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Present

The Rt 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 5:01pm, 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, A/Executive Director People, Performance and Technology, and Executive Director Strategic Development and Engagement were also present.

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Ellsmore was attending the meeting of Council remotely, via audio visual link pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

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 15.4 be brought forward and considered prior to Item 4, for the convenience of the public present.

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of Council at 7:02pm prior to discussion on Item 8.4, and returned at 7:03pm, after the vote on Item 8.4. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 8.4.

Councillor Arkins left the meeting of Council at 7:11pm prior to discussion on Item 10.4, and returned at 7:20pm.

At 7:20pm, Council agreed that the order of business be altered such that discussion of Item 10.4 be resumed after Item 12.5 of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, to allow for the wording of an amendment to be confirmed.

Councillor Maxwell left the meeting of Council at 7:30pm prior to discussion on Item 12.5, and returned at 7:33pm, after the vote on Item 12.5. Councillor Maxwell was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 12.5.

Councillor Arkins left the meeting of Council at 7:33pm prior to discussion on Item 10.4 which was then resumed, and returned at 7:49pm, after the vote on Item 10.4. Councillor Arkins was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting of Council during discussion or voting on Item 10.4.

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, 18 May 2026, and the extraordinary meeting of Council of Monday, 15 June 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

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Clover Moore AO) disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.4 on the agenda, in that she recently met with representatives from Wesley Mission which is a parish of the Uniting Church of Australia. The Uniting Church of Australia owns the development site which is the subject of this item, and Wesley Mission currently have their facilities in the existing building. The Lord Mayor considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they met to discuss gambling reform and this Planning Proposal was not discussed.

Councillor Olly Arkins made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that the Gadigal Information Service (GIS) is a member of the Australian Festival Association, of which Councillor Arkins is the CEO, and is listed in the report but is not being recommended for funding. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because GIS has not been in touch with her about this item and they have not been recommended for funding.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that Finely Tuned Productions, Fuzzy Operations, Gadigal Information Service and Sydney Comedy Festival are members of the Australian Festival Association, of which Councillor Arkins is the CEO. They are listed in the report but have not been recommended for funding in the festival and events sponsorships. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they did not contact her about this item and have not been recommended for funding.
- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda in that she has community and professional relationship with individuals involved in the Inner City Legal Centre (ICLC), an organisation recommended for funding:
 - Katie Green, CEO of ICLC, who she has known since the lead up to the NSW Drug Summit. This is from her work in music festivals and ICLC's program for free legal advice to festival goers and police powers
 - board member Jeremy Moinwau though personal and professional networks
 - board member Jo Tilly, who she has known for over a decade as a fellow inner-city activist. She met Jo through her partner Penny Sharpe, a NSW Labor Government Minister. Red Tilly, Jo's son, also works with Councillor Arkins in her Council office
 - board member Eden Tollis, who she has known for over a decade since he lived in a sharehouse with a close personal friend, and more recently though his work at Sydney Film Festival.

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

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda in that NUAA Incorporated is a member of the Australian Festival Association, of which she is the CEO, and is listed in the report and is not being recommended for funding. 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 Woman's Network, who is listed in the report and is not recommended for funding. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as they have not contacted her about this item and they are not recommended for funding.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she has met with a number of organisations who have applied for grants under this program, including the Glebe Youth Service and the Refugee Council. Councillor Ellsmore considers that these are non-pecuniary conflicts of interest that are not significant and do not require further action in the circumstances because:
 - she is not a member of any of the organisations
 - she does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made
 - she was not aware that the organisations had applied for these grants, and
 - she has not discussed the applications with them.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that over the last one to 2 years, she has met with a number of organisations who have applied for grants under this program, including ReLove, Asylum Seekers Centre, Bridge Housing, Older Women's Network, Haymarket Foundation, the University of Sydney Settlement, the Uniting Church/Wayside, Glebe Youth Service and the Refugee Council.

Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she is not a member of any of the organisations, does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made, was unaware that these organisations had applied for these grants and had not discussed the specific application with them. Councillor Ellsmore is an ordinary member of the University of Sydney Settlement, but she considers that this is not sufficient interest requiring further action in the circumstances, for the same reasons outlined above.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that, over the last 1-2 years, she has met with a number of organisations who have applied for grants under this program, including the Social Enterprise Council of Australia and the Coop Fed.

Councillor Ellsmore considers that these are non-pecuniary conflicts of interest that are not significant and do not require further action in the circumstances because:

- she is not a member of any of the organisations
- she does not stand to benefit from any decision made
- until the Committee papers were released, she was not aware that organisations had applied for these particular grants, and
- she has not discussed the specific applications for this grant round with any of the organisations prior to the release of the committee papers.

Councillor Lyndon Gannon made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.7 on the agenda, in that Jarrod Lomas is on the Board of Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd. Mr Lomas is also a member of the NSW Liberal Party. Councillor Gannon has not discussed this item with him. He considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as he has not discussed the grants with this individual.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that Shauna Jarrett, an Advisory Council member of the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Ltd, which is recommended for a Business Sector Support Grant, is a NSW Liberal Party member and former City of Sydney Councillor. Councillor Gannon considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with her.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that Alex Schuman, a board member of the Australian Fashion Council Ltd, which is recommended for a Major Economic Grant, is a NSW Liberal Party member. Councillor Gannon considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with him.

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.5 on the agenda, in that Ben Mulcahy is the owner of the building that previously leased space to the former Bookshop. Ben is a personal friend of Councillor Maxwell, and they have discussed this matter directly.

Councillor Maxwell stated that he would not be voting on this matter.

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she:
 - is familiar with members of the Board of the Arts Fairs
 - is familiar with Pastor Jon Owen of the Wayside Chapel, and
 - is familiar with the CEO of the Biennale, Barbara Moore.

Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken to any of the above about these grants.

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that she is familiar with and attends Newtown Enmore Business Chamber events, which is recommended for funding in the Business Sector Support Grant program. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken with anyone at the organisation about this grant.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that she has been an ambassador and fundraiser for The Social Outfit, which is not recommended for funding in the Business Sector Support Grant program. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken with anyone at the organisation about this grant.

- a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.4 on the agenda, in that she attended the same meeting with representatives from Wesley Mission, with the Lord Mayor. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they met to discuss gambling reform and this Planning Proposal was not discussed.

Councillor Matthew Thompson made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that he recently met with Glebe Youth Service to discuss their programs, activities and operations. Councillor Thompson considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he is not a member of the Glebe Youth Service, does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made and did not provide advice on this specific grant.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that he was previously employed by Addison Road Community Centre in 2019 for a brief period of time. Councillor Thompson considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made, nor has he discussed their grant application with them. Councillor Thompson does not believe it impacts his ability to make a decision regarding the grant program.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon made the following disclosures:

- a pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she is a board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, who was recommended for funding.

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

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that she is the Chair of the Australia Day Council, which is involved in Australia Day celebrations across the country. Destination NSW has been recommended for funding for Australia Day in Sydney 2027-29. Councillor Weldon considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because the Australia Day Council did not apply for and is not the recipient of the grant, nor will it have access to the funding.

Councillor Adam Worling made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that ReLove Incorporated is recommended for funding. He knows ReLove co-founders Ren Fernando and Ben Stammer, and has met with the organisation on a number of occasions during his time as a Councillor. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with Ren, Ben or anyone at the organisation.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that through his business AWPR he has represented clients showing at Australian Fashion Week and has ongoing relationships with the event organisers as a fashion publicist. Australian Fashion Week is recommended for a Major Economic Grant. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with anyone at the organisation and it will not affect his ability to vote on this item.

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

Item 3 Minutes by the Lord Mayor

Item 3.1 Uncertainty in the Waste Infrastructure and Processing Sector

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

Reducing waste and environmental impact is one of the key actions Governments at all levels can take to lower our emissions.

Over the past 20 years, significant progress has been made. Recycling has been introduced for glass, hard plastics, paper and cardboard. There are separate collections for mattresses, electronics tyres, clothing, mobile phones, batteries, chemicals, blister packs, soft plastics, unwearable textiles and more. And landfills capture methane to generate energy.

The waste crisis

In June 2023, Council unanimously supported my Lord Mayoral Minute calling on the NSW Government to work with councils and the waste industry to address the looming waste crisis.

After years of sustained advocacy by the Greater Sydney Waste Leadership, including Resilient Sydney and regional organisations of councils across Sydney, the NSW Government released Chapter 1 of its Waste Infrastructure Plan in October 2025.

The NSW Government finally acknowledged that Greater Sydney is on track to run out of landfill space by 2030, with an estimated annual shortfall of 1.1 million tonnes of processing capacity. Without intervention, waste may be shipped interstate, increasing household waste management costs by up to 20% and delaying critical infrastructure.

While Chapter 1 commits to streamlined planning processes and a new advisory committee for waste infrastructure, it fails to provide a clear, coordinated pathway for infrastructure delivery. This lack of direction and certainty continues to fragment investment and delay much-needed projects.

Without a clear coordinated infrastructure roadmap and an enabling planning framework, investment is fragmented and the delivery of much needed waste infrastructure is uncertain.

Long term infrastructure road map needed

The waste crisis has been 50 years in the making. Chapter 1 says “Waste infrastructure in NSW is owned and operated by the private sector or local government. It is these parties’ role to design and deliver waste infrastructure and waste services for the people of NSW.” However, the waste industry has no obligation under law to design and deliver waste infrastructure.

In 1971, responsibility shifted away from councils with the creation of the Metropolitan Waste Disposal Authority (later Waste Service NSW), leaving local government reliant on external providers. In reality, the NSW Government retains responsibility for long-term planning and coordination. Expecting the private sector and individual councils to independently assess statewide needs is unrealistic.

A comprehensive, long-term infrastructure roadmap is essential to guide investment and delivery. It should clearly outline current and projected waste volumes, existing processing capacity, future infrastructure requirements, and optimal locations for new facilities. This would provide the confidence needed for industry to invest and scale solutions.

Such planning must do more than extend the capacity of existing landfill. It is about all the different types of recycling facilities we need for what is collected through our yellow bins, the 1.7 million tonnes of food waste generated in NSW each year, and complex waste streams such as soft plastics, e-waste, textiles, batteries, lightbulbs, blister packs and more.

Strategically located transfer stations across Greater Sydney are also critical to reduce transport distances, costs to ratepayers, congestion and harmful emissions.

NSW urgently needs a 20-year Waste Infrastructure Roadmap that identifies priority infrastructure needs and locations, aligns with waste generation forecasts and circular economy targets, and coordinates joint public and private investment.

Although the NSW Government has committed to beginning this work, no clear timeline has been set.

Only when a long-term roadmap is publicly available, will innovative businesses, the broader waste industry and their investors have the certainty they need to develop new circular solutions, scale up their operations and build the extra waste processing infrastructure and waste transfer stations where we need them.

As a Council we must also look at what we can do locally to support the circular economy and greater recycling. Community feedback on our Waste Reduction and Circular Materials Strategy 2026-2035 called for more convenient recycling and reuse infrastructure to make it easier to recycle and reuse every day, so it is important we play our part and investigate what we can do locally using our Domestic Waste Reserve.

At the same time, we must reduce the amount of waste being generated. The Federal Government must accelerate packaging reforms to ensure materials are recyclable, contain recycled content, and mandate stronger product stewardship schemes that embed reuse into product design.

Planning reform

Waste and circular economy infrastructure should be recognised as State Significant Infrastructure.

Currently, such projects are typically assessed as State Significant Development, resulting in slower and more complex approvals. In contrast, sectors such as transport, energy and water benefit from streamlined pathways under the Transport and Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy 2021.

