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Present

The Right Hon Clover Moore AO - Lord Mayor of Sydney (Chair)

Members Deputy Lord Mayor - Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Olly Arkins, 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 5:03pm, those present were:-

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

The Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Director Finance and Procurement, Executive Director City Services, Executive Director City Planning, Development and Transport, Executive Director Legal and Governance, Executive Director City Life, Executive Director People, Performance and Technology and A/Executive Director Strategic Development and Engagement were also present.

Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and opening prayer.

Webcasting Statement

The Chair (the Lord Mayor), advised that in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice, Council meetings are audio visually recorded and webcast live on the City of Sydney website. The Chair (the Lord Mayor) asked that courtesy and respect be observed throughout the meeting and advised those in attendance to refrain from making defamatory statements.

Order of Business

Council agreed that the order of business be altered such that Item 13.12 be brought forward and considered prior to Item 3.1.

Councillor Ellsmore left the meeting of Council at 6:06pm prior to discussion on Item 8.4, and returned at 6.08pm, after the vote on Item 8.4. Councillor Ellsmore was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 8.4.

Councillor Miller left the meeting of Council at 6:06pm prior to discussion on Item 8.4, and returned at 6.08pm, after the vote on Item 8.4. Councillor Miller was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 8.4.

Item 1 Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council of Monday, 23 March 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 2 Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Statement of Ethical Obligations

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord 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 City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she has relationships with individuals and organisations included in the Accommodation Grant Program lease application recommendations:

Inner City Legal Centre (ICLC):

- A community relationship with Katie Green, CEO of ICLC, who she has known since the lead up to the NSW Drug Summit. This is from Councillor Arkins' work in music festivals and ICLC program for free legal advice to festival goers and police powers.
- Board member Jeremy Moineau through personal and professional networks.
- Board member Jo Tilly, who she has known for over a decade as a fellow inner city activist. Councillor Arkins met Jo through her partner Penny Sharpe, a senior member of the NSW Labor Government. Red Tilly, Jo's son, also works in Councillor Arkins' office.
- Board member Eden Tollis, who she has known for over a decade as he lived in a share house with a closer personal friend, and recently through his work at Sydney Film Festival.
- Board member of Jessie Street National Women's Library, Christine Kibble, who she has known through personal networks and as a Member of the Labor Party.
- Board members Peter Whitehead, Rory Sutton, Jo Holder and staff member Maggie Sangsong of Kings Cross Community Centre Inc, who she has known through personal relationships and as members of the Labor Party.
- Holly Robeiro is a member of the Labor Party and ran on the City of Sydney Labor 2024 Council ticket as a Candidate. She is a board member of the Older Women's Network.
- Kerry O'Brien, board member of Redfern Legal Centre Ltd, and Councillor Arkins briefly lived in the same share house together in 2017.
- Peggy Dwyer, board member of Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd, met with Councillor Arkins a couple of times because of her time as Council assisting in the coronial inquest into 6 deaths at music festivals.

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as neither she nor her staff have had contact with any of them about this item.

Councillor Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.5 on the agenda, in that there are residents in 19 Ralph Street, Alexandria, who are members of the Labor Party (NSW branch).

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as she was not contacted by them on this item.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that the recommendation includes endorsement of extension of the lease / grant to Inner Sydney Voice, for the space they currently occupy behind Waterloo library. She is a current member and former Treasurer of Inner Sydney Voice.

Councillor Ellsmore stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that her daughter is a member of the Glebe Greyhounds AFL Team.

Councillor Miller stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of Council.

Procedural Motion

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

That the Order of Business be altered such that Item 13.12 be brought forward and considered before Item 3.1 for the convenience of the public present.

Carried unanimously.

Item 3 Minutes by the Lord Mayor**Item 3.1 Resilient Transport and City of Sydney Services in a Changing World****Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

Global fuel supply shocks, price volatility and geopolitical instability are increasingly exposing communities and local governments to economic and service delivery risk. Oil supply disruptions are becoming larger, faster and more frequent due to geopolitical conflict, climate impacts and concentrated supply chains.

The City of Sydney has long supported an active transport system and City services and operations that are resilient to fuel price volatility and oil supply disruption. Through the City's *Electrification of Transport in the City – Strategy and Action Plan*, released in 2023, we have already committed to converting our fleet to achieve net zero transport emissions by 2035. Through the City's long-standing investment in walking and cycling infrastructure, planning controls that support low-emissions transport, and sustained advocacy to other levels of government, the City continues to reduce fossil fuel dependence across its own operations and in the wider community.

The current oil supply shock, and the risk of more to come, makes it more important than ever to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuel dependence to renewable energy and for the NSW and Australian Governments to make walking, cycling and public transport the most affordable and reliable everyday travel options.

Resilient Operations of Local Government Services

City services such as waste collection and public domain cleansing are essential to public health and amenity and must be maintained during any fuel supply disruption. In March, I wrote to the Premier to ask that both waste management and public health cleansing services delivered by all Councils are classified as essential or priority services for the purposes of any future fuel rationing by the Federal or State Government. It is vital that Councils and their contractors are able to maintain this crucial public service.

Failure to classify domestic waste services as priority fuel recipients would lead to significant public health impacts. At this point there has been no impact on the City of Sydney's service delivery. We are fortunate that given the scale of our domestic waste collection contractor's operations, it has a lengthy runway of stockpiled fuel.

Exploring a transition to electric domestic waste collection vehicles as part of the next domestic waste contract or future service delivery is a sensible next step to increase resilience, reduce emissions, and will further mitigate risks associated with oil supply disruptions.

There are many services run by the City that are delivered by our fleet of 320 vehicles. The City has already transitioned 50% of our fleet – 27% to fully electric and 23% to hybrid. Some of these are specialised EVs such as footpath sweepers, waste collection buggies or light utilities. We also operate electric vans supporting the City events, library services and soon to be used to deliver meals on wheels. As a result, the City is in a good position to maintain delivery of key essential services in the event of any future fuel shortages. However, the increasing cost of fuel for these services has to be absorbed by the City.

Critically, our street cleaning ensures the public domain is free of public health hazards. It is vital for the City to maintain a clean and safe city for the many people who live, work and visit. The City has been trialling electric trucks for our public domain cleansing services since 2021. As part of the City's current fleet renewal program, we are moving away from larger garbage diesel trucks to allow the introduction of 8 hybrid trucks (which will achieve around 50% fuel reduction). We will also introduce 2 fully electric garbage compactors, to be used in parks and street cleaning.

Until the City's fleet is fully electric or hybrid, we remain at risk of fuel rationing in fuel crises.

Staff overseeing City services have been requested by the Chief Executive Officer to review business continuity plans in accordance with best practice to ensure we can continue to deliver essential services, including through prioritisation if necessary.

Resilient Community

For many years, the City has invested in walking and cycling improvements and advocated to the NSW Government for improved public transport service standards and infrastructure. This approach reduces congestion and makes our city liveable, less reliant on fossil fuels and cushions residents, workers and visitors from oil price volatility.

Accelerating the transition to more affordable and resilient transport requires action across all levels of government, with public transport being the responsibility of the NSW Government. Other jurisdictions have demonstrated how governments can respond to fuel shocks and cost of living pressures through fare reform. Queensland's \$0.50 flat fare resulted in an 18% increase in public transport patronage, while Victoria introduced free public transport for children and young people.

Public Transport Fare Reform

Strategic fare reform is one of the most direct levers available to the NSW Government to improve affordability and protect households from fuel price increases. Some groups and trip types are disadvantaged by current fare settings including:

- Children and young people, are charged for non-education related public transport trips. This can result in families driving children and young people to activities and appointments potentially adding more traffic on our streets or the financial cost of travel being borne by families.
- People making short train/metro trips, which are prevalent in the City, are priced the same as much longer journeys. For example, peak fares of \$4.33 on trains apply equally for a 1km trip as a 10km train ride to from the CBD to Croydon.
- Infrequent and hybrid commuters have become more common since the Covid-19 pandemic, but they are unlikely to benefit from daily fare caps of \$19.30 and weekly fare caps of \$50, which are designed for frequent, longer distance travel.
- International and part time tertiary students, who are excluded from NSW student transport concessions. NSW is out of step with all other Australian states and territories in not extending concession fares to international students, while part time tertiary students are also ineligible for concessions under current arrangements.

The NSW Government must consider a targeted program of public transport fare reform to address clear affordability and equity gaps in the current fare system.

More funding for active transport

Safe, connected cycling infrastructure reduces car dependence and insulates households from fuel costs. The City's experience shows that when you build cycleways, more people ride bikes. It's taken almost 20 years, but we have delivered a 156km cycling network. Cycling trips have tripled since 2010. The pedestrianisation of George Street has seen massive foot traffic growth.

Both Federal and NSW Government active transport spending represents less than 1% of all transport infrastructure funding. Council has long called for increased investment in active transport. Recently, I wrote to the Federal Transport Minister and met with her office to urge them to increase funding for active transport.

NSW and Federal Governments should prioritise increased and sustained funding for active transport infrastructure.

Reducing speed limits

Two weeks ago, the Federal Transport Minister, Catherine King launched the 'Every little bit helps' national campaign in response to the fuel crisis, which encourages drivers to go slower to conserve fuel. Then the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet published the Fuel Security for Australia statement containing fuel saving guidance for drivers that included advice to reduce speeds.

Late last year, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) released new Speed Zoning Standards, promising greater transparency in their assessment of Council's applications for lower speeds. The City has long called for speed limit reductions in our area and commenced a program of applying for speed limit reductions in early April guided by the new Standards.

At lower speed, traffic will be smoother, helping people who need to drive to conserve fuel. Speed limit reductions are quick to implement in response to the fuel crisis.

I welcome Federal Government calls for reduced driving speeds and ask that Transport for NSW accelerate speed limit reductions in our area to reduce fuel use in this fuel crisis.

EV Charging

Access to convenient and equitable EV charging is essential to support the transition for residents who need to drive, particularly those without off street parking. The City has taken decisive action to enable EV uptake through planning controls that require new developments to be EV ready, and through targeted participation in the NSW Government's kerbside charging program.

However, kerbside EV charging has its limits given impacts on the public domain and competing demands of our kerbsides for extended footpaths, trees, cycling infrastructure and loading. In dense inner city areas, scalable solutions are better delivered through non kerbside charging at locations designed for vehicle access and turnover such as publicly accessible car parks and service stations.

