

Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 June 2026 at Ashfield Service Centre

Meeting commenced at 7:32pm

Present:

Darcy Byrne	Mayor
Chloe Smith	Deputy Mayor
Izabella Antoniou	Councillor
Liz Atkins	Councillor
Olivia Barlow	Councillor
Andrew Blake	Councillor
Jo Carlisle	Councillor
Vicki Clay	Councillor
Jessica D'Arienzo	Councillor
Kerrie Fergusson	Councillor
Mat Howard	Councillor
Victor Macri	Councillor
Vittoria Raciti	Councillor
Philippa Scott	Councillor
Ismet Tastan	Councillor
Peter Gainsford	General Manager
Simone Plummer	Director Planning
Ruth Callaghan	Director Community
Sharon Bowman	Director Corporate
Manod Wickramasinghe	Acting Director Engineering
Peter Shields	Acting Director Property and Major Projects
Matthew Pearce	General Counsel
Elizabeth Baker	Chief Financial Officer
Ian Robertson	Governance Manager
George Georgakis	Administration Manager
Katherine Paixao	Business Paper Coordinator
Tia Camelin	Business Paper Officer

APOLOGIES AND REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST:

Councillor Scott declared a significant, non-pecuniary interest in *Item 20 – Local Transport Forum Meeting – 18 May 2026* as one of the parking schemes under review (Item 17) is in the location of her primary residence. Out of an abundance of caution, she will leave the meeting during discussion and voting on the matter.

Councillor Barlow declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in *Item 20 – Local Transport Forum Meeting – 18 May 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: (Carlisle/D'Arienzo)

That Council note the disclosures of interest.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Note: Councillor Howard also declared an interest when an amendment was moved during Item 2. The disclosure is stated in these minutes, before the Item.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Scott/D'Arienzo)

That the Minutes of the Council held on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 be confirmed as a correct record.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0626(1) Item 58 Mayoral Minute: Vale Richard Scolyer

Motion: (Byrne)

That Council:

- 1. Recognises the exceptional contribution of Professor Richard Scolyer AO to medicine and cancer research and his impact on Australian society.**
- 2. Writes to Professor Scolyer's family to express our condolences for their loss and to record the gratitude of the Inner West community for his life's work.**
- 3. Rename the Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre as the Richard Scolyer Aquatic Centre in recognition of his unprecedented contribution to the Inner West community and Australian society.**
- 4. Establish the Greenway Fun Run as an annual fundraising event to raise funds for one of the organisations that carries on Richard Scolyer's work and legacy.**

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

C0626(1) Item 59 Mayoral Minute: Vale Shane Teehan

Motion: (Byrne)

That Council write to the family of Shane Teehan to express the deep sadness of the whole Inner West Council at the passing of Shane Teehan, a valued member of the Inner West community, as well as a much-loved colleague and friend.

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

C0626(1) Item 60 Mayoral Minute: Sydney Summit on Poker Machine Harm

Motion: (Byrne)

That Council hold a Sydney Summit on Poker Machine Harm in partnership with Wesley Mission and the NSW Council of Social Service with a broad range of civil society organisations to be invited to participate and identify solutions to the problem.

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

C0626(1) Item 1 Code of Meeting Practice

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Rescind points 1-4 of its resolution of 9 December 2025 (C1225(1) Item 19 regarding the 2025 Model Meeting Code, and continue to publish a Supplementary Agenda containing officer responses to any written questions from Councillors on Agenda Items on the day of the meeting.**
- 2. Immediately reinstate Council's previously adopted Code of Meeting Practice containing the mandatory provisions of the 2021 Model Meeting Code.**

3. Continue to publish the agenda 11 days prior to the meeting.
4. Endorse a draft Code of Meeting Practice (based on the reinstated code with proposed amendments as follows) for public exhibition and invite submissions for a period of 42 days:
 - a) Clause 3.9 – Amendment to specify that the deadline for Notices of Motion and Questions with Notice is 10am on the Monday of the week in which the agenda is to be published. If the public holiday falls on a Monday, then the deadline is extended to 10am on the Tuesday;
 - b) Clause 8.1 – Amendment to the Order of Business for Ordinary Council Meetings to enable Confidential Matters to be dealt with directly after Reports for Decision, as per Council’s resolution on 9 December 2025;
 - c) Clause 8.4 - Amend the wording of the Statement of Ethical Obligations to:

"The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the Inner West Council.

This includes faithfully and impartially carrying out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

It is also a requirement that all Councillors disclose conflicts of interest in relation to any matter considered at this meeting, in accordance with Council’s Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice."
 - d) clause 10.22 - replace the reference to 2 minutes with 5 minutes.
5. Receive a further report following the conclusion of the exhibition and submission period, for consideration for adoption.
6. Receive a further report after the Office of Local Government issues a new Model Code of Meeting Practice.
7. Hold an Extraordinary Meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 1 September 2026 to hold a Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Election in the Council Meeting Chambers at the Ashfield Service 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 was voted on prior to the above motion and was lost.

Amendment (Atkins/Blake)

That the following be added after point 4 c):

- **delete clause 9.19 (limit on number of questions).**

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

Procedural Motion (Howard/Atkins)

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

1. **Item 3 Design Excellence LEP Amendment**
2. **Item 5 Major Residential Development Panel & Housing Delivery– Quarterly Report and Terms of Reference 12 month review**
3. **Item 8 Business Roundtable Action Plans - Update**
4. **Item 9 Resource Recovery and Social Housing Collaboration - Six Monthly Update**
5. **Item 10 Post Exhibition - Good Neighbour Policy**
6. **Item 14 Proposed Tribute for Mary Gaudron and Commemoration of Rochelle Porteous**
7. **Item 21 Sustainable Procurement in Major Projects - Interim Report**
8. **Item 26 RFT - 29 Damun Inclusive Playground (Camperdown Park) Construction Contract**
9. **Item 27 RFT - 33 Ashfield Park & Camperdown Park Sporting Ground Upgrades Construction Contract**
10. **Item 28 Compulsory Acquisition of Ausgrid Property - 30 Brighton Street, Petersham**
11. **Item 29 Electricity Procurement (PEERS 4)**
12. **Item 30 Finalisation of Deed of Settlement with CivicRisk Mutual Limited**
13. **Item 31 Bi-monthly Omnibus Planning Update**
14. **Item 34 Investment report as at 30 April 2026**
15. **Item 37 Notice of Motion: GreenWay Community Forum**
16. **Item 40 Notice of Motion: Our Local Legacy Plaque Program**
17. **Item 41 Notice of Motion: Bike Racks**
18. **Item 42 Notice of Motion: Marrickville Art Alley**
19. **Item 43 Notice of Motion: Smidmore Street Pedestrian Safety**
20. **Item 44 Notice of Motion: 25 Years of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre**
21. **Item 45 Notice of Motion: Parking Review Trafalgar Lane, Annandale**
22. **Item 46 Notice of Motion: Stormwater infrastructure, Young Street, Annandale**
23. **Item 48 Notice of Motion: Naming the Richard Murden Reserve Netball Courts to honour the local netball community**

24. **Item 50 Notice of Motion: Whites Creek Valley Park Community Garden Fence**
25. **Item 51 Notice of Motion: Maintenance of Spindlers Park, Annandale**
26. **Item 52 Notice of Motion: Ausgrid works in Waratah Street, Leichhardt**
27. **Item 53 Notice of Motion: Johnson Park, Dulwich Hill, Constitution Road Access Gate Upgrade**
28. **Item 54 Notice of Motion: Traffic study Queen, Armstrong, Harland and Hardy streets intersection, Ashfield**
29. **Item 55 Notice of Motion: Traffic study at Thomas and Edwin streets intersection, Croydon**
30. **Item 56 Notice of Motion: Proposed Rozelle Bay Development**
31. **Item 57 Question on Notice: Addressing resident concerns about Crystal Car Wash, Haberfield**

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:

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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

C0626(1) Item 3 Design Excellence LEP Amendment

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That:

1. Council endorse the Planning Proposal (*Attachment 1*) – Clause 6.9 Design Excellence to amend the *Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022*.
2. Council forward the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
3. Council request the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to authorise Council to be the Local Plan Making Authority (LPMA), and if Council is authorised as the LPMA, Council delegate the plan making functions to the General Manager, or nominee to exercise the function in accordance with the LEP Making Guideline.
4. Following receipt of an affirmative Gateway Determination and compliance with its conditions, Council agree to place the updated Planning Proposal and supporting documentation on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days and consult with public authorities.