Given its economic, environmental and social importance, waste infrastructure should have access to the same pathway. This would enable faster approvals, clearer processes and more flexible delivery which is critical to building the capacity needed before 2030.

Without reform, NSW risks higher costs, missed environmental targets and lost economic opportunities in the circular economy. A coordinated legislative framework, supported by long-term planning, is essential to unlock investment and improve outcomes.

Supporting innovative food waste solutions

Food waste represents 40% of household red bin contents and 12.8% of emissions in our area, so it's pleasing the NSW Government has mandated all Councils to provide food and garden organics collection services (either in a combined bin or separate bins) to all households by 1 July 2030. Certain businesses are also required to have separate commercial food waste collections starting from 1 July 2026.

The City of Sydney has operated a residential food organics service since 2019. What began as a trial now operates as a limited opt-in service for more than 24,000 households - around 20% of the local area.

Between 2019 and 2025, we've recycled 2,440 tonnes of food waste in our food scraps recycling trial creating 64,500 kwh of energy, 7.9 tonnes of fertiliser and 1,029 tonnes of compost, while saving 2,063 metres cubed landfill space and preventing 3,588 tonnes of greenhouse gas. The waste was processed using anaerobic digestion and later composting.

Following my 2023 Lord Mayoral Minute, the City entered into a contract with Goterra to trial the feasibility and scalability of insect farming to process food waste from January 2025.

The insect farming process uses black soldier fly larvae (or maggots) to consume food waste, turning it into fertiliser, and the larvae are then processed into a protein-rich animal feed. This processing technique not only reduces emissions from food waste, but the byproducts create a sustainable low-carbon animal feed and fertiliser. A truly circular solution.

The trial has delivered strong results. Between January 2025 and June 2026, 721 tonnes of food waste were processed locally in Alexandria, producing about 8,200 kilograms of protein-rich animal feed and 150,400 kilograms of fertiliser while avoiding a daily 50km round trip to the next closest facility. I am very proud of this trial and these results.

It took over 12 months to set up the trial, with Goterra getting waste processing licences for NSW and leasing space from Bingo in Alexandria, as they can only operate on land approved as a waste processing site.

Sadly, Goterra entered into voluntary administration on 3 June 2026 as it could not secure the investment needed to increase the scale of its operations. Media reports indicated that the business is expected to be offered for sale. This outcome highlights the challenges innovative businesses face in the absence of clear long-term infrastructure planning.

As local government, we don't have industry expertise and capacity needed to get the licences or regulatory approvals to process this food ourselves, so the City is now sending our food scraps to Veolia's EarthPower anaerobic digestion facility in Camellia where food scraps are converted to energy and fertiliser.

I have asked City staff to investigate opportunities to use black soldier fly larvae technology to process food waste in the future, including with Goterra should the company be sold and secure the investment it needs.

It is deeply disappointing that a technology so well suited to managing the growing volume of food waste could not secure the backing needed to expand, particularly as new regulatory requirements take effect. I wonder if a clear infrastructure roadmap would have helped provide the certainty required for Goterra to attract that investment.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Goterra entered into voluntary administration on 3 June 2026 as it could not secure the investment needed to scale its operations. Food scraps collected through the City's limited food scraps recycling service are now being processed using anaerobic digestion at Veolia's EarthPower facility in Camellia;
- (ii) the City will investigate opportunities to use black soldier fly larvae technology to process of food waste in the future, including with Goterra should the company be sold and secures the investment it needs; and
- (iii) that despite our advocacy, and the NSW Government's recognition of the impending waste crisis, there is still uncertainty in the waste processing sector;

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to review the City's recycling infrastructure requirements including Food Organics, to ensure future services have the capacity to grow and meet the needs of our growing communities; and

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

- (i) the NSW Minister for Climate Change, for Energy and for the Environment, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Minister for Crown Lands, requesting that the NSW Government:
 - (a) urgently develop a 20-year NSW Waste and Circularity Infrastructure Roadmap; and
 - (b) reform Planning Pathways by:
 - amending the Transport and Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy to include waste infrastructure as permissible development for public authorities or other appropriate entities;
 - expanding eligibility for waste facilities to be classified as State Significant Infrastructure; and
 - enabling the declaration of critical waste infrastructure where it is essential for state outcomes;
- (ii) the Resilient Sydney Steering Committee and Mayors of the 33 member councils to strongly encourage collective advocacy to the NSW and Federal Governments on the issues raised in this Minute; and
- (iii) the Federal Minister for the Environment calling on the Federal Government to urgently expedite packaging regulatory reforms and mandate more effective product stewardship schemes to ensure that the largest waste generating consumables build in reuse as part of their product lifecycle.

THE RT HON CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

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

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

Carried unanimously.

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Item 3.2 Extended Trading Hours for Special Events

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

The 2026 FIFA World Cup is bringing together communities across Australia as we support our national team. In our area, more than half of our population have both parents born overseas. The FIFA World Cup unites the people of the more than 200 nations in our area.

Now that the Socceroos have progressed to the knockout Round of 32, residents, visitors and businesses are embracing the excitement and harmony these games create. SBS is broadcasting and streaming the FIFA World Cup to ensure all Australians have free, equitable access to one of the world's biggest sporting events. Businesses from convenience stores to barbers are streaming the games while open for business.

For licensed venues, the NSW Government granted extended trading under section 13 of the Liquor Act 2007 for FIFA World Cup games.

Given the early morning games, non-licensed businesses should also be able to trade early mornings to provide food and other services to people out watching the games.

In 2026, the Sydney Marathon will be held on 30 August 2026 and begin at 6.15am. The marathon attracts around 50,000 runners and even more spectators to our city. Participants and visitors alike should be able to visit retail, food and other services before and during the marathon. The route travels through Sydney, Pyrmont, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Paddington.

Special event extended trading, introduced in 2025 under section 2.132A of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP), allows councils to declare extended trading hours for unlicensed premises, but only until midnight for events of regional, state or national significance.

As currently drafted, this section does not enable venues to open early for special events, such as the FIFA World Cup and the Sydney Marathon.

On 7 April 2026, I wrote to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces requesting that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure make the necessary changes to the Codes SEPP to allow Councils to set any hours for extended trading during special events, rather than limiting it to midnight. We hope this change can be made with urgency.

The City of Sydney has flagged with the Minister for Planning and Public Space's office the need for an urgent amendment to the SEPP to amend this section to enable greater flexibility for non-licensed venues.

I propose that Council endorse the granting of additional trading hours for the remaining FIFA World Cup games, starting with Australia vs Egypt which will kick off at 4am on 4 July 2026. Should the NSW Government make the required amendments to the Codes SEPP, this resolution will automatically enable the extended trading hours to apply to eligible venues. Venues already able to trade beyond the extended hours can trade as usual.

Eligible venues include community facilities, entertainment facilities, restaurants, cafés, shops, and takeaway food and drink premises. Home occupations (sex services), restricted premises and sex services premises are excluded.

I am recommending that Council declare the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2026 Sydney Marathon special events to allow extended trading for unlicensed premises, supporting local businesses and contributing to a lively economy.

The areas to which the extended hours will apply will be:

- (a) For the 2026 FIFA World Cup - the City of Sydney Local Government area; and
- (b) For the Sydney Marathon - the suburbs of Sydney, Pyrmont, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Paddington (in the City of Sydney Local Government Area).

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) on 23 February 2026, Council declared the 2026 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade weekend as a special event to enable extended opening hours;
- (ii) that an amendment is required to section 2.132A of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP) by the NSW Government to enable Council to grant extended opening hours early in the morning;
- (iii) in March 2026, following a Resolution of Council, the Chief Executive Officer wrote to the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requesting amendments to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP) to councils to grant extended trading hours beyond midnight; and
- (iv) in April 2026, the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to request the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure make the necessary changes to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP) to allow Councils to set any hours for extended trading during special events, rather than limiting it to midnight;

(B) subject to the amendment of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP), the FIFA World Cup games to be held on 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20 July 2026, and the Sydney Marathon to be held on 30 August 2026 are declared special events as per the definition in 2.132A of the SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008;

(C) subject to the amendment of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP), on 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20 July 2026, extended trading hours will apply to eligible premises in the City of Sydney Local Government Area in accordance with the following times:

- (i) trading permissible from 3am on Saturday 4 July 2026;
- (ii) trading permissible from 2am on Sunday 5 July 2026;
- (iii) trading permissible from 5am on Monday 6 July 2026;
- (iv) trading permissible from 4am on Tuesday 7 July 2026;
- (v) trading permissible from 1am on Wednesday 8 July 2026;
- (vi) trading permissible from 5am on Friday 10 July 2026;

- (vii) trading permissible from 4am on Saturday 11 July 2026;
 - (viii) trading permissible from 12:01am on Sunday 12 July 2026;
 - (ix) trading permissible from 4am on Wednesday 15 July 2026;
 - (x) trading permissible from 4am on Thursday 16 July 2026;
 - (xi) trading permissible from 6am on Sunday 19 July 2026;
 - (xii) trading permissible from 4am on Monday 20 July 2026; and
- (D) subject to the amendment of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP) on 30 August 2026, extended trading hours will apply to eligible premises in the suburbs of Sydney, Pyrmont, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Paddington (in the City of Sydney Local Government Area) in accordance with the following times:
- (i) trading permissible from 4am on Sunday 30 August 2026.

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Lord Mayor of Sydney

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Procedural Motion

At this stage of the meeting, at 5:20pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Weldon –

That the Order of Business be altered such that Item 15.4 be brought forward and considered before Item 4, for the convenience of the public present.

Carried unanimously.

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 Miller –

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

Carried unanimously.

5.2 Petitions

(a) Protect our Neighbourhood (Ice Zoo)

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

Ice Zoo, a high impact commercial operation, is currently operating in our area under a sublease that appears to have bypassed normal Council planning controls and community consultation.

Residents are already experiencing increased noise, traffic and parking issues, including activity outside normal residential hours. This sets a precedent for future developments to occur without proper oversight or community input.

We are calling on Council to review this situation, enforce appropriate conditions, and ensure this does not happen again.

Moved by Councillor Thompson, 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, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

Order of Business

Councillors agreed that the Order of Business be altered such that the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee meeting be deferred and held after the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

At the commencement of business at 3:16pm, those present were -

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

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Maxwell was attending the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Councillor Maxwell left the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee at 3:20pm during discussion and before the vote on Item 6.3, and did not return.

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the remainder of meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

Note – Councillor Maxwell's attendance at the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee was intermittent due to technical difficulties.

Adjournment

At 3:28pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee be adjourned for approximately 15 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

At the resumption of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Tenders and Properties Committee at 3:40pm, those present were –

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

The meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee concluded at 5:03pm.

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

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

That the report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of its meeting of 22 June 2026 be received, with Items 6.1 and 6.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 6.5 to 6.7 inclusive and Item 6.10 being adopted in globo, and Items 6.3, 6.4, 6.8 and 6.9 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

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 11 May 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

Adoption - First Nations Strategic Framework 2026-2030

Note – the recommendation of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee was not adopted. The following alternative recommendation was adopted (as contained in the Information Relevant To Memorandum dated 25 June 2026 from the Executive Director Strategic Development and Engagement, circulated prior to the meeting).

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council adopt the First Nations Strategic Framework, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the community insights and research to develop the First Nations Strategic Framework 2026-2030, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the First Nations Strategic Framework 2026-2030 in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication; and

- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide an annual report to Council on the implementation of actions/commitments in the First Nations Strategic Framework 2026-2030 with interim updates provided via the CEO Update , if needed.

