

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 May 2026 at Ashfield Service Centre**Meeting commenced at 8:07 pm****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 (Entered the meeting at 8:11 pm)
Philippa Scott	Councillor (Entered the meeting at 8:10 pm)
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
Sajjad Ali	Acting Chief Financial Officer
Manoj Singh	Manager Financial Partnering and Analytics
Scott Mullen	Strategic Investments & Property Manager
Aleksandar Spasenovski	Major Projects Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Tia Camelin	Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Barlow declared a significant, pecuniary interest in *Item 4 – Live Music and Major Events at Henson Park* as she has in the past performed contract work for Destroy All Lines. Out of an abundance of caution and to ensure no perception of impropriety, she will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 14 – Local Transport Forum Meeting - 20 April 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 Local Transport Forum. She will remain in the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter as the vote is exercised through a representative.

Motion: (Clay/Tastan)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Scott entered the Meeting at 8:10 pm.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**Motion: (Carlisle/Smith)**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday, 21 April 2026 and Extraordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Councillor Raciti entered the Meeting at 8:11 pm.

C0526(1) Item 41 Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion - Aunty Ann Weldon AM**Motion: (Byrne/D'Arienzo)**

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.

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

C0526(1) Item 42 Mayoral Minute: Condolence Motion - Rory O'Connell

Motion: (Byrne/Carlisle)

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

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 7 Public Exhibition - Draft Watercraft Management Policy**
2. **Item 13 Post Exhibition - Weed Management Policy**
3. **Item 15 Flood Management Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 March 2026**
4. **Item 16 Post Exhibition - Sponsorship Policy**
5. **Item 17 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 19 March 2026 Minutes**
6. **Item 21 Investment Report at 31 March 2026**
7. **Item 22 Local Democracy Group Bi-Yearly Report**
8. **Item 23 Tourism Action Plan Bi-monthly Update**
9. **Item 24 Microforests in Ashfield Ward**
10. **Item 26 Notice of Motion: 2SER**
11. **Item 27 Notice of Motion: Protecting swimming during the LPAC renovation**
12. **Item 28 Notice of Motion: Beautifying Macquarie Terrace Reserve, Balmain**
13. **Item 29 Notice of Motion: Support for Haberfield's 125th Anniversary Festival**
14. **Item 30 Notice of Motion: Improving the intersection of Marion Street, Darley Road and Foster Street, Leichhardt**
15. **Item 31 Notice of Motion: Cooks River Water Quality Testing**
16. **Item 32 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossing - Victoria Road, Marrickville**
17. **Item 33 Notice of Motion: Safety on Carrington Road Cycleway**

- 18. Item 34 Notice of Motion: Bicycle Valet Parking**
- 19. Item 36 Notice of Motion: 100th Anniversary of Marrickville Croquet Club**
- 20. Item 38 Notice of Motion: Lighting at Gadigal Greenway entry**
- 21. Item 39 Notice of Motion: Vietnamese Refugee Memorial**

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 reports be adopted:

- 1. Item 7 Public Exhibition - Draft Watercraft Management Policy**
- 2. Item 13 Post Exhibition - Weed Management Policy**
- 3. Item 15 Flood Management Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 March 2026**
- 4. Item 16 Post Exhibition - Sponsorship Policy**
- 5. Item 17 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 19 March 2026 Minutes**
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- 21. Item 39 Notice of Motion: Vietnamese Refugee Memorial**

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

C0526(1) Item 7 Public Exhibition - Draft Watercraft Management Policy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council publicly exhibit the Draft Watercraft Management Policy for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed Policy.**
- 2. That following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the Draft Watercraft Management Policy be brought back to Council in September 2026 for consideration.**

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

C0526(1) Item 13 Post Exhibition - Weed Management Policy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Weed Management Policy.**
- 2. Update the Policy Register and publish, as applicable, internally, and externally the adopted Weed Management Policy.**

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

C0526(1) Item 15 Flood Management Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 March 2026

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive and adopt the recommendation of the Flood Management Advisory Committee meeting held 4 March 2026.

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

C0526(1) Item 16 Post Exhibition - Sponsorship Policy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the revised Sponsorship Policy.**
- 2. Update the Policy Register and publish the adopted Sponsorship Policy.**

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

C0526(1) Item 17 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - 19 March 2026 Minutes

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council adopt the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 19 March 2026.