The NSW Government should prioritise the delivery of rapid EV charging at service stations and other publicly accessible off-street locations to support access to EV charging.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that:

- (i) the City of Sydney and the Lord Mayor have consistently acted to build an active transport system and deliver City services and operations that are resilient to fuel price shocks and oil supply disruptions, as outlined in the subject Minute; and
- (ii) in March 2026, the Lord Mayor wrote to the NSW Premier requesting that waste management and public health cleansing services delivered by all Councils be classified as essential or priority services for the purposes of any future fuel rationing by the Federal or State Government;

- (B) Council endorse the package of measures outlined in the subject Minute to strengthen the resilience of City operations and the community to fuel price volatility and supply disruption, including continued investment in active transport, fleet electrification and advocacy to the NSW Government for lower speeds and public transport fare reform;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate options and report to Council on:
 - (i) the plan for the electrification of the City's remaining fleet; and
 - (ii) the feasibility of a transition to electric domestic waste collection vehicles as part of the next domestic waste contract or future service delivery;
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Transport noting that increasing fuel price volatility and supply risk strengthens the case for a targeted program of public transport fare reform, and requesting that the NSW Government progress reforms to address clear affordability and equity gaps in the current fare system as outlined in the subject Minute;
- (E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Climate Change and Energy seeking increased and accelerated funding for the delivery of more fast EV charging infrastructure within the City at service stations and publicly accessible car parks;
- (F) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Federal Minister for Transport to call for an increase in Federal Government funding of active transport, particularly in light of the current fuel crisis; and
- (G) the Lord Mayor be requested to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Roads and Minister for Transport about the issues and proposals raised in this Minute.

THE RT HON CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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

That the Minute by the Lord Mayor be endorsed and adopted.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Thompson, and by consent, the Minute was varied such that it read as follows:

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that:
 - (i) the City of Sydney and the Lord Mayor have consistently acted to build an active transport system and deliver City services and operations that are resilient to fuel price shocks and oil supply disruptions, as outlined in the subject Minute; and
 - (ii) in March 2026, the Lord Mayor wrote to the NSW Premier requesting that waste management and public health cleansing services delivered by all Councils be classified as essential or priority services for the purposes of any future fuel rationing by the Federal or State Government;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) in response to this crisis, Greens MP for Balmain, Kobi Shetty, recently tabled a motion in NSW Parliament calling on the NSW Labor Government to make public transport free during the fuel crisis to help address cost of living and free up fuel reserves for regional communities;
- (ii) this follows the State Governments of Victoria and Tasmania announcing free public transport use for a period between one and 3 months;
- (iii) in late 2024, the Queensland State Government introduced \$0.50 fares for all public transport. In the first 18 months of this initiative, patronage of the public transport network increased by around 20%; and
- (iv) despite the impacts of the fuel and cost-of-living crisis, and the success of these initiatives in the neighbouring states, the NSW Premier Chris Minns has consistently ruled out adopting these simple measures in NSW;

(C) Council endorse the package of measures outlined in the subject Minute to strengthen the resilience of City operations and the community to fuel price volatility and supply disruption, including continued investment in active transport, fleet electrification and advocacy to the NSW Government for lower speeds and public transport fare reform;

(D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate options and report to Council on:

- (i) the plan for the electrification of the City's remaining fleet; and
- (ii) the feasibility of a transition to electric domestic waste collection vehicles as part of the next domestic waste contract or future service delivery;

(E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Treasurer Daniel Mookhey, and NSW Minister for Transport noting that increasing fuel price volatility and supply risk strengthens the case for a targeted program of public transport fare reform, including consideration of free or discounted public transport, and requesting that the NSW Government progress reforms to address clear affordability and equity gaps in the current fare system as outlined in the subject Minute;

(F) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Climate Change and Energy seeking increased and accelerated funding for the delivery of more fast EV charging infrastructure within the City at service stations and publicly accessible car parks;

(G) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Federal Minister for Transport to call for an increase in Federal Government funding of active transport, particularly in light of the current fuel crisis; and

(H) the Lord Mayor be requested to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Roads and Minister for Transport about the issues and proposals raised in this Minute.

The Minute, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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Item 4 Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer

There were no Memoranda by the Chief Executive Officer for this meeting of Council.

Item 5 Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

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

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

5.2 Petitions

(a) Glebe Foreshore Trees

The following Petition, of which notice was given by Councillor Maxwell, was tabled.

To the City of Sydney Council,

We, the undersigned members and visitors of the Glebe and Inner Sydney community, call on the City of Sydney Council to protect and conserve the Melaleuca and other trees scheduled for removal along the Glebe Foreshore Walk.

We acknowledge and appreciate Council's decision to pause removal works while community concerns are formally considered. This pause creates an important opportunity to properly assess the ecological value of these trees and to engage meaningfully with the community before any irreversible decisions are made.

These Melaleuca trees play a vital role in the health and liveability of the Glebe foreshore. They provide habitat for native birds and insects, offer shade and urban cooling, help stabilise soil and waterways, store water, and form a much-loved part of the local landscape. For many residents and visitors, these trees are central to how we experience and care for this place.

Key benefits of these trees:

- Supports pollinators such as native bees, flies and butterflies; Melaleuca flowers are nectar-rich and bloom at times when other food sources are scarce.
- Understory refuge for small reptiles and invertebrates, contributing to a layered and resilient urban ecosystem.
- Roots assist in filtering run off before it enters Glebe Bay, improving water quality by trapping sediments and pollutants.
- Provides shade and cooling, reducing heat stress for people and wildlife along the foreshore walk.
- Contributes to urban heat island mitigation, which is especially valuable in bayside, paved, and built-up areas.
- Melaleucas are salt-tolerant and wind-resistant, making them well suited to coastal and estuarine environments like Glebe Bay.
- Mature trees provide far greater ecological value than newly planted replacements, which can take decades to offer comparable benefits.

- We understand that Council operates within legal and historical frameworks, including existing covenants. However, we believe the proposed removal of these trees deserves further consideration given the potential long-term environmental and social impacts, and the strong community interest in their retention.

We respectfully ask the City of Sydney Council to:

- Maintain the current pause on tree removal while this matter is under review.
- Maintain, preserve and conserve the trees scheduled for removal on Gadigal Country.
- Undertake and publish a comprehensive ecological assessment of the affected trees and surrounding foreshore.
- Provide transparent access to relevant documentation, including ecological reports and covenant details and constraints.
- Actively explore alternatives that would allow the existing trees to be retained while meeting legal obligations.
- Engage openly and meaningfully with the local community before any final decisions are made.
- Actively engage the community in further ecological decision making and actions to increase awareness and education of our local ecology and our shared custodianship of country.

Our local environment is under increasing pressure from pollution, habitat loss, and environmental degradation, and established native trees play an important role in keeping it healthy. Removing them primarily to improve harbour views is out of step with the environmental challenges we face today. The covenant guiding this decision was made in 2004, before many of these issues were widely recognised, and we believe decisions being made now should reflect current environmental realities and community values.

We believe that careful, consultative decision-making will best serve both Council's responsibilities and the long-term environmental wellbeing of the Glebe foreshore.

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

It is resolved that the Petition be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 6 Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Robert Kok
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Zann Maxwell, Matthew Thompson and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3:04pm those present were -

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

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 5.18 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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

That the request by Councillor Ellsmore to attend the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee via audio visual link due to ill-health be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Apologies

Councillor Weldon extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee.

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

That the apology of Councillor Weldon be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 3:32pm.

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of 20 April 2026 be received, with Items 6.1 and 6.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.3, and 6.5 to 6.10 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Item 6.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 16 March 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommended the following:

Item 6.3**Investments Held as at 31 March 2026**

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 March 2026 be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 6.4**Post Exhibition - Grants Policy and Guidelines**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community on the draft Grants Policy and Guidelines as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the revised Grants Policy as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council adopt the revised Grants Guidelines as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Grants Policy and Guidelines in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

The motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Arkins, Gannon, Maxwell, Miller, Kok, Weldon and Worling

Noes (2) Councillors Ellsmore and Thompson.

Carried.

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Item 6.5

Post Exhibition - Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds and General Community Use Land

Note – the recommendation of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee was not adopted. The following alternative recommendation was adopted as part of an in globo motion (as contained in the Information Relevant To Memorandum dated 24 April 2026 from the Chief Operating Officer, circulated prior to the meeting).

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the outcome of the public hearing and public consultation process for the Draft Generic Plan of Management;
- (B) Council adopt the Revised Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds and General Community Use Land as shown at Attachment H to the subject report, ***subject to the following amendments:***
 - (i) amend the community use and activation section:

Community use and activation

To encourage community events that contribute to local activation, cultural and community outcomes.

To ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can practice culture on community land.

To facilitate temporary event use that is appropriate to scale of the open space or facility and in consideration of other uses.

Provision of improved services and/or amenities for community event use so that these functions may be accommodated without adversely affecting the values and character of open space or facilities.

Design places and implement policies that support cultural practice.

Increased use for community events, appropriate to scale and intensity, ***including by local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups.***

Compliance with the Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Policy and other relevant policies

(ii)

(iii) amend the cultural and historical significance section:

Cultural and historical significance

Appreciation and interpretation of the ~~cultural and heritage~~ **Aboriginal**, natural, historical and cultural significance of identified sites. ~~in terms of both components~~

Consult with First Nations community members and knowledge holders to understand the cultural significance of local spaces and inform park design and park information.

Retention and interpretation of heritage and cultural values.

Undertake heritage and cultural assessment studies to identify cultural and heritage values for retention and interpretation.

(iv) amend the natural section:

Natural environment

To maintain and enhance the health of park ecology, including plants, animals, wetlands and water bodies.

To value First Nations knowledge about and responsibility to Country in the management of local places and ecologies.

To ensure access is appropriately controlled to any environmentally sensitive areas.

Develop and implement a native vegetation planting program to provide additional habitat for local animals.

Engage local First Nations knowledge holders, communities and businesses in the development and implementation of activities that heal and care for land and local ecologies.

Provide additional habitat and expand bush restoration areas.

Manage wetlands and water bodies to maintain and improve the quality of the environment.

Identify environmentally sensitive areas and implement appropriate access control measures.

Measurement and monitoring of created native vegetation and habitat.

Water quality monitoring of wetlands and water bodies.

Evidence of an increasing understanding of local Aboriginal land management with the City's approach.

Compile and review list of environmentally sensitive areas and regularly inspect control measures.

Significant upgrades to take into account urban ecology strategy adopted by Council.

- (C) Council note that this plan will supersede the Generic Plan of Management 2012 and be entitled Generic Plan of Management 2026; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Generic Plan of Management 2026 in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

Carried unanimously.

X095705

Item 6.6

Land Classification - South Sydney Rotary Park, 53A Henderson Road, Eveleigh

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the classification of Lot 22 in Deposited Plan 835061 as operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993; and
- (B) note that the operational classification is an interim measure to support the operational management and use of the land until the land can be reclassified as community land, categorised as park and incorporated into a Generic Plan of Management.

Carried unanimously.

X118406.004

Item 6.7

Works on Private Land - 49 Henderson Road, Eveleigh (South Sydney Fitness Equipment)

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the entering into of an agreement with the owners of Strata Plan No. 77095 at 49 Henderson Road, Eveleigh, generally in accordance with Attachment B to the subject report, that allows the City to access and undertake demolition of existing fitness equipment and make good works on the land;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the terms of the agreement as contemplated in Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (C) Council note the financial implications detailed in the subject report.

Carried unanimously.