Carried unanimously.

X127861

Speakers

Dr Todd Phillips (Co-chair City of Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel) and Jinny-Jane Smith (Co-Chair City of Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel) addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.3.

Item 6.4

Integrated Planning and Reporting Program and Budget 2026/27 – Adoption

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community, and staff responses, on the exhibited suite of the Integrated planning and reporting documents as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the proposed changes to the documents, including fees and charges, as incorporated within the operational plan and resourcing strategy, and set out in Attachment D to the subject report;
- (C) Council adopt the Operational Plan 2026/27, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (D) Council adopt the long term financial plan, asset management planning documents consisting of the asset management strategy (including the asset management policy) and the community asset management plan, community engagement strategy and community participation plan, and the information and technology strategy within the Resourcing Strategy 2026, as shown at Attachment A to the subject Information Relevant To memorandum;
- (E) Council endorse the people strategy (workforce management strategy) within the Resourcing Strategy 2026, as shown at Attachment A to the subject Information Relevant To memorandum;
- (F) Council adopt the draft operating and capital budgets and future years' forward estimates as reflected in the operational plan 2026/27 and resourcing strategy 2026 including:
 - (i) Operating income of \$776.4 million, operating expenditure before depreciation of \$671.1 million for an operating result of \$105.3 million, and a net result of \$95.7 million after allowing for interest, depreciation and capital contributions;
 - (ii) Capital works expenditure of \$265.2 million and a capital works contingency of \$8.0 million;
 - (iii) Plant and assets net expenditure of \$18.0 million;
 - (iv) Capital works (technology and digital services) of \$25.5 million; and
 - (v) the updated Net property divestments of \$115.6 million;

- (G) Council note a change in the Cash Flow Forecast in financial year 2026/27, including a change in the total cash balance at the beginning of the period from \$801M in the Draft Operational Plan exhibited to \$639M in the attached final Operational Plan and an associated change in property divestments figures. This is due to the delayed settlement of the 2018 Fig and Wattle property divestment from financial year 2025/26 to financial year 2026/27;
- (H) Council adopt the rates, domestic waste management charges, stormwater charges and user fees and charges included within the Operational Plan 2026/27; and
- (I) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors, and to finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication prior to publication.

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 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Weldon is taken to have voted against the motion.

X127618

Speaker

Michael Mobbs (Sustainable Projects) addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.4.

Item 6.5

Investments Held as at 31 May 2026

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

Carried unanimously.

X127618

Item 6.6

International Travel - RC21 Conference 2026

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore in representing the City of Sydney at the RC21 Conference from 18 to 23 July 2026 in Vienna, Austria;
- (B) Council note that Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore will provide a report to Council after the travel; and

- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to authorise minor variations to travel plans including dates and costs as required (increase of up to \$1,000 including GST).

Carried unanimously.

X014468

Item 6.7

Extension of Licence Approval - Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a 100% rental subsidy to Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd to licence Suite 9.03, Level 9, 309 Pitt Street, Sydney, for 3-years commencing on 1 September 2026, in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, on the following terms:

Licence Term	Market Rental Value per year	Subsidy (Rounded)	Subsidy Amount for 3-years	Rent to be paid
1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029	\$138,450	100%	\$415,350	\$0

- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a licence agreement with Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd on the terms of these resolutions; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Carried unanimously.

X111459

Item 6.8

Food Organics Collection Service Cost Benefit Analysis

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the Food Organics Cost Benefit Analysis Review prepared by Morrison Low Advisory as shown at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report is confidential as it contains confidential commercial information;
- (B) note the Food Organics Cost Benefit Analysis Review prepared by Morrison Low Advisory:
- (i) assessed 2 service delivery scenarios for food organics collection from residents:

- (a) Scenario 1 - insourced service delivery: continue the current service until June 2028, roll out the service to all households by June 2029, and continue full service from July 2029 by insourced staff; and
 - (b) Scenario 2 - outsourced service delivery: outsource the rollout from as early as July 2028 so that the service is available to all households by 1 July 2029 and continue full service from that date; and
- (ii) identified key risks for financial modelling and procurement of food organics collection services at present:
 - (a) limited evidence base - the domestic food organics collection market is immature with very limited data and pricing available from other councils or industry;
 - (b) high service demand uncertainty - resident participation in the food organics service is not mandatory therefore post-rollout volumes are difficult to predict; and
 - (c) limited market response - eight industry collection operators were contacted and only two provided pricing. There was a significant disparity between the indicative pricing provided for an outsourced service;
- (C) note the financial implications of the service delivery scenarios for food organics collection assessed in the Food Organics Cost Benefit Analysis Review at Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (D) endorse the implementation of Scenario 1: Insourcing; and
- (E) note that a review of the food organics collection service delivery model including a cost benefit analysis will be undertaken after the first 5 years of full service operations and reported back to Council.

Carried unanimously.

X124209.003

Speaker

Michael Mobbs (Sustainable Projects) addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.8.

Item 6.9

Service Review – Domestic Waste Collections

Note - The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 29 June 2026.

At the meeting of Council, it was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the Service Review Domestic Waste Collections Report prepared by Morrison Low Advisory at Confidential Attachment C to the subject report is confidential as it contains confidential commercial information;
- (B) note the Service Review Domestic Waste Collections Report prepared by Morrison Low Advisory:

- (i) assessed 4 service delivery scenarios: fully outsourced, fully insourced, and 2 partial insourcing models;
 - (ii) identified the current fully outsourced model (Scenario 1) as the lowest cost option to Council over the assessment period;
 - (iii) identified potential service delivery improvements through the insourcing of residential booked clean-up and illegal dumping services (Scenario 3), with an increase in operational cost;
 - (iv) identified potential service delivery improvements through the insourcing of illegal dumping services (Scenario 4), with an increase in operational cost but less effective than Scenario 3; and
 - (v) identified full insourcing of all services (Scenario 2) would require substantial investment in additional workforce, fleet and depot infrastructure;
- (C) note that Scenario 3 (a combination of outsourced bin collection and insourced clean up and illegal dumping collection) is the most favourable option, balancing financial outcomes and service delivery improvements;
- (D) note the financial implications of the service delivery scenarios assessed in the Service Review Domestic Waste Collections Report at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report;
- (E) endorse the implementation of Scenario 3;
- (F) note that the insourced delivery of residential booked clean-up and illegal dumping services will commence as soon as practicable, with an update on the timeframe to be provided to Council by the Chief Executive Officer by mid-2027; and
- (G) note that negotiations will be undertaken to vary the current contract with Cleanaway Pty Ltd in accordance with the clauses above and a CEO Update will be provided upon the execution of any variation.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the Service Review Domestic Waste Collections Report prepared by Morrison Low Advisory at Confidential Attachment C to the subject report is confidential as it contains confidential commercial information;
- (B) Council note the Service Review Domestic Waste Collections Report prepared by Morrison Low Advisory:
- (i) assessed 4 service delivery scenarios: fully outsourced, fully insourced, and 2 partial insourcing models;
 - (ii) identified the current fully outsourced model (Scenario 1) as the lowest cost option to Council over the assessment period;
 - (iii) identified potential service delivery improvements through the insourcing of residential booked clean-up and illegal dumping services (Scenario 3), with an increase in operational cost;
 - (iv) identified potential service delivery improvements through the insourcing of illegal dumping services (Scenario 4), with an increase in operational cost but less effective than Scenario 3; and

- (v) identified full insourcing of all services (Scenario 2) would require substantial investment in additional workforce, fleet and depot infrastructure and that in-house staff have a stronger connection to Council's brand and therefore improve customer service and customer satisfaction;
- (C) Council note that Scenario 3 (a combination of outsourced bin collection and insourced clean up and illegal dumping collection) is the most favourable option, balancing financial outcomes and service delivery improvements;
- (D) Council note the financial implications of the service delivery scenarios assessed in the Service Review Domestic Waste Collections Report at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report;
- (E) Council note the findings and recommendations of the Morrison Low report and the matters identified in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, and endorse in principle the implementation of Scenario 2;
- (F) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare an implementation plan for the implementation of Scenario 2 addressing the following matters:
 - (i) time required for implementation of Scenario 2 including the establishment of the required depot facilities, purchase of fleet and other equipment and recruiting of staff;
 - (ii) an amended long-term financial plan to reflect the costs of the implementation of Scenario 2; and
 - (iii) advice as to the length of time for which the current contract with Cleanaway would need to be extended to enable the implementation plan to be undertaken, the mechanism for any such extension and the likely costs of any such extension; and
- (G) Council note that the insourced delivery of residential booked clean-up and illegal dumping services will commence as soon as practicable, with an update on the timeframe to be provided to Council by the Chief Executive Officer by mid-2027.

A show of hands on the amendment resulted in an equality of voting as follows –

Ayes (5) Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Maxwell, Thompson and Weldon

Noes (5) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Gannon, Kok, Miller and Worling.

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.3 of the Code of Meeting Practice, the amendment was declared lost.

Amendment lost.

Substantive motion carried unanimously.

X117443.006

Extension of Time

During discussion on this matter, pursuant to the provisions of clause 9.29 of the Code of Meeting Practice, it was –

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

That Councillor Arkins be granted an extension of time of one minute to speak on this matter.

Carried unanimously.

Misrepresentation

During discussion of Item 6.9, Councillor Miller stated that comments made by Councillor Weldon constituted misrepresentation and clarified her position accordingly.

Item 6.10**Exemption from Tender - Soft Plastics Processing and Buyback**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 to enter into a contract with IQRenew Pty Ltd (ABN 57 622 865 365) for the Soft Plastics Processing and Buyback Service in accordance with the scope, term and maximum total contract value set out in the Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for this work because:
 - (i) the Expression of Interest process constituted an open market approach and provided the opportunity for industry participation;
 - (ii) only one Expression of Interest was received, demonstrating the unavailability of additional competitive or reliable tenderers;
 - (iii) the one respondent demonstrated the capability and capacity to meet Council's technical, operational, sustainability and circular economy requirements;
 - (iv) undertaking a selective tender with a single participant would increase administrative effort and procurement costs without increasing competitive tension or improving outcomes; and
 - (v) the proposed engagement is the most efficient, practical and cost-effective procurement pathway available to Council in the current market conditions;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer (including exercising options, if appropriate) the contract for the Soft Plastics Processing and Buyback Service; and
- (D) Council note that negotiations may not lead to a finalised contract and, if this occurs, Council will be advised of that outcome and next steps via a CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

X127363.003

Adjournment

At this stage of the meeting, at 6:39pm, it was moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the meeting be adjourned for approximately 10 minutes.

Carried unanimously.

All Councillors were present at the resumption of the meeting of Council at 6.53pm.

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, Matthew Thompson and Yvonne Weldon AM.

Order of Business

Councillors agreed that the Order of Business be altered such that the Environment and Climate Change Committee be brought forward and held before the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

At the commencement of business at 2:06pm those present were -

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

Hybrid Meeting Arrangements

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that Councillor Maxwell was attending the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee remotely, via audio visual link, pursuant to the provisions of clause 4.20 of the Code of Meeting Practice.

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the remainder of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

Note – Councillor Maxwell's attendance at the Environment and Climate Change Committee was intermittent due to technical difficulties.

Councillor Kok arrived at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee at 2:25pm, during discussion and before the vote on Item 7.4.

The meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee concluded at 3:15pm.

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 22 June 2026 be received, with Items 7.1 and 7.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 7.3 to 7.5 inclusive being adopted in globo, and Item 7.6 being dealt with as shown immediately following that item.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Miller -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 11 May 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.