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

C0526(1) Item 21 Investment Report at 31 March 2026

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive the investment report for March 2026, noting that the \$178m non-fossil fuel portfolio had an annualised marked to market return for the month of 4.53% pa (compared with the AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark of 3.81% pa).

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

C0526(1) Item 22 Local Democracy Group Bi-Yearly Report

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive the report and note the 14 Local Democracy Groups' input to key initiatives included the Aboriginal Community Hub, Our Fairer Future Plan, draft Parking Strategy, Inner West Pride Walk and partnership with Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, and Youth Voice Summit.

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

C0526(1) Item 23 Tourism Action Plan Bi-monthly Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

- 1. That Council receive and note the report which provides an update on the Tourism Advertising Strategy including three influencer collaborations that have launched in March/April 2026.**
- 2. That Council notes the initial collaborations are a new communications tool for Inner West and acknowledges the success of this method shows it is something to continue exploring, including with the proposed upcoming content to highlight the Inner West Ale Trail, Inner West Distillery Trail and Special Entertainment Precincts.**
- 3. That Council notes an outdoor advertising campaign focusing on street posters is being developed to compliment the digital campaign.**
- 4. That Council notes the budget update provided in the report, which includes the proposed allocation of the remaining funds to an outdoor street poster campaign, additional influencer collaborations, external content creators and digital advertising.**

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

C0526(1) Item 24 Microforests in Ashfield Ward**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)**

That Council receive and note the report that two microforests are planned for O’Dea Reserve and Bruce Street Reserve, with planting to take place before the end of June 2026.

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

C0526(1) Item 26 Notice of Motion: 2SER**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Acknowledges the importance of community radio stations, which serve to amplify local voices and artists, promote cultural diversity, foster community engagement, and provide grassroots information that is often overlooked by mainstream media.**
- 2. Notes that 2SER FM (Sydney Educational Radio), which has operated successfully for 45 years, may be forced to close following Macquarie University’s decision to withdraw funding.**
- 3. Write to the Federal Minister for Communications the Hon Anika Wells MP, the NSW Minister for the Arts the Hon John Graham MLC, and the Vice Chancellors and CEOs of Macquarie University, UTS, UNSW, AFTRS, The University of Sydney and Western Sydney University, calling on them to urgently provide funding and support to ensure that 2SER FM can continue to operate and broadcast as a community and student run radio station.**

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

C0526(1) Item 27 Notice of Motion: Protecting swimming during the LPAC Renovation**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That:**

- 1. In order to ensure swimmers and clubs are not disadvantaged while Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre is being renovated, Council staff investigate:**
 - a) Opening the Inner West Council's year-round pools for longer hours at Ashfield Aquatic Centre and Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre;**
 - b) Introducing year round opening at Dawn Fraser Baths and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre; and**
 - c) Negotiating reciprocal arrangements with neighbouring councils including Canada Bay Council for the possible use of Drummoyne Pool, Burwood Council for the use of Enfield Pool, Canterbury-Bankstown Council for the use of Canterbury Leisure and Aquatic Centre and City of Sydney for the use of Victoria Park Pool.**
- 2. Council staff report back the results of their investigation at the next possible opportunity through the regular LPAC report 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**C0526(1) Item 28 Notice of Motion: Beautifying Macquarie Terrace Reserve, Balmain****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Staff:**
 - a) ensure that re-turfing done in Macquarie Terrace Reserve by Ausgrid following recent works thrives and is added to Council's maintenance program;**
 - b) investigate border planting to discourage parking on the reserve; and**
 - c) undertake pressure cleaning (or other cleaning as appropriate) of the memorial stone and garden bed around the stone.**
- 2. Staff undertake an additional street cleansing of Macquarie Terrace, and ensure that bins are collected regularly, lawns mowed and plants tended to or replanted.**

- 3. Staff review and report on measures that could be taken to improve pedestrian safety at the roundabout at the intersection of Macquarie Terrace and Rowntree Street.**
- 4. Receive a report back to Council via briefing note.**

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

C0526(1) Item 29 Notice of Motion: Support for Haberfield’s 125th Anniversary Festival

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council resolves to provide the following support for a Haberfield 125th Anniversary Festival to be held on a weekend in October or November 2026 as follows:

