

Minutes of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee - 16 February 2026

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

At the commencement of business at 5:35pm, those present were –

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

The meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee concluded at 6:01pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee of Monday 10 November 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee.

The Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Public Exhibition - Amended Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Policy and Sydney Busking Code

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the feedback received from buskers during the review, outlined in the Engagement Report, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve for public exhibition the draft amended Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Policy (the Policy), as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve for public exhibition the amended Sydney Busking Code (the Code), as shown at Attachment C to the subject report, a guidance document to be published alongside the Policy;
- (D) Council note that any recommended changes to either the Policy or the Code will be reported to Council for consideration following the exhibition period; and

- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial corrections prior to the exhibition of the draft amended Policy and Code.

(Note - at the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Weldon, and carried unanimously.)

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Item 4

Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grants Program - ReadyMade Works Incorporated

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the new subsidy and grant level for ReadyMade Works Incorporated at Level 1, 247-257 Bulwara Road Ultimo for the remaining months of the current lease on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy	Grant Amount	Rent Payable
Pro rata Year 5 01/01/2026 - 30/06/2026 (180 days)	\$44,404	100%	\$44,404	\$0

- (B) Council approve the backdating of this subsidy to commence from 1 January 2026;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into any documentation required to vary the lease to reflect the new rental subsidy; and
- (D) 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.

(Note - at the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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