The Environment and Climate Change Committee recommended the following:

Item 7.3**Project Scope - Millers Point Greening and Traffic Calming**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse the scope of works for Greening and Traffic Calming in Millers Point as described in the subject report and shown in the concept plans at Attachment A to the subject report, for the purpose of proceeding to design development, documentation and construction;
- (B) Council note:
 - (i) the greening initiatives already under way in Millers Point as described in the subject report and shown in Attachment C to the subject report; and
 - (ii) the financial implications detailed in the subject report; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to write to the Chief Executive of Place Management NSW to request funding for the works on land owned/managed by Place Management NSW.

Carried unanimously.

X110307.001

Speakers

Annie Crabb (Millers Point Community Resident Action Group Inc) and John Dunn (Dawes Point Resident Group) addressed the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Item 7.3.

Item 7.4

Project Scope - South Eveleigh to Waterloo Metro Cycleway

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the project scope for the South Eveleigh to Waterloo Metro cycleway as shown at Attachment B to the subject report and with amendments as described below in (B) for progression to detailed design and submission of a grant application for construction funding under the Get NSW Active program;
- (B) approve the following amendments to the exhibited concept design shown at Attachment B to the subject report:
 - (i) remove the bus-only restriction on Raglan Street between Botany Road and Cope Street; and
 - (ii) retain kerbside parking on the southern side of Henderson Road between garden Street and Wyndham Street;
- (C) note the financial implications detailed in the subject report; and
- (D) note that the construction of the project is subject to the City receiving grant funding.

Carried unanimously.

X102108

Speakers

Margaret Whalen, Svetlana Rodgers, Alexander Easterbrook, Andrew Walsh, Peter McLean (CEO Bicycle NSW) and Jake Coppinger addressed the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Item 7.4.

Item 7.5

Project Scope - Elizabeth Street and Randle Street Cycleway

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) approve the project scope for the Elizabeth Street and Randle Street cycleway as shown in Attachment A to the subject report for progression to detailed design and submission of a grant application for construction funding under the Get NSW Active program;
- (B) note the financial implications detailed in the subject report; and
- (C) note that the construction of the project is subject to the City receiving grant funding.

Carried unanimously.

X102094

Item 7.6**Project Scope - Alexandria Park Renewal**

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the scope of improvements to Alexandria Park, Alexandria as described in the subject report and shown in the draft concept plan as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, with the amendments as described in the subject report, for progression to relevant approvals, preparation of construction documentation tender and construction;
- (B) approve the following amendments to the exhibited concept design shown at Attachment B to the subject report:
 - (i) deliver an upgrade of the sports field amenities building in conjunction with the park renewal works; and
- (C) note the financial implications detailed in the subject report.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Miller, and by consent, the motion was varied by the addition of a clause (B)(ii) to read as follows –

- (ii) retain a multi-purpose court to support bike polo and other uses, such as street roller hockey, padel, pickleball, handball, netball and basketball;

And the addition of a clause (D) to read as follows -

- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to continue to engage with Sydney Bike Polo and other relevant groups to understand their needs as the project moves to detailed design.

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

X085351.002

Speaker

Clint O'Hanlan (Bike Polo) addressed the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee on Item 7.6.

Item 8 Report of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee

PRESENT

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

Councillor Olly Arkins
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5:03pm those present were -

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

Councillor Weldon left the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee at 5:16pm, prior to discussion on Item 8.4, and returned at 5:17pm, after the vote on Item 8.4. Councillor Weldon was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting during discussion or voting on Item 8.4.

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee.

The meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee concluded at 5:17pm.

Report of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

That the report of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee of its meeting of 22 June 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 Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee of Monday 16 February 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Olly Arkins made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that the Gadigal Information Service (GIS) is a member of the Australian Festival Association, of which Councillor Arkins is the CEO, and is listed in the report but is not being recommended for funding. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because GIS has not been in touch with her about this item and they have not been recommended for funding.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that Finely Tuned Productions, Fuzzy Operations, Gadigal Information Service and Sydney Comedy Festival are members of the Australian Festival Association, of which Councillor Arkins is the CEO. They are listed in the report but have not been recommended for funding in the festival and events sponsorships. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they did not contact her about this item and have not been recommended for funding.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she has met with a number of organisations who have applied for grants under this program, including the Glebe Youth Service and the Refugee Council. Councillor Ellsmore considers that these are non-pecuniary conflicts of interest that are not significant and do not require further action in the circumstances because:

- she is not a member of any of the organisations
- she does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made
- she was not aware that the organisations had applied for these grants, and
- she has not discussed the applications with them.

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she:

- is familiar with members of the Board of the Arts Fairs
- is familiar with Pastor Jon Owen of the Wayside Chapel, and
- is familiar with the CEO of the Biennale, Barbara Moore.

Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken to any of the above about these grants.

Councillor Yvonne Weldon disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that she is a board member of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, who was recommended for funding.

Councillor Weldon 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 Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee.

The Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee recommended the following:

Item 8.3

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

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the feedback outlined in the Engagement Report, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Policy (the Policy), as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note the Sydney Busking Code (the Code), as shown at Attachment C to the subject report, a guidance document to be published alongside the Policy; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Policy and Sydney Busking Code in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

Carried unanimously.

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Speakers

Elizabeth Hylton and Lachlan Robinson addressed the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee on Item 8.4.

Item 8.4

Grants - Cultural Grants

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Creative grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Creative grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Festival and events sponsorship program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Festival and events sponsorship program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendation for the Major grants program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;

- (F) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with the resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 9 Report of the Equity and Housing Committee

PRESENT

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

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Lyndon Gannon, Robert Kok, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5:17pm those present were -

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

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee.

The meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee concluded at 5:26pm.

Report of the Equity and Housing Committee

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

That the report of the Equity and Housing Committee of its meeting of 22 June 2026 be received, with Items 9.1 and 9.2 being noted, and the recommendation set out below for Item 9.3 being adopted in globo.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.1

Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee of Monday 11 May 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2

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 Equity and Housing Committee.

The Equity and Housing Committee recommended the following:

Item 9.3

Grants - Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - Rainbow Lodge

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash grant to Judge Rainbow Memorial Fund Inc for \$300,000 to support the construction of a new building at 22-26 Wigram Road, Glebe, for the purpose of increasing capacity of Rainbow Lodge supported housing program subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) approval of the cash grant will be withdrawn if the project substantially changes from the current proposal to increase capacity of the Rainbow Lodge supported housing program;
 - (ii) the grant funds will only be paid when evidence of a construction certificate for the project is issued; and
 - (iii) acquittal of the grant is to be provided by way of evidence of an occupation certificate for the project;
- (B) Council note that the grant amount is exclusive of GST;
- (C) Council note that a covenant on title will not be required as a condition of the grant, given the size of the cash grant, nature of the project, established nature of Rainbow Lodge at this location and commitment from Homes NSW to the ongoing and long-term use of the property for Rainbow Lodge; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - (i) finalise negotiations, execute and administer the grant agreement with the Judge Rainbow Memorial Fund Inc in accordance with this report; and
 - (ii) otherwise administer all matters relating to this grant.

Carried unanimously.

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Speaker

Claude Robinson (Manager Rainbow Lodge) addressed the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee on Item 9.3.

Item 10 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, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 5:36pm those present were -

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

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee.

The meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee concluded at 6:09pm.

Report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Community Services and Facilities Committee of its meeting of 22 June 2026 be received, with Items 10.1 and 10.2 being noted, and Items 10.3 and 10.4 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10.1

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 11 May 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that over the last one to 2 years, she has met with a number of organisations who have applied for grants under this program, including ReLove, Asylum Seekers Centre, Bridge Housing, Older Women's Network, Haymarket Foundation, the University of Sydney Settlement, the Uniting Church/Wayside, Glebe Youth Service and the Refugee Council.

Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she is not a member of any of the organisations, does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made, was unaware that these organisations had applied for these grants and had not discussed the specific application with them. Councillor Ellsmore is an ordinary member of the University of Sydney Settlement, but she considers that this is not sufficient interest requiring further action in the circumstances, for the same reasons outlined above.

Councillor Matthew Thompson disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that he recently met with Glebe Youth Service to discuss their programs, activities and operations. Councillor Thompson considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he is not a member of the Glebe Youth Service, does not stand to financially benefit from any decision made and did not provide advice on this specific grant.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.4 on the agenda, in that ReLove Incorporated is recommended for funding. He knows ReLove co-founders Ren Fernando and Ben Stammer, and has met with the organisation on a number of occasions during his time as a Councillor. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with Ren, Ben or anyone at the organisation.

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 10.3

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 29 June 2026.

At the meeting of Council, it was moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the criteria used to develop the revised list of proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public spaces noting that for an area to be placed on public exhibition it must meet both of the following criteria:
 - (i) locations with increasing incidents of alcohol-related crime and assaults outdoors – these were identified using NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research crime data for alcohol-related (24 hour) assaults for the previous 3 calendar years;

- (ii) areas of concern as identified by NSW Police and/or community - this includes locations where there are persistent and ongoing concerns that the consumption of alcohol is impacting on community wellbeing, public safety and amenity; and
 - (iii) Council reserves the right to put an area on exhibition outside of the criteria if there is strong community support or other significant circumstances arise;
- (B) Council recognise that alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas should be applied in a way that avoids unfair impacts, including discrimination, over-policing, or increased criminalisation of particular groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and public housing tenants;
- (C) Council approve the 30-day public exhibition of the following proposed alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas on City streets and public places for a 4-year period:
 - (i) Taylor Square North, Darlinghurst – Alcohol Prohibited Area (24 hours / 7 days)
 - (ii) McKee Street Reserve, Ultimo – Alcohol Prohibited Area (24 hours / 7 days)
 - (iii) Mary Ann Street Park, Ultimo – Alcohol Prohibited Area (24 hours / 7 days)
- (D) Council does not approve all the remaining applications for outdoor alcohol restrictions referred to in the subject report and Attachments; 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 locations of the alcohol-free zones and alcohol-prohibited areas will not change prior to the public exhibition period commencing.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Weldon, and by consent, the motion was varied by the addition of clause (C) to read as follows, with the remaining clauses be renumbered accordingly -

- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and report back to Council with information on how alcohol-free zones or alcohol-prohibited areas can be removed from locations within 100m of:
 - (i) dedicated public, social and affordable housing developments; and
 - (ii) Special Entertainment Precincts;

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

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Item 10.4

Grants - Social Grants

Note - The Community Services and Facilities Committee decided that consideration of this matter shall be deferred to the meeting of Council on 29 June 2026.

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Community services grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;

- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Community services grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Food support grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Food support grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendation for the Major grants program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (F) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided.

Amendment. Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Community services grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Community services grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Food support grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Food support grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council further note:
 - (i) the ongoing and growing need for food security in the City of Sydney given the cost of living crisis;
 - (ii) information received from the Glebe Youth Service who were funded to provide food programs until 30 June 2026, but are not recommended for funding in 2026/27, that they will likely close existing food programs if further funding is not secured; and
 - (iii) that the Council's grant funding decision at the June meeting (29 June 2026) is very close to the end of the financial year (30 June 2026) when existing grant funding ends;
- (F) Council agree to approve a limited extension of funding to 30 September 2026, for the Glebe Youth Service Inc and Addison Road Centre for Arts, Culture, Community and Environment Ltd. This will allow time for organisations to hold further discussions and arrange alternative funding;
- (G) Council approve a budget allocation from the 2026/7 operating budget, either from the \$1.5M General Contingency or the \$1.5M CEO Contingency;

- (H) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendation for the Major grants program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (I) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (J) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy including the temporary 3-month grant extensions; and
- (K) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided.