- 1. In-kind support, including:**
 - a) Access to Council's events team for planning advice and coordination;**
 - b) Assistance with required approvals, including road closures and bus diversions for Ramsay Street;**
 - c) Provision of Council-owned equipment such as barriers, bins and signage where available; and**
 - d) Promotion through Council's communication channels.**
- 2. Develop a budget for a financial contribution toward core festival costs, including public liability insurance, staging, sound and essential infrastructure.**
- 3. Liaise on the operational details with the organising committee, AshBiz and the Haberfield Association.**
- 4. Report back to Council via briefing note.**

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

C0526(1) Item 30 Notice of Motion: Improving the intersection of Marion Street, Darley Road and Foster Street, Leichhardt**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That:**

- 1. Council write to Transport for NSW advocating for the removal of recently installed “left lane must turn left” and “no right turn” signage in the south bound lanes of Darley Road.**
- 2. Council monitor traffic conditions at the intersection.**
- 3. If traffic conditions become poor, Council commence discussion with TfNSW, the developer and, if necessary, any development approval body, to return the south bound left lane of Foster Street to general traffic.**

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**C0526(1) Item 31 Notice of Motion: Cooks River Water Quality Testing****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Notes that in July 2025 a potential algal bloom event was identified in the Cooks River catchment following notification from Water NSW.**
- 2. Notes that during this event:**
 - a) councils in the catchment were advised to warn the public through signage;**
 - b) Follow-up water quality testing was available through NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) but would require cost recovery;**
 - c) The Cooks River Alliance does not currently have funds available for emergency water quality testing.**
- 3. Notes that the subsequent laboratory analysis determined the algal bloom species were not considered toxic, but the event highlighted a lack of a clear protocol and resourcing for rapid testing and response across the catchment.**
- 4. Notes that scientists from DCCEEW advised that many catchments maintain a small contingency fund to support emergency testing and response during potential algal bloom events as standard catchment management practice.**

5. **Recognises that the Cooks River is a shared waterway across multiple councils and that environmental risks such as algal blooms affect the whole catchment including areas within Inner West Council.**
6. **Resolves that Council:**
- a) **Advise on establishing a catchment-wide contingency fund for emergency water quality testing and response;**
 - b) **Request a report to Council outlining options for Inner West Council to contribute to, or help establish, such a fund, including indicative annual contributions and governance arrangements; and**
 - c) **Investigate and report on whether funding from the Sydney Airport fund can be directed toward catchment monitoring and water quality management in the Cooks River, in addition to infrastructure and other priorities along the River.**

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

C0526(1) Item 32 Notice of Motion: Pedestrian Crossing - Victoria Road, Marrickville

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

1. **Acknowledges Victoria Road, Marrickville, between Sydenham Road and Chalder Street is increasingly busy, posing additional safety risk to pedestrians and limiting safe pedestrian access.**
2. **Requests staff investigate installing a pedestrian crossing at this location and provides a report to an upcoming meeting of the Local Transport Forum before October 2026.**

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

C0526(1) Item 33 Notice of Motion: Safety on Carrington Road Cycleway**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Notes resident reports that the Carrington Road cycleway continues to pose safety risks to cyclists, including from vehicles parked in and across the cycleway, and vehicles failing to yield to cyclists at intersections.**
- 2. Requests Council staff:**
 - a) Further review signage and markings along the cycleway, as well as kerb extensions and other traffic calming devices;**
 - b) Write to, and doorknock, all business owners on Carrington Road to inform them of their obligations to not park on the cycleway and to troubleshoot options to assist business owners with safe parking arrangements;**
 - c) Consult with Bike Marrickville on options to improve cyclist safety;**
 - d) Consider the installation of a pedestrian crossing across Carrington Road at Renwick Street, so as to improve pedestrian access, including for students at Tempe High School; and**
 - e) Provide a report to an upcoming meeting of the Local Transport Forum, prior to October 2026, including feasible options to improve safety along the 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**C0526(1) Item 34 Notice of Motion: Bicycle Valet Parking****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Congratulates Bike Marrickville for its successful Bike Valet service at the Muddy River Festival in March.**
- 2. Requests the staff within the traffic team and the events team meet with Bike Marrickville to discuss opportunities to trial an expansion of the service to other events across the Inner West to at least 3 other events in 2026-2027.**
- 3. Request Council staff provide a report to the August 2026 Council meeting with a plan to trial the service at further council events, including any logistical, promotional or financial support that may be required to facilitate it.**

