



**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.09PM**

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor D Parker (Central Ward)

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| Central Ward | - | Councillors D Gordon & D Rosenfeld |
| East Ward | - | Councillors M Asgari, C Martin & M Wilson (Deputy Mayor) |
| North Ward | - | Councillors C Hamilton, A Magner & C Willington |
| South Ward | - | Councillors B Burst, N D'Souza & D Said |
| West Ward | - | Councillors A Hay, A Luxford & P Veitch |

Officers Present:

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| General Manager | Mr R Brownlee |
| Director City Planning | Ms M Bishop |
| Director City Services | Mr T Clarke |
| Director Community & Culture | Ms K Anderson |
| Acting Director Corporate Services | Ms H Cram |
| Manager Customer & Compliance | Mr D Kelly |
| Communications Manager | Mr J Hay |
| Chief Financial Officer | Mr S Wong |

Welcome to Country & Prayer

The Welcome to Country was given by Aunty Maxine Ryan. The Council Prayer was read by Cr D'Souza.

One minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for the passing of Dr William Victor Simms and Erik de Haart.

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Nil.

Requests to Attend Meeting by Audio-Visual Link

Nil.

Confirmation of the Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2024

RESOLUTION: (D'Souza/Rosenfeld) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2024 (copies of which were circulated to all Councillors) be and are hereby confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

- a) Crs Veitch and Willington declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Item MM1/25 as they know members of the community who will be on the La Perouse Mardi Gras float. Crs Veitch and Willington will not be voting on this matter.
- b) All Liberal Councillors declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Item NM11/25 as they know the speaker on this matter through various community activities.
- c) Cr Burst declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Item NM3/25 as he knows the speaker on this item through the local Precinct Committee.

Address of Council by Members of the Public

Prior to consideration of the Agenda by the Council, deputations were received in respect of the following matters:

- MM3/25 VALE DR WILLIAM VICTOR SIMMS
For Aunty Barb Simms
- CS2/25 NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SHARK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SURVEY
Against Lauren Sandeman
- CC2/25 SANDGATE COTTAGE, BELMORE ROAD RANDWICK
Against Mark England
- NM2/25 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR D'SOUZA - INVESTIGATE WAYS TO IMPROVE WORK
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY IN COUNCIL
For Marie & Santina Tesoriero
- NM3/25 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR SAID & CR BURST - PARKING OF VARIOUS TYPES OF
VEHICLES ON ANZAC PARADE MEDIAN
Against Peter Fagan
- NM4/25 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR WILSON – 128 MOUNT STREET, COOGEE
For Maurice Patrick Cunningham
- NM9/25 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR WILLINGTON - SWITCHING TO ALL ELECTRIC
DOMESTIC APPLIANCES - A PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL WITH THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT
For Dr Anthony Hull, Deputy Chair, Doctor's for the Environment -
NSW Branch
- NM11/25 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR ROSENFELD - HARMONY WEEK CELEBRATIONS TO
INCLUDE HEALING FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY
For Natalie Knoll
- NM14/25 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR VEITCH - SNAPE PARK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
IMPACTS REPORT
For Jon Francis
- NM18/25 NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR HAMILTON - INVESTIGATE ANGLED PARKING -
BISHOPS AVENUE, CLOVELLY
For John Cross

The Meeting was adjourned at 8.24pm and was resumed at 8.40pm.

Mayoral Minutes

MM1/25 Mayoral Minute - Financial Assistance and Donations - December 2024 - January 2025 (F2025/06574)

Note: Having previously declared an interest, Crs Veitch & Willington left the chamber and took no part in the debate or voting on this matter.

2/25

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) that Council:

- a) approve the purchase of tickets for a table of 10 at the Windgap Gala Ball being held on Saturday, 24 May 2025, at a total cost of \$2,400.00 for interested Councillors to attend in support of the cause;
- b) note Council waived the hire fees of \$160.00 for the Grant Reserve for the Chanukah Event on 29 December 2024;
- c) note Council donated an amount of \$990.00 to Murph's Derwent River Big Swim in Tasmania in January 2025;
- d) donate seedlings to the value of \$500.00 to Clovelly Childcare Centre for their 40th Anniversary Green Fair on 4 May 2025;
- e) approve the purchase of 8 tickets totalling \$1600.00 to the Randwick Rugby's 2025 Annual Lunch to be held on 21 March 2025 for interested Councillors to attend the fundraising lunch in support of the Club; and
- f) approve a donation of \$3000.00 to the La Perouse Mardi Gras float.

MOTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

MM2/25 Mayoral Minute - Randwick City Tourism - Commemorative Seating (F2006/00422)

3/25

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) that Council:

- a) thank Randwick City Tourism for the wonderful work it undertook to promote tourism in Randwick City over a 30 year period;
- b) endorse Randwick City Tourism's proposal to install 2 commemorative seats to be located at the start and end of the coastal walk; and
- c) provide funding support of \$3,100.00 to supplement Randwick City Tourism's funding for the proposed commemorative seats.

MOTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

MM3/25 Mayoral Minute - Vale Dr William Victor Simms (F2025/06574)

4/25

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) that Council express its deepest condolences to the family of Dr William Victor Simms who passed away peacefully on 8 February 2025, acknowledge his passing with a minute's silence and consider an appropriate recognition in consultation with the family and community.

MOTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

MM4/25 Mayoral Minute - In-Street Planting (F2025/06574)

5/25

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) that Council:

- a) officers develop and report to Council prior to the 2026-27 financial year, either as an appendix to the technical guidelines for urban planting or as a standalone document, a manual for in-street tree planting to provide additional canopy cover in areas where on verge, median strip or footpath tree planting is impractical or obstructed by power lines, shop awnings or a general lack of space. That suitable species be identified which provide reasonable canopy cover and height with a preference for mature planting where possible;
- b) staff, as part of this work, identify a list of priority locations for implementation; and
- c) staff prepare a 5-year resourcing strategy, commencing in the 2026-27 financial year, to implement priority locations.

MOTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**MM5/25 Mayoral Minute - Vale Erik de Haart (F2024/00143)**

6/25

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) that Council express its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Erik de Haart who passed away on Monday 17 February 2025 and acknowledge his passing with a minute's silence.**MOTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****MM6/25 Mayoral Minute - South Coogee Public School - Request for Donation of Plants (F2025/06574)**

7/25

RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) that the donation of plants to the value of \$300.00 be supplied to South Coogee Public School.**MOTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****Urgent Business**

Nil.

General Manager's Reports**GM1/25 General Manager's Report - Randwick Council Coordinated Response to Eastern Suburbs Antisemitic Incidents (F2009/00498)**

8/25

RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Hamilton) that Council:

- a) notes the coordinated and comprehensive response to the antisemitic incidents by Randwick City Council; and
- b) allocates funding to enhance public safety, deter criminal activity and support NSW Police through:
 - i. additional CCTV infrastructure at identified sites estimated to cost approximately \$150,000.00; and
 - ii. additional fixed and retractable bollards at identified sites estimated to cost approximately \$90,000.00.

MOTION: (Rosenfeld/Hamilton) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

Director City Planning Reports**CP1/25 Director City Planning Report - Recycling of Used Clothes and Textiles (F2023/00744)**

9/25

RESOLUTION: (D'Souza/Veitch) that Council:

- a) continue to support its current textile waste avoidance and recovery initiatives; and
- b) approve the allocation of \$15,000.00 from the 2024-25 Domestic Waste Charges budget to engage an organisation to partner with Council to deliver a dedicated drop-off event for textiles and clothing.

MOTION: (D'Souza/Veitch) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**CP2/25 Director City Planning Report - Equitable Briefing Policy on Legal Matters (F2023/00603)**

10/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that:

- a) Council endorse the development of an Equitable Briefing Policy that encourages the use of women barristers and solicitors in dealing with Council's legal matters; and
- b) the draft Equitable Briefing Policy is reported to Council for consideration.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**CP3/25 Director City Planning Report - Variations to Development Standards under Clause 4.6 - 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025 (F2008/00122)**

11/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that the report be received and noted.**MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****CP4/25 Director City Planning Report - Report from Fire and Rescue NSW - 256-274 Alison Road Randwick (F2025/06103)**

12/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that Council receive and note the report from Fire & Rescue NSW relating to premises at 256-274 Alison Road, Randwick (also known as 67-69 St Marks Road, Randwick).**MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****CP5/25 Director City Planning Report - Planning Proposal: 47 - 55 Bunnerong Road, Kingsford - Homes NSW (F2024/00638)**

13/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Magner) that:

- a) Council endorse the submission relating to the Planning Proposal for 47-55 Bunnerong Road, Kingsford for the redevelopment of the site to increase housing supply;
- b) the submission on the Planning Proposal for 47-55 Bunnerong Road, Kingsford be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for consideration; and
- c) include the following additional points in the submission and in a separate letter to the NSW State Government:

That Council calls on Homes NSW to:

- i) consult with current residents of 47-55 Bunnerong Road Kingsford with respect to the design of any redevelopment;
- ii) keep the entire site and any development at 47-55 Bunnerong Road Kingsford in 100% public ownership and management, and for the purpose of public housing;
- iii) ensure other housing developments on crown land are for the purpose of public housing;
- iv) include the abovementioned points in the submission and in a separate letter to the NSW State Government.

AMENDMENT: (Veitch/Magner) CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Councillor Willington | Councillor Hamilton |
| Councillor Magner | Councillor Hay |
| Councillor Veitch | Councillor Luxford |
| Councillor Gordon | Councillor Rosenfeld |
| Councillor Asgari | Councillor Martin |
| Councillor Wilson | Councillor Said |
| Councillor D'Souza | Councillor Burst |
| Councillor Parker | |
| Total (8) | Total (7) |

MOTION: (Veitch/Magner) CARRIED – SEE RESOLUTION.

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Councillor Willington | Councillor Hamilton |
| Councillor Magner | Councillor Hay |
| Councillor Veitch | Councillor Luxford |
| Councillor Gordon | Councillor Rosenfeld |
| Councillor Asgari | Councillor Martin |
| Councillor Wilson | Councillor Said |
| Councillor D'Souza | Councillor Burst |
| Councillor Parker | |
| Total (8) | Total (7) |

MOTION: (Hay/Gordon) that:

- a) Council endorse the submission relating to the Planning Proposal for 47-55 Bunnerong Road, Kingsford for the redevelopment of the site to increase housing supply.
- b) the submission on the Planning Proposal for 47-55 Bunnerong Road, Kingsford be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for consideration.

Director City Services Reports

CS1/25 Director City Services Report - Market Street, Angle Parking (F2005/00750)

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that Council approve that the 90° angle parking arrangements, on the north side of Market Street, east of Ethne Avenue, Randwick, be retained.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CS2/25 Director City Services Report - NSW Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Shark Management Program Survey (F2005/00624)

15/25

RESOLUTION: (Willington/Magner) that Council:

- a) receives and notes the NSW Department of Primary industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) 2024 Shark Management information package 2022-24 and Council Preference survey; and
- b) completes and returns the Council Preference survey by the extended due date as follows:
 - i) Drones - Yes
 - ii) SMART drumlines - Yes
 - iii) Tagged shark listening stations - Yes
 - iv) Nets – No.

MOTION: (Willington/Magner) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Councillor Hamilton | Councillor Hay |
| Councillor Willington | Councillor Luxford |
| Councillor Magner | Councillor Rosenfeld |
| Councillor Veitch | Councillor Martin |
| Councillor Gordon | Councillor Burst |
| Councillor Asgari | Councillor D'Souza |
| Councillor Wilson | Councillor Parker |
| Councillor Said | |
| Total (8) | Total (7) |

CS3/25 Director City Services Report - Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee -February 2025 (F2018/00158)

16/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that the Minutes of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 February 2025, be received and noted.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CS4/25 Director City Services Report - 6/52 Beach Street, Coogee - Hills Weeping Fig Tree - Removal (F2007/00188)

17/25

RESOLUTION: (Hamilton/Hay) that the Council owned *Ficus var. microcarpa* (Hill's Weeping figs) growing outside 6/52 Beach Street (tree located in Quail Street), Coogee be removed and replaced with a super advanced *Waterhousia floribunda* (Weeping Lilly Pilly) as nominated in Council's Street Tree Masterplan.