The amendment was lost on the following show of hands –

Ayes (4) Councillors Ellsmore, Maxwell, Thompson and Weldon

Noes (5) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Gannon, Kok, Miller and Worling.

Amendment lost.

Substantive motion carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors 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 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Weldon is taken to have voted against the motion.

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Item 11 Report of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee**PRESENT**

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

Councillor Lyndon Gannon
(Deputy Chair)

Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Jess Miller, Councillors Olly Arkins, Sylvie Ellsmore, Robert Kok, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

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

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

Apologies

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

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

Report of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Miller –

That the report of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee of its meeting of 22 June 2026 be received, with Items 11.1 and 11.2 being noted and Item 11.3 being adopted in globo.

Carried unanimously.

Item 11.1**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Gannon, seconded by Councillor Miller –

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

Carried unanimously.

Item 11.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Lyndon Gannon made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that Shauna Jarrett, an Advisory Council member of the CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Ltd, which is recommended for a Business Sector Support Grant, is a NSW Liberal Party member and former City of Sydney Councillor. Councillor Gannon considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with her.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that Alex Schuman, a board member of the Australian Fashion Council Ltd, which is recommended for a Major Economic Grant, is a NSW Liberal Party member. Councillor Gannon considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with him.

Councillor Jess Miller made the following disclosures:

- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that she is familiar with and attends Newtown Enmore Business Chamber events, which is recommended for funding in the Business Sector Support Grant program. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken with anyone at the organisation about this grant.
- a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that she has been an ambassador and fundraiser for The Social Outfit, which is not recommended for funding in the Business Sector Support Grant program. Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because she has not discussed or spoken with anyone at the organisation about this grant.

Councillor Adam Worling disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 11.3 on the agenda, in that through his business AWPR he has represented clients showing at Australian Fashion Week and has ongoing relationships with the event organisers as a fashion publicist. Australian Fashion Week is recommended for a Major Economic Grant. Councillor Worling considers that this non-pecuniary interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because he has not discussed this grant with anyone at the organisation and it will not affect his ability to vote on this item.

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

The Innovation, Business and Economy Committee recommended the following:

Item 11.3

Grants - Economic Grants

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Business Sector Support Grant Program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Business Sector Support Grant Program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Haymarket Activation Grant Program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Haymarket Activation Grant Program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendation for the Major Grants Program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (F) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (G) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 12 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, Matthew Thompson, Yvonne Weldon AM and Adam Worling.

At the commencement of business at 6:12pm those present were -

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

Apologies

Councillor Maxwell extended an apology for his inability to attend the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

The meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee concluded at 6:34pm.

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee

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

That the report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of its meeting of 22 June 2026 be received, with Items 12.1 and 12.2 being noted, the recommendations set out below for Items 12.6 and 12.7 being adopted in globo, and Items 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5 being dealt with as shown immediately following those items.

Carried unanimously.

Item 12.1

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 11 May 2026, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 12.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Clover Moore AO) disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.4 on the agenda, in that she recently met with representatives from Wesley Mission which is a parish of the Uniting Church of Australia. The Uniting Church of Australia owns the development site which is the subject of this item, and Wesley Mission currently have their facilities in the existing building.

The Lord Mayor considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they met to discuss gambling reform and this Planning Proposal was not discussed.

Councillor Jess Miller disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 12.4 on the agenda, in that she also attended the same meeting with representatives from Wesley Mission, with the Lord Mayor.

Councillor Miller considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they met to discuss gambling reform and this Planning Proposal was not discussed.

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.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommended the following:

Item 12.3

Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal – King Street Special Entertainment Precinct - Sydney Local Environment Plan 2012, Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment and Precinct Management Plan

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve Planning Proposal – King Street Special Entertainment Precinct, shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure with a request for Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve Planning Proposal – King Street Special Entertainment Precinct, for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination;
- (C) Council approve Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 – King Street Special Entertainment Precincts – shown at Attachment B to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition with the Planning Proposal;
- (D) Council approve Draft King Street Special Entertainment Precinct Management Plan shown at Attachment C to the subject report, for public authority consultation and public exhibition with the Planning Proposal;
- (E) 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 the Planning Proposal – King Street Special Entertainment Precinct; and

- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the draft King Street Special Entertainment Precinct Planning Proposal, Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 or Precincts Management Plan, to correct any drafting errors, inconsistencies, or omissions, or to ensure consistency with any condition of the Gateway Determination.

Carried unanimously.

X119331

Item 12.4

Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal - 133-145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment

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

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve Planning Proposal - 133-145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 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 - 133-145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 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 - 133-145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney;
- (D) Council approve the Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 133-145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, shown at Attachment B to the subject report for public authority consultation and public exhibition concurrent with the Planning Proposal;
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any variations to Planning Proposal - 133-145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, to correct any drafting errors or to ensure consistency with the Gateway Determination;
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any variations to Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 - 133-145 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, to correct any drafting errors or ensure it is consistent with the Planning Proposal following the Gateway Determination; and
- (G) Council note the Chief Executive Officer will prepare a draft planning agreement in accordance with the letter of offer dated 24 September 2025 at Attachment C 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.

X126643

Speaker

Nishi Patel (Stockland) addressed the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 12.4.

Item 12.5**Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQ+ Heritage Items (Stage 2) - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 Amendment**

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Worling –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the Engagement Report highlighting the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQ+ Heritage Items (Stage 2), shown at Attachment F to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve the Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQ+ Heritage Items (Stage 2), shown at Attachment A to the subject report to be made as a local environmental plan under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the Planning Proposal - Oxford Street LGBTIQ+ Heritage Items (Stage 2) shown at Attachment A to the subject report, to correct any drafting errors prior to finalisation of the local environmental plan.

Carried unanimously.

X091578

Speaker

Ben Mulcahy (Pink Media Group) addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 12.5.

Item 12.6**Local Planning Panel - Appointment of Chairs**

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) endorse the appointment of the current Alternate Chair Graham Brown to the position of Chair of the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel for 3 years from the date of appointment;
- (B) endorse the appointment of Jacqueline Townsend as an Alternate Chair on the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel for 3 years from the date of appointment; and
- (C) note the continued appointment of Jan Murrell as an Alternate Chair on the City of Sydney Local Planning Panel for the remainder of her term.

Carried unanimously.

X129914

Item 12.7

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 15 Springfield Avenue, Potts Point at this time;
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 16 Cope Street, Redfern at this time; 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 11-17 Eve Street, Erskineville at this time.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 13 Questions on Notice

1. Fee Waivers for Community Use of City Facilities and Venues

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

The 2025/26 Quarter Review – Delivery Program 2025-2029 was reported to the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, on 16 February 2026

The Delivery Report provides an update to Council on a range of targets and measures on Council action and services, including fee waivers for community hire at 7.2.

We note that 74 requests for free or reduced rates were approved.

Could the Chief Executive Officer please inform the Council how many total requests there were in this time period (including approved and rejected requests)?

X113783

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

In Q2 2025/26, there were a total of 76 requests for free or reduced rates.

The 2 requests that were not approved did not meet the eligibility for a fee waiver. Both were for events not open to the public by private organisations that operate outside the City of Sydney.

2. Delivery Report

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

The 2025/26 Quarter 2 Review – Delivery Program 2025-2029 was reported to the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, on 16 February 2026. The Delivery Report provides an update to Council on a range of targets and measures on Council action and services, including (i) footway replaced by green verge and (ii) improve walking safety connectivity and amenity (both at 5.1).

1. The indicator for 'footway replaced by green verge' was updated, with a decrease from 6,0005m² in 2023/24 to 3,527m² in 2024/25 to 2,000m² in 2025/26.

Can it please be confirmed how the indicator has changed, and the reason for the change?

2. The indicator 'Transport-related projects' including footpath widening, traffic calming measures and intersection upgrades was updated, with a decrease from 31 in 2024/25 to 10 in 2025/26.

Can it please be confirmed how the indicator has changed, and the reason for the change?

3. The indicator 'New granite infill paving' including footpath widening, traffic calming measures and intersection upgrade was updated, with a decrease from 3,179m² in 2023/24 to 1,816m² in 2024/25 to 0m² in 2025/26.

4. Can it please be confirmed how the indicator has changed, and the reason for the change?

X113783

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. The target has not changed and is 2,000 m2.

Results for FY2025/26 have not yet been published. This figure will be published with the Q4 delivery program report in August. In the financial year to March 2026, 1,179 m2 has been completed and is on track to meet the target KPI.

Year to year variations in the indicator are primarily driven by changes in asset condition, the timing of footway renewal programs and space available for greening in line with accessibility requirements.

Footway replaced by green verge in the City of Sydney Council area	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Target KPI	2,000	2,000	2,000
Result	6,005	3,527	Will be published with Q4 report in August

2. The target has not changed and is 10.

Results for FY2025/26 have not yet been published. This figure will be published with the Q4 delivery program report in August. In the financial year to March 2026, 5 have been completed and works are on track to meet the target.

Year to year variations in the indicator generally reflect community requests reviewed in line with road risk severity, authority approval timeframes, and release of funds for state sponsored projects.

Transport related projects (footpath widening, traffic calming measures, intersection upgrades, etc.)	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Target KPI	10	10	10
Result	16	31	Will be published with Q4 progress report in August

3. Variations in both the target and results for this indicator reflect earlier delivery of works, which were driven by Covid-19 stimulus works.

Results for FY2025/26 have not yet been published. This figure will be published with the Q4 delivery program progress report in August. The figure of 0 quoted for 2025/26 is for the period July to December 2025. The target for 2025/26 is 500m2. In the financial year to March 2026, 50m2 have been completed, with 2 paver infill projects in Clarence Street and Market Street due for completion in Q4.

The program is on track to meet the target KPI for FY2025/26.

New granite infill paving in the City of Sydney local area (m2)	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Target KPI	1,500	1,500	500
Result	3,179	1,816	Will be published with Q4 progress report in August

3. Public Housing Redevelopment in the City of Sydney

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. What State public housing (that is, housing owned by Homes NSW or another NSW agency) within the City of Sydney Local Government Area (LGA) is currently:
2. In 2026, has Homes NSW, or another NSW agency or their representative, made any applications to council for the development of additional public housing in the LGA? If yes, please provide details.
3. In 2026, has Homes NSW, or another NSW agency or their representative, made any inquiries about potential redevelopment of additional public housing sites in the LGA, including pre-DA inquiries? If yes, please provide details.
4. Is the City of Sydney aware of any other proposed redevelopments of public housing in the LGA, other than those noted above? If yes, please provide details.

X113783

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. No further development since the similar [Question on Notice - Status of Public Housing Redevelopment in the City of Sydney](#) - 23 March 2026.
 - (a) The developments noted in the Question on Notice in March 2026 include:
 1. D/2023/21: 82 Wentworth Park Road, Glebe. Landowner is Homes NSW. Approved development comprises 43 social housing units.
 2. SSD-51274973: 600-660 Elizabeth Street, Redfern. Landowner is Homes NSW. Development comprises 4 new buildings for market housing, social (147 units), affordable (197 units) and specialist disability accommodation (11 including 1 carers unit), a community facility and commercial uses. The State Significant Development Application (SSDA) was approved by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in October 2025.
 3. SSD-93222706: Environmental Impact Statement for the rezoning and concept SSDA for Waterloo Estate (South) has been exhibited. The City made a submission on 2 June 2026, after the draft submission was circulated to the Councillors. Homes NSW is the landowner, and the draft proposal includes at least 30% social housing. Waterloo Estate (South) redevelopment will be delivered in stages, and Homes NSW is preparing the separate SSDs for each stage.