X114723.002

Item 6.8**Write Off of Irrecoverable Debt - Former Tenant at 295 Pitt Street, Sydney**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council write off the debt of \$1,816,407.05 (inclusive of GST) owed by former tenant Discount Compound Pharmacy Pty Ltd (ACN 610 985 307) of part of Park House 295-301 Pitt Street, Sydney on the basis that the debt is not lawfully recoverable;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to reclaim the GST component of the debt, from the Australian Taxation Office for the amount \$165,127.91;
- (C) Council note that this amount has previously been provided for in full in prior accounting periods. No further adverse impact on the Council's financial position is expected; and
- (D) Council note that the fact that a debt is written off does not prevent the City from taking legal proceedings to recover the debt if the circumstances change at a later date.

Carried unanimously.

X103789

Item 6.9**Tender - T-2025-1420 - Water Feature Services**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accepts the tender offer of Tenderer A for Water Feature Services for:
 - (i) the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report; and
 - (ii) the schedule of rates outlined in Confidential Attachment C to the subject report;for a period of 3 years, with the option for 2 further terms of 2 years each, subject to satisfactory performance and other relevant considerations;
- (B) Council note that the total contract value including contingency for Water Feature Services is outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contract relating to the tender; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option/s referred to in clause (A), if appropriate.

Carried unanimously.

X119656

Item 6.10

Tender - T-2025-1695 - Development and Testing Services

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council accept the tender offer of Tenderer H for the provision of Development and Testing Services for
 - (i) the price and contingency outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
 - (ii) the schedule of rates outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report,for a period of 3 years, with the option of an extension of additional 3 years if appropriate (a total of up to 6 years);
- (B) Council note that the total contract sum and contingency for Development and Testing Services is outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option referred to in clause (A), if appropriate.

Carried unanimously.

X125596.003

Item 7 Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee**PRESENT**

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Adam Worling
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Zann Maxwell and Matthew Thompson.

At the commencement of business at 3:33pm those present were -

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

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 5.18 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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

That the request by Councillor Ellsmore to attend the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee via audio visual link due to ill-health be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Apologies

Councillor Weldon extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

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

That the apology of Councillor Weldon be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee concluded at 3:50pm.

Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of its meeting of 20 April 2026 be received, with Items 7.1 and 7.2 being noted, and Item 7.3 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 16 February 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.2

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 Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Item 7.3

Extension of Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street Cycleways

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the continued operation and use of the Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street cycleways until 31 December 2026;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare and exhibit a Review of Environmental Factors for the upgrade and permanent retention of the Moore Park Road and Fitzroy Street cycleways to be reported back to Council following public consultation within 6 months; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write again to the NSW Minister for Transport urging Transport for NSW to expedite design and fully fund the construction of the cycleway on Oxford Street between Paddington Gates and Taylor Square.

The motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (9) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Weldon*.

Carried.

*Note – Councillor Weldon abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 11.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Weldon is taken to have voted against the motion.

X020922.035

Speakers at Public Forum

Ann Cairns, Kristen Greaves, John Young, Andrew Moss (Bike East), Sarah Brickford (Bicycle NSW), Ben Wood and William Peters (Lime) addressed the public forum on Item 7.3 of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Item 8 Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Zann Maxwell, Matthew Thompson and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 3:51pm those present were -

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

Councillor Miller left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 4:13pm, prior to discussion on Item 8.4, and returned at 4:15pm, after the vote on Item 8.4. Councillor Miller was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 8.4.

Councillor Ellsmore left the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee at 4:13pm, prior to discussion on Item 8.4, and returned at 4:15pm, after the vote on Item 8.4. Councillor Ellsmore was not present at the meeting, which she was attending remotely, during discussion or voting on Item 8.4.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 5.18 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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

That the request by Councillor Ellsmore to attend the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee via audio visual link due to ill-health be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Apologies

Councillor Weldon extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

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

That the apology of Councillor Weldon be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 4:13pm.

Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee

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

That the report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of its meeting of 20 April 2026 be received, with Items 8.1 and 8.2 being noted, and Items 8.3 and 8.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.1

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 March 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she has relationships with individuals and organisations included in the Accommodation Grant Program lease application recommendations:

- Inner City Legal Centre (ICLC):
 - A community relationship with Katie Green, CEO of ICLC, who she has known since the lead up to the NSW Drug Summit. This is from Councillor Arkins' work in music festivals and ICLC program for free legal advice to festival goers and police powers.
 - Board member Jeremy Moineau through personal and professional networks.
 - Board member Jo Tilly, who she has known for over a decade as a fellow inner city activists. Councillor Arkins met Jo through her partner Penny Sharpe, a senior member of the NSW Labor Government. Red Tilly, Jo's son, also works in Councillor Arkins' office.
 - Board member Eden Tollis, who she has known for over a decade as he lived in a share house with a closer personal friend, and recently through his work at Sydney Film Festival.
- Board member of Jessie Street National Women's Library, Christine Kibble, who she has known through personal networks and as a Member of the Labor Party.

- Board members Peter Whitehead, Rory Sutton, Jo Holder and staff member Maggie Sangsong of Kings Cross Community Centre Inc, who she has known through personal relationships and as member of the Labor Part.
- Holly Robeiro, board member of the Older Women's Network, is a member of the Labor Party and ran on the City of Sydney Labor 2024 Council ticket as a Candidate.
- Kerry O'Brien, board member of Redfern Legal Centre Ltd, briefly lived in the same share house together in 2017.
- Peggy Dwyer, board member of Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd, met with Councillor Arkins a couple of time because of her time at Council assisting in the coronial inquest into 6 deaths at music festivals.

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as neither she nor her staff have had contact with any of them about this item.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that the recommendation includes endorsement of extension of the lease / grant to Inner Sydney Voice, for the space they currently occupy behind Waterloo library. She is a current member and former Treasurer of Inner Sydney Voice.

Councillor Ellsmore stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that her daughter is a member of the Glebe Greyhounds AFL Team.

Councillor Miller stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

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 8.3

Public Exhibition - Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions

Note - The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 28 April 2026.

At the meeting of Council, it was moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the outcomes of the assessment undertaken by City staff of the effectiveness of outdoor alcohol restrictions based on an analysis of a full 12 months of data provided by NSW Police and the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research;
- (B) Council approve the 30-day public exhibition of the proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas in Woolloomooloo for a 4-year period as outlined in Attachments B and C to the subject report;

- (C) Council defer consideration of the 30-day public exhibition of the remaining proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas on City streets and public places for a 4-year period as outlined in Attachments B and C to the subject report; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a further report for Councillors regarding the remaining applications for potential alcohol-free zones and alcohol prohibited areas, prior to the consideration of public exhibition.

Carried unanimously.

X128576

Speaker at Public Forum

Belinda Olsen addressed the public forum on Item 8.3 of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

Item 8.4

Accommodation Grants Program - Annual Performance Review and Lease Applications 2026

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the continuation of the current Accommodation grant leases and licences for the 65 grant recipients that have satisfactorily completed their annual performance review for the 2025 calendar year and are continuing in the program;
- (B) Council note that Artist Studio Collective, Ashleigh Louise Garwood trading as Artist Led Photographic Collective, Erin Kathleen Keys trading as The Bench, Garuwa Creative PTY LTD trading as WUNAN, Season Arts Incorporated and Soul Reign Pty Ltd were not required to complete an annual performance review as they have not occupied their premises for a full 12 months and are continuing in the program;
- (D) Council approve the grant of 41 new leases or licences for grant applicants who currently hold tenancies through the Accommodation grant program and which will expire on 30 June 2026, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (E) 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 grant recipients will not change and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

S117676

Item 9 Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Clover Moore AO – Lord Mayor of Sydney
(Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller
(Deputy Chair)

Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Zann Maxwell, Matthew Thompson and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 4:16pm those present were -

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

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 5.18 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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

That the request by Councillor Ellsmore to attend the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee via audio visual link due to ill-health be granted.

Carried unanimously.

Apologies

Councillor Weldon extended her apologies for her inability to attend the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

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

That the apology of Councillor Weldon be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee be granted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 4:20pm.

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of its meeting of 20 April 2026 be received, with Items 9.1 and 9.2 being noted, and the recommendations set out below for Items 9.3 to 9.5 inclusive being adopted in globo.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of Monday 16 March 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.5 on the agenda, in that there are residents in 19 Ralph Street, Alexandria, who are members of the Labor Party (NSW Branch).

Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as she was not contacted by them on this item.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

Item 9.3

Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal - 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment and Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment - Student Accommodation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve Planning Proposal - 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, to be submitted to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces with a request for Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal - 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination;
- (C) Council seek authority from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to exercise the delegation of all the functions under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and to put into effect Planning Proposal - 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern;
- (D) Council approve the Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition concurrent with the Planning Proposal;
- (E) Council approve the Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - Student Accommodation, as shown at Attachment C to the subject report, for public exhibition;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any variations to Planning Proposal - 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern, to correct any drafting errors or to ensure consistency with the Gateway Determination;

- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any variations to Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern and to Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - Student Accommodation, to correct any drafting errors or ensure it is consistent with the Planning Proposal following the Gateway Determination; and
- (H) Council note the Chief Executive Officer will prepare a draft planning agreement in accordance with the letter of offer dated 12 November 2025, shown at Attachment D to the subject report, and the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, to be exhibited in accordance with the Act.

Carried unanimously.

X095910

Speaker at Public Forum

Jack Rixon (Mecone) addressed the public forum on Item 9.3 of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

Item 9.4

Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal - 103-109 George Street, Redfern - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 Amendment

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve Planning Proposal - 103-109 George Street, Redfern, shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for a gateway determination;
- (B) Council approve the Planning Proposal - 103-109 George Street, Redfern as shown at Attachment A for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the gateway determination;
- (C) Council seek authority from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to exercise the delegation of all the functions under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to make the local environmental plan and to put into effect Planning Proposal - 103-109 George Street, Redfern; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the Planning Proposal - 103-109 George Street, Redfern to correct any drafting errors or to ensure consistency with the gateway determination.

Carried unanimously.

X129829

Item 9.5**Fire Safety Reports**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Reports Summary Sheet, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown at Attachments B to D to the subject report;
- (C) note the contents of Attachment B and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 19 Ralph Street, Alexandria at this time;
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 63-65 Flinders Street, Surry Hills; and
- (E) note the contents of Attachment D and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 95 Victoria Street, Potts Point at this time.

Carried unanimously.