MOTION: (Hamilton/Hay) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

Note: Cr Veitch and Cr Willington requested that their names be recorded as voting against the above resolution.

Director Community & Culture Reports

CC1/25 Director Community & Culture Report - A Cultural Vision and Public Art Plan for Randwick (F2023/00302)

18/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Magner) that Council:

- a) receive and endorse the Cultural Vision;
- b) note the engagement of a creative design agency to develop the Cultural Vision visual identity;
- c) note the engagement of an arts policy specialist to simplify the draft Public Art Plan with protocols for Murals, Laneways and Developer Art for practical usage, to come back to Council prior to going on public exhibition; and
- d) approve the establishment of a specialist Public Art Panel via targeted EOI to guide current and future public art proposals.

AMENDMENT: (Veitch/Magner) CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

MOTION: (Veitch/Magner) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED: PROCEDURAL MOTION (Rosenfeld/Hamilton) that speakers be limited to two minutes and two speakers for and two against each motion.

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Councillor Hamilton | Councillor Willington |
| Councillor Magner | Councillor Veitch |
| Councillor Hay | Councillor Luxford |
| Councillor Gordon | Councillor Asgari |
| Councillor Rosenfeld | Councillor D'Souza |
| Councillor Martin | |
| Councillor Wilson | |
| Councillor Said | |
| Councillor Burst | |
| Councillor Parker | |
| Total (10) | Total (5) |

MOTION: (Hay/Burst) that Council:

- a) receive and endorse the Cultural Vision;
- b) note the engagement of a creative design agency to develop the Cultural Vision visual identity;
- c) note the engagement of an arts policy specialist to simplify the draft Public Art Plan with protocols for Murals, Laneways and Developer Art for practical usage, to come back to Council prior to going on public exhibition;
- d) approve the establishment of a specialist Public Art Panel via targeted EOI to guide current and future public art proposals; and
- e) ensure that a commitment to beauty in art be maintained through the Council. Artworks that are geometric shapes and differing colours displayed almost at random, as displayed on page 15 of the Public Art Commissioning Guidelines, or have an excessive use of a colour that can be described as tacky, are prohibited.

CC2/25 Director Community & Culture Report - Sandgate Cottage, Belmore Road Randwick (F2023/00413)

19/25

RESOLUTION: (Magner/Luxford) that Council receive this report and defer consideration until a briefing session has been held.

AMENDMENT: (Magner/Luxford) CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

MOTION: (Magner/Luxford) CARRIED – SEE RESOLUTION.

MOTION: (Veitch/Willington) that Council:

- a) receive this report;
- b) discontinue the management of Sandgate Cottage as a commercially leased property;
- c) approve the use of Sandgate Cottage and June Moore Place as a council managed space for community and cultural activities and programs; and
- d) allow for the use of a small office space for council officers if this allows more flexible use of the property.

CC3/25 Director Community & Culture Report - Options for Allocation of Budget for Free Usage of Randwick Venues for Arts and Culture (F2024/00143)

20/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Asgari) that:

- a) Council continues its support for the arts via the existing programs that offer free usage of Council's venues;
- b) Council promote the fee waiver programme of council spaces via the Community Creative and Community Connect Investment Program on an ongoing basis, including to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities; and
- c) should the budget for the fee waiver program be exhausted prior to the end of each financial year, bring a report to council with a recommendation to top up the funding.

MOTION: (Veitch/Asgari) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CC5/25 Director Community & Culture Report - 110 Years of ANZAC Day and the Centenary of the High Cross Park Cenotaph (F2024/00383)

21/25

RESOLUTION: (Hamilton/Said) that Council;

- a) approve the proposed High Cross Cenotaph centenary event and related costs for 3 May 2025;
- b) approve the additional live feed element from High Cross Park to Coogee as part of the Anzac Day Dawn Service event; and
- c) notes the new Anzac Day 'honouring service' street banners initiative, as part of Council's 2025 Anzac program, and endorses the recommendation from the Trust as to the people proposed for the banners in 2025.

MOTION: (Hamilton/Said) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

Director Corporate Services Reports**CO1/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Initial Disclosure of Interest Returns as at 1 October 2024 (F2025/01361)**

22/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that it be noted that the Register of Disclosure of Interests Returns for those Councillors elected for the first time in October 2024, has been tabled at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 25 February 2025.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO2/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Council Submission - New Model Code of Meeting Practice (F2004/06570)

23/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that the Council submission on the Office of Local Government "New Model Code of Meeting Practice – consultation draft" be endorsed.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO3/25 Director Corporate Services Report - 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (F2014/00272)

24/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that:

- a) Council endorses the attendance of interested Councillors at the 2025 National General Assembly in Canberra;
- b) any Councillors interested in attending the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government advise the General Manager as soon as possible for registration purposes; and
- c) any motions for the 2025 National General Assembly be submitted to the March 2025 Council meeting for endorsement by Council and to enable submission to the ALGA by 31 March 2025.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO4/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Quarterly Budget Review - December 2024 (F2021/00364)

25/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that Council:

- a) receives and notes the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statements (QBRS) Report; and
- b) adopts the proposed budget variations for December 2024, as detailed in the QBRS attachment to this report.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO5/25 Director Corporate Services Report - 2024-25 Quarterly Progress Report (F2024/03001)

26/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that the information contained in the attached Quarterly Progress Report for the 2024-25 Operational Plan be received and noted.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO6/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Financial Report for 30 November 2024, 31 December 2024 and 31 January 2025 (F2021/00364)

27/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that the Monthly Financial Report for 30 November 2024, 31 December 2024 and 31 January 2025 be received and noted.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO7/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Investment Report - November 2024 (F2016/06527)

28/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that the Investment Report for November 2024 be received and noted.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO8/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Investment Report - December 2024 (F2016/06527)

29/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Martin) that the Investment Report for December 2024 be received and noted.