5. **Delegation be given to the General Manager, or nominee to address the conditions of the Gateway Determination.**
6. **Delegation be given to the General Manager, or nominee to amend minor errors and/or procedural matters.**
7. **Following the conclusion of the exhibition period, the Planning Proposal be brought back to Council for consideration for adoption.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

C0626(1) Item 5 Major Residential Development Panel & Housing Delivery– Quarterly Report and Terms of Reference 12 month review

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the report on the operation and outcomes of the Major Residential Development Panel, development assessment performance, customer experience initiatives, internal referral improvements, and housing delivery activity.**
2. **Note an update will be provided in the next quarterly report due in September regarding the DA audit by Mecone and the tailored modules to accelerate Development Application options for inner West Council.**
3. **Endorse the amendments to the Major Residential Development Panel Terms of Reference.**

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

C0626(1) Item 8 Business Roundtable Action Plans – Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive a further update report on the implementation of the Business Roundtable Action Plans prior to the end of 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

C0626(1) Item 9 Resource Recovery and Social Housing Collaboration - Six Monthly Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That:

- 1. Council receive the report and note the progress of the collaboration between Council and Homes NSW to improve waste management outcomes across social housing estates in the Inner West.**
- 2. A further 6 monthly update report be brought to Council by the end of the year.**

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

C0626(1) Item 10 Post Exhibition - Good Neighbour Policy

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

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

C0626(1) Item 14 Proposed Tribute for Mary Gaudron and Commemoration of Rochelle Porteous

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Approve the public exhibition of the proposed naming of the rotunda at Pioneers Memorial Park, Leichhardt to be the Rochelle Porteous Rotunda.**

2. **Receive a further report in September 2026 detailing the outcomes of the public exhibition for the naming proposal.**

3. **Note the proposed tribute for Mary Gaudron is subject to further consultation, and a further report will be presented to Council detailing the proposed plans in by August 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

C0626(1) Item 21 Sustainable Procurement in Major Projects - Interim Report

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

1. **Notes the current actions and achievements in progressing sustainable procurement and circular economy initiatives.**

2. **Endorse the progression of a cross-Council review of maintenance, construction and major project procurement strategies to identify opportunities to increase the use of recycled and upcycled materials from local suppliers.**

3. **Receives a further report in June 2027 outlining outcomes, findings and recommendations arising from the pilot initiatives and market engagement activities.**

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

C0626(1) Item 26 RFT - 29 Damun Inclusive Playground (Camperdown Park) Construction Contract

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

1. **Accepts the tender submitted by Regal Innovations Pty Ltd, for the RFT - 29 Damun Inclusive Playground Construction contract (Camperdown Park) for the lump sum price of \$2,401,727.16 (including GST).**

- 2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute an agreement with Regal Innovations Pty Ltd for RFT - 29 Damun Inclusive Playground Construction contract (Camperdown Park) and authorise variations to this contract up to the value of the contingency amount noted in the confidential report.**

- 3. Reviews this report's confidentiality after the award of this contract, subject to prior 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

C0626(1) Item 27 RFT - 33 Ashfield Park & Camperdown Park Sporting Ground Upgrades Construction Contract

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Accepts the tender submitted by Romba Civil & Landscape Pty Ltd, for the RFT - 33 Ashfield Park & Camperdown Park Sporting Ground Upgrade Contract for the lump sum price of \$2,288,469.70 (including GST).**

- 2. Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute an agreement with Romba Civil & Landscape Pty Ltd for RFT - 33 Ashfield Park & Camperdown Park Sporting Ground Upgrade Contract and authorise variations to this contract up to the value of the contingency amount noted in the confidential report.**

- 3. Reviews this report's confidentiality after the award of this contract, subject to prior 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

C0626(1) Item 28 Compulsory Acquisition of Ausgrid Property - 30 Brighton Street, Petersham**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Endorses the compulsory acquisition of 30 Brighton Street, Petersham for the purpose of public open space.**
- 2. Seeks consent from the Minister for Local Government and the Governor of New South Wales through the Office of Local Government to proceed with any required compulsory acquisition of 30 Brighton Street Petersham.**
- 3. Delegates authority to the General Manager in relation to 30 Brighton Street Petersham to:**
 - a) negotiate and execute any agreement with Ausgrid to acquire the land; and**
 - b) progress all necessary steps to compulsorily acquire the land where required.**
- 4. Reviews this report's confidentiality after the proposed land is acquired and then considers the publication of this report, 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**C0626(1) Item 29 Electricity Procurement (PEERS 4)****Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Note Council's participation in the SSROC PEERS program to procure electricity.**
- 2. Note that Council will continue its commitment to 100% renewable energy.**
- 3. Delegate authority to the General Manager to approve the Tender recommendation and sign any documentation required to renew IWC's electricity supply contract.**
- 4. Reviews this report's confidentiality after a contract is awarded, subject to prior 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

C0626(1) Item 30 Finalisation of Deed of Settlement with CivicRisk Mutual Limited

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Note the finalisation of the Deed of Settlement with CivicRisk Mutual Limited, resulting in a gain of \$1.35 million.**
- 2. Consider the publication of this report on Council's website after June 2031, 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

C0626(1) Item 31 Bi-monthly Omnibus Planning Update

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Note the progress of Our Fairer Future Plan Stage 2 and in particular that the draft masterplan and supporting technical studies are on track to be reported to Council in September 2026.**
- 2. Endorse for forwarding the outcomes of early engagement for the Parramatta Road Corridor State-led Rezoning to the Department of Planning, Housing and Industry to inform preparation of the State-led plan.**
- 3. Note the launch of Council's online information briefing for the Parramatta Road Corridor State-led Rezoning, including the recorded webinar, background information and community question facility, and continue to provide responses to community enquiries during the exhibition period.**
- 4. Note that Council has requested the inclusion of the City Architect on the jury for the Bays West international design competition and continue to advocate to the NSW Government for Council representation in the design process.**

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

C0626(1) Item 34 Investment report as at 30 April 2026

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council receive the investment report for April 2026, noting that the \$179.1m non-fossil fuel portfolio had an annualised marked to market return for the month of 4.60% pa (compared with the AusBond Bank Bill Index benchmark of 4.24% 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

C0626(1) Item 37 Notice of Motion: GreenWay Community Forum

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Note the need for a united and adaptive land management approach to the GreenWay which includes all landholders.**
- 2. Acknowledge and thank the members of the GreenWay Community Forum for their contribution and dedication to the GreenWay development, and agree to cease the Greenway Community Forum and establish a new Local Democracy Group (LDG) to deal with matters related to the GreenWay, with draft terms of reference to be brought to the August 2026 Council meeting, and that the LDG be subject to the same expression of interest and selection process as the current LDGs;**
- 3. Ask the Urban Ecology team to work with the newly formed local democracy group on ways to enhance the GreenWay ecological corridor and rebuild vegetation structure and density, including development of a Vegetation Management Strategy.**
- 4. Agree to continue the GreenWay Art Prize past 2026 with a report to Council by the October 2026 meeting covering issues such as required budget, possible locations, potential for partnering with Canterbury-Bankstown Council, funding of the prizes and opportunities for sponsorship by local businesses.**