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

C0526(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: 100th Anniversary of Marrickville Croquet Club

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Congratulates the Marrickville Croquet Club on reaching its 100th anniversary.**
- 2. Thanks the Club's members, including President Roberta Flint, and writes to the Club to formally congratulate them on this significant milestone.**
- 3. Acknowledges the anniversary in a future edition of Inner West Council's newsletter, Inner West News.**

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

C0526(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Lighting at Gadigal Greenway entry

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council resolves to investigate and implement appropriate lighting improvements at the Gadigal Greenway entry point accessed via Grosvenor Crescent, Summer Hill, to address identified safety concerns affecting pedestrians and cyclists, particularly when it is dark.

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

C0526(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Vietnamese Refugee Memorial**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Acknowledges the concern and hurt of the Vietnamese community about the consultation process undertaken by Council thus far on the plans for a memorial to commemorate Vietnamese refugees in Marrickville.**
- 2. Requests:**
 - a) The General Manager and Director Community hold an urgent meeting with concerned residents, other stakeholders, and the Midjuburi ward councillors to discuss how Council can best support the development of a memorial that will be suitable for the Vietnamese refugee community;**
 - b) Establishment of a working relationship with the Bilingual Refugee Reference Group and other stakeholders from the Vietnamese community for community consultation on the memorial;**
 - c) Following consultation with the Bilingual Refugee Reference Group and other stakeholders, council staff prepare a report for the June council meeting outlining a renewed project scope and consultation plan prior to the commencement of an expression of interest process for an artist to produce the work; and**
 - d) Following consultation with the Bilingual Refugee Reference Group and other stakeholders, council staff prepare a future report to Council on developing a Vietnamese Refugee Heritage Day.**

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**C0526(1) Item 1 Quarter 3 Report on Operational Plan and Budget 2025/26****Motion: (Scott/Clay)**

- 1. That Council endorse the Quarterly Progress Report for Quarter 3 on the Operational Plan 2025/26, noting that:**
 - a) 95% of the actions were completed or on track, and 81% of measures were on target or within tolerance; and**
 - b) Highlights for the quarter included the official opening of the Henson Park redevelopment; Council's debut participation in Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras; various festivals, events and cultural celebrations including Bairro Português and Summer Hill social; FOGO expansion into schools and early learning centres; and launch of a new Inner West Council website.**

2. That Council adopt the Quarterly Budget Review Statement including the recommended changes detailed therein for Quarter 3 2025/26, as follows:
 - a) Increasing Council’s net operating surplus excluding capital grants from \$0.16m to \$0.52m;
 - b) Decreasing the Capital Works Program from \$119.6 million to \$100.1m, primarily to realign budget to future years in line with expected project timelines; and
 - c) Increasing projected capital contributions by \$12.2m.

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

C0526(1) Item 2 Design Excellence LEP Amendment

Motion: (D’Arienzo/Byrne)

That Council defer the Planning Proposal (*Attachment 1*) – Clause 6.9 Design Excellence to amend the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 for a further report to June 2026 to include an explanation of the role of a Design Review Panel for residential development when Council is not the consent authority. Specifically, when an application is determined either as a State Significant Development or by the Independent Planning Commission.

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

C0526(1) Item 3 Inner West Return and Earn for public places, offices, venues and targeted Council events

Motion: (Howard/Antoniou)

That Council defer the Item to the June 2026 meeting, with the deferred report to include the following information as per the resolution of 28 October 2025:

1. Options to support people relying on Return and Earn as an income supplement accessing containers in residential bins.
2. An update on a protocol for people who rely on return and earn as a source of supplemental income to access council venues and events and information on how options to support local organisations through Return and Earn might interact with this protocol.

3. Communications strategy to raise awareness among Inner West residents and community organisations about the expanded eligibility and about opportunities through the Return and Earn program.

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 8:36 pm as she declared a significant, pecuniary interest in *Item 4* as she has in the past performed contract work for Destroy All Lines.