S105001.002

**Item 10 Report on International Travel - Nagoya Festival and 45th Anniversary
Sister City Celebrations - Nagoya, Japan**

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Gannon -

It is resolved that the Report on International Travel - Nagoya Festival and 45th Anniversary Sister City Celebrations - Nagoya, Japan, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

X014468

Item 11 Questions on Notice

There were no Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

Item 12 Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

There were no Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

Item 13 Notices of Motion**Item 13.1 Banning Short-Term Rentals in the City of Sydney During the Housing Crisis**

By Councillor Thompson

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in May 2023, Council resolved to investigate the impact of short-term rental accommodation on rental affordability, housing availability and the tourism accommodation sector in the Local Government Area (LGA). This led to the City of Sydney Short-Term Rental Accommodation Report;
- (ii) in February 2024, the City of Sydney made a submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, and NSW Treasury Discussion Paper on short- and long-term rental accommodation;
- (iii) in April 2025, the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Housing requesting an update on planned regulatory changes for this sector – as of April 2026, no formal updates have been provided;
- (iv) in October 2025, Council endorsed a Greens motion requesting advice on regulatory interventions available to the City of Sydney, including a potential 60-day cap; and
- (v) in March 2026, the City provided advice, as per Council's October 2025 resolution, on regulatory interventions in other Australia jurisdictions and the policy options available to Council, including a potential 60-day cap. This advice emphasised the critical importance of NSW Government intervention, while also highlighting the complexity of a reduced day cap, enforced by the City of Sydney in isolation;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) on 26 March 2026 Councillors Matthew Thompson and Sylvie Ellsmore hosted a City of Sydney community roundtable in Town Hall, discussing the impacts of short-term rental accommodation and the need for reform;
- (ii) the roundtable brought together representatives from the Glebe Society, Ultimo Village Voice, Pyrmont Action Group, the Paddington Society, and the Millers Point Community Resident Action Group alongside housing experts from Shelter NSW, Homelessness NSW and the NSW Tenants Union. City of Sydney Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Yvonne Weldon, alongside City staff, were also in attendance; and
- (iii) the roundtable heard directly from the Mayor of Byron Shire Council, Sarah Ndiaye, who has led that Council in implementing a significantly reduced, 60-day cap on short-term rental accommodation in the Byron LGA;

(C) Council further note:

- (i) roundtable participants were strongly of the view that the proliferation of the short-term rental sector was having a negative impact on inner-Sydney neighbourhoods in terms of community connectivity, social cohesion and housing affordability;
- (ii) that the NSW Government, and the City of Sydney, have a responsibility to take greater action, wherever possible, to address this issue;
- (iii) participants highlighted the need to specify differences between occasional, short-term rental letting by owner-occupiers within a primary residence, and investor-landlords repeatedly targeting the short-term market as a means to maximise rental income;
- (iv) roundtable participants highlighted the value in exploring a ban on a short-term rental accommodation ban across the LGA, or in specific suburbs, relative to the rental vacancy rate in the area; and
- (v) the recent comprehensive report by Inside Airbnb, *The Threat of Short-Term Rentals to Housing: A Critical Perspective on Airbnb's Global Expansion* highlights the proliferation of this sector around the world, including Australia, and highlights how other international cities have moved to more stringent measures, such as bans on non-primary residences, where regulating and enforcing caps has proved challenging;

(D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide further advice to the Council about opportunities to ban non-primary residence short-term rentals in the City of Sydney, through City of Sydney planning rules or other mechanisms. The advice should include:

- (i) opportunities to implement a time limited ban (for example, for 2 years);
- (ii) opportunities to implement a ban on specific suburbs, including, but not limited to: Millers Point, The Rocks, Darlinghurst, Woolloomooloo, Ultimo, Haymarket, Kings Cross, Surry Hills, Potts Point, Chippendale and Pyrmont; and
- (iii) opportunities to include clear and specific triggers for a ban, for example when there is a significant shortage of long-term rentals available, such as a drop in the vacancy rate for rental housing below 3%; and

(E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Anouack Chanthivong, and the NSW Minister for Housing, Rose Jackson, and request the NSW STRA Register be improved to include information which differentiates between primary and non-primary residences, to allow for a clear distinction between properties being utilised commercially as investment properties.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Thompson. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in May 2023, following a Greens motion by Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore, Council resolved to investigate the impact of short-term rental accommodation on rental affordability, housing availability and the tourism accommodation sector in the Local Government Area (LGA). This led to the City of Sydney Short-Term Rental Accommodation Report;

- (ii) in February 2024, the City of Sydney made a submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and NSW Treasury Discussion Paper on short- and long-term rental accommodation;
- (iii) in February 2025, Council endorsed Councillor Miller's motion noting weaknesses and loopholes in the framework, hotspots and the impossibility of enforcement due to the inaccuracy and unavailability of data on the NSW Planning Portal's short term accommodation register, such as verified identification and financial records;
- (iv) in April 2025, the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Minister for Housing requesting an update on planned regulatory changes for this sector – as of April 2026, a response was provided by Minister Rose Jackson, Minister Anoulack Chanthivong toured Millers Point with Member for Sydney Alex Greenwich, community members and Councillor Miller met with the NSW Rental Commissioner Trina Jones, yet no action has been taken by Government;
- (v) in November 2025, Councillor Miller's Houses for Homes (Short-Term Rental) motion was endorsed at the Local Government NSW conference;
- (vi) in October 2026, Council endorsed a Greens motion by Councillor Thompson requesting advice on regulatory interventions available to the City of Sydney, including a potential 60-day cap; and
- (vii) in March 2026, the City provided advice, as per Councillor Thompson's motion to Council in October 2025, on regulatory interventions in other Australia jurisdictions and the policy options available to Council, including a potential 60-day cap. This advice emphasised the critical importance of NSW Government intervention, while also highlighting the complexity of a reduced day cap, enforced by the City of Sydney in isolation. This information supports the City's ongoing advocacy to strengthen the NSW Register and compliance framework and that the WA system works because it is supported by a mandatory, well-functioning statewide register;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) on 26 March 2026 Councillors Matthew Thompson and Sylvie Ellsmore hosted a City of Sydney community roundtable in Town Hall, discussing the impacts of short-term rental accommodation and the need for reform;
- (ii) the roundtable brought together representatives from the Glebe Society, Ultimo Village Voice, Pyrmont Action Group, the Paddington Society, and the Millers Point Community Resident Action Group alongside housing experts from Shelter NSW, Homelessness NSW and the NSW Tenants Union. City of Sydney Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillor Zann Maxwell, Councillor Yvonne Weldon, alongside City staff, were also in attendance; and
- (iii) the roundtable heard directly from the Greens Mayor of Byron Shire Council, Sarah Ndiaye, who has led that Council in implementing a significantly reduced, 60-day cap on short-term rental accommodation in the Byron LGA; and

(C) Council further note:

- (i) roundtable participants were strongly of the view that the proliferation of the short-term rental sector was having a negative impact on inner-Sydney neighbourhoods in terms of community connectivity, social cohesion and housing affordability;
- (ii) that the NSW Government have a responsibility to take greater action and strengthen the Register to enable monitoring and compliance based on accurate and verified booking and registration data;

- (iii) participants highlighted the need to specify differences between occasional, short-term rental letting by owner-occupiers within a primary residence, and investor-landlords repeatedly targeting the short-term market as a means to maximise rental income;
 - (iv) roundtable participants highlighted the value in exploring a ban on a short-term rental accommodation ban across the LGA, or in specific suburbs, relative to the rental vacancy rate in the area; and
 - (v) the recent comprehensive report by Inside Airbnb, *The Threat of Short-Term Rentals to Housing: A Critical Perspective on Airbnb's Global Expansion* highlights the proliferation of this sector around the world, including Australia, and highlights how other international cities have moved to more stringent measures, such as bans on non-primary residences, where regulating and enforcing caps has proved challenging;
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide further clarity to Council about the extent to which a time-limited 'ban' on non-primary residence short-term rentals is feasible under current NSW planning frameworks and the existing short term rental accommodation (STRA) Registry and whether it is feasible to:
- (i) implement a time limited ban (for example, for 2 years);
 - (ii) implement a ban on specific suburbs, including on the feasibility of such a ban in impacted suburbs including: Millers Point, The Rocks, Darlinghurst, Woolloomooloo, Ultimo, Haymarket, Kings Cross, Surry Hills and Pyrmont; and
 - (iii) trigger a ban based on rental vacancy rates; and
- (E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading, Anouack Chanthivong, and the NSW Minister for Housing, Rose Jackson, and request the NSW STRA Register sit within the Department of Customer Service and be improved to include information which differentiates between primary and non-primary residences, to allow for a clear distinction around properties being utilised commercially as investment properties.

The motion was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (9) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Kok, Maxwell, Miller, Thompson, Weldon and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Gannon*.

Carried.

*Note – Councillor Gannon abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 11.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Gannon is taken to have voted against the motion.

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Adjournment

At this stage of the meeting, at 6:34pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 6:51pm.

Item 13.2 Improved Public Transport and Parking Infrastructure for New Fish Markets

By Councillor Thompson

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 19 January 2026, the new Sydney Fish Market officially opened in Blackwattle Bay;
- (ii) the site is anticipated to welcome up to 6 million local and international guests per year, an increase of over 3 million compared to the previous Sydney Fish Market, and will eventually house more than 40 food and retail operators; and
- (iii) the NSW Labor Government has recently partnered with Mirvac to redevelop the neighbouring, old Sydney Fish Market site at Blackwattle Bay where 1,400 new homes will be built, in addition to 2.6 hectares of public space and the completion of the 15-kilometre foreshore walk between Rozelle Bay and Woolloomooloo;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) since the opening of the new Sydney Fish Markets, there has been growing concern from the local community about the impacts this development is having on parking and the resultant traffic increase and impact on amenity in neighbouring streets, particularly on weekends;
- (ii) as the Lord Mayor's representative on the New Sydney Fish Market (NSFM) Consultative Group, the Deputy Lord Mayor has been guiding residents through the appropriate process to request parking changes which has resulted in the City receiving petitions from residents showing support for parking restriction changes;
- (iii) City of Sydney staff have been reviewing feedback from City Rangers' patrols since the new Sydney Fish Market opened, to determine what parking restriction changes are needed;
- (iv) the City will begin formally consulting residents on parking restriction changes in parts of northern Glebe on 30 April 2026;
- (v) in June 2025, following consistent community campaigning, the NSW Labor Government announced \$30 million for the construction of a Sydney Fish Market commuter ferry wharf, and \$40 million on improvements for the nearby Wentworth Park light rail stop, each by the end of 2026;
- (vi) the NSW Labor Government has a responsibility to align large-scale infrastructure and development projects with timely, and proportionate, increases in services such as public transport; and
- (vii) in September 2025 the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Transport, John Graham, requesting improved access to the new Sydney Fish Market site including:
 - (a) delivering a separated cycling connection between the new Sydney Fish Market and the Union Street cycleway;
 - (b) providing a separated cycleway in front of the Sydney Fish Market;
 - (c) introducing bus services along Bridge Road; and