- 5. Prioritise the development of a GreenWay Plan of Management, with work on the Plan of Management to commence in 2026, and consult the GreenWay Local Democracy Group as part of the process.**

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

C0626(1) Item 40 Notice of Motion: Our Local Legacy Plaque Program

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That:

- 1. Council establish the “Our Local Legacy Plaques Program” to identify and acknowledge local not-for-profit organisations, clubs or social enterprises that have attained a significant milestone, being 50, 75, 100, 125 and 150 years of service.**
- 2. As part of the program, Council:**
 - a) Initiates a community nomination process, including for organisations that have previously reached a significant milestone;**
 - b) Produces a plaque design that recognises the achievement;**
 - c) Installs it at a local building or place of significance relevant to the organisation, ideally in a location visible to community, and establishes a process to negotiate the installation of plaques where premises are not owned by Council;**
 - d) Host a small event to unveil plaques, akin to those launching Perfect Match murals; and**
 - e) Creates an online resource for the Program, providing the public with further information about these organisations.**
- 3. Council provide a report to the September 2026 Council meeting detailing a process, timeline, potential costs and possible funding sources, plaque designs and other information.**

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

C0626(1) Item 41 Notice of Motion: Bike Racks**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Note the new sculptural fish themed bike rack installed at the Mackey Park Canoe Ramp (Midjuburi Ward) and the planned rainbow themed bike rack at Pride Square, Newtown (Damun Ward).**
- 2. Acknowledge that these bike racks add to the vibrancy of our public spaces and encourage more people to ride to key locations.**
- 3. Install an additional sculptural bike rack in each of the remaining three wards of the council, funded through existing operational budgets or depending on the location of the bike racks, the Mainstreet Revitalisation 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

C0626(1) Item 42 Notice of Motion: Marrickville Art Alley**Motion: (Howard/Atkins)****That Council:**

- 1. Investigate the establishment of an “art alley” at a location in the industrial zone in Marrickville.**
- 2. Provide a report back to Council by November 2026 detailing the steps with more information about the process to establish an “art alley,” including**
 - a) An outline of how an art alley might work in the Inner West context;**
 - b) Opportunities an “art alley” in Marrickville might offer;**
 - c) Principles along how it could be established and managed;**
 - d) A process by which it might be established, including timelines;**
 - e) Potential funding sources, including grants and developer contributions;**
and
 - f) Potential streets that could be transformed into an “art alley,” based on a criteria of what elements make a successful art alley in other jurisdictions.**
- 3. Consider other locations in the Inner West Local Government Area where this concept could be implemented.**

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

C0626(1) Item 43 Notice of Motion: Smidmore Street Pedestrian Safety

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Requests staff to review pedestrian safety on the shared zone on Smidmore Street, Marrickville.**
- 2. Consults with the managers of Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre on ways to improve pedestrian safety at this location.**
- 3. Provides a report to an upcoming meeting of the Local Transport Forum detailing the findings of the review and possible improvements to make the zone safer for pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.**

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

C0626(1) Item 44 Notice of Motion: 25 Years of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Notes the significant milestone of 25 years since the establishment of the Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre (MSIC) in Kings Cross.**
- 2. Congratulates the staff, peer workers, volunteers and client community of the Centre, including the many people from the Inner West, for their compassion, care and contribution to harm reduction and public health over the past quarter century.**
- 3. Requests that the Mayor write to the Head of Uniting NSW.ACT conveying Council's congratulations and appreciation on behalf of the Inner West community.**

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

C0626(1) Item 45 Notice of Motion: Parking Review Trafalgar Lane, Annandale

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Staff conduct a review of parking in Trafalgar Lane, Annandale, to identify any additional locations where short "No Parking" zones opposite garage entrances would improve vehicle access.**
- 2. Notes that a number of such restrictions are already in place within the laneway and that this review would assess whether further locations meet the criteria for similar treatment.**
- 3. Reports the review to the Local Transport Forum for consideration and recommendation 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

C0626(1) Item 46 Notice of Motion: Stormwater infrastructure, Young Street, Annandale

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the concerns raised by residents of Young Street, Annandale, regarding the absence of stormwater infrastructure on the western side of Young Street between Albion Street and Reserve Street.**
- 2. Requests the Director Engineering to provide a report to the Flood Management Committee Council on the current status and prioritisation of stormwater works for this section of Young Street, with reference to the works identified under WC-FM2 in Council's Flood Risk Management Plan 2019.**
- 3. Requests that the report address whether the prioritisation of works in this location can be reviewed, having regard to the known flood risk to residential**

properties and the progress of works elsewhere in the broader Young Street–Ferris Street corridor.

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

C0626(1) Item 48 Notice of Motion: Naming the Richard Murden Reserve Netball Courts to honour the local netball community

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Note that Council resolved in June 2024 that as part of the Richard Murden Reserve Plan of Management, Council investigate naming the courts after a prominent local netball player, coach, administrator or club volunteer.**
- 2. Note that the newly resurfaced, landscaped and lit netball courts have now been opened and are being used for the winter season.**
- 3. Engage with local clubs on the selection of a nominee for naming and report to Councillors via briefing note on the proposed nominee, the proposed design and budget for a suitable recognition plaque, any administrative process necessary for registering the new name, and arrange a community celebration to honour the new name to be held to coincide with the end of the winter competition in September 2026.**
- 4. Also follow up on the commitment in the June 2024 Notice of Motion to open the small former canteen and storage block.**

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

C0626(1) Item 50 Notice of Motion: Whites Creek Valley Park Community Garden Fence

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Notes that residents and Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park have recently raised concerns about the metal fencing dividing the north and south sections**

of the Whites Creek Valley Park Community Garden, leaving an unusable strip of grassed land between the sections of the garden.

2. Notes the relevant parcel of land is controlled by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI). The fence was installed by DPHI to maintain and mow the site safely. There had been regular dumping across the site between the garden plots as the old timber fence had deteriorated.
3. Notes that Inner West Council has requested, and is waiting for, transfer of the land from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to Council, following which public consultation will be required on use of the site.
4. Encourages the Whites Creek Community Garden group to submit an application for use of the land and expansion of their Community Garden under the new Community Gardens Policy, which strengthens Council's support for community gardens, expands the options for their development, and encourages their growth.
5. Writes to DPHI urging that the transfer of land be expedited for the benefit of the inner west community.
6. Writes to Friends of Whites Creek Valley Park, the Whites Creek Valley Park Community Garden group, and residents of White St to advise on the above points.

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

C0626(1) Item 51 Notice of Motion: Maintenance of Spindlers Park, Annandale

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

1. Notes the ongoing concerns raised by residents regarding the maintenance of Spindlers Park, including weed management on park verges, illegal dumping, and the progress of bushland restoration works.
2. Notes that following Councillor representations in late 2025, a program of improvement works was undertaken, including branch removal, more careful mowing, and litter signage, and acknowledges the work completed by Council staff to date.

3. Notes that residents would welcome clearer communication about what maintenance and restoration works are planned, and what a naturalised park of this type can reasonably be expected to look like over time.
4. Requests that the General Manager notify residents in surrounding streets of the current maintenance plan for Spindlers Park, including responsibilities for verge and bushland care, and weed management.