MOTION: (Burst/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO9/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Investment Report - January 2025 (F2016/06527)

30/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Rosenfeld) that the Investment Report for January 2025 be received and noted.

MOTION: (Burst/Rosenfeld) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO10/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Investment Policy Review (F2016/06527)

31/25

RESOLUTION: (Willington/Magner) that Council:

- a) adopts the reviewed Investment Policy with the proposed amendments; and
- b) requires that all future reports on Council's "Investment Breakdown by Asset Type" include a statement of whether each investment is compliant with ESG requirements, not compliant or not known.

MOTION: (Willington/Magner) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

Cr Rosenfeld, Cr Hamilton, Cr Hay and Cr Burst requested that their names be recorded as voting against the above resolution.

AMENDMENT: (Hay/Burst) that:

- a) the investment policy be accepted subject to a removal of Chapter 7 (Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations); and
- b) the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to make minor changes as necessary to make the document cohesive (e.g. chapter 8 becomes chapter 7). **LOST.**

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| FOR | AGAINST |
| Councillor Hamilton | Councillor Willington |

Councillor Hay
Councillor Rosenfeld
Councillor Martin
Councillor Burst

Councillor Magner
Councillor Veitch
Councillor Luxford
Councillor Gordon
Councillor Asgari
Councillor Wilson
Councillor Said
Councillor D'Souza
Councillor Parker

Total (5)

Total (10)

Note: The meeting was adjourned at 10.57pm and was resumed at 11.05pm.

Motions Pursuant to Notice

NM1/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr D'Souza - Increased Storage Facilities for Heffron Hawks Football Club (F2023/00731)

32/25

RESOLUTION: (D'Souza/Magner) that Council:

- a) investigate and create an opportunity for the Heffron Hawks Football Club, which proudly calls Heffron Park home since the early 80s, increased storage space at Heffron Park or an alternative facility that can accommodate their growing equipment needs;
- b) note Council Officers are meeting with the club to discuss this matter further and explore potential solutions; and
- c) resolves that this motion apply to all football (soccer) clubs who use Heffron Park to assist them to find storage facilities and investigating either adding storage space to present buildings or constructing new buildings.

MOTION: (D'Souza/Magner) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM2/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr D'Souza - Investigate Ways to Improve Work Opportunities for People with Disability in Council (F2004/07679)

33/25

RESOLUTION: (D'Souza/Magner) that Council:

- a) review its policy with regards to people with disability in its workforce and offer more work opportunities for people with disability in Council: and
- b) investigate more ways to improve and support people with disability and by its actions help build a more inclusive and accepting community.

MOTION: (D'Souza/Magner) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM3/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Said & Cr Burst - Parking of Various Types of Vehicles on Anzac Parade Median (F2004/07232)

MOTION: (Said/Burst) that Council:

- a) include in the proposal to TfNSW the option of defined parking area on Anzac Parade median off Budd Ave, Little Bay for 60 spaces, a defined parking area on Anzac Parade median off Bilga Crescent, Malabar for 24 spaces, and parallel parking on the Anzac Parade median between Kain Avenue and Hillary Parade for 16 spaces for passenger vehicles only; and
- b) all other works be put on hold until Council receives feedback from TfNSW on this proposal.
LOST.

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Councillor Hamilton | Councillor Willington |
| Councillor Hay | Councillor Magner |
| Councillor Luxford | Councillor Veitch |
| Councillor Rosenfeld | Councillor Gordon |
| Councillor Martin | Councillor Asgari |
| Councillor Said | Councillor Wilson |
| Councillor Burst | Councillor D'Souza |
| | Councillor Parker |
| Total (7) | Total (8) |

RESOLVED: PROCEDURAL MOTION (Veitch/D'Souza) that the meeting be extended to 12.30am.

NM4/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Wilson - 128 Mount Street, Coogee (F2019/01523)

34/25

RESOLUTION: (Wilson/Asgari) that Council:

- a) endorse undertaking an investigation into the heritage value of the property at 128 Mount Street, Coogee and then a report is submitted to Council, as to the possibility of obtaining heritage listing of the property;
- b) endorse the placement of an Interim Heritage Order on 128 Mount Street Coogee if it is considered that the site and/or the buildings heritage fabric is likely to be harmed through the lodgement of a development application or complying development certificate; and
- c) make it known that No 128 Mount Street is being investigated as part of the Heritage Review Program currently underway by Randwick City Council.

MOTION: (Wilson/Asgari) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM5/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - 125th Anniversary of the Federation of Australia - January 2026 (F2021/00020)

Note: A rescission motion on this item was submitted by Crs Veitch, Willington and Magner in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and will be dealt with at the next available meeting of Council.

35/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Hamilton) that Council:

- a) lead celebrations within Randwick LGA throughout the month of January 2026 as part of the 125th anniversary of the Federation of Australia;
- b) use the Arts and Culture budget but also include potential Federal Grant funding to be included as part of the 2025-26 Operational Plan and Budget;
- c) note that a program of cultural activities would contribute to Randwick Council Community Strategic Plan objective A9 "Increase attendance at Council's arts and cultural programs, events and venues by 10% by 2031" and the 2022-26 Delivery Program Commitment A9.4, "Ensure inclusivity is included in the planning and design of all cultural events and activities run by Council by 2031";
- d) additionally, considering potential changes to referenced documents, ensure that these activities align with relevant Community Strategic Plan objectives and 2022-26 Delivery Program Commitment/s; and
- e) report back to Councillors via a briefing by May 2025 on progress and potential activities to be included as part of the anniversary.

