

Minutes of the Community Services and Facilities Committee - 15 September 2025

Members Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Olly Arkins, Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore (Deputy Chair), Councillor Lyndon Gannon, Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Matthew Thompson, Councillor Yvonne Weldon AM and Councillor Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3:18pm, those present were –

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson, Weldon, and Worling.

Councillor Arkins left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 3:19pm before discussion and the vote on Item 3, and did not return.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 3:28pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of Monday 16 June 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that Norma Ingram, founding and current board member of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care, is someone they have known for many years and has previously been a candidate for Labor on the City of Sydney and for the State electorate of Newtown in the past.

Councillor Arkins stated that they will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that Aunty Norma Ingram is the Chair of Wyanga Aged Care, an organisation who are receiving this grant. Aunty Norma Ingram is also a Sydney Labor member.

Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because Aunty Norma did not make any representation to him in relation to this item and was unaware it was coming to Committees.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Item 3**Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Ad Hoc Grant - Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program**

The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 22 September.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation to the Community Services and Facilities Committee was as follows –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve an Ad Hoc cash grant of up to \$50,000 to Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (ABN 98 732 869 630) to contribute to the repair the roof of its facility at 35 Cope Street, Redfern, with funding to be sourced from the 2025/26 General Contingency Fund;
- (D) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Staff Report

The staff report on this matter can be found at Item 3 on the agenda of the meeting of Community Services and Facilities Committee on 15 September 2025.

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