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

C0626(1) Item 52 Notice of Motion: Ausgrid works in Waratah Street, Leichhardt

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

1. Notes with concern the impact of recently intensified operations at the Ausgrid substation at the southern end of Waratah Street, Leichhardt on local residents, including the removal of a significant tree without prior notice to the community, and the presence of heavy vehicles and contractor activity in a quiet residential cul-de-sac.
2. Writes to Ausgrid requesting:
 - a) Explanation of the arrangements with High Demand Energy, including the length of any sub-lease, its purpose, and their hours of operation;
 - b) Explanation of Ausgrid's determination that the demolition and replacement of the brick wall exterior of the substation is exempt development under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*;
 - c) Replacement of the removed tree with an appropriate species to restore amenity to the street;
 - d) Rectification of any damage caused to the public domain as a result of their works; and
 - e) A commitment from Ausgrid and its contractors to respect neighbours when noisy works are required and comply with local parking restrictions as work continues
3. Writes to residents of Waratah Street to advise them of the above actions taken on their behalf.

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

C0626(1) Item 53 Notice of Motion: Johnson Park, Dulwich Hill, Constitution Road Access Gate Upgrade

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Notes that the Constitution Road access gate at Johnson Park, Dulwich Hill that was installed as part of the recent upgrade to Johnson Park does not provide adequate access for prams, mobility aids, or general pedestrian use.**
- 2. Investigate and implement an alternate access arrangement to address these accessibility issues as soon as practical and as funding permits.**

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

C0626(1) Item 54 Notice of Motion: Traffic study Queen, Armstrong, Harland and Hardy streets intersection, Ashfield

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the concerns raised by residents regarding the intersection of Queen, Armstrong, Hardy and Harland Streets in Ashfield, including the safety risks faced by pedestrians — particularly families with young children, elderly residents and school children — and motorists navigating this complex, multi-road convergence near Excelsior Jones Café and the surrounding shops.**
- 2. Thanks local residents and community members for bringing these matters to Council's attention.**
- 3. Refers the matter to the Local Transport Forum for formal consideration and requests that Council officers investigate and report back on potential traffic-calming and safety measures, including but not limited to:**
 - a) consideration of a roundabout or other intersection treatment;**
 - b) improved pedestrian crossings, sight-lines and refuge islands near the café, bus stop and shops;**
 - c) management of vehicle movements associated with the nearby automotive garage;**
 - d) improved traffic management during school pick-up and drop-off periods; and**
 - e) consultation with Transport for NSW, affected residents and businesses in the development of any proposal.**

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

C0626(1) Item 55 Notice of Motion: Traffic study at Thomas and Edwin streets intersection, Croydon

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledges the concerns raised by residents regarding the intersection of Thomas and Edwin Streets in Croydon, including the safety risks faced by motorists and pedestrians at this busy intersection, which has seen two car crashes in recent months.**
- 2. Thanks local residents and community members for bringing these matters to Council's attention.**
- 3. Refers the matter to the Local Transport Forum for formal consideration and requests that Council officers investigate and report back on potential traffic-calming and safety measures.**

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

C0626(1) Item 56 Notice of Motion: Proposed Rozelle Bay Development

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledge the development of the Bays West / Rozelle Bay Precinct provides a significant opportunity to provide genuinely affordable housing to residents of Sydney.**
- 2. Seek further information from Lendlease, Placemaking NSW and other relevant agencies regarding the developer led proposal should Stage 2 of the unsolicited proposal progress to Stage 3, with the view to provide an update to Council as soon as practical following the decision. This update should include:**
 - a) Any updated designs;**
 - b) Height of buildings and proposed number of stories;**
 - c) The number of proposed homes;**

- d) The percentage that represents affordable homes and under what terms;
- e) What was previously planned for the area prior to the developer led proposal being submitted;
- f) What input IWC planning team will have on final design considerations and design excellence guidelines given this sits outside the Inner West DCP;
- g) Plans for public foreshore and open space (including m2); and
- h) Timeframes for development and key decision points – including opportunities for community consultation.

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: (Scott/Howard)

That Item 25 A) be considered in confidential session prior to Item 25.

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

Clr Howard declared a pecuniary interest in the discussion of Clr Barlow's second amendment of *Item 2 Post Exhibition - Delivery Program 2025-2029 (Year 2) and Operational Plan and Budget 2026/27, Long Term Financial Plan and Fees and Charges* as he resides in close proximity to the street being discussed. Councillor Howard left the Meeting at 8:22 pm during discussion and voting surrounding the amendment.

Councillor Howard returned to the Meeting at 8:25 pm.

C0626(1) Item 2 Post Exhibition - Delivery Program 2025-2029 (Year 2) and Operational Plan and Budget 2026/27, Long Term Financial Plan and Fees and Charges

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report on the outcomes of the public exhibition of key integrated plans
2. Note that the Draft Budget 2026/27, following proposed adjustments
 - a) Forecasts a surplus of \$3.5m;
 - b) Provides for \$164.7m capital expenditure on a large range of renewal and expansion projects; and

- 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. Note that scenario 1 of the Draft Long Term Financial Plan, used in the Draft Budget 2026/27:
 - a) Returns surpluses over the 10 years, accumulating to \$61m; sufficient to ensure Council’s financial sustainability while providing for ‘budget shocks’; and
 - b) Shows key performance measures exceeding benchmarks for the full 10 years.
4. Adopt the attached:
 - a) Draft Delivery program 2025-2029 (Year 2) and Operational Plan and Budget 2026/27 (including Fees and Charges 2026/27); and
 - b) Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-36 (Scenario 1).
5. Note the updated package of Service Statements which include Delivery Program principal activities, Operational Plan actions and KPIs, levels of service where relevant and budget for every service.
6. Publish the final documents on its corporate website by 30 June 2026 and notify the Office of Local Government of the link to its web page.
7. Staff provide a report to the September 2026 Council meeting on options for funding wages equivalent to the Worker Retention Payment (WRP) in the event that the federal government does not continue the WRP after November 2026.

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 amendments below were voted on prior to the above motion and were lost.

Amendment (Barlow/Atkins)

That at the end of point 4, add a new point c) as shown below:

4. Adopt the attached:
 - a) Draft Delivery program 2025-2029 (Year 2) and Operational Plan and Budget 2026/27 (including Fees and Charges 2026/27); and
 - b) Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2026-36 (Scenario 1).
 - c) Subject to changes to reflect no increase in fees at Council Early Childhood Education Centres or at Council Aquatic Centres for the 2026-2027 financial year.

Motion Lost

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

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

Councillor Howard was absent for the vote on the Barlow/Antoniou amendment as he declared a conflict of interest in the amendment.

Amendment (Barlow/Antoniou)

That the addition of \$100,000 for the design of Addison Road walking, cycling and urban amenity upgrades, including a separated cycleway.

Motion Lost

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

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

Absent: Cr Howard

Amendment (Antoniou/Barlow)

That under CSP strategy 2.3.2 add the metric that council aims to design or deliver at minimum 1km of safe cycling infrastructure each financial year.

Motion Lost

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

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

Amendment (Atkins/Barlow)

That Council amend point 5 as shown below:

- 5. That Council note the updated package of Service Statements which include Delivery Program principal activities, Operational Plan actions and KPIs, levels of service where relevant and budget for every service subject to the following changes to KPIs.**
 - a) amend wording of the Metric for 1.2.1a to “net increase in public trees”.**

Motion Lost

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

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

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne left the Meeting at 8:45pm and vacated the Chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith assumed the Chair.

