Item 14.5

Notices of Motion

Community Recognition Statement – RAW FORM

By Councillor Gannon

It is resolved that Council:

(A) note that RAW FORM is an independent, grassroots fashion showcase run on a not-for-profit basis. It is produced by Abby Malone, through her initiative Shut the Front Gate. It gives emerging fashion designers a platform to present their work, build industry connections and reach new audiences, without the high costs that often stop new talent from showing their work

(B) acknowledge that RAW FORM:

(i) presented RAW FORM 01 at the Lord Gladstone on 13 March 2026, featuring 21 designers

(ii) presented RAW FORM 02 at the Oxford Art Factory on 25 June 2026, featuring 18 designers

(iii) is scheduled to present RAW FORM 03 at the Lord Gladstone on 28 November 2026, featuring 12 designers, as part of Debaser's 4th birthday celebrations

(C) recognise that every RAW FORM showcase to date has sold out, showing the strong public demand in Sydney for accessible, community-driven fashion and creative events

(D) recognise that across these showcases RAW FORM will have supported 51 designer showcases and given opportunities to more than 100 models. It has also brought together a wide network of stylists, photographers, hair and makeup artists, volunteers and other creatives, who together have given thousands of hours of their time, skill and energy to make these events happen

(E) acknowledge that grassroots, volunteer-driven initiatives such as RAW FORM are vital to Sydney's cultural life and night-time economy. They help keep local venues active and create pathways for young and emerging creatives to develop careers in Sydney

(F) congratulate and thank Abby Malone and everyone involved with RAW FORM for their commitment to fostering emerging talent and strengthening Sydney's fashion and cultural community and wish them continued success in future showcases.

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