MOTION: (Burst/Hamilton) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

AMENDMENT: (Veitch/Willington) that Council consider a suitable recognition of 125 years of Federation via our communications. **LOST.**

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Councillor Willington | Councillor Hamilton |
| Councillor Magner | Councillor Hay |
| Councillor Veitch | Councillor Luxford |
| Councillor Gordon | Councillor Rosenfeld |
| Councillor Wilson | Councillor Martin |
| Councillor D'Souza | Councillor Asgari |
| Councillor Parker | Councillor Said |
| | Councillor Burst |
| Total (7) | Total (8) |

NM6/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Community Service Awards be Conducted and Observed on 26th January and Review of Australia Day Flag Designs (F2020/06225)

36/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Rosenfeld) that Council:

- fix the date of the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Community Service Awards to the existing date of 26th January from 2026 onwards, indefinitely;
- review Randwick LGA Australia Day banner designs, which are hoisted and displayed on poles throughout the LGA for 26th January 2026 and onwards, ensuring they depict imagery that is commonly associated with the Australian Day celebrations, including the Australian National Flag and involve the use of iconic colours and animals that are synonymous and unique to our country; and
- investigate conducting a local art competition for school children across Randwick LGA to assist in the design of Australia Day banners, encouraging depictions of the Australian Flag and Australian Cultural References.

MOTION: (Burst/Rosenfeld) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

Cr Veitch and Cr Willington requested that their names be recorded as voting against the above resolution.

NM7/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Environmental and Health Impacts from Industrial Contamination in Kamay/Botany Bay (F2021/01408)

37/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Said) that Council:

- notes the historic onsite contamination from operations including Botany Industrial Park (ICI/Orica), Caltex Kurnell and Sydney Airport/Airservices Australia has resulted in chemicals including chlorinated hydrocarbons, solvents, petroleum hydrocarbons, heavy metals including mercury, chromium, nickel, lead and arsenic as well as hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, a group of over 4000 chemicals) leaching into the soil and ground water and then into the Botany Sands Aquifer which runs into Kamay/Botany Bay. There has also been surface water run-off into the bay from several of these sites;

- b) notes significant community concerns regarding PFAS are being investigated in the current NSW Parliament Select Committee *Inquiry into PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies Throughout NSW* and the Senate Select Committee on PFAS (*per and polyfluoroalkyl substances*), with sites across NSW including Dept. Defence lands, airports, drinking water catchments and neighbouring communities affected;
- c) acknowledges the devastating health and social impacts on individuals and communities revealed in these submissions and hearings;
- d) notes that PFAS investigations were conducted at Sydney Airport in 2005; 2012; 2017 and 2020 but the results of the investigations have never been publicly released. Another investigation is currently underway but Airservices are not due to report on it until 2025;
- e) notes that journalist Carrie Fellner in her Sydney Morning Herald report (24/12/18) stated that “A pool of poisonous water underneath Sydney Airport contains some of the highest levels of toxic firefighting chemicals seen on Australia’s eastern seaboard... The airport at Mascot is one of the highest profile sites in the country to be polluted with the per- and poly-fluoralkyl [PFAS] chemicals...”;
- f) notes that the TfNSW Kamay Ferry Wharves EIS contamination investigation was deemed “grossly inadequate” by a respected former EPA site auditor, Dr Bill Ryall, because in his opinion PFAS, TBT & other contaminants, specific to the site at La Perouse and Kurnell, were not appropriately assessed;
- g) notes that the 2009 National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging (NAGD), which are commonly used in marine contamination investigations for Environmental Impact assessments, do NOT include PFAS;
- h) notes that in the final Kamay Ferry Wharves contamination investigation of 2023, PFAS was found in sediment/water, but because PFAS is not included in the National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging (NAGD) and the NAGD was the specified document which determined the scope of the audit, the site auditor therefore dismissed the implications of the finding PFAS by stating it was not a contaminant of concern; and
- i) calls on the NSW and Federal Governments and other relevant authorities to:
 - 1. significantly increase the number of PFAS and other known pollutant testing sites in Kamay / Botany Bay, including near Frenchman’s, Yarra and Congwong Beaches as well as near the Kurnell De-Salination Plant;
 - 2. immediately release the findings of all PFAS and other chemical investigations from the vicinity of Sydney Airport and other sites in Kamay / Botany Bay;
 - 3. urgently update the 2009 National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging to specifically include PFAS in its many forms;
 - 4. instigate continuous PFAS and other chemical testing and reporting of water quality at the Kurnell De-Salination Plant;
 - 5. commence remediation and clean-up of all affected sites, water catchments and waterways;
 - 6. install appropriate filtration on all drinking water treatment plants;

MOTION: (Veitch/Said) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

AMENDMENT: (Gordon/Magner) that Council:

- 1. notes the historic onsite contamination from operations including Botany Industrial Park (ICI / Orica), Caltex Kurnell and Sydney Airport / Airservices Australia has resulted in chemicals including chlorinated hydrocarbons, solvents, petroleum hydrocarbons, heavy metals including mercury, chromium, nickel, lead and arsenic as well as hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and PFAS

(per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, a group of over 4000 chemicals) leaching into the soil and ground water and then into the Botany Sands Aquifer which runs into Kamay / Botany Bay. There has also been surface water run-off into the bay from several of these sites;

2. notes significant community concerns regarding PFAS are being investigated in the current NSW Parliament Select Committee Inquiry into PFAS Contamination in Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies Throughout NSW and the Senate Select Committee on PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances), with sites across NSW including Dept. Defence lands, airports, drinking water catchments and neighbouring communities affected;
3. acknowledges the devastating health and social impacts on individuals and communities revealed in these submissions and hearings;
4. notes that PFAS investigations were conducted at Sydney Airport in 2005; 2012; 2017 and 2020 but the results of the investigations have never been publicly released. Another investigation is currently underway but Airservices are not due to report on it until 2025;
5. notes that journalist Carrie Fellner in her Sydney Morning Herald report (24/12/18) stated that "A pool of poisonous water underneath Sydney Airport contains some of the highest levels of toxic firefighting chemicals seen on Australia's eastern seaboard... The airport at Mascot is one of the highest profile sites in the country to be polluted with the per- and poly-fluoralkyl [PFAS] chemicals...";
6. notes that the 2009 National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging (NAGD), which are commonly used in marine contamination investigations for Environmental Impact assessments, do NOT include PFAS;
7. notes that in the final Kamay Ferry Wharves contamination investigation of 2023, PFAS was found in sediment/water, but because PFAS is not included in the National Assessment Guidelines for Dredging (NAGD) and the NAGD was the specified document which determined the scope of the audit, the site auditor therefore dismissed the implications of the finding PFAS by stating it was not a contaminant of concern;
8. calls for all Sydney airport reports on PFAS to be available;
9. calls on fed government to update national assessment guidelines for dredging to include PFAS and other contaminants of concerns which have emerged over the last 15 years; and
10. calls on the NSW and Federal Governments and other relevant authorities to investigate these concerns and provide remediation of contaminated sites as appropriate. **LOST.**