C0526(1) Item 4 Live Music and Major Events at Henson Park

Motion: (Byrne/Howard)

That Council endorse live music and major events at Henson Park, subject to the following actions:

- 1. Complete a fire and life safety assessment for Henson Park and identify any required egress upgrades.**
- 2. Implement stakeholder engagement and an event compliance framework (noise, traffic, crowd and operational controls).**
- 3. Progress with a Venue Management and Operational Plan for Leichhardt Oval and Henson Park.**
- 4. Review and update Fees and Charges for commercial live music and major events at Henson Park.**
- 5. Schedule events around oval availability, seasonal sport and ground maintenance requirements.**

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 8:39 pm.

Councillor Macri left the Meeting at 8:49 pm.

Councillor Macri returned to the Meeting at 8:52 pm.

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 8:53pm

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 8:57 pm.

C0526(1) Item 5 Post Exhibition - Centenary Park Sporting Ground Upgrade

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

That Council endorses the proposed scope of works for the Centenary Park Sporting Ground Upgrade, which includes the renewal of turf areas, hybrid turf in the sports field goal mouths and centre circles, improved field drainage, additional trees and enhancements to cricket nets, furniture, fencing, signage, pathways and waste facilities.

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

The amendment below was voted on prior to the above motion and was lost. Councillor Macri was absent for the vote on the amendment.

Amendment (Blake/Antoniou)

That Council endorses the proposed scope of works for the Centenary Park Sporting Ground Upgrade, which includes the renewal of turf areas to 100% natural turf, improved field drainage, additional trees and enhancements to cricket nets, furniture, fencing, signage, pathways and waste facilities.

Motion Lost

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

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

Absent: Cr Macri

C0526(1) Item 6 Public Exhibition - Camperdown Memorial Rest Park - Draft Plan of Management and Draft Master Plan

Motion: (Smith/Clay)

That:

- 1. Council publicly exhibit the Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan for Camperdown Memorial Rest Park subject to endorsement by the Crown Lands for a period of 28 days and seek community feedback on the proposed documents, and subject to inclusion of the following:**
 - a) Add in Table 6 Action Plan under 3. Increase pedestrian and visitor safety - 'Investigation of additional measures to reduce cycling speed, including go-slow and shared zones, separated cycleways, chicanes and speed bumps, and associated signage and wayfinding, including directing cyclists to use the external bike lane.'**

2. **The public exhibition includes at least 2 onsite engagement sessions at the Park at times the Park is well utilised, notification in the Inner West News and on social media, clearly visible on-site promotional signage and letterbox flyers delivered to households within at least 75m of the Park.**
3. **Council refer the draft plans to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Access and Young Leaders Local Democracy Groups.**
4. **Following the conclusion of the exhibition period, a further report summarising outcomes and recommended next steps of the Camperdown Memorial Rest Park Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan be brought back 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

C0526(1) Item 8 New public plaza adjacent to Balmain Town Hall

Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)

That Council consider the proposal at the June 2026 Council meeting pending:

- a) **A report on the commemoration for Rochelle Porteous and celebration of Mary Gaudron; and**
- b) **More detailed designs of the commemoration of Neville Wran, including story boards and artwork to be located at the square.**

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

C0526(1) Item 9 Dive In Events at Dawn Fraser Baths

Motion: (Smith/Fergusson)

That:

1. **Council note the success of the trial Dive in Movie Night at Dawn Fraser Baths in April 2026.**
2. **A report on the proposed dates and activities for Dive in Movies and Sunday Sessions for Summer 2026/2027 be brought to the August 2026 Council meeting, including:**

- a) a rotating schedule of Dive In Cinema and Sunday Sessions events across all five aquatic facilities;
- b) a proposal for different types of musical acts for the Sunday Sessions considering local conditions at each facility; and
- c) a communications/promotional plan for both the Dive In Cinema and Sunday Sessions.

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

C0526(1) Item 10 Robyn Webster Upgrade

Motion: (Howard/Macri)

That a report be provided to the September 2026 Council meeting including preliminary concept drawings and initial costings for the upgrade of the Robyn Webster Sports Centre at Tempe, and that the concept drawings and initial costings incorporate the inclusion of a community space or meeting hall.