C0626(1) Item 4 Inner West Return and Earn for public places, offices, venues and targeted Council events

Motion: (Howard/Antoniou)

That:

- 1. Council endorse the proposed trial Return and Earn initiative to be run throughout 2026/27. The trial is the distribution of funds raised by Return and Earn at Council run events to local not-for-profit community based organisations, with an update to be provided to Council with recommendations after the trial is completed. This trial includes:**
 - a) The installation of Return and Earn bins at Council venues, offices and selected events.**
 - b) The establishment of an Expression of Interest to identify not-for-profit community based recipients for a share of the income generated through Return and Earn eligible containers collected from Council venues and events.**
- 2. Council endorse the roll out of the first 100 peer to peer donation baskets with a communication plan and online map to show public place Return and Earn donation basket locations and redemption points across the Inner West.**
- 3. Council, in addition to the provision of stickers identifying residential bins where eligible containers are available:**
 - a) Clearly publish on the Inner West Council website information regarding the rights and obligations of residents to collect eligible containers and any restrictions; and**
 - b) Investigate options for Council to provide an additional bin or basket for residential properties, at cost to participating residents, to encourage the safe separation of eligible containers.**
- 4. Council include a statement in all user agreements and leases with venue hirers and event organisers that:**
 - a) residents are permitted to attend public council-owned premises, including ovals and parks, when events are not ticketed and open to the public and that they may access bins to collect eligible containers for use in the Return and Earn scheme; and**
 - b) Where reasonable, Council encourages hirers to make eligible containers available for collection at ticketed events.**
- 5. A report be provided to Council at the conclusion of the twelve month trial, with information regarding points 4 and 5 included above.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

C0626(1) Item 6 Metro Station Activations in Sydenham, Marrickville and Dulwich Hill

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the proposed Activation Plan outlined in this report to support the opening of the Sydenham to Bankstown Metro Stations.**
- 2. Note the additional funding requirements associated with the proposed initiatives and endorse allocation of up to \$67,000 as part of the quarter 1 budget review showed sufficient State Government funding not be secured.**
- 3. Request Transport for NSW to:**
 - a) Contract Vietnamese and Greek speaking liaisons to walk the precinct with translated materials and talk through changes to public transport in the area; and**
 - b) Write to bikeshare providers to request a concierge for the first week at Marrickville and Dulwich Hill stations, to ensure share bikes are parked appropriately.**
- 4. Require any official launch or street festival for the opening to include Vietnamese, Greek and other cultural elements to reflect the diverse community that has shaped the precinct.**
- 5. Refers to the Local Transport Forum the feasibility of pedestrianising Station Street Marrickville and Ewart Lane Dulwich Hill to improve the safety of people walking and riding to the Metro.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

Councillor Barlow left the Meeting at 8:51 pm.

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

C0626(1) Item 7 King Street Special Entertainment Precinct

Motion: (Smith/Clay)

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Planning Proposal to amend the Inner West Local Environmental Plan 2022 to establish a Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP) in Newtown and St Peters and submit it to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces seeking a Gateway Determination under sections 3.22 and 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.**
- 2. Place the Planning Proposal and draft Development Control Plan (DCP) amendments on public exhibition and undertake community consultation in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Framework and any Gateway Determination requirements, should the Planning Proposal receive a favorable Gateway Determination.**
- 3. Requests delegation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to manage the plan making functions of the Planning Proposal.**
- 4. Delegates authority to the General Manager to make minor and/or technical modifications to the Planning Proposal, DCP, and Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan prior to exhibition.**
- 5. Continues to work collaboratively with the City of Sydney to:**
 - a) Undertake joint community consultation; and**
 - b) Report post-exhibition findings to both Councils within the same calendar month.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Byrne

Councillor D'Arienzo left the Meeting at 8:57 pm.

Councillor Tastan left the Meeting at 8:58 pm.

Councillor D'Arienzo returned to the Meeting at 8:59 pm.

Councillor Tastan returned to the Meeting at 9:00 pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Byrne returned to the Meeting at 9:00 pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Byre assumed the chair. assumed the Chair.

C0626(1) Item 11 Vietnamese Memorial Consultation Plan

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the revised project scope and community-led consultation and commissioning approach for the Vietnamese refugee memorial in Marrickville.**
- 2. Establish a Vietnamese Refugee Memorial Advisory Group, to provide feedback, cultural input and ensure cultural sensitivity during the consultation and design process for the permanent memorial to commemorate Vietnamese refugees in Marrickville. The Group will:**
 - a) Be chaired by the Director Community;**
 - b) Consist of:**
 - i. Two (2) members nominated by the Bilingual Refugee Reference Group;**
 - ii. Two (2) members nominated by the Vietnamese Community of Australia - NSW Chapter;**
 - iii. One (1) member nominated by Community and Cultural Connections (CCC Ltd);**
 - iv. Two (2) residents of the Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward or an adjoining ward from the Vietnamese diaspora, selected through an EOI process led by the Director Community; and**
 - v. The three (3) Marrickville-Midjuburi Ward Councillors, invited to attend as observers.**
 - c) Assist with the confirmation of the memorial concept and any associated artist brief;**
 - d) Consult and provide feedback on each stage of the project, with the exception of approval of any selection or procurement process;**
 - e) Meet at least quarterly, and at least once at each project stage (whichever is more frequent);**
 - f) Assist with planning for the launch of the memorial; and**
 - g) Not replace any other stage of the consultation, including the community workshops in Stage 1 and 3 (August 2026 and November 2026).**
- 3. Not proceed with a public vote on the preferred concept, noting that this approach may be at odds with the focus on delivering the project in the most culturally sensitive and culturally appropriate way possible.**
- 4. Prioritise artists with a lived experience of the Vietnamese refugee experience or who have demonstrated connection to the Vietnamese community.**
- 5. Make the Artist Brief and Concept is publicly available once finalised.**

6. Endorses the revised project scope and community-led consultation and commissioning approach for the Vietnamese refugee memorial in Marrickville, with the following changes to the Proposed Timeline:
- a) March 2027 - Report to Council on workshop outcomes and the feedback of the advisory group and seek endorsement to publicly exhibit the three shortlisted concepts to determine preferred option; and
 - b) Recognises the importance of Tết Trung Thu (or the Mid-Autumn Festival), falling in 2026 on 25 September, and the significance of 30 April (or Black April), to many people in the Vietnamese community, and commits to avoiding these dates in the consultation and engagement process.
7. Require all future references to this project include the full name of '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

C0626(1) Item 12 Halloween Celebrations

Motion: (Fergusson/Byrne)

That:

1. Council endorse the proposal to run a Halloween competition for 2026 for Inner West residents.
2. Additional funding of \$5,500 be incorporated into 2026/27 financial year budget.
3. The judging panel be comprised of community representatives and a Council staff member.
4. Council encourages participants through the landing page in the Community Halloween Decoration Competition to utilise sustainable and environmentally responsible decorations, including the reuse of existing materials, the minimisation of single use plastics, and the use of recyclable or biodegradable materials where practicable.

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

C0626(1) Item 13 New public plaza adjacent to Balmain Town Hall**Motion: (Byrne/Fergusson)****That:**

- 1. Council endorse the public exhibition of design plans for a new public plaza adjacent to Balmain Town Hall and its proposed naming as ‘Wran Place’.**
- 2. The outcomes of the public exhibition of design plans and the naming proposal for the new public plaza adjacent to Balmain Town Hall are reported back for consideration by Council in September 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**C0626(1) Item 15 Inner West Furniture Audit and Future Furniture Planning****Motion: (Fergusson/Howard)****That:**

- 1. Council notes:**
 - a) the audit of furniture in parks and streets is complete;**
 - b) future planning relating to this furniture will be based on service levels and Public Domain Guidelines currently under development; and**
 - c) additional furniture will be installed during the 2026/27 financial year in town centres and parks as part of planned capital projects and a targeted program to address critical gaps in furniture provision.**
- 2. The draft Inner West Public Domain Guidelines are reported to Council by May 2027 with the intention that they will be publicly exhibited before subsequent adoption in late 2027, including:**
 - a) a clear definition of, and guide against, the use of anti-homeless architecture or other hostile planning approaches in the Inner West**
- 3. Council provide a report to the August 2026 Council meeting detailing:**
 - a) The proposed locations for the installation of the additional 25 public seats and 25 bicycle parking facilities to be funded in the 2026/27 financial year; and**
 - b) A list of 100 additional locations for bicycle parking facilities across the Inner West, with preference given to district and local parks, town centres, and main streets.**

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 Scott left the Meeting at 9:20 pm.