- (d) delivering a safe and comfortable walking route along Pyrmont Bridge Road, including footpath widening, removal of the Wattle Street slip lane, and reduced pedestrian delays at the Western Distributor interchange;
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport, John Graham, requesting an update on the progress and timeline for the construction of the \$30 million Sydney Fish Market ferry wharf, and \$40 million Wentworth Park light rail upgrades which can be shared with the community; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to update Council, via the CEO Update, with the results from the parking assessment and review, inclusive of the feedback provided by the community during consultation.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Thompson. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 19 January 2026, the new Sydney Fish Market officially opened in Blackwattle Bay;
- (ii) the site is anticipated to welcome up to 6 million local and international guests per year, an increase of over 3 million compared to the previous Sydney Fish Market, and will eventually house more than 40 food and retail operators; and
- (iii) the NSW Labor Government has recently partnered with Mirvac to redevelop the neighbouring, old Sydney Fish Market site at Blackwattle Bay where 1,400 new homes will be built, in addition to 2.6 hectares of public space and the completion of the 15-kilometre foreshore walk between Rozelle Bay and Woolloomooloo;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) since the opening of the new Sydney Fish Markets, there has been growing concern from the local community about the impacts this development is having on parking and the resultant traffic increase and impact on amenity in neighbouring streets, particularly on weekends;
- (ii) for 5 years, the Community Consultative Committee has expressed concerns and offered solutions to the Government and Infrastructure New South Wales regarding the impact of visitors driving on traffic flow, local parking, and amenity in neighbouring streets. This issue has only intensified since the opening of the new Sydney Fish Market;
- (iii) as the Lord Mayor's representative on the New Sydney Fish Market (NSFM) Community Consultative Group, the Deputy Lord Mayor Jess Miller has advocated on behalf of residents to request parking changes through official City channels;
- (iv) this advocacy has resulted in a number of community petitions, and City of Sydney staff have been reviewing feedback from City Rangers' patrols since the new Sydney Fish Market opened;
- (v) this work has culminated in the City beginning formal consultation on parking restriction changes in parts of northern Glebe on 30 April 2026;

- (vi) in June 2025, following 2 years of advocacy by the Deputy Lord Mayor Jess Miller, including a unanimously supported [Resolution of Council](#) and consistent community campaigning, the NSW Labor Government announced \$30 million for the construction of a Sydney Fish Market commuter ferry wharf, and \$40 million on improvements for the nearby Wentworth Park light rail stop, each by the end of 2026;
- (vii) the NSW Labor Government has a responsibility to align large-scale infrastructure and development projects with timely, and proportionate, increases in services such as public transport; and
- (viii) in September 2025 the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Transport, John Graham, requesting improved access to the new Sydney Fish Market site including:
 - (a) delivering a separated cycling connection between the new Sydney Fish Market and the Union Street cycleway;
 - (b) providing a separated cycleway in front of the Sydney Fish Market;
 - (c) introducing bus services along Bridge Road; and
 - (d) delivering a safe and comfortable walking route along Pyrmont Bridge Road, including footpath widening, removal of the Wattle Street slip lane, and reduced pedestrian delays at the Western Distributor interchange;
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Transport, John Graham, requesting an update on the progress and timeline for the construction of the \$30 million Sydney Fish Market ferry wharf, and \$40 million Wentworth Park light rail upgrades which can be shared with the community;
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the members of the New Sydney Fish Markets Community Consultative Committee: Former NSW Senator the Honourable John Faulkner, Jan Wilson (Coalition of Glebe Groups), Jenny Burn (Glebe resident), Asa Wahlquist (Glebe Society Member), Nicola Frowen (Stakeholder representative of Dragon Boats), Paul McGirr (Community representative), Lindsay Charles (Community representative), Elizabeth Elenius (Stakeholder representative of Pyrmont Action), Mark Tietjen (Stakeholder representative of the Glebe Rowing Club), Graeme Milton (Strata, 84 Wentworth Park Road, Stakeholder representative), and David Johnson (Chair of the Community Consultative Committee) and thanking them for their tireless service and advocacy for the Bays Precinct and local community; and
- (E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to update Council, via the CEO Update, with the results from the parking assessment and review, inclusive of the feedback provided by the community during consultation.

Carried unanimously.

X113760

Item 13.3 Making Public Transport Free in Our City

Procedural Motion

At this stage of the meeting, it was moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That Item 13.3 be withdrawn as the matter had already been dealt with at Item 3.1.

Carried unanimously.

Item 13.4 Supporting the City's LGBTQIA+ Businesses

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) acknowledge and celebrate the important contribution of LGBTQIA+ owned and inclusive businesses and venues, to the cultural, social and economic life of our community;
- (B) note the City of Sydney developed the Oxford Street LGBTQIA+ social and cultural place strategy, including establishing the Oxford Street Pride Charter which promotes inclusivity and supports businesses and community organisations to maintain Oxford Street's safe and welcoming environment. The charter is maintained and managed by the Rainbow Precinct, with support from the City of Sydney;
- (C) note that King Street is becoming a growing hub for LGBTQIA+ culture, small business and nightlife in Sydney, attracting visitors, fostering inclusion, and strengthening the local economy;
- (D) commit to further supporting local LGBTQIA+ businesses and venues through practical measures including:
 - (i) promotion of LGBTQIA+ business via Council channels;
 - (ii) taking out advertisements in LGBTQIA+ focused print and digital media in 2026 promoting LGBTQIA+ business, venues, events and organisations; and
 - (iii) dedicated consultation and engagement during the rollout of Special Entertainment Precincts across the City;
- (E) commit to co-host a roundtable with Inner West Council for LGBTQIA+ businesses in Newtown and Erskineville, venues, and community stakeholders including the Pride Business Association (PBA), to identify priorities, barriers, challenges and opportunities, and to inform future Council initiatives; and
- (F) commit to host a roundtable for LGBTQIA+ businesses on and around Oxford Street, with community stakeholders including the Pride Business Association (PBA), and AsheMorgan, the Oxford Street developer to identify priorities, barriers, challenges and opportunities, and to inform future Council initiatives.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Worling, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) acknowledge and celebrate the important contribution of LGBTQIA+ owned and inclusive businesses and venues, to the cultural, social and economic life of our community;
- (B) note the City of Sydney developed the Oxford Street LGBTQIA+ social and cultural place strategy, including establishing the Oxford Street Pride Charter which promotes inclusivity and supports businesses and community organisations to maintain Oxford Street's safe and welcoming environment. The charter is maintained and managed by the Rainbow Precinct, with support from the City of Sydney;
- (C) note that King Street is a hub for LGBTQIA+ culture, small business and nightlife in Sydney, attracting visitors, fostering inclusion, and strengthening the local economy;

- (D) commit to further supporting local LGBTQIA+ precincts through practical measures including dedicated consultation and engagement during the rollout of Special Entertainment Precincts across the City;
- (E) commit to co-host a roundtable with Inner West Council for LGBTQIA+ businesses in Newtown and Erskineville, venues, and community stakeholders including the Pride Business Association (PBA), to identify priorities, barriers, challenges and opportunities and practical measures, and to inform future Council initiatives; and
- (F) commit to host a roundtable for LGBTQIA+ businesses on and around Oxford Street, with community stakeholders including the Pride Business Association (PBA), and AsheMorgan, the Oxford Street developer to identify priorities, barriers, challenges and opportunities and practical measures, and to inform future Council initiatives.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

X113758

Item 13.5 Extending Consultation - Housing For All Discussion Paper

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Maxwell –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) at the March 2026 Council meeting, Council endorsed the Housing For All Discussion Paper. The discussion paper has been prepared to guide a conversation between Council, the community and other key stakeholders - including housing providers, industry, peak bodies, and the NSW Government - about where and how more additional housing could be planned in the City of Sydney Local Government Area;
- (ii) the discussion paper includes a wide range of suggestions and ideas;
- (iii) it identifies public land owned by the NSW Government which has previously been proposed or approved to allow for greater density;
- (iv) the discussion paper also notes a number of historic public housing sites that are not currently proposed for redevelopment by the NSW Government and requests community feedback on whether this public housing should be changed to deliver more homes;
- (v) the City of Sydney has a strong history of advocating for the protection and expansion of public housing, as well as ensuring public housing tenants are genuinely consulted and involved in any discussions about suggested changes to their homes; and
- (vi) when Council endorsed the public exhibition of the Housing For All Discussion Paper in March, it confirmed the consultation would be carried out “subject to the inclusion of tailored engagement or consultation with public housing tenants”;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the consultation for the Housing for All Discussion Paper was launched in April, just before the Easter Long Weekend. It closes on 22 May 2026;
- (ii) notice of the Housing for All Discussion Paper is proposed to be included in the Lord Mayor’s Social Housing Forums; however, a number of these events are scheduled after the close date for submissions; and
- (iii) at its April 2026 meeting the Multicultural Advisory Panel was provided a briefing on the Housing for All Discussion Paper. The panel recommended more time be provided for submissions; and

- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to extend the consultation period for one month (until 19 June 2026), until after the Lord Mayor’s Social Housing Forums, to allow more time for genuine community engagement and feedback.

Carried unanimously.

X113765

Item 13.6 Moore Park Road – Parking Review

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Weldon –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Moore Park Road cycleway was initially designed to be temporary in nature with limited community consultation undertaken during design development;
- (ii) the cycleway has become an important east – west link for eastern Sydney;
- (iii) the parking arrangements on the southern side of the road are currently 1P from 7pm to 6am, 7 days a week;
- (iv) this parking arrangement was implemented by Transport for NSW; and
- (v) this parking arrangement is not suitable or necessary for the efficient use of Moore Park Road westbound; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate options for timed parking changes in this area, including the implementation of timed parking outside of morning peak periods, and on weekends.

Carried unanimously.

X113764

Item 13.7 Queen Elizabeth II Monument

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) public monuments, memorials and artworks play an important part of the historical and civic record of Australia's public institutions and constitutional history;
 - (ii) Queen Elizabeth II served as Australia's Head of State for over 70 years and was the longest-reigning sovereign in Australia's history; and
 - (iii) there is currently no monument within the City of Sydney local government area that documents her service as part of that civic and historical record;
- (B) Council further note that the public record of Australia's Heads of State should be complete and accurately reflected within the City of Sydney's civic and public spaces; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier seeking an update on the consideration of a monument, memorial or artwork documenting Queen Elizabeth II's service as Australia's Head of State within the Macquarie Street East Master Plan.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Weldon, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) public monuments, memorials and artworks play an important part of the historical and civic record of Australia's public institutions and constitutional history;
 - (ii) Queen Elizabeth II served as Australia's Head of State for over 70 years and was the longest-reigning sovereign in Australia's history; and
 - (iii) numerous public sites across Sydney commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Within the City of Sydney, Queen Elizabeth II is commemorated in both the public domain and civic buildings, including with:
 - (a) official plaques marking openings on royal visits, including of NSW Parliament House, Sydney Opera House, the Darling Harbour precinct, the State Library of NSW, the Northcott and Waterloo public housing estates, and trees planted at Macquarie Place to mark the beginning of the Remembrance Driveway;
 - (b) the prominent display of her Royal Cypher (EIIR) at Government House and other civic buildings, serving as a permanent record of the constitutional history of New South Wales; and
 - (c) a sealed handwritten letter addressed to the Lord Mayor of Sydney and all Sydneysiders stored in a time capsule in the QVB to be opened in the year 2085.
 - (iv) the NSW Government have committed to name a public square in honour of Queen Elizabeth II as part of the revitalisation of the Macquarie Street East Precinct;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the ongoing need to rebalance recognition in the public domain. Currently, over 2 dozen statues around the city centre commemorating colonial figures, while First Nations people, non-royal women, and cultural migrant communities remain significantly under-represented;
- (ii) the City's commitment to recognise and acknowledge the history, heritage and living culture of First Nations people in the public domain through the Eora Journey; and
- (iii) Council's commitments and ongoing work to achieve balanced representation and greater diversity in the public domain, including:
 - (a) the Lord Mayor's August 2022 minute to advance truth telling in new and imaginative approaches in the public domain and by reviewing the City's symbols and emblems;
 - (b) Councillor Scott's March 2023 motion to support increased equality of gender, First Nations and cultural diversity within the public domain; and
 - (c) Councillor Weldon's October 2023 motion to review colonial statues and introduce alternate plaques, signage and other additions to ensure that the representation of these figures is accurate and incorporates contemporary and First Nations perspectives; and

