

Minutes of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee - 22 June 2026

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

At the commencement of business at 6:10pm those present were -

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

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee.

The meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee concluded at 6:12pm.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee of Monday 8 December 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Lyndon Gannon made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that Shauna Jarrett, an Advisory Council member of the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Ltd, which is recommended for a Business Sector Support Grant, is a NSW Liberal Party member and former City of Sydney Councillor. Councillor Gannon considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with her.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that Alex Schuman, a board member of the Australian Fashion Council Ltd, which is recommended for a Major Economic Grant, is a NSW Liberal Party member. Councillor Gannon considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with him.

Councillor Jess Miller made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that she is familiar with and attends Newtown Enmore Business Chamber events, which is recommended for funding in the Business Sector Support Grant program. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken with anyone at the organisation about this grant.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that she has been an ambassador and fundraiser for The Social Outfit, which is not recommended for funding in the Business Sector Support Grant program. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken with anyone at the organisation about this grant.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 3 on the agenda, in that through his business AWPR he has represented clients showing at Australian Fashion Week and has ongoing relationships with the event organisers as a fashion publicist. Australian Fashion Week is recommended for a Major Economic Grant. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with anyone at the organisation and it will not affect his ability to vote on this item.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee.

The Innovation, Business and Economy Committee recommended the following:

Item 3

Grants - Economic Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Business Sector Support Grant Program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Business Sector Support Grant Program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Haymarket Activation Grant Program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Haymarket Activation Grant Program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendation for the Major Grants Program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (F) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (G) 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
- (H) 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.

(Note – at the meeting of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

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