C0626(1) Item 16 Update on St Peters Interchange Parkland Contamination

Motion: (Howard/Atkins)

That Council:

1. **Writes to the NSW Premier and Cabinet and:**
 - a) **Seeks a timing commitment to complete the remediation and development of the Campbell Road Parkland site for future use as a sports field;**
 - b) **Rejects any future transfer of the land planned for the Campbell Road Parkland or any ongoing management of land contamination but is willing to otherwise be responsible for the care, control and management of the use of the parkland once it has been completed in keeping with the approved conditions of consent, pending further assurance and evidence from the NSW Government, Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies that:**
 - i. **The park does not present risk to residents, pets, workers or players, or anyone who accesses the site;**
 - ii. **Confirmation that Inner West Council would not be responsible for the management or care of contamination such as leachate; and**
 - iii. **Only following advice that Inner West Council would not be liable for any risk or harm posed by use of this site by residents, pets, workers, players or anyone who accesses the site.**
 - c) **Rejects any future transfer of the land planned for the St Peters Parkland or any proposal for the care, control and management of the land.**
2. **Obtains an independent Just Terms Compensation valuation to determine the monetary compensation to be paid to Inner West Council in lieu of the St Peters Parkland and Campbell Road Parkland and then seeks for the NSW Government to pay this compensation which will fund enhanced recreational assets for the benefit of the community.**
 - a) **Receives a Briefing Note where the EPA provides any significant update relating to the site; and**
 - b) **Receives a Report once any offer of compensation is made by the NSW Government, at the next Council meeting after that offer is made, detailing the offer and confirming intended purpose of the funds for either**

open space acquisition or to deliver unfunded open space or recreational infrastructure.

Motion Carried

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

C0626(1) Item 17 Post Exhibition – Jack Shanahan Reserve – Plan of Management

Motion: (D'Arienzo/Carlisle)

That:

- 1. Council adopt the Park Plan of Management and Park Master Plan for Jack Shanahan Reserve.**
- 2. The lighting works proposed in the Jack Shanahan Reserve Master Plan, which maximise use of facilities and improve safety, proceed immediately and are completed by the end of October 2026.**

Motion Carried

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

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)

That Council remove reference to the installation of CCTV and explores other means of managing community safety.

Motion Lost

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

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

Councillor Raciti left the Meeting at 9:31 pm.

C0626(1) Item 18 Post Exhibition - Wicks Park - Plan of Management and Master Plan

Motion: (Howard/Smith)

That Item 18 be deferred, with the Plan of Management subject to further consultation, and a report be provided to the August 2026 Council meeting with an updated Plan of Management, Masterplan and Community Engagement Report, and that the August 2026 report also contain a list of priority projects.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Cr Raciti

Councillor Raciti returned to the Meeting at 9:34 pm.

C0626(1) Item 19 Post Exhibition - Tempe Lands - Master Plan

Motion: (Howard/Macri)

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the attached Master Plan for Tempe Lands (former Sydney Gateway site).**
- 2. Commence a process to rename the area known as "Tempe Lands" and "Tempe Wetlands" with a name of significance to First Nations People, following consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and local residents.**
- 3. Provide a further report to a future Council meeting that includes information on potential renaming of the parklands, a list of prioritised projects in the Tempe Lands Park Plan of Management, potential sources of funding and an indicative timeline for priority works.**
- 4. Write to Transport for NSW requesting a review of available bus services to Tempe Lands, a lift for Tempe Station and any other required accessibility upgrades, to ensure reasonable access to Tempe Lands via public transport.**
- 5. Staff investigate options to improve the quality of existing pedestrian pathways with a report back in May 2027, that includes but is not limited to public transport links and cycling options.**

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 Scott left the Meeting at 9:38 pm.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Smith left the Meeting at 9:39 pm.

The Deputy mayor, Councillor Smith returned to the meeting 9:42pm.

C0626(1) Item 20 Local Transport Forum Meeting - 18 May 2026

Motion: (Howard/Barlow)

That Council receive and adopt the recommendations of the Local Transport Forum meeting held on 18 May 2026, subject to the following amendments:

- 1. Amend the recommendation to Item 6 to read:
That the detailed design plan (No.10379) for the proposed new raised pedestrian crossing on Illawarra Road at Wharf Street, Marrickville and associated signs and line markings to be approved, with the incorporation of a combined bicycle and pedestrian crossing if feasible.**

- 2. Add the following to Item 14:**
 - 7. That a review of these arrangements be conducted in 12 months' time with a view to determining whether both sides of affected streets should be included in the resident parking scheme, and the scheme expanded if it is deemed to successfully managed parking pressures in this part of South Marrickville.**

 - 8. That further enforcement activities be undertaken by Regulatory Services to ensure that taxis, vehicles associated with smash repairers and other businesses are being appropriately managed.**

- 3. That the petition from residents of Lords Road and Davies Street be tabled in relation to Item 17.
*(The redacted petition is available at the end of these minutes).***

- 4. That consideration of Item 17 Lords Road and Davies Street Resident Parking Scheme be deferred pending further investigation and consultation on the following:**
 - a) The extension of the scheme operating hours on weekdays to 10:00 pm;**
 - b) The extension of the scheme to operate seven days per week; and**
 - c) The introduction of a one-hour parking provision on Davies Street.**

5. A further report addressing the above be brought back to a future meeting for determination.

Motion Carried

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

Councillor Scott returned to the Meeting at 9:46 pm.

C0626(1) Item 22 Internal Ombudsman Shared Service

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

That Council receive a report back at the August 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, with the report to detail:

- a) Alternatives to the Internal Ombudsman Shared Service, with indicative costings;**
- b) Approaches taken by other NSW councils to provide an independent complaint assessment and investigation function for residents; and**
- c) Considers the implications for the IOSS on the proposed Councillor conduct reforms.**

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

C0626(1) Item 23 Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - Determination of Mayor and Councillor Fees 2026/27

Motion: (Howard/Scott)

That Council:

- 1. Sets Mayor and Councillor Fees, effective 1 July 2026, at the maximum level for a Metropolitan Large Council being:**
 - a) Councillor Annual Fee - \$36,110; and**
 - b) Mayoral Additional fee - \$105,220.**
- 2. Re-confirms the current Additional Fee for the Deputy Mayor, being \$10,000 of the Mayoral Additional Fee.**
- 3. Unanimously resolves, in accordance with section 446-5 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953, that the remuneration of the Council's**

elected members (Councillor fees) be made subject to Pay As You Go (PAYG) income tax withholding with effect from 1 July 2026; and that the General Manager take necessary steps to effect this change, including providing written notice of this resolution to the Commissioner of Taxation within 7 days.

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

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 9:48pm.

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:

C0626(1) Item 24 Domestic Violence Hub Update (Section 10A(2)(f) of the *Local Government Act 1993*) as it contains matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property.