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Councillor Magner | Councillor Hamilton |
| Councillor Luxford | Councillor Willington |
| Councillor Gordon | Councillor Veitch |
| Councillor Wilson | Councillor Hay |
| Councillor D'Souza | Councillor Rosenfeld |
| Councillor Parker | Councillor Martin |
| | Councillor Asgari |
| | Councillor Said |
| | Councillor Burst |
| Total (6) | Total (9) |

NM8/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Captain Cook Statue Restoration (F2025/00185)

RESOLUTION: (Hay/Martin) that Council:

- a) note the restoration of the Captain Cook statue on the corner of Avoca Street and Belmore Road to its original state is underway;
- b) affirms its current position that the statue remain at its current location; and
- c) noting that CCTV cameras are currently being installed, to review footage and conduct a security audit to determine whether any further changes are necessary.

MOTION: (Hay/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

Cr Veitch and Cr Willington requested that their names be recorded as voting against the above resolution.

AMENDMENT: (Willington/Veitch) that Council:

- a) note the restoration of the Captain Cook statue on the corner of Avoca Street and Belmore Road to its original state is underway; and
- b) consults with the Community about options for the future location of the statue including the relocation of the statue to a museum with interpretive signage. **LOST.**

NM9/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Willington - Switching to all Electric Domestic Appliances - A Partnership Proposal with the Federal Government (F2022/00332)

RESOLUTION: (Gordon/Luxford) that Council:

- a) notes that the last 22 Australian studies comparing the energy running costs of all-electric versus gas-connected homes all demonstrate that all-electric homes save households anywhere between \$1,000-\$16,000 per year on their energy bills. No credible, recent study can show dual-fuel (gas-connected) homes being cheaper to run than all-electric ones;
- b) notes the decades of scientific medical research which demonstrates the alarming health impacts associated with indoor gas use, including asthma, leukemia and lymphoma;
- c) writes to the federal environment and climate change minister, Chris Bowen, expressing its support for, and interest in, the minister's proposal to accelerate the electrification of local households and communities via the Australian Renewable Energy Agency's (ARENA's) community electrification grants;
- d) writes to ARENA expressing Council's interest in the community electrification grants program seeking information and advice on developing a constructive partnership to deliver a pilot community electrification program within the City of Randwick; and
- e) writes to the Minister for Planning advocating strengthened basix requirements to limit the prevalence of gas connections in new buildings.

AMENDMENT: (Gordon/Luxford) CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

MOTION: (Gordon/Luxford) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

The **DIVISION** was taken and the names of the Councillors voting FOR and AGAINST were as follows:

| FOR | AGAINST |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Councillor Hamilton | Councillor Willington |
| Councillor Hay | Councillor Magner |
| Councillor Luxford | Councillor Veitch |
| Councillor Gordon | Councillor Rosenfeld |
| Councillor Martin | Councillor Asgari |
| Councillor Wilson | |
| Councillor Said | |
| Councillor Burst | |

Councillor D'Souza
Councillor Parker

Total (10)

Total (5)

MOTION: (Willington/Magner) that Council:

- a) notes that the last 22 Australian studies comparing the energy running costs of all-electric versus gas-connected homes all demonstrate that all-electric homes save households anywhere between \$1,000-\$16,000 per year on their energy bills. No credible, recent study can show dual-fuel (gas-connected) homes being cheaper to run than all-electric ones;
- b) notes the decades of scientific medical research which demonstrates the alarming health impacts associated with indoor gas use, including asthma, leukemia and lymphoma;
- c) writes to the federal environment and climate change minister, Chris Bowen, expressing its support for, and interest in, the minister's proposal to accelerate the electrification of local households and communities via the Australian Renewable Energy Agency's (ARENA's) community electrification grants;
- d) writes to ARENA expressing Council's interest in the community electrification grants program seeking information and advice on developing a constructive partnership to deliver a pilot community electrification program within the City of Randwick; and
- e) seeks a report to be submitted to the May 2025 Council meeting outlining options to update its Development Control Plan to require new developments to be fully electric (without gas).
 - I. The purpose of the report is to ensure that Randwick Council is not making its own transition to all-electric households and communities more difficult and expensive by approving new developments with gas connections.
 - II. The report should consider the 13 other councils in NSW that have or are updating their Development Control Plans to ensure new buildings are all-electric.

NM10/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Making the Chanukah Event a Permanent Fixture (F2021/00020)

40/25

RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Martin) that Council:

- a) note the success of the 2024 Chanukah event;
- b) make this event a permanent fixture in the events calendar; and
- c) allow all Councillors to invite two guests each, up from one.

MOTION: (Rosenfeld/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED: PROCEDURAL MOTION (Burst/Gordon) that the meeting be extended to 1.00am.

NM11/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Harmony Week Celebrations to Include Healing for the Jewish Community (F2011/00156)

41/25

RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Hay) that Council:

- a) acknowledges the serious antisemitic incidents' that have taken place in Randwick LGA against the Jewish community since October 2023 and condemns them completely;
- b) notes that Harmony Week will be held from Monday 17 to Sunday 23 March 2025 to commemorate the importance of respect for all people, regardless of their background; and

- c) include in Council's Harmony Week promotions stories from the Jewish community, to help heal the divide and help embrace their culture along with all cultures that call Australia home, as diversity and tolerance plays an important role in building our countries identity.