(b) Not applicable.

2. No development applications have been received.
3. No further pre-DA inquiries since the similar Question on Notice - 23 March 2026. The 2 pre-DA inquiries noted in March 2026 were for 13-21 Nicholson Street, 56-66 Nicholson Street, and 20-26 Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo.
4. The Minister for Housing advised in a letter to the Lord Mayor (dated 20 March 2026, circulated via the CEO Update on 24 April 2026) that Homes NSW has 7 housing projects in the City of Sydney LGA at various stages of development: 2 projects in Glebe (17-31 Cowper Street and 2A-2D Wentworth Park Road, and 82 Wentworth Park Road) are currently under construction, another project in Glebe (14-36 Wentworth Park Road) and 2 in Woolloomooloo (13-21 Nicholson Street, 56-66 Nicholson Street, and 20-26 Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo) are in the design phase, one project in Newtown (Raper Street) is in the tender preparation phase and the Waterloo South Renewal Project.

4. Allocation and Usage of City of Sydney Owned Vehicles by the Lord Mayor

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. What is the budget for the Lord Mayor's full-time driver and allocated vehicles?
2. How many vehicles does the City of Sydney allocate for the Lord Mayor to use?
3. Has there been an increase in the number of vehicles in recent years? If so, what is the reason for the increase?
4. Are the vehicles and the driver available for the Deputy Lord Mayor or other Councillors to use? If so, what is the policy around how this is allocated?
5. What is the policy around the usage of the Lord Mayor's allocated vehicles and driver? Who oversees usage, and are there records maintained? Are the records publicly accessible?

X113777

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

Provisions for the Lord Mayor's driver and vehicle are contained within the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy unanimously endorsed by Council in December 2024.

The Policy recognises the additional authorities and functions exercised by the Lord Mayor, in accordance with the Act (as amended) and Council's adopted delegations to the Lord Mayor.

The annual budget for the Office of the CEO approved by Council includes provision for the Lord Mayor's driver and allocated vehicles (in the Civic Functions unit).

There are 2 vehicles allocated for use by the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor. There has not been an increase in the number of vehicles in recent years, however there has been fleet renewal and the relevant vehicles are now fully electric (previously hybrid).

The Policy provides that:

A dedicated vehicle including a fuel card and driver for local and intrastate journeys (and the ACT) will be made available to the Lord Mayor to assist them to carry out the duties of civic office. The vehicle and driver are to be available for other duties when not utilised by the Lord Mayor

The Policy also provides that:

A non-dedicated vehicle and driver is available to assist them to carry out the duties of Deputy Lord Mayor for journeys in the Sydney metropolitan region. The vehicle and driver may only be used where the purpose of the transport is directly related to the functions of the Council. Such vehicle and driver will be available for other duties when not utilised by the Deputy Lord Mayor.

When representing the Lord Mayor, the vehicle and driver can be utilised by other Councillors. The vehicle and driver are also utilised by other City staff such as the Chief Executive Officer, when available and appropriate.

Usage and allocation are overseen by the Office of the CEO. Records are maintained and can be released subject to compliance with privacy legislation.

5. Existing Grant Recipients 2025/26

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. Which grant organisations or individuals received Community Services and Food Security grant funding from Council in 2025/26?

Please advise which organisations and the amount of funding.

2. What specific local projects or programs were supported through Community Services grant funding or Food Security grant funding in 2025/26?

Please advise which organisation was funded to deliver which local project or programs.

3. Across the Council's various grant programs, in 2025/26 which organisations or individuals, and projects received grant funding, and to what amount?

If there are additional organisations to those noted at Q1 and Q2 please note these, and under which grant programs they were funded.

4. Is Council aware or has Council been advised that any of the organisations (above) are currently reliant on the City of Sydney's funding as the primary source of funding for those particular local programs or projects? If yes, please provide details.

X113783

Answer by the Chief Executive Officer

1. Please refer to Council reports:
 - [Monday 23 June 2025](#): 10.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants
 - [Monday 17 November 2025](#): 9.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants
2. Refer response to 1 above.
3. Please refer to the Council reports at the following meetings:
 - [Monday 23 June 2025](#)
 - 7.4 Grants and Sponsorship - Environmental Grants
 - 8.4 Grants and Sponsorship - Cultural Grants
 - 10.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants

11.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Economic Grants

- [Monday 25 August 2025](#)

9.4 Grants and Sponsorship – Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund – Amended Support for Haymarket Foundation

- [Monday 22 September 2025](#)

8.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

8.4 Grants and Sponsorship - Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - Property Industry Foundation Meanwhile Use Housing

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

- [Monday 17 November 2025](#)

7.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Environmental Grants

8.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Cultural Grants

9.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants

10.3 Grants and Sponsorship – Economic Grants

- [Monday 15 December 2025](#)

8.3 Grants and Sponsorship - Dixon Street Improvement Grant

- [Monday 18 May 2026](#)

9.4 Grants and Sponsorship – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

4. All applications are assessed on their merit on a project-by-project basis. It is not the core role of the City of Sydney to provide operational funding for organisations. With over 370 agreements managed each year, we cannot provide details on all organisations that may be reliant on our funding as a primary source. Constructive feedback is often provided to both successful and unsuccessful applicants on how to make their programs sustainable as well as encouraging other sources of funding.

Item 14 Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

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

Item 15 Notices of Motion

Item 15.1 Bringing the AIDS Quilt Project to Sydney Town Hall

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

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the HIV/AIDS pandemic which emerged in the early 1980s and continued into this century was one of the greatest challenges ever faced by Sydney's gay male community, demanding strength and resilience at a time when many people were experiencing grief and loss;
- (ii) key to the community's response was finding creative and compassionate approaches to dealing with this grief;
- (iii) AIDS Memorial Quilts are poignant tributes to people who have died of AIDS-related illnesses. The quilts are large, made up of rectangular panels, typically measuring around 2 metres by 1 metre, representing the dimensions of a grave plot. The panels include dedications and personal items often made by partners, family members and friends of people who have passed away;
- (iv) Australian traveller Andrew Carter OAM saw the American Quilt during its 1988 US National Tour, and upon his return home he was inspired to found the Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt Project with Richard Johnson in Sydney (also known as The Quilt Project - An Australian AIDS Memorial);
- (v) the project was launched on World AIDS Day, 1 December 1988 by Ita Buttrose, Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on AIDS (NACAIDS). The founding 35 memorial panels were displayed that day in Sydney with visiting panels from the American Names Project;
- (vi) since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, more than 10,000 people have died of AIDS-related illnesses in Australia, with the peak of the crisis in the 1990s;
- (vii) in 2007, the Australian Quilt Project made the Powerhouse Museum the custodian of the, then, 97 blocks of the Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt, giving it a permanent home;
- (viii) there are now approximately 125 quilt blocks in the collection, made up of 8 panels measuring 4 by 4 metres. They are currently stored at the Powerhouse Museum in Castle Hill, Sydney, and visits to view specific blocks can be arranged by appointment. The blocks have also been digitised and made available on the [Museum's website](#);
- (ix) local groups of The Quilt Project exist in states and territories across Australia, and the Australian Memorial Quilt remains the largest outside the USA;
- (x) while The Quilt Project began as a memorial, it has become one of Australia's most valuable resources for promoting a thoughtful, compassionate and educational dialogue about AIDS within Australian communities;

- (xi) it has been some years since the entire Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt has been exhibited publicly. The last time it was unfurled was in 2002 as part of the Gay Games VI. Because of the quilt's scale and age, it is now primarily cared for in museum archives, with smaller regional blocks exhibited during World AIDS Day (1 December) and special events;
- (xii) the 50th Anniversary of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras will take place in 2028, marking half a century since the historic first march and rally on 24 June 1978;
- (xiii) during the 1980s, Mardi Gras played a major role in the community's response to HIV/AIDS by supporting HIV/AIDS education initiatives and contributing to community resilience and solidarity; and
- (xiv) given this, the 50th anniversary of Mardi Gras would be an ideal time to showcase the Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt Project and it is paramount that this takes place in the City of Sydney Local Government Area (LGA), given the City's proud LGBTIQ+ community;

(B) Council also note:

- (i) the City has been a long-time supporter and sponsor of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival and since 2014 has provided more than \$4.65 million in cash and value-in-kind funding to this world-renowned event, which brings local and international LGBTIQ+ visitors to Sydney and celebrates the diversity of the community; and
- (ii) the City of Sydney is committed to the ongoing visibility, diversity and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ communities;

(C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) investigate the feasibility of having the AIDS Memorial Quilt Project exhibited at a venue within the City of Sydney LGA, or digitally projected onto Sydney Town Hall, as part of Mardi Gras' 50th Anniversary in 2028; and
- (ii) consult with key stakeholders, including Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, ACON, Bobby Goldsmith Foundation and Positive Life NSW, along with The Powerhouse Curatorial team, to see this exhibition fulfilled within our LGA, and report back via the CEO Update on considerations; and

(D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to The Powerhouse's Lisa Havilah (CEO), Dr Jacqui Strecker (Head of Curatorial), Matthew Connell (Director, Curatorial, Collections & Programs) and Anni Turnbull (Collections Curator) expressing the City of Sydney's interest in partnering with The Powerhouse Museum to exhibit the AIDS Memorial Quilts within the City of Sydney LGA, during Mardi Gras' 50th Anniversary in 2028.

Carried unanimously.

X113756

Item 15.2 The City of Sydney Celebrates 25 Years of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre and Calls for Further Drug Harm Reduction Reform in New South Wales

By Councillor Arkins

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) this year marks 25 years since the establishment of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in Kings Cross, which commenced operation in 2001 as Australia's first medically supervised injecting service and the first in the English-speaking world;
- (ii) the Centre has become an internationally recognised public health initiative and has provided supervised care, overdose response, over 27,000 referrals to health and social services, and support pathways for people who use drugs;
- (iii) the Centre has treated more than 1.35 million injections and managed over 12,000 overdoses without a single death occurring at the facility;
- (iv) the current legislative framework restricts NSW to a single supervised injecting centre;
- (v) evidence from Australia and internationally demonstrates that harm reduction measures save lives, improve engagement with health services and reduce pressure on emergency and acute care systems – further, supervised injecting facilities reduce the impact of street-based drug use and reduce discarded syringes in public;
- (vi) in response to recommendations of the 2024 NSW Drug Summit the NSW Government has announced reforms to strengthen harm reduction and health-based approaches to drug policy;
- (vii) measures announced or implemented in response to the Summit include the commencement of a drug checking trial at selected music festivals and reforms to expand the Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI) for eligible people found in possession of small quantities of illicit drugs; and
- (viii) the NSW Government has also announced reforms to cannabis driving laws for drivers using prescribed medicinal cannabis who are not impaired while driving, as part of a broader shift toward evidence-based responses to drug use and harm reduction;

(B) Council acknowledge:

- (i) the contribution of clinicians, peer workers, community organisations, researchers and advocates involved in establishing and sustaining the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre over the last 25 years;
- (ii) the event held at NSW Parliament on 27 May 2026 celebrating the 25th anniversary and the whole Uniting NSW team;
- (iii) the importance of evidence-based public health policy and harm reduction in improving community safety and health outcomes;