C0626(1) Item 25 RFT - 24 Callan Park All-Weather Sporting Ground Upgrade - Design & Construct Contract (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 commercial information of a confidential nature (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.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED DURING CLOSED SESSION

C0626(1) Item 24 Domestic Violence Hub Update

Motion: (Carlisle/Byrne)

That Council:

- 1. Note the successful implementation of the Domestic Violence Hub on 5 May 2026.**

- 2. Considers the publication of this report on Council’s website after the closure of the Domestic Violence Hub, 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

C0626(1) Item 25 A) Supplementary Report to Item 25: RFT - 24 Callan Park All-Weather Sporting Ground Upgrade - Design & Construct Contract

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

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

- 1. The Inner West Local Planning Panel has approved the development application DA2025/1052 for an all-weather sports field on Balmain Road with works expected to proceed in September 2026 and be completed by March 2027.**
- 2. That Council amend the resolution of Item 25 Callan Park All-Weather Sporting Ground Upgrade to accept only the separable portion of the tender that relates to the Balmain Road Playing Field.**
- 3. That Council will lodge a review of the refusal of DA2025/1053 for Waterfront Drive under Section 8.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as the reasons for refusal can be addressed as part of the review application.**

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

C0626(1) Item 25 RFT - 24 Callan Park All-Weather Sporting Ground Upgrade - Design & Construct Contract

Motion: (Scott/Fergusson)

That Council:

- 1. Accepts the tender submitted by Statewide Landscape & Civil Pty Ltd, for the Callan Park All-Weather Sportsfields Upgrade Design & Construct Contract and approves to proceed with Separable Portion 1 – Balmain Road Field, if the respective DA is approved, for the lump sum price of \$2,359,845.72 (incl. GST).**

2. **Delegate authority to the General Manager to execute an agreement with Statewide Landscape & Civil Pty Ltd for RFT-24 Callan Park All-Weather Sportsfields Upgrade Design & Construct Contract and authorise variations to this contract up to the value of the contingency amount noted in the confidential report.**
3. **Reviews this report's confidentiality after the award of this contract, subject to prior consultation with affected parties.**

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

Council moved back into Open Session at 10:03 pm following the adoption of the Procedural Motion below:

Procedural Motion: (Howard/D'Arienzo)

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

C0626(1) Item 32 Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Upgrade – Monthly Update

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

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

1. **FDC has appointed all critical design consultants and the For Construction project design package is progressing;**
2. **The date for the temporarily closure of the two pools has been set to be Monday 29 June 2026. Communications with the community and impacted staff relating to the temporary closure has been implemented; and**
3. **A last swim free event is arranged for Sunday 28 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

C0626(1) Item 33 Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment - Project Status Update

Motion: (Scott/Byrne)

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

- 1. The detailed design for the western grandstand, northern grandstand and lower bowl seating has progressed to a tender-ready stage, supported by specialist consultants;**
- 2. Procurement to appoint a suitably qualified contractor to complete the design and deliver the works is progressing, with the three shortlisted tenderers invited to a select tender process released on 1 June 2026 and closing in late July; and**
- 3. The State Significant Development Application process continues, with regular engagement between the consultant team and the DPHI, with planning approval expected later this year.**

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

C0626(1) Item 35 Parklets and On Road Dining

Motion: (Smith/Howard)

That:

- 1. Council note that the draft 26/27 Fees and Charges has a charge that enables the costs associated with on-road dining / parklet installation when requested by a business to be paid for by the business.**
- 2. As part of the future report to Council on parklet designs and the updated Interim Outdoor Dining Guidelines, include:**
 - a) A plan for ongoing reporting to Council on the number and location of parklets installed by both Council and businesses, with a goal to double the number of parklets in the Local Government Area by end of 2028; and**

- b) A communications and engagement plan to ensure businesses across the LGA are aware of Council’s efforts to encourage more parklets and on-road dining, including changes to Fees and Charges and the parklet design guide.**

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

C0626(1) Item 36 Notice of Motion: Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre – Planning and Future Expansion

Motion: (Macri/Howard)

That:

- 1. Council prepares a report for consideration at the December 2026 Council meeting addressing the operation and future of the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre, including but not limited to:**
 - a) Operational overview – analysis of current usage, including visitation data, participation in existing programs (e.g. learn-to-swim, gym, water aerobics), accessibility and opportunities for new or expanded programming;**
 - b) Condition assessment – a detailed review of the current condition of the facility, including any maintenance, compliance, accessibility or upgrade requirements;**
 - c) Capacity and water space – investigation into opportunities to increase water availability to the community within the existing footprint and, where feasible, through expansion to adjacent areas;**
 - d) Hydrotherapy provision – assessment of the feasibility of delivering a hydrotherapy pool, including the potential integration of supporting medical and allied health practitioner spaces; and**
 - e) Information on how any plans for expansion might impact open green space at Enmore Park.**

- 2. Pending the outcome of that report, allocate \$50,000 from the Aquatics 26/27 Operations budget to fund relevant consultants to prepare a formal Business Case to upgrade the pool.**

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

C0626(1) Item 38 Notice of Motion: Consolidation of Council Administrative Functions and Rationalisation of Civic Sites

Motion: (Macri/Raciti)

That Council:

- 1. Notes that:**
 - a) Council currently operates across multiple civic and administrative locations, including (but not limited to):**
 - i. St Peter's Depot;**
 - ii. Ashfield Service Centre/Civic offices;**
 - iii. Leichhardt Service Centre/Civic offices; and**
 - iv. Petersham administrative facilities.**
 - b) This multi-site structure reflects legacy arrangements from former councils and results in fragmented administration, duplication of functions, and inefficient use of resources.**
- 2. Acknowledges that maintaining multiple civic administration sites imposes ongoing costs associated with:**
 - a) Building maintenance and lifecycle renewal**
 - b) Duplicated front-of-house services**
 - c) Internal inefficiencies and reduced staff coordination**
- 3. Resolves to investigate the consolidation of Council's primary administrative and civic functions into a single main service centre, with a reduced number of strategically located customer service points.**
- 4. Further resolves to direct the General Manager to prepare a Civic Consolidation and Property Rationalisation Strategy that:**
 - a) Assesses the consolidation of administrative functions currently located at ST Peter's, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Petersham sites;**
 - b) Identifies a preferred principal civic location based on accessibility, site capacity, and long-term value;**
 - c) Evaluates which existing civic buildings should be:**
 - i. Retained for community use;**
 - ii. Repurposed for affordable housing; and**
 - iii. Or considered for divestment.**
 - d) Undertake an audit of the use of space across Council's three administrative offices, including but not limited to:**
 - i. Staff occupancy and workstation utilisation;**
 - ii. Meeting room usage;**
 - iii. Customer service and public-facing areas;**
 - iv. Storage and archive areas; and**
 - v. Vacant or underutilised spaces;**
 - e) Prepare an audit of visitor activity across the three Council offices, including:**
 - i. The total number of visitors to each office;**

- ii. Available trends in visitation over the previous 12 months (or another suitable reporting period);
 - iii. The main reasons for visits, grouped by service category;
 - iv. Peak visitation days and times; and
 - v. Any differences in usage patterns between the three offices.
5. Requests a report be provided to Council within 4 months that:
- a) Identifies a preferred consolidation model and site (including whether St Peter’s depot or an alternative location is most suitable as Councils Offices;
 - b) Includes indicative capital costs vs. long-term operational savings;
 - c) Identifies opportunities for asset divestment or redevelopment of surplus civic buildings in Ashfield, Leichhardt, Petersham or other sites;
 - d) Outlines a staged transition plan, including interim consolidation steps; and
 - e) Assesses impacts on community access, with mitigation measures such as retained customer service points.

Motion Lost

For Motion: Crs Macri and Raciti

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

C0626(1) Item 39 Notice of Motion: Enlivening underutilised spaces

Motion: (Antoniou/Carlisle)

That Council:

1. Convenes a roundtable to discuss ways local businesses with underutilised space could be connected with creatives and organisers who run low-cost, free initiatives, small events or pop-ups.
2. Consults with the Small Business Local Democracy Group on issues relating to underutilised business spaces to inform the agenda of the roundtable.
3. Invites AshBiz and other inner west chambers of commerce, Inner West Creative network, artists, creatives, and community organisers it has engaged through previous programs to participate.
4. Consults the roundtable on ways to enliven laneways, including publicly accessible but privately owned spaces.
5. Reports back to Council with a pilot program and policy recommendations to incentivise and facilitate the use of underutilised space.