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

C0526(1) Item 11 Public Kerbside EV Chargers Utilisation

Motion: (Smith/Byrne)

That Council adopt the following recommendations:

- 1. That Council continue planning for and working with Electric Vehicle (EV) charging partners to install public EV chargers to keep pace with increasing demand.**
- 2. That charging providers should be requested to institute idle fees for AC chargers.**
- 3. That Council gradually transition non-dedicated EV charging spaces to dedicated charging spaces, once overstay fees have been implemented and their impacts analysed.**
- 4. That Council work with Council's kerbside charging providers to include DC fast chargers on the kerbside at strategic locations.**

5. That Council undertake proactive mapping to identify priority sites for EV charger installation throughout the LGA, prioritising locations for pole-mounted chargers on existing poles and areas with low availability of off-street parking and higher density housing, to improve future EV readiness and rollout.
6. That Council investigate opportunities to partner with neighbouring councils for potential bulk installation of public chargers, including by region rather than LGA.
7. That Council receive a further report in six months to update on progress of public kerbside EV chargers installation, utilisation, and other initiatives in this report including impact of changes to fees and non-dedicated EV parking spaces.

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

C0526(1) Item 12 Greenway Activation

Motion: (Fergusson/Atkins)

That Council:

1. Endorse the commencement of detailed planning for a 6km fun run event on the GreenWay. This will include detailed assessment of the route, operational requirements and community considerations.
2. Continue to support third party activations on the GreenWay such as cycling based events and bush care programs with schools.
3. Receive a further report to the August 2026 Council meeting detailing:
 - a) confirmed delivery timeframes and next steps for the 6km GreenWay fun run; and
 - b) proposed strategies to further increase participation by local schools and young people in GreenWay activations, including targets for new partnerships, programs and community participation opportunities such as "Walk or Ride to School" GreenWay days, Junior ranger programs, School cross-country partnerships using the GreenWay, Bike bus expansion programs, Youth Week outdoor recreation activities, Inter-school clean-up or ecology 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

C0526(1) Item 14 Local Transport Forum Meeting - 20 April 2026

Motion: (Fergusson/Tastan)

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 20 April 2026 subject to the following in relation to item 4 of those minutes:

- 1. That Council reaffirms its commitment to deliver a safe cycleway on Lilyfield Road.**
- 2. Notes that community consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Inner West Council Community Engagement Strategy between 9 March and 6 April 2026, and that:**
 - a) resident feedback and concerns were considered as part of the design; and**
 - b) any amendments arising during the detailed design phase that require localised consultation will be undertaken accordingly.**
- 3. Acknowledges residents' concerns regarding the traffic impacts associated with the removal of the slip lane, including queuing and vehicle movements around the school precinct, and that:**
 - a) TfNSW has jurisdiction over traffic signals in NSW and council commits to advocating to TfNSW to maximise intersection efficiency as the project progresses; and**
 - b) advocates on behalf of residents by referring these concerns, together with the petition and supporting material provided, to TfNSW for consideration as the project progresses.**
- 4. That Council guarantee that trees and green verges will be protected in the process wherever feasible for the duration of the project and if they are required to be removed - that these are replaced in the immediate vicinity and approximate maturity.**

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: (Smith/Scott)

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

Council entered into Confidential Session at 9:32 pm.

Confidential Session

That in accordance with Section 10A(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following matter be considered in Closed Session of Council for the reason provided:

C0526(1) Item 18 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade – Monthly 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.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0526(1) Item 18 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade – Monthly Update

Motion: (Scott/Macri)

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the report which details the following progress since the last report:**
 - a) A contract for the delivery of the Leichhardt Aquatic Centre Stage 2 Project has been executed between Council and FDC Construction (NSW) Pty Limited (“FDC”) for the Project Sum and Delivery Timing outlined in this report.**
 - b) The Review of Environmental Factors for the Stage 2 works has been finalised, based on the Project Scope.**
 - c) Plans for community engagement are being updated, to ensure the community remain informed of the Project Scope, Delivery Timing and interim arrangements that will operate whilst the aquatic centre is under development.**

- 2. Consider the publication of this report 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, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan

Against Motion: Nil

Council moved back into Open Session at 9:37 pm following the adoption of the Procedural Motion below:

Procedural Motion: Carlisle/Scott)

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

C0526(1) Item 19 Supporting Visual Artists and Writers to Find Affordable Spaces to Work in the Inner West

Motion: (Smith/Carlisle)

That Council receive and note the report and receive a report back before the end of 2026 on the Thirning Villa and Whites Creek Cottage EOIs (subject to any requirements under the Whites Creek Valley Park POM) including:

- 1. Timeline and process for both EOIs.**
- 2. Conditions for demonstrable public benefit in use of space.**
- 3. Conditions for preferencing Inner West-based creatives.**
- 4. Investigate trialling a space in Thirning Villa for bookings separate to the EOI lease process, in the model of the Creative Town Halls concierge service.**

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

C0526(1) Item 20 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Project Status Update

Motion: (Byrne/Scott)

1. 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 DPHI 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 three shortlisted tenderers determined through a public Expression of Interest.