- (iv) the recent police raids of LGBTQI+ venues on Oxford Street, including Universal on Saturday 13 June 2026, as well as subsequent strip searching and intimidation of individuals, which have caused serious distress in the community and raised questions about discriminatory policing;
 - (v) that local governments have a responsibility in reducing harm, preventable deaths and improving access to health services for our citizens;
 - (vi) the Lord Mayor's longstanding advocacy for a compassionate evidence-based approach to drug use, including:
 - (a) as MP for Bligh, moving the motion at the 1999 Drug Summit which led to the establishment of the Kings Cross Medically Supervised Injecting Centre; and
 - (b) hosting a practical demonstration of drug testing by medical professionals at Sydney Town Hall on 12 June 2019, attended by health, community and government representatives, including a current NSW Government Minister;
 - (vii) Council's advocacy for action on drug law reform and other measures, including calling on the NSW Government to:
 - (a) immediately start drug checking with an implementation pilot in the summer 2023/24 festival season; and
 - (b) take urgent action on the recommendations marked as noted, for further consideration, and not supported in the NSW Government's response to the recommendations of the Drug Summit 2024;
- (C) Council call on the NSW Government to:
- (i) extend and expand the current drug checking trial beyond its initial trial settings and establish a pathway for ongoing operation at festivals and establish fixed sites;
 - (ii) review the operation of the Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI) to remove discretionary police decision-making regarding eligibility and replace it with a more consistent statutory diversion pathway where legislative and operational advice supports this approach;
 - (iii) end the use of strip searches by NSW Police for suspected drug possession offences; and
 - (iv) amend the relevant legislation to remove the restriction limiting NSW to a single supervised injecting centre to allow future consideration of additional services, backed by evidence and health need. The use of existing harm reduction infrastructure should be considered, specifically Needle Syringe Programs across NSW where injecting equipment is already supplied to people who inject drugs;
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW; Ryan Park MP, Minister for Health; Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Mental Health; Yasmin Catley MP, Minister for Police; Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Roads and John Graham MLC, Minister for Transport, Music and the Night-Time Economy conveying Council's position; and
- (E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Dr Marianne Jauncey and Tracey Burton, CEO, Uniting NSW/ACT thanking them for their leadership, care and commitment.

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 the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) this year marks 25 years since the establishment of the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in Kings Cross, which commenced operation in 2001 as Australia's first medically supervised injecting service and the first in the English-speaking world;
- (ii) the Centre has become an internationally recognised public health initiative and has provided supervised care, overdose response, over 27,000 referrals to health and social services, and support pathways for people who use drugs;
- (iii) the Centre has treated more than 1.35 million injections and managed over 12,000 overdoses without a single death occurring at the facility;
- (iv) the current legislative framework restricts NSW to a single supervised injecting centre;
- (v) evidence from Australia and internationally demonstrates that harm reduction measures save lives, improve engagement with health services and reduce pressure on emergency and acute care systems – further, supervised injecting facilities reduce the impact of street-based drug use and reduce discarded syringes in public;
- (vi) in response to recommendations of the 2024 NSW Drug Summit the NSW Government has announced reforms to strengthen harm reduction and health-based approaches to drug policy;
- (vii) measures announced or implemented in response to the Summit include the commencement of a drug checking trial at selected music festivals and reforms to expand the Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI) for eligible people found in possession of small quantities of illicit drugs; and
- (viii) the NSW Government has also announced reforms to cannabis driving laws for drivers using prescribed medicinal cannabis who are not impaired while driving, as part of a broader shift toward evidence-based responses to drug use and harm reduction;

(B) Council acknowledge:

- (i) the contribution of clinicians, peer workers, community organisations, researchers and advocates involved in establishing and sustaining the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre over the last 25 years;
- (ii) the event held at NSW Parliament on 27 May 2026 celebrating the 25th anniversary and the whole Uniting NSW team;
- (iii) the importance of evidence-based public health policy and harm reduction in improving community safety and health outcomes;
- (iv) the recent police raids of LGBTQI+ venues on Oxford Street, including Universal on Saturday 13 June 2026, as well as subsequent strip searching, use of sniffer dogs and intimidation of individuals, which have caused serious distress in the community and raised questions about discriminatory policing;
- (v) that local governments have a responsibility in reducing harm, preventable deaths and improving access to health services for our citizens;

- (vi) the Lord Mayor's longstanding advocacy for a compassionate evidence-based approach to drug use, including:
 - (a) as MP for Bligh, moving the motion at the 1999 Drug Summit which led to the establishment of the Kings Cross Medically Supervised Injecting Centre; and
 - (b) hosting a practical demonstration of drug testing by medical professionals at Sydney Town Hall on 12 June 2019, attended by health, community and government representatives, including a current NSW Government Minister;
- (vii) Council's advocacy for action on drug law reform and other measures, including calling on the NSW Government to:
 - (a) immediately start drug checking with an implementation pilot in the summer 2023/24 festival season; and
 - (b) take urgent action on the recommendations marked as noted, for further consideration, and not supported in the NSW Government's response to the recommendations of the Drug Summit 2024;
- (C) Council call on the NSW Government to:
 - (i) extend and expand the current drug checking trial beyond its initial trial settings and establish a pathway for ongoing operation at festivals and establish fixed sites;
 - (ii) review the operation of the Early Drug Diversion Initiative (EDDI) to remove discretionary police decision-making regarding eligibility and replace it with a more consistent statutory diversion pathway where legislative and operational advice supports this approach;
 - (iii) end the use of strip searches and sniffer dogs by NSW Police for suspected drug possession offences; and
 - (iv) amend the relevant legislation to remove the restriction limiting NSW to a single supervised injecting centre to allow future consideration of additional services, backed by evidence and health need. The use of existing harm reduction infrastructure should be considered, specifically Needle Syringe Programs across NSW where injecting equipment is already supplied to people who inject drugs;
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Chris Minns MP, Premier of NSW; Ryan Park MP, Minister for Health; Rose Jackson MLC, Minister for Mental Health; Yasmin Catley MP, Minister for Police; Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Roads and John Graham MLC, Minister for Transport, Music and the Night-Time Economy conveying Council's position; and
- (E) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Dr Marianne Jauncey and Tracey Burton, CEO, Uniting NSW/ACT thanking them for their leadership, care and commitment.

Carried unanimously.

X113758

Item 15.3 Equitable Access to the Energy Transition in the City of Sydney

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) electrification, rooftop solar and electric vehicle uptake are central to reducing emissions and lowering household energy costs;
- (ii) households with large rear roof areas and off-street parking are better positioned to benefit from the energy transition;
- (iii) many properties within the City of Sydney have limited rear roof area and can face practical constraints installing rooftop solar under current planning settings;
- (iv) the Transport and Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) broadly enables rooftop solar panels as exempt development. However, in heritage conservation areas, the solar panels cannot be visible from a primary road (at the property boundary) as exempt;
- (v) the City of Sydney [Development Application exception for solar panels in heritage conservation areas Guideline](#) supports solar installations within heritage conservation areas where development consent may not be required, including certain instances on front facing roofs;
- (vi) advances in solar panel design and mounting technology may allow greater rooftop solar uptake while maintaining heritage outcomes; and
- (vii) residents without off-street parking should not be disadvantaged from participating in vehicle electrification;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the City's [Electrification of Transport in the City Strategy and Action Plan](#) adopted by Council in 2023 supports publicly accessible kerbside charging deployed in residential areas with low levels of off-street parking;
- (ii) in 2024/25 the City participated in 2 rounds of the NSW Government's Electric Vehicle Kerbside Charging Grants, which will deliver on-street EV charging at 45 locations across the City, with 79 chargers available;
- (iii) in June 2025, Council approved substantial changes to our Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP), which we hope will be finalised soon by the NSW Government. They include measures to make it easier for households to transition to solar and electric:
 - (a) expand where solar panel installation can be exempt development;
 - (b) exclude public EV charging spaces from parking rates;
 - (c) include retrofitting bicycle and EV parking in existing buildings as exempt development; and
 - (d) ban indoor gas appliances in new residential development; and

- (iv) in June 2026, the Lord Mayor wrote 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, in recognition of the increased demand for charging and the many demands for using the City's kerbsides;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and report back on:
- (i) updating Council's Development Application exception for solar panels in heritage conservation areas – Guideline to support greater rooftop solar uptake and allow solar panels on street facing rooftops under exempt development;
 - (ii) opportunities for the City to advocate to the NSW Government for reforms to planning frameworks that better facilitate the energy transition and lower energy bills;
 - (iii) further options for kerbside electric vehicle charging for residents without access to off street parking, including:
 - (a) charging integrated into existing street infrastructure;
 - (b) cable management and accessibility requirements when charging across footpaths or in rear lanes;
 - (c) faster access to shared and community charging models;
 - (d) pilot programs in comparable local government areas; and
 - (e) any required advocacy to the NSW Government; and
 - (f) further opportunities for Council to enable access to clean energy technologies for residents currently disadvantaged by housing type, heritage constraints, upfront costs, and for renters; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide an update on current NSW planning controls applying to solar installations in the City of Sydney and approaches to equitable access to electric vehicle charging.

Carried unanimously.

X113758

Item 15.4 Vale Auntie Elsie Heiss

Moved by Councillor Weldon, seconded by Councillor Gannon –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the recent passing of Elsie Heiss, known by many as Auntie Elsie;
- (ii) Auntie Elsie, a proud Wiradjuri Elder, was born at Erambie Aboriginal Station in Cowra on 11 November 1937 to parents James and Amy. She was one of 8 children, growing up as the youngest of 6 following the loss of 2 siblings;
- (iii) life at Erambie, also known as 32 Acres, was not easy – they lived under the harsh authority of the Welfare Board, the mission manager and his wife;
- (iv) in 1946, Auntie Elsie's family decided to leave the mission, moving to the Riverina – spending summers fruit picking in Griffith, and winters in Darlington Point. She attended several country primary schools, and Griffith High School until she left at 15 to work as a ward maid at the Griffith Public Hospital;
- (v) Auntie Elsie moved to Sydney at 17, living with her Auntie Mary and Uncle Harry in Redfern. At 20, she met her life partner, Joe Heiss, who was originally from Austria. They were married at St Vincent's Church, Redfern in 1960;
- (vi) Auntie Elsie and Joe moved to Matraville in 1966, where they raised their 5 children Monika, Gisella, Josef, Mark and Anita;
- (vii) over the next 16 years, Auntie Elsie worked nights at the Matraville Skyline Drive-in. During the day, she was busy running the school tuckshop – for over 25 years – and raising their family;
- (viii) at age 42, Auntie Elsie's children had all finished primary school and she finally got to finish her schooling. She studied at Randwick TAFE, receiving a college medal and a certificate that enabled her to work as a health worker in the Aboriginal community;
- (ix) Auntie Elsie worked in the health care sector for 14 years with Hazel England and Beverly Simons, together running a diabetes program at La Perouse;
- (x) in the early 1990s, Auntie Elsie met Father Frank Fletcher, a land rights and human rights advocate who had a great love and respect for Aboriginal people. This led her to become involved in the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM), representing the concerns of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. She worked tirelessly seeking a stronger commitment from the Catholic Church in its recognition, respect and action to support Aboriginal people;
- (xi) as a long serving-member of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, Auntie Elsie honoured both her Aboriginal spirituality and history with her Catholic faith. In 1995, she participated in the official smoking ceremony for Pope John Paul II, and in 1998 she was the only Aboriginal representative at the Synod of Oceania in Rome;

- (xii) additionally in 1998, a church at La Peruse was established and handed over to the Aboriginal community under Aunty Elsie's leadership. Becoming known as the Reconciliation Church, it was a place where Aboriginal culture and practice could be celebrated alongside the Catholic faith. Aunty Elsie was part of countless masses, baptisms, first Holy Communions, and confirmations at the ACM;
 - (xiii) in 2009, Aunty Elsie was awarded NAIDOC Female Elder of the year for her work in health and church for the community;
 - (xiv) in 2010, Aunty Elsie was awarded an honorary Doctor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame, Sydney for her contribution to the Catholic community;
 - (xv) Aunty Elsie retired from the ACM in 2012, but those who know her know that she never really retired – her commitment to the church went beyond a formal title;
 - (xvi) in 2018, Aunty Elsie was made a Dame Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great, forever after known as Dame Doctor Aunty Elsie; and
 - (xvii) Aunty Elsie will be remembered for her unwavering dedication to her community, her leadership, and her enduring commitment to faith and culture. She will be greatly missed;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the family of Aunty Elsie Heiss expressing Council's condolences; and
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of Aunty Elsie Heiss and her commitment and contribution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, as well as the broader community.