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

C0626(1) Item 47 Notice of Motion: Celebrating 50 years of the Ella Centre in Haberfield and committing to future Council support

Motion: (Scott/Carlisle)

That Council:

- 1. Congratulates the Ella Centre, its committee, staff and volunteers, on 50 years of service to the Haberfield and broader Inner West community, recognising its enduring contribution to the lives of aged and disabled adults, their families, and many generations of local residents.**
- 2. Writes to the Ella Centre via their Board Secretary Phil McCrea, to express its congratulations and gratitude for their contribution to the inner west community.**
- 3. Notes that the Ella Centre has occupied the Mervyn Fletcher Centre on Dalhousie Street, Haberfield, without a lease fee since the late 1990s, following a decision by the then Ashfield Council to waive rent in recognition of the community value of the services provided.**
- 4. Requests the Director, Property and Major Projects, review the options available to Council under Council's Land and Property Policy to support the Ella Centre's continued occupation of the Mervyn Fletcher Centre and at a no- or very low- cost rate.**
- 5. Advise on the process and timeline for the Ella Centre to apply for an Accommodation Grant, and that Council officers provide the Ella Centre with clear guidance on that process as a matter of priority.**
- 6. Requests that no lease requiring payment of market rent be executed until the Accommodation Grant process has been completed.**
- 7. 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

C0626(1) Item 49 Notice of Motion: Congratulating Poetry in Action on 20 years in the Inner West**Motion: (Scott/Howard)****That Council:**

- 1. Recognises and congratulates Poetry in Action on 20 years as an inner west creative organisation.**
- 2. Writes to founders Hazem Shammass and Bryce Youngman to express their congratulations and gratitude for their contribution to arts and culture in the Inner West.**

Motion Carried**For Motion:** Crs Antoniou, Atkins, Barlow, Blake, Byrne, Carlisle, Clay, D'Arienzo, Fergusson, Howard, Macri, Raciti, Scott, Smith and Tastan**Against Motion:** Nil**Procedural Motion: (Howard/Macri)****That an Urgency Motion on Damage to Property on Addison Road, Marrickville be considered at this meeting.**

The Mayor ruled the matter is urgent.

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**Urgency Motion: Damage to Property on Addison Road, Marrickville****Motion: (Howard/Macri)****That Council:**

- 1. Acknowledges the circumstances of the owner of a property on Addison Road, Marrickville, who has reported significant damage to their home associated with neighbouring development works, and recognises the considerable personal, financial and emotional impact this has had on the owner.**
- 2. Raises concerns that gaps in the current legislative and regulatory framework limit the ability of Building Commission NSW to intervene in cases involving damage to neighbouring properties arising from development activity on commercial properties, leaving affected property owners with limited avenues for assistance or redress.**

- 3. Requests that the General Manager write to the NSW Minister for Building, the Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong MP, seeking an urgent review of these legislative and regulatory gaps and advocating for reforms that provide stronger protections and clearer pathways to resolution for neighbouring property owners impacted by development-related damage.**
- 4. Requests that the General Manager undertake a review of Council's involvement in the matter, including any compliance and enforcement actions taken; and Council's General Counsel reviews the matter in particular regarding any regulatory options that may assist the affected residence.**
- 5. Requests that the General Manager work with the affected property owner to identify and facilitate access to any available dispute resolution, regulatory or advocacy pathways that may assist in progressing the matter towards resolution.**

Motion Carried

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

Against Motion: Nil

Procedural Motion: (Howard/Macri)

That an Urgency Motion on Lighting at Mahoney Reserve be considered at this meeting.

The Mayor ruled the matter is urgent.

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

Urgency Motion: Lighting at Mahoney Reserve**Motion: (Howard/Barlow)****That Council:**

- 1. Notes the petition of residents calling for lighting to be extended at Mahoney Reserve, Marrickville to make the park safer for joggers, families and dog walkers.**
- 2. Notes fields and ovals across the Inner West are lit during winter months, usually from Tuesday to Friday.**

- 3. Trials extended lighting at Mahoney Reserve, Marrickville, from 5:00pm-8:00pm Monday - Sunday during the period of standard time (non daylight-savings), funded through existing operational budgets.**
- 4. Increases enforcement at both Mahoney Reserve and Mackey Park, Marrickville, to ensure that the fields are not being used by registered sports clubs who have not formally booked the space.**
- 5. Installs signage at both Mackey Park and Mahoney Reserve noting that the parks are being monitored and that the extended lighting is intended to promote passive recreation and safety and not training for clubs who have not booked fields.**
- 6. Investigates any other options to support existing clubs who have booked fields and who may be impacted by later lighting, including the potential to construct a cage for goals at Mackie Park.**
- 7. Reports back on the success of the trial via Councillor briefing note and any other actions taken in relation to the trial in November 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

Meeting closed at 10:41pm.

Tabled petition for Item 20 Local Transport Forum Meeting - 18 May 2026

13 June 2026

Dear Councillors Blake and Ferguson,

Re: Submission regarding varying proposed parking restrictions on Davies Street Leichhardt

We write on behalf of residents of Davies Street regarding the Traffic Committee recommendation to introduce 2-hour parking restrictions between 8:00am and 6:00pm, Monday to Friday, within the Flood Street, Kegworth Street, Lords Road and Davies Street parking catchment.

Following consultation amongst Davies Street residents, there is broad support for the introduction of timed parking restrictions. Residents recognise the ongoing parking pressures within the area and support Council's efforts to improve parking availability for local households while balancing the interests of the community including users of the Playground, Child Care and Soccer grounds.

However, resident's feedback indicates a strong view that the proposed operating hours of 8:00am–6:00pm, Monday to Friday, will not adequately address the parking pressures experienced on Davies Street. We request Council amend the proposed parking restrictions for Davies Street and approve:

1. Restrictions operating seven days per week from 8:00am to 9:30pm.
2. Mixed parking time limits: Two-hour parking for the 17 parallel parking spaces and One-hour parking for the 15 angled parking spaces.

Unlike surrounding streets, Davies Street experiences significant parking demand during evenings and weekends, particularly due to visitors attending nearby sporting and recreational facilities. Residents consistently report that parking availability is often most constrained outside normal business hours, so the proposed restrictions would not operate during many of the periods when parking pressure is greatest.

For this reason, residents request that Council adopt the proposed parking scheme with the following variation for Davies Street.

1. Extended Operating Hours

That parking restrictions on Davies Street operate seven days per week between 8:00am and 9:30pm. This would align the restrictions with the periods during which residents experience the greatest parking demand and improve the effectiveness of the scheme.

2. Mixed Parking Time Limits

To improve circulation and sharing of the limited parking we would like a blend of One and Two-hour restrictions rather than a blanket Two-hour restriction.

Because Davies Street contains two distinct parking configurations - 15 angled (90-degree) parking spaces and 17 parallel parking spaces - Residents request that Council apply:

- One-hour parking to the 15 angled parking spaces; and
- Two-hour parking to the 17 parallel parking spaces.

This blended arrangement would encourage greater turnover in the area most heavily used by visitors while maintaining reasonable flexibility for longer-stay users and visitors. It also reflects the unique physical layout of Davies Street and was supported by a number of residents during consultation.

Residents believe this variation represents a practical and balanced refinement of the Traffic Committee recommendation. It supports Council's objective of improving parking availability while better addressing the specific parking patterns experienced on Davies Street.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission and for your representation of our community on Council. This submission is supported by the undersigned residents of Davies Street.

Yours faithfully,
Residents of Davies Street Leichhardt NSW

Name	Address	Signature
[Redacted]		

Redacted in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009, Table to s. 14 (3) (a) reveal an individuals personal information.

This petition contains 29 signatures.