(C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier seeking:

- (i) an update on the commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II as part of the revitalisation of the Macquarie Street East Precinct; and
- (ii) a commitment from the NSW Government to work with the City of Sydney to achieve balanced representation and greater diversity within the public domain.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

X113764

Item 13.8 Events in City Owned Properties

Moved by Councillor Gannon –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) an event called 'Why it's right to say: Globalise the Intifada' was scheduled to be held on 4 May 2026 at Darlington Activity Centre;
- (ii) the event has since been rescheduled to take place on 5 May 2026 at the East Sydney Community and Arts Centre;
- (iii) both venues are Council-owned and managed by the City of Sydney;
- (iv) the Premier of NSW has publicly indicated to prohibit the phrase "globalise the intifada" as part of proposed reforms to strengthen hate-speech laws in New South Wales;
- (v) at present, the phrase has not been formally prohibited in legislation, despite the Premier describing it as hateful and violent rhetoric;
- (vi) members of the Jewish community, including representative organisations such as the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, have expressed serious concern regarding the event and its potential impact; and
- (vii) legislation enacted by the Queensland Parliament in March 2026 criminalises the public use of this phrase where it is likely to cause menace, harassment or offence;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the City of Sydney has an established commitment to facilitating lawful freedom of expression and peaceful assembly within Council-owned facilities;
- (ii) Council is also committed to ensuring all facilities remain safe, inclusive and welcoming to all members of the community; and
- (iii) in the absence of a statutory prohibition, Council has no legal grounds to prevent the event from proceeding;

(C) Council note that the hosting of the event within a Council-owned facility has had an adverse impact on community cohesion by contributing to division within the local community and causing distress and apprehension among Jewish residents, as well as many other residents who feel affected by the resulting tensions across the City of Sydney local government area; and

(D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier to seek an update on the NSW Government's proposed reforms to hate speech-laws as they relate to the phrase "globalise the intifada" and how this relates to the implied constitutional right to freedom of expression.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

X113764

Item 13.9 NSW and Australian Government Support for Non-Resident Rough Sleepers

By Councillor Worling

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) housing and responding to homelessness are the responsibility of the NSW Government but the City does everything in our power to get people who are sleeping on the streets the help they need. This includes \$2.4 million annually for specialist homelessness services and daily check-ins to link people sleeping rough with health and other services and organisations that can assist them further. The work the City does, and funds, complements the services delivered and funded by the NSW Government;
- (ii) on 20 April 2026, the Guardian reported the [tragic death of Bikram Lama](#), who came to Australia from Nepal as an international student, one of about 40,000 students from Nepal who come to study in Sydney each year. Bikram was found dead in December 2025 in the bushes above the St James Train station tunnel, where he had been sleeping rough:
 - (a) Bikram's death highlights the glaring gap in state and federal responses to homelessness. People without residency status are ineligible for social housing and Centrelink services. It is very challenging for this cohort of rough sleepers to access crisis and temporary accommodation. They cannot get Centrelink payments or, in most cases, access public health care;
 - (b) the City works closely with the Haymarket Foundation, a crisis housing service in our Local Government Area (LGA) that does support non-residents who are experiencing homelessness;
 - (c) we don't know exactly how Bikram came to be homeless but we do know international students like Bikram are highly vulnerable without the housing and other supports available to people who come to Australia legally but lose their visa status or never obtain permanent residency;
 - (d) it is also devastating that Bikram's family cannot afford to bring his body back to his home village and perform the last rites according to Nepali traditions; and
 - (e) in a country as wealthy as Australia, it is shocking that a person who comes here to study can slip through the cracks so easily. It is even more devastating when we learn Bikram's family sold land and sacrificed a significant part of their own financial security to send him here for a better life. Questions need to be asked about the systems and supports the universities and international education sector have in place to monitor the welfare of students and, if necessary, connect them with support;
- (iii) around 20% of people sleeping rough in our local area are not Australian residents. These increasingly vulnerable non-residents do not have a pathway to housing and support:
 - (a) in 2020, the City and St Vincent's Health co-founded the Non-Resident Working Group and Non-Resident Case Coordination group in response to increasing numbers of non-residents sleeping rough in the City of Sydney as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic;

- (b) since then, the City has consistently asked state and federal governments to review their homelessness policies and give people who are not residents access to crisis shelters and housing options; and
 - (c) despite strong advocacy at a state and federal level over the past few years requesting the need for dedicated funding to work with non-residents, currently no such services have been funded and non-residents remain without any preventative measures to avert them from entering into homelessness; and
 - (iv) each year there is a memorial to commemorate and honour all people who have died while experiencing homelessness in the past year. For many people experiencing homelessness, this is their only commemoration. And yet in NSW, we don't track the number of people who have died while sleeping rough;
- (B) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Bikram Lama, and the lives of all the other people who have died while experiencing homelessness in our city; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to:
- (i) the Consulate of Nepal to NSW to convey Council's condolences;
 - (ii) Bikram's family, via the Consulate of Nepal to NSW, to convey Council's condolences to Bikram Lama's family;
 - (iii) the NSW Minister for Homelessness and the Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness calling on the NSW Government and Australian Governments to fund Specialist Homelessness Services to provide housing pathways for people facing homelessness who do not have residency status and so slip through the cracks of support; and
 - (iv) the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, requesting the Australian Government work with the Consulate of Nepal to NSW and NSW Police to support logistically and financially the repatriation of Bikram's remains to his home village in Nepal.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Worling. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) housing and responding to homelessness are the responsibility of the NSW Government but the City does everything in our power to get people who are sleeping on the streets the help they need. This includes \$2.4 million annually for specialist homelessness services and daily check-ins to link people sleeping rough with health and other services and organisations that can assist them further. The work the City does, and funds, complements the services delivered and funded by the NSW Government;

- (ii) on 20 April 2026, the Guardian reported the [tragic death of Bikram Lama](#), who came to Australia from Nepal as an international student, one of about 40,000 students from Nepal who come to study in Sydney each year. Bikram was found dead in December 2025 in the bushes above the St James Train station tunnel, where he had been sleeping rough:
 - (a) Bikram's death highlights the glaring gap in state and federal responses to homelessness. People without residency status are ineligible for social housing and Centrelink services. It is very challenging for this cohort of rough sleepers to access crisis and temporary accommodation. They cannot get Centrelink payments or, in most cases, access public health care;
 - (b) the City works closely with the Haymarket Foundation, a crisis housing service in our Local Government Area (LGA) that does support non-residents who are experiencing homelessness;
 - (c) we don't know exactly how Bikram came to be homeless but we do know international students like Bikram are highly vulnerable without the housing and other supports available to people who come to Australia legally but lose their visa status or never obtain permanent residency;
 - (d) it is also devastating that Bikram's family cannot afford to bring his body back to his home village and perform the last rites according to Nepali traditions; and
 - (e) in a country as wealthy as Australia, it is shocking that a person who comes here to study can slip through the cracks so easily. It is even more devastating when we learn Bikram's family sold land and sacrificed a significant part of their own financial security to send him here for a better life. Questions need to be asked about the systems and supports the universities and international education sector have in place to monitor the welfare of students and, if necessary, connect them with support;
- (iii) around 20% of people sleeping rough in our local area are not Australian residents. These increasingly vulnerable non-residents do not have a pathway to housing and support:
 - (a) in 2020, the City and St Vincent's Health co-founded the Non-Resident Working Group and Non-Resident Case Coordination group in response to increasing numbers of non-residents sleeping rough in the City of Sydney as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic;
 - (b) since then, the City has consistently asked state and federal governments to review their homelessness policies and give people who are not residents access to crisis shelters and housing options; and
 - (c) despite strong advocacy at a state and federal level over the past few years requesting the need for dedicated funding to work with non-residents, currently no such services have been funded and non-residents remain without any preventative measures to avert them from entering into homelessness;
- (iv) each year there is a memorial to commemorate and honour all people who have died while experiencing homelessness in the past year. For many people experiencing homelessness, this is their only commemoration. And yet in NSW, we don't track the number of people who have died while sleeping rough; and

- (v) on 24 April 2026, the Member for Sydney, Alex Greenwich, wrote to the NSW Attorney General requesting a coronial inquest be held into the death of Bikram Lama and the gaps in support that could have prevented his death to help the community understand how the system let Bikram and other homeless people down, and what we can do better;
- (B) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Bikram Lama, and the lives of all the other people who have died while experiencing homelessness in our city; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to:
 - (i) the Consulate of Nepal to NSW to convey Council's condolences;
 - (ii) Bikram's family, via the Consulate of Nepal to NSW, to convey Council's condolences to Bikram Lama's family;
 - (iii) the NSW Minister for Homelessness and the Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness calling on the NSW Government and Australian Governments to fund Specialist Homelessness Services to provide housing pathways for people facing homelessness who do not have residency status and so slip through the cracks of support; and
 - (iv) the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, requesting the Australian Government work with the Consulate of Nepal to NSW and NSW Police to support logistically and financially the repatriation of Bikram's remains to his home village in Nepal.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Arkins, and by consent, the motion was varied, such that (C)(v) was added as follows:

- (v) the NSW Attorney General, formally requesting a coronial inquest be held into the death of Bikram Lama and the gaps in support that could have prevented his death, backing Alex Greewich's request.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as mark of respect to Bikram Lama.

Item 13.10 135 Years of Labor in Inner Sydney

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Maxwell -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Labor Electoral League of New South Wales was formed by the Sydney Trades and Labour Council in 1891, to give working people an electoral voice;
- (ii) the Glebe Electoral League, including a Glebe and an Annandale branch, was established that same year, on 14 April 1891, marking the beginning of democratically organised workers electing their own representatives in Inner Sydney;
- (iii) that same year, Glebe was one of 35 seats secured by Labor to represent the community at Macquarie Street, out of 141 available, an extraordinary achievement for a fledgling political party; and
- (iv) the progressive influence of our local Labor Leagues, now taking the form of local Labor Party branches, is historic and should be formally recognised; and

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the Glebe and Annandale Branches of the Labor Party celebrated this anniversary on Sunday 19 April 2026;
- (ii) the event heard speeches from the Prime Minister and Member for Grayndler Anthony Albanese, Federal Member for Sydney Tanya Plibersek, Duty MLC for Balmain Penny Sharpe, former President of the Legislative Council and City of Sydney Councillor Meredith Burgmann, former Senator for New South Wales John Faulkner, and Richard Archer, former Secretary of Annandale Branch of the Labor Party; and
- (iii) the fantastic work of the President of Glebe Branch Tamira Stevenson and the President of Annandale Branch, Ann Bartlett for pulling the event together.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.11 Actioning the NSW Parliament's Public Toilet Inquiry

By Councillor Arkins.

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney's Public Toilet Strategy (2014) an exemplar lead in the public toilet policy space;
- (ii) the City's recent work in expanding the opening hours of our new automated public toilets (APTs), meaning even more people in need are able to safely access a toilet when they need to;
- (iii) the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Public Toilets ("the Inquiry"), which assessed the current capability of public toilets to provide safe and accessible toilet infrastructure;
- (iv) the recommendations made by the Inquiry identify gaps in safety and universal access;
- (v) many of the recommendations are most adequately responded to at a local government level; and
- (vi) in February 2026, the Chief Executive Officer advised Council that a comprehensive review of the City's Public Toilet Strategy is planned to commence in the 2026/27 financial year; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) consider the relevant recommendations of the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Public Toilets as part of the review of the City's Public Toilet Strategy and make changes, as appropriate; and
- (ii) report the City's updated Public Toilet Strategy to Council.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Arkins. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney's Public Toilet Strategy (2014) an exemplar lead in the public toilet policy space;
- (ii) the City's recent work in expanding the opening hours of our new automated public toilets (APTs), meaning even more people in need are able to safely access a toilet when they need to;
- (iii) the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Public Toilets ("the Inquiry"), led by Greens MLC Dr Amanda Cohn, which assessed the current capability of public toilets to provide safe and accessible toilet infrastructure;

- (iv) the recommendations made by the Inquiry identify gaps in safety and universal access;
 - (v) many of the recommendations are most adequately responded to at a local government level; and
 - (vi) in February 2026, the Chief Executive Officer advised Council that a comprehensive review of the City's Public Toilet Strategy is planned to commence in the 2026/27 financial year; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) consider the relevant recommendations of the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Public Toilets as part of the review of the City's Public Toilet Strategy and make changes, as appropriate; and
 - (ii) report the City's updated Public Toilet Strategy to Council.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13.12 Vale Ann Weldon AM

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

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the recent passing of Wiradjuri Elder, Ann Pauline Weldon (née Coe) AM;
- (ii) Ann devoted her life to advancing the cause of Aboriginal people and was instrumental in establishing Redfern's revolutionary Aboriginal organisations;
- (iii) born in 1952 in a segregated section of Cowra Hospital, Ann was the second and eldest surviving child of Lindsay Augustus Coe and Frances Rita Coe (née Wedge). Growing up on the Erambie Mission, known as '32 Acres', Ann was surrounded by a strong and loving family community steeped in Wiradjuri culture;
- (iv) the warmth of family stood against the harsh conditions of the mission, where food was rationed, child removal was prevalent, and authorities exercised absolute power in sustained efforts to suppress Aboriginal culture. Ann's family fought tirelessly to protect their children, ensuring they received an education and held onto their cultural heritage;
- (v) the Kalare (also known as the Lachlan River) was a place of much joy for Ann and her family, but it was also the scene of tragedy. At age 7, Ann's life changed instantly when her father, Lindsay, tragically drowned. Following the passing of her grandmother, Edith, Ann was raised by her grandfather, Paul Coe, and her aunt, Pauline Coe;
- (vi) Ann attended Cowra High School where she excelled in her studies and was a talented athlete in running, basketball, and netball. While she was among the first students to navigate the challenges of non-segregated schooling and the racism that came with it, she was never alone; her siblings and cousins remained fiercely devoted to looking out for one another;
- (vii) in 1968, while attending an Aboriginal education camp in Lane Cove, Ann met George Weldon, a Wiradjuri man with links to the Murrumbidgee River. They later settled in Sydney, initially with family in Enmore and Alexandria, and were married in 1971;
- (viii) in 1975, Ann and George purchased their family home in Dulwich Hill where they raised their 3 daughters: Yvonne, Paula, and Anita. Ann also carried the silent heartbreak of losing 6 sons to miscarriage. Despite initially facing a petition by a neighbour to stop them from moving in, they made a home that became a sanctuary for extended family and many others. Ann lived by the mantra that "there was always room for one more," fostering children moving to Sydney, providing shelter to those in need, and helping to reconnect separated families;
- (ix) following the 1967 referendum, Redfern was a hotbed of political activism. Despite the positive referendum result, racism persisted and many in the community saw little immediate change. An influx of migration to the area led to overcrowding, exacerbating existing problems like poverty and unemployment, and police discrimination and brutality were widespread. These conditions were the catalyst for the Aboriginal self-determination movement, which Ann and her family were deeply involved in;
- (x) Ann was a foundation member of the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS). She served as company secretary and eventually took on the CEO role. She formed productive 2-way working relationships with the ALS solicitors and would often write the briefs for the barristers;

- (xi) Ann was a founding member of the Redfern Aboriginal Children's Service, established in 1975, and later served as its director. She also supported the establishment of the Aboriginal Medical Service in 1971 as an inaugural member;
- (xii) when the NSW Aboriginal Land Council was formed in 1984, Ann was a key member of the founding staff and later became its inaugural CEO. She was also a longstanding board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council;
- (xiii) Ann served as a member of the Aboriginal Housing Development Committee and was the inaugural chair of the NSW Aboriginal Housing Office board from 2000 to 2007;
- (xiv) for many years, Ann chaired the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee, providing a forum for advice to Council on employment strategies and cultural recognition. She was also a foundation member of the Inner West Aboriginal Community Company;
- (xv) Ann was elected to the Sydney Regional Council of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) for over 10 years, serving as councillor, deputy chairperson, and chairperson. She was also a member of the National NAIDOC Committee from 2010 to 2017;
- (xvi) over this time, Ann held roles with the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care and she served as the Aboriginal Liaison Officer with the Public Service Association from 2015 to 2022;
- (xvii) in 2015, the NSWALC recognised her as a founding member of the ACS and ALS and for her long involvement in Land Rights. In 2020, she was named the Dreamtime Elder of the Year at the National NAIDOC Awards. In 2025, she was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for her dedication and significant service to the Aboriginal community; and
- (xviii) Ann is remembered as a trailblazing leader who lived life with courage, compassion and a radical generosity. She balanced her work with an unwavering love and devotion to her family. A beloved wife, mother and "Nin" to her 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, she leaves behind a void that her family and community feel profoundly;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the family of Ann Weldon AM expressing Council's condolences; and
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Ann Weldon AM and her significant contribution to Aboriginal self-determination.

Carried unanimously.

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Note – All Councillors, staff and members of the public present stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to Ann Weldon AM.

Extension of Time

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.23 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Weldon was granted an extension of time to speak on this matter.

Item 13.13 LGBTQIA+ Safety and Targeted Violence in Sydney

By Councillor Maxwell

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) recent reporting by ABC News highlighting a series of violent attacks targeting LGBTQIA+ people in Sydney, including incidents where victims were lured through dating and hook-up apps, assaulted, and in some cases filmed and distributed online;
- (ii) reports that some of these attacks have been linked to extremist ideologies, including individuals associated with far-right extremism and others inspired by Islamic State;
- (iii) expert warnings that, after Jewish Australians, LGBTQIA+ people are among those most at risk of being targeted by violent extremism in Australia;
- (iv) data released by NSW Police indicating:
 - 197 LGBTQIA+ hate-related violent incidents and 103 individuals charged between 2023 and 2025; and
 - 36 incidents involving the use of dating or hook-up apps to lure victims to assaults or robberies;
- (v) a manual review of this data identifies at least 56 incidents occurring within the City of Sydney local government area, noting that the data is not provided in a clear Local Government Area (LGA) breakdown;
- (vi) that a subset of these incidents involve the deliberate targeting of victims through digital platforms, followed by coordinated assault and, in some cases, the filming and dissemination of the violence;
- (vii) the historical context of anti-LGBTQIA+ violence in Sydney, including the murders and assaults commemorated at Mark's Park, and that the current pattern of targeted violence echoes these earlier periods, highlighting the need for early, coordinated action to prevent further harm;
- (viii) the announcement by the NSW Government and Premier Chris Minns of urgent legislative reforms, including stronger penalties and potential new offences targeting hate-motivated violence; and
- (ix) the importance of ensuring Sydney remains a safe, inclusive and welcoming city for LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors, particularly during periods of heightened visibility such as the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras;

(B) Council reaffirm:

- (i) its commitment to the safety, dignity and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ communities;
- (ii) that targeted violence based on sexuality or gender identity is unacceptable and requires a coordinated response across all levels of government; and
- (iii) the importance of public confidence in reporting incidents and accessing support services;

(C) Council welcome:

- (i) the NSW Government's commitment to urgent legislative reform to strengthen responses to hate-motivated violence; and
- (ii) the focus on addressing emerging forms of targeted violence, including the use of digital platforms to facilitate assaults;

(D) Council call on the NSW Government to:

- (i) progress these reforms as a matter of urgency;
- (ii) consider specific offences addressing the use of digital platforms to lure victims for the purpose of assault, robbery or humiliation;
- (iii) ensure adequate resourcing for NSW Police to investigate, prevent and respond to targeted attacks, including specialist capabilities; and
- (iv) improve transparency and regular public reporting of LGBTQIA+ hate-related incidents, including clearer geographic breakdowns; and

(E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) seek a confidential briefing for Councillors from relevant state and federal security agencies, on the current threat profile facing LGBTQIA+ communities in Sydney;
- (ii) provide advice to Council on opportunities for local government to support community safety, awareness, and prevention in response to this evolving threat environment; and
- (iii) work with community organisations to ensure affected communities are informed, supported, and confident in reporting incidents.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Maxwell. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) recent reporting by ABC News highlighting a series of violent attacks targeting LGBTQIA+ people in Sydney, including incidents where victims were lured through dating and hook-up apps, assaulted, and in some cases filmed and distributed online;
- (ii) reports that some of these attacks have been linked to extremist ideologies, including individuals associated with far-right extremism and others inspired by Islamic State;
- (iii) expert warnings that, after Jewish Australians, LGBTQIA+ people are among those most at risk of being targeted by violent extremism in Australia;
- (iv) data released by NSW Police indicating:
 - 197 LGBTQIA+ hate-related violent incidents and 103 individuals charged between 2023 and 2025; and
 - 36 incidents involving the use of dating or hook-up apps to lure victims to assaults or robberies;

- (v) a manual review of this data identifies at least 56 incidents occurring within the City of Sydney local government area, noting that the data is not provided in a clear Local Government Area (LGA) breakdown;
 - (vi) that a subset of these incidents involve the deliberate targeting of victims through digital platforms, followed by coordinated assault and, in some cases, the filming and dissemination of the violence;
 - (vii) the historical context of anti-LGBTQIA+ violence in Sydney, including the murders and assaults commemorated at Mark's Park, and that the current pattern of targeted violence echoes these earlier periods, highlighting the need for early, coordinated action to prevent further harm;
 - (viii) the announcement by the NSW Government and Premier Chris Minns of urgent legislative reforms, including stronger penalties and potential new offences targeting hate-motivated violence; and
 - (ix) the importance of ensuring Sydney remains a safe, inclusive and welcoming city for LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors, particularly during periods of heightened visibility such as the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras;
- (B) Council reaffirm:
- (i) its commitment to the safety, dignity and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ communities;
 - (ii) that targeted violence based on sexuality or gender identity is unacceptable and requires a coordinated response across all levels of government; and
 - (iii) the importance of public confidence in reporting incidents and accessing support services;
- (C) Council welcome:
- (i) the NSW Government's commitment to urgent legislative reform to strengthen responses to hate-motivated violence; and
 - (ii) the focus on addressing emerging forms of targeted violence, including the use of digital platforms to facilitate assaults;
- (D) Council call on the NSW Government to:
- (i) progress these reforms as a matter of urgency along with the recommendations of the Measures to combat right-wing extremism in New South Wales report, handed down this week;
 - (ii) consider specific offences addressing the use of digital platforms to lure victims for the purpose of assault, robbery or humiliation;
 - (iii) ensure adequate resourcing for NSW Police to investigate, prevent and respond to targeted attacks, including specialist capabilities; and
 - (iv) improve transparency and regular public reporting of LGBTQIA+ hate-related incidents, including clearer geographic breakdowns; and

(E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) seek a confidential briefing for Councillors from relevant state and federal security agencies, on the current threat profile facing LGBTQIA+ communities in Sydney;
- (ii) provide advice to Council on opportunities for local government to support community safety, awareness, and prevention in response to this evolving threat environment; and
- (iii) work with community organisations to ensure affected communities are informed, supported, and confident in reporting incidents.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Worling, and by consent, the motion was varied such that it read as follows -

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) recent reporting by ABC News highlighting a series of violent attacks targeting LGBTQIA+ people in Sydney, including incidents where victims were lured through dating and hook-up apps, assaulted, and in some cases filmed and distributed online;
- (ii) reports that some of these attacks have been linked to extremist ideologies, including individuals associated with far-right extremism and others inspired by Islamic State;
- (iii) expert warnings that, after Jewish Australians, LGBTQIA+ people are among those most at risk of being targeted by violent extremism in Australia;
- (iv) data released by NSW Police indicating:
 - 197 LGBTQIA+ hate-related violent incidents and 103 individuals charged between 2023 and 2025; and
 - 36 incidents involving the use of dating or hook-up apps to lure victims to assaults or robberies;
- (v) a manual review of this data identifies at least 56 incidents occurring within the City of Sydney local government area, noting that the data is not provided in a clear Local Government Area (LGA) breakdown;
- (vi) that a subset of these incidents involve the deliberate targeting of victims through digital platforms, followed by coordinated assault and, in some cases, the filming and dissemination of the violence;
- (vii) the historical context of anti-LGBTQIA+ violence in Sydney, including the murders and assaults commemorated at Mark's Park, and that the current pattern of targeted violence echoes these earlier periods, highlighting the need for early, coordinated action to prevent further harm;
- (viii) the announcement by the NSW Government and Premier Chris Minns of urgent legislative reforms, including stronger penalties and potential new offences targeting hate-motivated violence;

- (ix) in May 2025, the NSW Attorney-General requested the Hon. John Sackar AM KC to review and report on the criminal law protections against the incitement of hatred and in particular to consider, among other things, the sufficiency of criminal law protections against hatred for vulnerable groups in the NSW community, including any improvements that could be made;
 - (x) the review received 55 submissions, including submissions from Equality Australia, ACON, Rainbow Families and other organisations which recommended several changes to the law which would provide LGBTIQ+ people with additional protections from hatred;
 - (xi) Justice Sackar delivered his report to the Attorney General by the date requested, 5 November 2025;
 - (xii) on 18 March 2026 the NSW Legislative Council adopted a resolution which, among other things, requested the Government to table the Sackar review and report within 14 days;
 - (xiii) the NSW Government has not complied with this request;
 - (xiv) when speaking on the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2026 on 24 March 2026, Alex Greenwich MP said "A range of reforms is needed to truly protect the LGBTQIA+ community. We also need to see the expert review on hate crimes from Justice John Sackar to help inform and strengthen legal responses"; and
 - (xv) the importance of ensuring Sydney remains a safe, inclusive and welcoming city for LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors, particularly during periods of heightened visibility such as the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras;
- (B) Council reaffirm:
- (i) its commitment to the safety, dignity and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ communities;
 - (ii) that targeted violence based on sexuality or gender identity is unacceptable and requires a coordinated response across all levels of government; and
 - (iii) the importance of public confidence in reporting incidents and accessing support services;
- (C) Council welcome:
- (i) the NSW Government's commitment to urgent legislative reform to strengthen responses to hate-motivated violence; and
 - (ii) the focus on addressing emerging forms of targeted violence, including the use of digital platforms to facilitate assaults;
- (D) Council call on the NSW Government to:
- (i) progress these reforms as a matter of urgency along with the recommendations of the Measures to combat right-wing extremism in New South Wales report, handed down this week;
 - (ii) consider specific offences addressing the use of digital platforms to lure victims for the purpose of assault, robbery or humiliation;
 - (iii) ensure adequate resourcing for NSW Police to investigate, prevent and respond to targeted attacks, including specialist capabilities; and

- (iv) improve transparency and regular public reporting of LGBTQIA+ hate-related incidents, including clearer geographic breakdowns; and
 - (v) publicly release the report on the findings of the Review of criminal law protections against the incitement of hatred by the Hon. John Sackar AM KC; and
- (E) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) seek a confidential briefing for Councillors from relevant state and federal security agencies, on the current threat profile facing LGBTQIA+ communities in Sydney;
 - (ii) provide advice to Council on opportunities for local government to support community safety, awareness, and prevention in response to this evolving threat environment; and
 - (iii) work with community organisations to ensure affected communities are informed, supported, and confident in reporting incidents.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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Item 13.14 Joynton Avenue Boardwalk Noise Management

By Councillor Maxwell

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) residents of 19 Joynton Avenue and surrounding properties in Zetland have raised ongoing concerns regarding noise generated by the boardwalk adjacent to their properties;
- (ii) the boardwalk is used by pedestrians and wheeled devices, including bicycles, scooters, prams and delivery vehicles, at all hours of the day and night, and that while it is not formally designated as a shared path, such use continues to occur;
- (iii) residents have advised that the construction of this section of the boardwalk, comprising metal boards mounted on a metal frame, results in movement of the boards under use and generates significant noise;
- (iv) this noise has been reported to impact residents' amenity, including sleep disturbance and the peaceable enjoyment of their homes;
- (v) the City has undertaken a range of measures to address these concerns, including engagement with residents, signage and behavioural interventions, minor repairs, and the development of alternative cycling routes to redirect riders away from the boardwalk; and
- (vi) residents have indicated that these measures have not fully addressed the noise impact on residents and have suggested that attention be given to noise dampening measures;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) City's staff have undertaken work to respond to the concerns raised and to manage competing uses of the space;
- (ii) the boardwalk forms part of a broader pedestrian and cycling network, and use by bicycles and other wheeled devices will continue;
- (iii) it is important that infrastructure supporting shared use is designed and maintained to minimise impacts on adjacent residents, including noise and vibration; and
- (iv) there may be opportunities to explore additional or innovative measures to mitigate noise associated with the boardwalk surface and its use; and

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) provide advice to Council on:
 - (a) the current approach to managing noise impacts associated with the boardwalk; and
 - (b) potential options to reduce noise associated with wheeled traffic on the boardwalk surface;

- (ii) consider whether further investigation or works are warranted to address the concerns raised by residents; and
- (iii) provide a report to Council and the local community outlining:
 - (a) the findings of this review; and
 - (b) any next steps.

Note – at the meeting of Council, the content of the original Notice of Motion was varied by Councillor Maxwell. Subsequently it was –

Moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by Councillor Ellsmore –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) residents of 19 Joynton Avenue and surrounding properties in Zetland have raised ongoing concerns regarding noise generated by the boardwalk adjacent to their properties;
- (ii) the boardwalk, located on the west side of Joynton Avenue, is used by pedestrians, and illegally used by people riding bicycles, including delivery riders, at all hours of the day and night, and that while it is not formally designated as a shared path, such use continues to occur;
- (iii) the path on the eastern side of Joynton Avenue is a shared path, the designated route for cyclists;
- (iv) residents have advised that the construction of this section of the boardwalk, comprising metal boards mounted on a metal frame, results in movement of the boards under use and generates significant noise;
- (v) this noise has been reported to impact residents' amenity, including sleep disturbance and the peaceable enjoyment of their homes;
- (vi) the City has undertaken a range of measures to address these concerns, including engagement with residents, signage and behavioural interventions, minor repairs, and the development of alternative cycling routes to redirect riders away from the boardwalk; and
- (vii) residents have indicated that these measures have not fully addressed the noise impact on residents and have suggested that attention be given to noise dampening measures;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) City's staff have undertaken work to respond to the concerns raised, including:
 - (a) engaging with mapping providers such as Google to discourage routing cyclists along the boardwalks and instead to direct riders to surrounding streets and formal cycling infrastructure, which has resulted in the boardwalk no longer showing as a cyclable route on Google maps;
 - (b) coordinating with NSW Police, who have carried out targeted enforcement operations in the Zetland and Green Square area to address illegal riding, speeding and footpath cycling; and

- (c) working with body corporates to relocate delivery access points away from boardwalks;
 - (ii) construction of the O'Dea cycleway will begin this year, with traffic signal upgrades being investigated to direct cyclists to cross on the eastern side of O'Dea Avenue and Joynton Avenue and continue south using the designated cycle infrastructure;
 - (iii) it is important that infrastructure supporting shared use is designed and maintained to minimise impacts on adjacent residents, including noise and vibration; and
 - (iv) there may be opportunities to explore additional or innovative measures to mitigate noise associated with the boardwalk surface and its use; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
 - (i) provide advice to Council on:
 - (a) the current approach to managing noise impacts associated with the boardwalk;
 - (b) potential options to reduce noise associated with wheeled traffic on the boardwalk surface;
 - (c) the outcome of the investigation to upgrade the traffic signals at O'Dea Avenue and Joynton Avenue; and
 - (d) whether the line marking and share path signage on the eastern side of Joynton Avenue needs to be refreshed;
 - (ii) consider whether further investigation or works are warranted to address the concerns raised by residents; and
 - (iii) provide a report to Council and the concerned residents outlining:
 - (a) the findings of this review; and
 - (b) any next steps.

Carried unanimously.

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At 7.49 pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on Monday 18 May 2026 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.