



MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2025 AT 7.09PM

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor D Parker (Central Ward)

Central Ward	- Councillors D Gordon & D Rosenfeld
East Ward	- Councillors M Asgari & 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:

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

Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People & Prayer

The Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People was read by Cr Asgari. The Council Prayer was read by Cr D'Souza.

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Apologies were received from Cr Martin.

RESOLVED: (Hamilton/Rosenfeld) that the apology received from Cr Martin be accepted and leave of absence from the meeting be granted.

Requests to Attend Meeting by Audio-Visual Link

A request to attend the meeting by audio-visual link was received from Cr Magner.

RESOLVED: (D'Souza/Willington) that the request from Cr Magner to attend this meeting by audio-visual link be approved.

Confirmation of the Minutes

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2025

RESOLUTION: (Asgari/Rosenfeld) that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 29 April 2025 (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) Cr Rosenfeld declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Item NM55/25 as he knows one of the speakers on this matter.
- b) Cr Said declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Items NM55/25 and NM56/25 as a previous Council resolution states that Council will not engage in debate on international conflicts. Cr Said will not be participating in the debate or voting on this matter.
- c) Cr Veitch declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Items CS20/25 and NM55/25 as she knows speakers on both items.
- d) Cr Rosenfeld declared a pecuniary interest in UB2/25 as his sister lives in close proximity to the property. Cr Rosenfeld advised that he would not be participating in the debate or voting on this matter.
- e) Cr Gordon declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in UB2/25 as he knows the person who lives across the road from this location. Cr Gordon advised that he would not be participating in the debate or voting on this matter.
- f) Cr Hay declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Item NM51/25 as he knows someone who lives near the park.

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:

CS20/25	THE SPOT STREETSCAPE UPGRADES - CONCEPT DESIGN AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
Against	Helen Deegan
Against	Janet Alexander, representing the Randwick & The Spot Chamber of Commerce
NM48/25	NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR ROSENFELD - ADDRESSING MOTORIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES AT THE CORNER OF MASON AND HANNAN STREETS, MAROUBRA
For	Kamal William
NM55/25	NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CR VEITCH - CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA
Against	Ben Klein
For	Michelle Anna Berkon

RESOLVED: (Procedural Motion) (Gordon/Willington) that items NM55/25, CS20/25 and NM48/25 be dealt with as the first items of business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.20pm and was resumed at 8.32pm.

Mayoral Minutes

MM14/25 Mayoral Minute - Financial Assistance and Donations - April - May 2025 (F2025/06574)

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

- a) note the donation of \$500.00 for IndigiGrow Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. \$250.00 has been donated for the Morning Tea and \$250.00 donated directly to Cancer Council.

- b) note the waiving of the hire fees for the use of Maroubra Beach on 10 May 2025 for a fundraiser for Kids Cancer Project to the value of \$544.00.
- c) waive the fees for the hire of DRLC Training pool for Surf Life Saving Sydney for Surf Sports Pool Rescue Clinic and Branch Championships on 1 June and 15 June 2025 to the value of \$2379.00.
- d) donate an amount of \$990.00 to the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal to help people in need.
- e) waive the fees for the hire of Coral Sea Park to the Vintage Sports Car Club to celebrate the Centenary of the opening of Maroubra speedway on 5 December 2025 to the value of \$737.00.
- f) donate an amount of \$1000.00 to the Randwick City football Club in support for the Purple Hearts program.

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

MM15/25 Mayoral Minute - Honouring the memory of Rodney MacDonald with a plaque at Malabar Pool (F2025/06574)

127/25 **RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker)** that Council erect a plaque in memory of Rodney MacDonald at a spot at Malabar Pool.

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

Urgent Business

UB2/25 Cr Andrew Hay - Demolition of 27 Aboud Avenue Kensington

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

128/25 **RESOLUTION: (Hay/Hamilton)** that Council:

- a) note Aboud Avenue Kingsford is a street lined with beautiful houses in the style of Federation Bungalows or Californian Bungalows;
- b) note that 27 Aboud Avenue Kingsford has been demolished;
- c) note that Council did not receive a DA or CDC indicating the residence was to be demolished, therefore it was done without appropriate notification given to Council and in turn residents in Aboud Ave and those surrounding addresses;
- d) explore introducing controls into the relevant sections of the Randwick Development Control Plan that encourages new buildings (that replace existing dwellings) to include elements within its architectural style that reflects and enhances the sympathetic characteristics of the street; and
- e) bring back a report, or report in the upcoming Development Control Plan, that details what policy changes can be done to ensure that all developments in Randwick City are sympathetic to their local area.

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

UB3/25 Cr Bill Burst - Assistance for 100th Anniversary of First Seaplane

129/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Said) that Council investigate and supply in kind assistance for the 100th Anniversary of the first seaplane built and flown at La Perouse, Botany Bay in Randwick LGA on 8 July 1925.

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

General Manager's Reports

Nil.

Director City Planning Reports**CP15/25 Director City Planning Report - Variations to Development Standards under Clause 4.6 - 1 April to 30 April 2025 (F2008/00122)**

130/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that Council receive and note the report - Variations to Development Standards under Clause 4.6 of Randwick Local Environmental Plan 2012.

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

CP16/25 Director City Planning Report - Celebrating Randwick's 20th Eco Living Festival (F2025/00182)

131/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Asgari) that Council:

- a) endorse the main festival, Eco Living celebration activities will be extended throughout the month of September, across the LGA, to expand the impact and accessibility of the program;
- b) note that 2025 will mark its 20th annual Eco Living Festival, which is the longest-running sustainability festival in the Eastern Suburbs area;
- c) note the main festival event will be held on Sunday 14 September 2025 at Broadarrow Reserve, Maroubra and
- d) note the month-long program of events and the festival is funded from the 2025-26 Environment Levy (Festival funding and existing funded program of activities).

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

Director City Services Reports**CS17/25 Director City Services Report - Play Streets Proposal (F2020/00636)**

132/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that Council, given the challenges associated with implementation, not proceed with the proposal to trial play streets at this time.

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

CS18/25 Director City Services Report - See Street, Kingsford - Median Reserve and Tree Planting (F2019/06142)

133/25

RESOLUTION: (Magner/Hay) that Council:

- a) endorse the concept plan to construct a median island for tree planting and landscape planting in See Street, Kingsford;
- b) endorse community consultation and detailed design for the project being undertaken when the funding is adopted in the capital works program;

- c) officers undertake a review of other locations across Randwick City Council where similar median island or in-street planting opportunities may be feasible, with particular focus on roads with excess carriageway width, and report back to Council with a prioritised list of potential sites and preliminary cost estimates; and
- d) officers include in the report a resourcing strategy and funding options for implementing prioritised median island and in-street planting projects, commencing in the 2026-27 financial year.

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

CS19/25 Director City Services Report - Submission to the NSW Government's Review of the Companion Animals Act 1998 (F2015/06453)

RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Asgari) that Council receive and note this report.

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

CS20/25 Director City Services Report - The Spot Streetscape Upgrades - Concept Design and Community Consultation (F2024/00011)

Note: A rescission motion on this item was submitted by Crs Hamilton, Hay & Rosenfeld and will be dealt with at the next available meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION: (Gordon/Luxford) that Council:

- a) endorses The Spot's proposed town centre upgrade, including:
 - a. widening of the footpath on St Pauls Street (East);
 - b. widening of the footpath on St Pauls Street (West).
- b) proceeds with implementation of the proposed angled parking arrangements in Coogee Bay Road to support the proposed streetscape upgrades.

MOTION: (Hay/Hamilton) that Council:

- a) defers The Spot's proposed town centre upgrade and proposed parking space changes in Coogee Bay Road for a period of one year; and
- b) at the end of that period, a report be brought back to Council with the community feedback and a further consideration of whether to proceed with the works.

AMENDMENT: (Gordon/Luxford) - CARRIED ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE MAYOR AND BECAME THE MOTION.

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 Said	Councillor Rosenfeld
Councillor D'Souza	Councillor Asgari
Councillor Parker	Councillor Burst
Total (7)	Total (7)

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

CS21/25 Director City Services Report - Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee - May 2025 (F2018/00158)

136/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that the Minutes of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 May 2025, be received and noted.

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

Director Community & Culture Reports

CC14/25 Director Community & Culture Report - A Safer Randwick City: Community Safety Study and Action Plan, 2025-35 (F2012/00534)

137/25

RESOLUTION: (Willington/Veitch) that Council:

- a) endorse *A Safer Randwick City: Community Safety Action Plan (2025-2035)* to be placed on public exhibition;
- b) notes that the Community Safety Study (2024) report will be published on Council's website to accompany public exhibition of *A Safer Randwick City: Community Safety Action Plan (2025-2035)*;
- c) notes that following public exhibition the final plan will come back to Council for endorsement and commencement of *A Safer Randwick City: Community Safety Action Plan (2025-2035)*;
- d) notes that the first year of the plan will provide baseline data, after which the baseline data can be included where possible, with future targets set over the course of the 10 year plan from 2026 onwards;
- e) focus Area 4 in the safety study and action plan be amended as follows:
 - 4 Individual conditions for safety on page 34;
 - amend to include a new point 4.3 "harms related to gambling and gaming are minimised in Randwick LGA. Residents in need are referred to specialist services and Council promotes harm minimisation activities via its usual communications channels"; and
 - the existing 4.3 becomes 4.4 and the exiting 4.4 becomes 4.5.

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

CC15/25 Director Community & Culture Report - Childcare in Randwick City (F2024/00175)

138/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Asgari) that Council:

- a) investigate running or supporting parent and guardian information sessions within Randwick City Libraries, to increase understanding of accessing childcare.
- b) host a networking event for local childcare service providers, to increase knowledge sharing opportunities across the sector.
- c) explore further improvements for waitlist practices at Moverly Children's Centre, to increase transparency for families seeking to access childcare.
- d) investigate hosting an early childhood educators awards night to recognise and celebrate the contribution of childcare workers in Randwick City.
- e) note that Council is currently undertaking an infrastructure needs assessment. This assessment will provide evidence of any gaps in the provision of social infrastructure within the LGA, including childcare centres.
- f) write to the State and Federal Governments to support and prioritise the provision of reducing costs for childcare in Australia.

- g) note the application for the Federal Government Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Worker Retention Payment grant was submitted on 6 December 2024 and is currently being processed.

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

CC16/25 Director Community & Culture Report - Mobile Food Vending Vehicles (Food Trucks) Policy - Community Consultation Outcomes (F2024/00049)

139/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Hamilton) that Council:

- a) note the outcomes of the community consultation on the draft Mobile Food Vending Policy;
- b) endorse the addition to the Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy of a limit of 3 itinerant Mobile Food Vending Vehicles in Council car parks at any one time;
- c) endorse the amendments to the Fixed Site program, including removal of the Dacre Street Malabar site;
- d) endorse a 30% reduction on site fees from \$3200.00 to \$2240.00 (peak) and from \$2400.00 to \$1680.00 (off-peak), to be updated in the 2025-26 fees and charges;
- e) endorse the addition to the Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy of a cancellation of an approval clause; and
- f) endorse making the attached and amended Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Policy permanent.

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

Director Corporate Services Reports

CO23/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Code of Conduct - Statutory Review (F2004/06569)

140/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Code of Conduct for Council committee members, delegates of Council and Council advisers be reconfirmed.

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

CO24/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Code of Meeting Practice - Statutory Review (F2004/06570)

141/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that, in accordance with section 360(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, the Code of Meeting Practice be adopted (without amendment).

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

CO25/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Review of Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy (F2004/06576)

142/25

RESOLUTION: (Luxford/D'Souza) that the amended Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy be endorsed for public exhibition in accordance with section 253(1) of the Local Government Act.