MOTION: (Rosenfeld/Hay) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM12/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Heffron Centre Restricted Parking (F2012/00032)

RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Burst) that Council:

- a) ask for a report into the idea of limiting parking at the Heffron Centre to four hours with consideration of exemptions; and
- b) the report is to involve community consultation.

MOTION: (Rosenfeld/Burst) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM13/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Asgari - Consider and Implement an Interim Heritage Order on 'Ariadne' 128 Mount Street, Coogee (F2019/01523)

This item was considered in conjunction with item NM4/25, see resolution number 34/25.

NM14/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Snape Park Environmental and Social Impacts Report (PROJ/10959/2021/1)

MOTION: (Veitch/Willington) that Council:

- a) note community concerns regarding the social and environmental impacts of the proposed Snape Park Indoor Cricket facility;
- b) notes that Rainbow Lorikeets, Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoos, Sulphur Crested Cockatoos, Crested Pigeons, Channel Billed Cuckoos, Galahs, Kookaburras, Hawks, Magpies, Currawongs, possums, flying foxes and many other species of native birds and wildlife have all been observed as regularly occupying the park;
- c) notes that more than a dozen mature habitat trees will be removed as part of the development;
- d) notes that the social and recreational use of the park will be impacted by the new facility;
- e) conduct a wildlife survey, environmental, traffic and social impact study on the site and surrounding area as soon as practicable and prior to any further work being undertaken, with the study to be reported to council; and
- f) that a report be conducted in conjunction with the current community consultation. **LOST.**

AMENDMENT: (Hay/Burst) that Council defer any decision on the upgrade on the Snape Park Indoor Cricket Facility until the results of the public consultation are available. LOST

NM15/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Magner - Investigation of Line Fishing Ban at Clovelly Bay (F2012/00347)

RESOLUTION: (Magner/Willington) that Council:

- a) investigate options to regulate line fishing at Clovelly Bay to improve public safety;
- b) consults with key stakeholders including Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries), local swimming groups, surf lifesaving clubs, and bay users; and

- c) present recommendations to Council including implementation and enforcement strategies.

MOTION: (Magner/Willington) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM16/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Magner - Review and Update of Bus Stops and Shelters Policy (F2005/00282)

44/25

RESOLUTION: (Magner/D'Souza) that Council:

- a) review and update the "Bus Seats at Bus Stops Policy" incorporating current public transport data and accessibility requirements;
- b) prepare a report identifying priority locations for new bus shelters based on:
1. current passenger usage
 2. route frequency
 3. accessibility needs;
- b) review the JCDecaux street furniture contract and explore options for accelerated shelter installation; and
- d) present findings to Council including implementation timeline and funding strategy.

MOTION: (Magner/D'Souza) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM17/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Magner - Implementation of Wayfinding Strategy and Design Standards for Randwick (F2012/00347)

45/25

RESOLUTION: (Magner/Gordon) that Council:

- a) develop a comprehensive Wayfinding and Signage Strategy that incorporates physical and digital navigation elements;
- b) conduct community consultation, particularly with First Nations communities, accessibility groups, and local stakeholders; and
- c) present to Council a detailed implementation plan including design standards, staging priorities, and budget requirements.

MOTION: (Magner/Gordon) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

NM18/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Hamilton - Investigate Angled Parking - Bishops Avenue, Clovelly (F2012/00347)

46/25

RESOLUTION: (Hamilton/Rosenfeld) that Council:

- a) investigate parking options including feasibility of angled or rear to kerb parking along Bishops Avenue from Clovelly Road up to the intersection of Greville Street; and
- b) bring back a report detailing parking options and include how extra EV charging stations, resulting in a loss of on street parking, can be mitigated to afford residents the same or increased parking along Bishops Avenue.

MOTION: (Hamilton/Rosenfeld) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

Questions with Notice

QN1/25 Question with Notice - Question with Notice from Cr Magner - Randwick Junction Town Centre - Current Status and Revitalisation Initiatives (F2015/00431)

Question:

Could Council Officers please provide:

1. A detailed update on the status of the Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal, including anticipated implementation timelines and key milestones?
2. Information regarding potential short-term initiatives that Council could implement to enhance economic activity in the precinct, specifically addressing:
 - Public domain improvements
 - Business activation programs
 - Local business support initiatives
 - Parking optimisation opportunities.
3. Recommendations for additional short to medium-term actions Council might consider implementing to revitalise the Randwick Town Centre's community vibrancy.

Background:

The Randwick Junction Town Centre requires both immediate activation initiatives and longer-term planning solutions to address current challenges.

While the Planning Proposal progresses through Gateway Determination, there is community interest in understanding Council's strategy for immediate revitalisation efforts, particularly regarding street front shop vacancy rates and evening activity.

Recent feedback from the Randwick Precinct Committee and local stakeholders highlights the need for a coordinated approach to both short-term activation and longer-term planning outcomes.

Response from Director Planning & Director Community & Culture:

1. **A detailed update on the status of the Randwick Junction Town Centre Planning Proposal, including anticipated implementation timelines and key milestones?**

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has now issued a Gateway Determination for the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal (RJPP). The Determination, dated 16 February 2025, contains conditions relating to affordable housing requirements, flooding and land contamination that must be met prior to public exhibition of the Planning Proposal. The Proposal is required to be amended and resubmitted to the Minister under 3.34(6) of the Act. The Proposal was submitted to the Department in October 2023. The RJPP contains an explanation of the changes to primary planning controls (Zoning, height of buildings and FSR) in the Randwick LEP 2012. The proposed changes have been informed by a comprehensive urban planning analysis undertaken by Council officers, the input of expert planning consultant advice (heritage, feasibility, transport), urban design studies, community and stakeholder consultation. A range of public benefits or place-based outcomes have been identified as part of the planning review including the provision of affordable housing, pedestrian through-site links, new plazas, the widening of footpaths, the redevelopment of detracting buildings (identified by the Heritage Assessment) and the restoration of heritage and contributory buildings.