2. That Council confirm that a free public concert is to be held at Leichhardt Oval in September to celebrate the commencement of the renovation of Leichhardt Oval. The event is to be funded from within the budget for the renovation.

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 D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 9:49 pm.

C0526(1) Item 25 Mandatory Reporting to Council of Reports Received from Fire & Rescue NSW for 2 Properties

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

That Council receive the report and note the following in regards to each property:

1. 21 Renwick Street Leichhardt – no action required; and

2. 23 Renwick Street Leichhardt – a Development Control Order has been issued in order to ensure appropriate rectification of works as identified by FRNSW.

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 9:50 pm.

C0526(1) Item 35 Notice of Motion: Tillman Park Mural**Motion: (Howard/Byrne)****That:**

- 1. Council install a mural on the toilet block at Tillman Park, Tempe, following repeated incidents of graffiti at the park, funded through existing operational budgets.**
- 2. Council request that this mural, once completed, be included in the Perfect Match Street Art program and be managed by operational staff in consultation with Community Directorate.**
- 3. Council requests the Director Community report back to councillors via councillor briefing note as soon as practicable and following consultation with the Director Property and Major Projects, including a timeline for installation, artist information and concept.**
- 4. The mural reflect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and connection to country, be delivered by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artist , and be designed in collaboration with the staff and students of Tillman Park Early Learning Centre.**
- 5. Council investigate restoring the former signage, or similar signage, above the entryway to Tillman Park.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tasthan**Against Motion:** Nil**C0526(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: Creating a Dulwich Hill Village Masterplan****Motion: (D'Arienzo/Carlisle)****That Council:**

- 1. Recognises the need to create a long term plan that guides improvements to Dulwich Hill village, its laneways, public spaces and commercial centre.**
- 2. Commits to developing a public domain masterplan for Dulwich Hill Village that supports healthy communities and celebrates the vibrancy and character of the Dulwich Hill community.**
- 3. Investigates options for a public plaza, new green open space and active transport links in Dulwich Hill Village as part of the masterplan process.**

4. Notes that the Seaview Street carpark has been identified for potential social and affordable housing, a community centre and public plaza.
5. Acknowledges the community consultation and engagement undertaken for the Streets Alive draft masterplan in 2023, and notes that this work has not progressed to adoption, and should inform the development of the new masterplan.
6. Receives a report to Council at the August 2026 meeting on the strategy to develop a Dulwich Hill Village masterplan and includes:
 - a) A consultation framework that embeds the Dulwich Hill Commercial Guild as a key stakeholder in the masterplan process, alongside the broader Dulwich Hill community with dedicated engagement sessions held before, during and after public exhibition; and
 - b) A timeline to public exhibition and Council adoption of the masterplan.
7. Reconfirms Council’s adopted policy at the September 2025 Council meeting in relation to the retention of car parking, “That Council commit that the conversion of carparks to social housing is to be premised on all existing public carparking being replaced in the development. There is to be no expansion of new parking meters at these locations, or any other location in the local government area.”.
8. Commits that the future of the Loftus Street and Seaview Street Council-owned carparks will be planned through a genuine co-design process with the community, and local businesses, including community consultation on proposals for affordable housing and community infrastructure.
9. That Council in the master plan articulate a prioritised list of proposed active transport links surrounding the Dulwich Hill commercial centre.

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 amendment below, to add an additional point to the motion, was voted on prior to the above motion and was lost.

Amendment (Antoniou/Barlow)

10. That Council prepare an alternative parking plan to come into effect during the construction periods of Seaview Street and Loftus Street carparks.

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

Meeting closed at 10:08 pm.

Unconfirmed minutes from the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 May 2026.