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 Aunty Elsie Heiss.

Item 15.5 20th Anniversary of St Vincent's Church "Message Stick Mural"

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) 30 July 2026 marks the 20-year anniversary of the Redfern St Vincent's Church "Message Stick Mural";
- (ii) the mural, which was highly controversial at the time, depicts part of Pope John Paul II's 1986 Alice Springs Address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and serves as a permanent memorial to Aboriginal history at the church;
- (iii) 2026 also marks the 40th anniversary of this Address from Pope John Paul II. The Address was the first time the Catholic Church publicly declared its support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, calling for greater inclusion in the Church, and respect for Aboriginal culture, history and connection to the land;
- (iv) the Aboriginal community in Redfern has strong ties to St Vincent's Church. From 1971-2003, parish priest Father Ted Kennedy fostered an environment of inclusivity for all – opening the doors to the First Nations community, providing support, lodging, food and refuge against ongoing police violence. The original Aboriginal Medical Service operated out of a building given to the community by the North Sydney Sisters of Mercy at the church;
- (v) Father Kennedy preached the importance of reconciliation, the need to acknowledge the truth of the atrocities committed against First Nations peoples, and the unacceptable silence of the Catholic Church. Over the 30 years of Father Kennedy's leadership at St Vincent's, the church had become a home for the Aboriginal community;
- (vi) Shirley Smith, known to many as Mum Shirl, was a significant influence for Father Kennedy, working with him to support the First Nations community and teaching him the need to fight for justice;
- (vii) the arrival of new priests in 2003 saw a shift in attitude away from the inclusive environment championed by Father Kennedy. The priests were appointed by Cardinal George Pell, and were missionaries of the Neocatechumenal Way – a program of Catholicism known for its conservative structures;
- (viii) during this time, these conservative priests subjected churchgoers from marginalised communities to discrimination, bullying and withheld Holy Communion;
- (ix) the "Message Stick Mural" was painted without the current parish priest's knowledge, as part of the community's protest against the current administration. It was an effort brought to life by the community of the church;
- (x) the group snuck into the church the day before Mass was scheduled to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Address. The paint was dry by the time people arrived at Mass the following day – surprised by the mural that appeared overnight. Father Frank Brennan, a priest who had worked with Father Kennedy, called for the congregation to stand and bless the mural, noting its permanence as a memorial to Aboriginal spirituality;

- (xi) many contributed to painting the mural, including prominent First Nations artists. The mural depicts part of Pope John Paul II's Address inside a tree of hands, alongside native Australian wildlife;
- (xii) the instillation of the mural represented a reclaiming of the church for Aboriginal people – and served as a permanent reminder of Pope John Paul II's call for the Catholic Church to include, support and respect their culture; and
- (xiii) the mural has been restored 3 times, funded the first 2 times by parishioners and most recently from parish funds. The mural remains on display today as a reflection of the Redfern Aboriginal community's history, activism and connection to St Vincent's Church; and

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the significance of the "Message Stick Mural" at Redfern's St Vincent's Church in Sydney's Aboriginal history; and
- (ii) the significance of the Redfern precinct, including the St Vincent Church's "Message Stick Mural", the historical sites of the Aboriginal Medical Service, Aboriginal Housing Service and the Aboriginal Legal Service, in the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples fight for self-determination.

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

Moved by Councillor Weldon, seconded by Councillor Arkins –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

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- (ii) the mural, which was highly controversial at the time, depicts part of Pope John Paul II's 1986 Alice Springs Address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and serves as a permanent memorial to Aboriginal history at the church;
- (iii) 2026 also marks the 40th anniversary of this Address from Pope John Paul II. The Address was the first time the Catholic Church publicly declared its support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, calling for greater inclusion in the Church, and respect for Aboriginal culture, history and connection to the land;
- (iv) the Aboriginal community in Redfern has strong ties to St Vincent's Church. From 1971-2003, parish priest Father Ted Kennedy fostered an environment of inclusivity for all – opening the doors to the First Nations community, providing support, lodging, food and refuge against ongoing police violence. The original Aboriginal Medical Service operated out of a building given to the community by the North Sydney Sisters of Mercy at the church;
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- (vi) Shirley Smith, known to many as Mum Shirl, was a significant influence for Father Kennedy, working with him to support the First Nations community and teaching him the need to fight for justice;
 - (vii) the arrival of new priests in 2003 saw a shift in attitude away from the inclusive environment championed by Father Kennedy. The priests were appointed by Cardinal George Pell, and were missionaries of the Neocatechumenal Way – a program of Catholicism known for its conservative structures;
 - (viii) during this time, these conservative priests subjected churchgoers from marginalised communities to discrimination, bullying and withheld Holy Communion;
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 - (xii) the instillation of the mural represented a reclaiming of the church for Aboriginal people – and served as a permanent reminder of Pope John Paul II’s call for the Catholic Church to include, support and respect their culture; and
 - (xiii) the mural has been restored 3 times, funded the first 2 times by parishioners and most recently from parish funds. The mural remains on display today as a reflection of the Redfern Aboriginal community’s history, activism and connection to St Vincent’s Church; and
- (B) Council further note:
- (i) the significance of the “Message Stick Mural” at Redfern’s St Vincent’s Church in Sydney’s Aboriginal history; and
 - (ii) the significance of the Redfern precinct, including the St Vincent Church’s “Message Stick Mural”, the historical sites of the Aboriginal Medical Service, Aboriginal Housing Service and the Aboriginal Legal Service, in the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples fight for self-determination.
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the parish priest of St Vincent’s Church, Father Paul Smithers and Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the “Message Stick Mural”, noting it’s significance and permanence in Sydney’s Aboriginal history.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 15.6 Human Rights Act for NSW

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that:

- (i) Australia does not have a federal Human Rights Act, unlike other countries with similar legal systems, including New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom;
- (ii) the Australian Capital Territory, Queensland and Victoria have their own Human Rights Act in force;
- (iii) following a Greens private members bill passed by the ACT Parliament last year, the ACT's Human Rights Act includes the right to housing, including the right not to be discriminated against in relation to housing, the right not to have access to essential utilities arbitrarily withdrawn and the right not to be arbitrarily evicted;
- (iv) a Human Rights Act for NSW could be a powerful tool to support communities to assert and protect their fundamental human rights, including the right to a safe and healthy environment, the right to an adequate standard of living including adequate housing, the right to education, the right to protest, the right to vote, and the right to access healthcare;
- (v) a Human Rights Act could empower decision makers within NSW Parliament and all public bodies, including local councils, to incorporate consideration of human rights into all their decision-making processes; and
- (vi) a Human Rights Act could empower community members to take action if their human rights are limited or violated by a public body in NSW;

(B) Council further note that:

- (i) on 23 October 2025, the Greens Human Rights Spokesperson Jenny Leong MP introduced a Human Rights Bill 2025, which if passed would become a Human Rights Act for NSW;
- (ii) on 18 March 2026, the NSW Legislative Assembly unanimously agreed to refer the Bill to the Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services for inquiry and report. The inquiry is underway with submissions due on 3 July 2026;
- (iii) the referral followed a letter from 8 Legislative Assembly crossbenchers, including 4 independents, urging the NSW Premier to support an inquiry into the Human Rights Bill 2025; and
- (iv) more than 120 organisations, including Amnesty International, the Human Rights Law Centre, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, the NSW Council for Civil Liberties and the Aboriginal Legal Service and high-profile individuals, support the inquiry into the Human Rights Bill 2025 and the establishment of a NSW Human Rights Act;

(C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Member for Newtown, who introduced the Human Rights Bill 2025, informing them of the Council's in principle support for a NSW Human Rights Act; and

(D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) make a submission on behalf of the City of Sydney to the NSW Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services Inquiry into the Human Rights Bill 2025 supporting a comprehensive Human Rights Act for NSW, by the due date of 3 July 2026; and
- (ii) highlight in the submission key areas for which the City of Sydney has long been advocating for stronger protections in NSW, including: the right to public protest, the rights of LGBTIQ+ communities, and the right to safe and secure housing.

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 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Gannon is taken to have voted against the motion.

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Item 15.7 Community Wealth Building Update

Moved by Councillor Ellsmore, seconded by Councillor Thompson –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note that:

- (i) Community Wealth Building is an approach to economic development that focuses on local communities owning, controlling and sharing in the benefits of the local economy. It involves strategies to generate and equitably share local wealth with, and within, local communities. Benefits include local job creation, stronger local organisations and businesses, more social enterprises, employee-owned firms and cooperatives, and more equitable distribution of local wealth;
- (ii) in July 2020, following a motion by former Councillor Jess Scully, Council resolved to investigate how the principles of community wealth building could be developed into a policy that informed how the City of Sydney operates and Council's approach to economic development;
- (iii) in 2022 Council launched a [discussion paper](#), inviting the community to provide feedback on 5 principles of community wealth building and how they could be applied in Sydney to reduce inequality and ensure more people share in the city's prosperity. The 5 principles were:
 1. Building the generative economy: diversifying the economy and including more 'for-purpose' businesses;
 2. Progressive procurement: maximising expenditure from major institutions with additional social, environmental, and local benefits, supporting jobs and businesses;
 3. Employment: addressing employment issues in the local area;
 4. Land and property: using assets held by key institutions as a platform for generating community wealth or benefits; and
 5. Finance: harnessing capital from within the community and aligning capital with broad environmental and social goals of the community; and
- (iv) Scotland is a leading example of a jurisdiction that has embraced Community Wealth Building. Following significant work at the local council level, in 2026 Scotland established the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act. It is the world's first national Community Wealth Building framework to support local communities to generate, retain, and benefit from economic wealth. The framework aims to boost productivity, helps tackle child poverty and cost-of-living pressures, build local economies, and advance economic democracy by giving communities, workers, and all of us a fuller stake in Scotland's future; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) provide an update to Councillors about the outcomes of Council's Community Wealth Building work; and
- (ii) include in the advice:
 - (a) an update on any proposed Community Wealth Building strategies or policies;

- (b) advise which broader Council strategies or plans have been amended or implemented to reflect the Community Wealth Building principles or actions. This includes Council's First Nations Strategies which community to encouraging local First Nations businesses and increasing procurement and council spending from local First Nations' businesses, social enterprises and organisations;
- (c) advise which grants Council has provided since 2023, and programs Council has in place, to support local social enterprises and cooperatives; and
- (d) advise of any other actions or next steps Council has taken or is planning, to reflect the principles of Community Wealth Building in Council's activities.

Carried unanimously.

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At 8.25 pm the meeting concluded.

Chair of a meeting of the Council of the City
of Sydney held on Monday 24 August 2026 at which
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.