Timeline

March/April 2025 - Address conditions in the Gateway determination including additional feasibility assessment, review of height and FSR and affordable housing contributions

May 2025 – report to Council on the amended RJPP

June 2025 – submit the RJPP to Minister

July/August 2025 – Exhibition and community engagement

September 2025 – report to Council on outcome of exhibition

End September 2025 – submit final PP to Parliamentary Counsel for legal opinion

November 2025- RJPP made

2. Information regarding potential short-term initiatives that Council could implement to enhance economic activity in the precinct, specifically addressing:

o Public domain improvements

Urban Design Principles have been developed for the Centre and are contained in the Urban Design Report (May 2023) and Draft Development Control Plan (endorsed by Council in November 2023).

4. Urban design vision and principles

4.1. Urban design vision

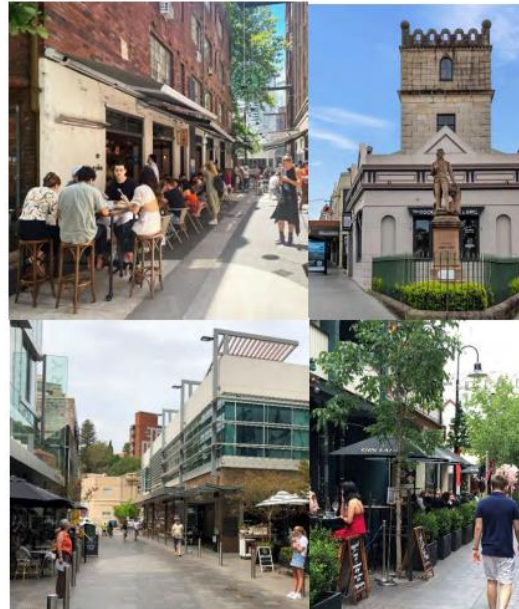
The urban design vision for RJTC captures the people focussed experience of the public realm – well scaled streets, plazas and urban parks that comprise any well-designed urban environment in Australia or internationally.

We expect a high-quality urban environment, a respect for heritage, a town centre with ready access to public transport, an environment that is easy to walk and to cycle, and that performs well environmentally, with good tree canopy cover and a sustainable approach to the design of buildings and the components of the public domain. A place that is functional, modern and that inspires, that recognises our Aboriginal heritage, and that incorporates quality street furniture and inspired public art.

The urban design vision for RJTC is for:

'A lively and pedestrian friendly town centre, with a series of interconnected public places and attractive streetscapes that celebrate Randwick Junction's unique cultural heritage, that strengthens its 'village character' and that looks to the future, embracing a viable and environmentally sustainable ethos in the design of the buildings and the public domain.'

Ref: *Urban Design Report (May 2023)*



o Business activation programs

A Shop Local Buy Local campaign will also be delivered in this area in 2025 to bring people back to this area to support local business and to encourage the local businesses to provide special offers. For this area, a focus on night-time restaurant offers and aligned programming.

Council is also investigating a three-year state funded "open streets" grant including the Randwick Town Centre as a key location, to build vibrancy, support the local businesses and increase visitation

o Local business support initiatives

- Council's Economic Development have been working closely with the local Chamber to support seeking external funding and to support capacity building opportunities (workshops, networking events) for the town centre
- Randwick Town Centre has been looked at as a location for pop up shop activations, preceded by an audit of empty spaces
- Preceding the pop-up shops program, a combined approach for Council to meet with local landlords to ascertain viable opportunities to reactivate empty shops, and bring in commercial and creative occupants

o Parking optimisation opportunities

A local transport study was commissioned by Council in 2022 which investigated existing transport conditions and facilities including car parking. The study provides a range of recommendations for improvements and for new infrastructure. One of the recommendations is to prepare a coordinated public parking management plan for the Centre. Further work will be undertaken in collaboration with Council's Transport team. The study recognises the objective to develop a safe, efficient and sustainable network that incentivises public and active transport and reduces car dependency. Further information is available here.

3. Recommendations for additional short to medium-term actions Council might consider implementing to revitalise the Randwick Town Centre's community vibrancy.

- Council Officers will be analysing spend data and shop vacancy data for Belmore Road. The spend data will give an indication of how spending habits have tracked over a number of years.
- There is a location-based activations program that could be delivered in this commercial location, with creative programming at Waratah Plaza and also possibly for June Moore Place.
- There has been interest by a local business to run an op-shop/second hand market in Waratah Plaza to support the 3 local op shops and also activate the Plaza. Council is working with the representative on this.
- Council continues to meet with representatives from the Randwick Health & Innovation Precinct on a number of placemaking initiatives. In the medium to long term the additional creation of jobs at the RHIP will have a flow on effect to businesses on Belmore Road.

Petitions

Nil.

Confidential Reports

The meeting moved into closed session in order to consider confidential items.

CO11/25 Confidential - Web Content Hosting Services (F2024/02603)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (d) Of the Local Government Act, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

47/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Magner) that Council defer consideration of this item and bring it to a Councillor briefing.

MOTION: (Veitch/Magner) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY - SEE RESOLUTION.

CO12/25 Confidential - Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Minutes - December 2024 (F2020/00105)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (f) Of the Local Government Act, as it deals with matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

48/25

RESOLUTION: (Magner/Willington) that the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held 12 December 2024 be received and noted.

MOTION: (Magner/Willington) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

CC4/25 Confidential - Introducing a Reformer Pilates Studio at Des Renford Leisure Centre (F2006/00406)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (d) Of the Local Government Act, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

49/25

RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Burst) that Council endorse the report and proceed with the Reformer Pilates Studio at DRLC.

MOTION: (Rosenfeld/Burst) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.

The meeting moved back into open session.

Notice of Rescission Motions

A rescission motion on item NM5/25 Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - 125th Anniversary of the Federation of Australia - January 2026 was submitted by Crs Veitch, Wellington and Magner in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice and will be dealt with at the next available meeting of Council.

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor, Cr D Parker, declared the meeting closed at 12.56am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Randwick City Council held on Tuesday, 25 March 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON