistently identify key benefits of hybrid systems including improved wear tolerance, increased playing hours, reduced downtime, and better all-weather performance compared to natural turf alone. [agricarehub.com], [inturf.com]
- Broader Australian and industry planning frameworks (including Smart Connection Consultancy guidance and similar resources) that consider natural, hybrid, and synthetic surfaces as the three primary options when balancing durability, cost, maintenance, and community outcomes.

Accordingly, the statements within the report are intended as a plain-language summary of this body of industry guidance rather than direct quotations from a single publication. The approach taken reflects standard practice in preparing council reports, where technical information is translated into an accessible format to support decision-making.

Question 4.

It has been suggested to us by a soil scientist that if hybrid turf is to be used then it is really important to ensure the guidelines are complied with, in particular, that hybrid will perform terribly if you build a sand carpet field. Do you have any views on that?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

Council is aware of this risk. To mitigate it, we will ensure that the design process is informed by the best practice guidelines and supported by specialist sports field

expertise. This includes engaging appropriately qualified consultants during the design phase to confirm that the proposed turf system, sub-surface profile, and construction methodology are suitable and will perform as intended.

This approach is intended to ensure that the final design is fit-for-purpose, resilient, and aligned with industry best practice.

Item 6: Public Exhibition – Camperdown Memorial Rest Park – Draft Plan of Management and Draft Master Plan

Question 1.

When the recommendation says, “subject to endorsement by Crown Lands”, is the intention that this is sought prior to exhibition?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

Correct. The Plan of Management must be endorsed by the Crown prior to Exhibition purposes.

Question 2.

If it is prior to exhibition, if Crown Lands wants changes, will the draft need to come back to Council before it is exhibited?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

In short, no. The Plan of Management proceeds to exhibition after the Crown has reviewed it and approved it. After exhibition it is then brought back to Council for endorsement at the end of the community exhibition period. If Council's makes significant changes to the Plan of Management at its adoption stage, then the Plan of Management must be referred back to the Crown for further consideration.

Question 3.

In relation to the written advice from an accredited native title manager (Draft PoM 4.8 & 7.1), has this been sought & received? If not, when will it be sought?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

This is currently being prepared and will accompany the Plan of Management in its reporting stage to the NSW Office of Crown Lands.

Question 4.

Are there graves of First Nations people in the park (it is often stated that there are, but I don't know if this is factual)?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

No evidence has been found in the preparation of the Plan of Management for the parkland.

Question 5.

Are the clauses expressly authorising leases, licences & other estates standard across Plans of Management across LGAs generally?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

Leases and License clauses are contained in all Park Plans of Management as a general requirement.

Question 6.

If leases/licences are required to be expressly authorised by a PoM, and if the 2001 PoM was not in effect because it was never submitted to Crown Lands as required by the relevant legislation, how is the current hire agreement with Landmark Recruitment P/L authorised?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

The Council is the Manager of the Park under the Crown Lands Management Act. As the Manager, the current hire agreement of 12 months is a short-term arrangement which can be entered into with users of the park as this arrangement is for a casual use (and not a long term arrangement under a Lease or Licence).

Question 7.

There are a number of references to the cemetery wall ‘fragmenting’ the park, and then there’s a reference to ‘removing’ cemetery wall. Is that really part of the plan?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

There are no plans to remove the cemetery wall. The Wall is owned by the Church, not Council.

Question 8.

Where did the amphitheatre idea come from? Is it envisaged that this would be available for commercial use?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

The idea of the amphitheatre area is to support the future use of the playground and create a seating area for public use and enjoyment on the edge of the playground and improve passive surveillance of the play area.

Question 9.

The park is listed as ‘heritage’ — how would this affect its use for private festivals?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

Private festivals are permitted under short term license agreements.

Question 10.

Why is the one year extension on the hire agreement at 182 Australia St included given that it is not a lease or a license? Does this give it any greater validity or potential for extension again?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

The hire agreement has been included for transparency purposes as an approved use of the parkland. Yes the license agreement can be renewed.

Question 11.

Could you also advise what area you propose to letterbox flyers to about the draft PoM exhibition? I think it’s particularly important in this case to recognise that the Park is widely used by Inner West residents, not just those who live close to the park.

Response Provided By (Acting Director Property and Major Projects):

The normal engagement framework for promoting Council Plans and Studies will be applied. A future residential flyer will be issued promoting the engagement and encouraging the Community to Have Their Say. The community will be advised of an onsite engagement on a Saturday, where to find further information and how they provide their feedback. The flyer will also promote the main features of the master plan.

Item 8: New public plaza adjacent to Balmain Town Hall

Question 1.

What are the current parking provisions for the two spaces outside the Town Hall that are proposed to be converted to 15-minute drop-off zones?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Engineering):

Current Provisions are: ‘2P Ticket 8am-7pm Permit Holders Excepted Area B3’.

Question 2.

Would those spaces revert to unrestricted parking after 7pm?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Engineering):

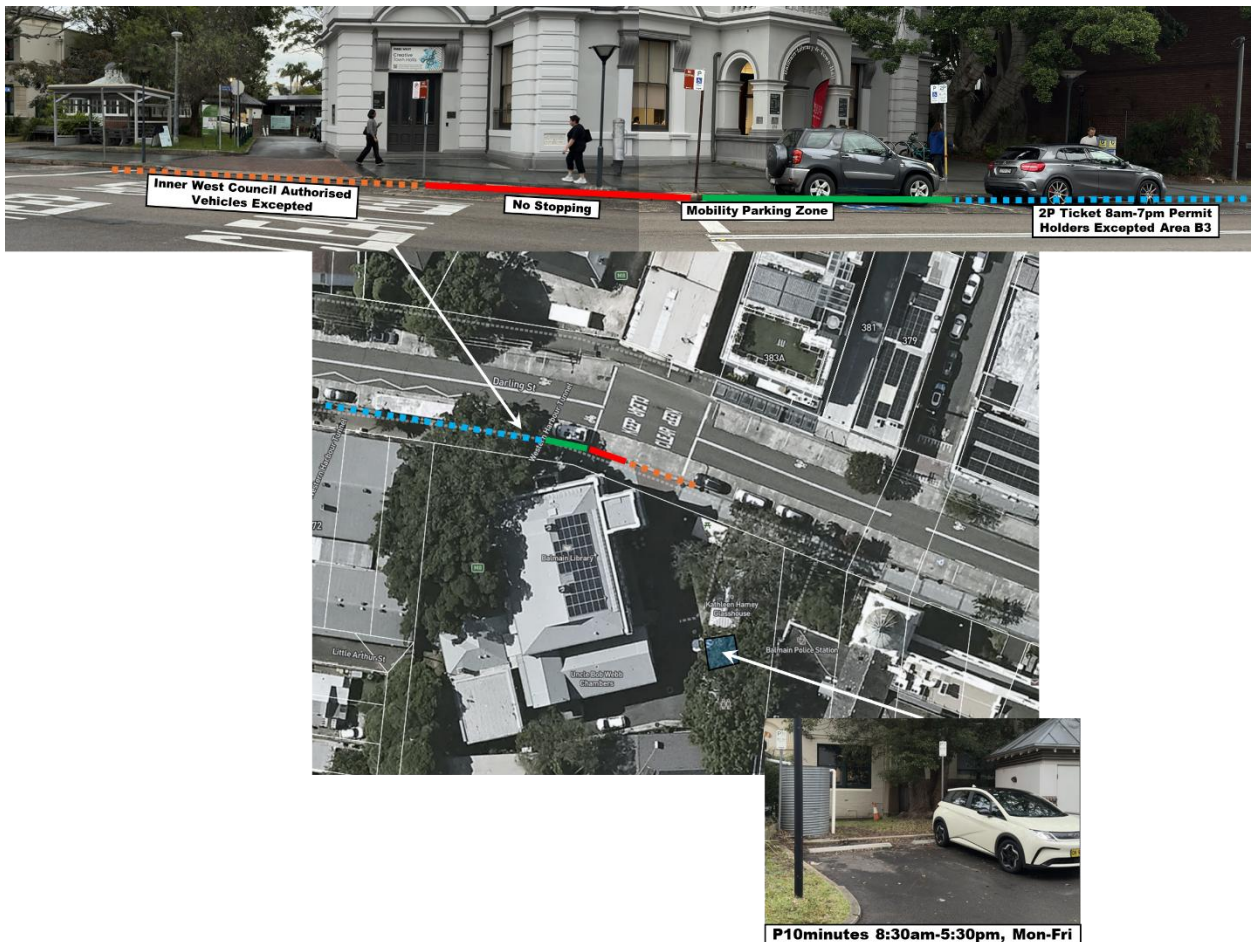
Yes, they currently do.

Question 3.

What are the current parking provisions for the two spaces next to Occasional Care that are proposed to be removed?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Engineering):

Current Parking Provisions are: 'P10min 8:30am-5:30pm, Mon-Fri'.



Item 11: Public Kerbside EV Chargers Utilisation

Question 1.

What type of idle fees are charged elsewhere and by which Council/s?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Engineering):

The DC charger in Federation Road Newtown currently has a 15-minute grace period and then users pay \$0.50 per minute for overstay (and this has been sufficient for no one to have overstayed at that charger during the study period). This is the only charger we have that has an idle fee.

Fee charged elsewhere:

- Fees generally range from \$0.50 to \$1.00/minute of overstay with grace period of 5-15 minutes
- The charging of idle fees isn't necessarily uniform across an LGA because the fees are charged by providers, sometimes only at their highest demand sites. However, we are aware of idle fees at some chargers in the following LGAs:
 - The City of Sydney
 - Burwood
 - Cumberland
 - Northern Beaches
 - Canada Bay

Question 2.

What pricing control measures are in place for EV Charging companies?

Response Provided By (Acting Director Engineering):

We can't specify the fees charged by our EV charging partners. These are market determined.

We specifically chose to have multiple charging partners (three partners for kerbside and two for our car parks), so that our community can 'shop around'. If one partner's fees (idle or otherwise) are excessive, our community of users can and will choose to use another provider.

Attachments

Nil.