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

CO26/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Delegations of Authority - Statutory Review (F2004/06895)

143/25

RESOLUTION: (Gordon/Luxford) that:

- a) the General Manager's current delegations be re-affirmed by Council, delegating to the General Manager, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, all the powers and functions of the Council that it may under any Act of Parliament lawfully delegate, subject to the limitations set out below:
 - i. those functions specified in Section 377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 as functions which may not be delegated.
 - ii. any function specified in any other Act of Parliament as a function which may not be delegated.
 - iii. the writing off of debts over the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with clause 213(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in that the amount above which debts to the Council may be written off only by resolution of the Council is set at \$10,000.
 - iv. the writing off of an individual rate or charge over the amount of \$1,000 in accordance with clause 131(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in that the amount above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the Council is set at \$1,000.
 - v. decisions in relation to removing trees where the tree is;
 - a. a public fig tree or other species of significant size and age that has caused structural damage to public or private property and is not viable to retain OR
 - b. a public tree on Council's Significant Tree Register.
 - vi. any adopted policy, decisions or directions of the Council.
- b) Council re-affirms and delegates to the General Manager, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, the functions conferred on local plan-making authorities under Section 3.31 and 3.36 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- c) the delegations to the Mayor and to the Mayor and General Manager jointly, as detailed in this report, be re-affirmed.

MOTION: (Veitch/Willington) that:

- a) the General Manager's current delegations be re-affirmed by Council, delegating to the General Manager, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, all the powers and functions of the Council that it may under any Act of Parliament lawfully delegate, subject to the limitations set out below:
 - those functions specified in Section 377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 as functions which may not be delegated.
 - any function specified in any other Act of Parliament as a function which may not be delegated.
 - the writing off of debts over the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with clause 213(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in that the amount above which debts to the Council may be written off only by resolution of the Council is set at \$10,000.
 - the writing off of an individual rate or charge over the amount of \$1,000 in accordance with clause 131(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, in that the amount above which any individual rate or charge may be written off only by resolution of the Council is set at \$1,000.
 - decisions in relation to removing trees where the tree is;
 - a public fig tree or other species of significant size and age that has caused structural damage to public or private property and is not viable to retain OR
 - a public tree on Council's Significant Tree Register.
 - any adopted policy, decisions or directions of the Council.
 - determining applications for grants, donations or other financial assistance above \$3000.00;
 - decisions to name, close or open a road, subject to a further report;
 - the granting of a lease or license for use of Council property (other than residential);

- the carrying out of any new services or activities, or significantly vary an existing service or activity that is not authorised under the current management plan, budget or by Council resolution;
 - the making of Council policy, releasing Council policy for public consultation or exhibition, and the adoption of a Council policy (where the term policy covers LEP, DCP, Plans of Management, Voluntary Planning Agreement, Annual budget and operational plan, Delivery Program, Community Strategic Plan, strategies, policies and action plans that relate to the Randwick LGA, elected Council and Councillors);
 - approving variations that, cumulatively exceed the budget and contingency approved by Council
 - the approval of concept designs for all major capital works;
 - submissions made in the name of the Council in response to Government requests for consultation and input;
 - the appointment of senior staff, organisation change which involves change to senior manager positions, the entering into an enterprise agreement, agreeing to award changes;
 - agreeing to enter into sponsorship arrangements;
- b) Council re-affirms and delegates to the General Manager, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, the functions conferred on local plan-making authorities under Section 3.31 and 3.36 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
- c) the delegations to the Mayor and to the Mayor and General Manager jointly, as detailed in this report, be re-affirmed.

AMENDMENT: (Gordon/Luxford) – 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 Magner	Councillor Hamilton
Councillor Luxford	Councillor Willington
Councillor Gordon	Councillor Veitch
Councillor Rosenfeld	Councillor Hay
Councillor Asgari	Councillor Burst
Councillor Wilson	
Councillor Said	
Councillor D'Souza	
Councillor Parker	
Total (9)	Total (5)

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

Councillor Veitch and Councillor Willington requested that their names be recorded as voting against this resolution.

CO27/25

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

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

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

CO28/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Quarterly Budget Review - March 2025 (F2021/00364)

145/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that Council:

- a) notes that the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review includes a transfer of \$380K into the 2025/26 One-off Pensioner Rebate Reserve to fund the one-off additional pensioner rebate of \$100.00 in 2025/26 FY;
- b) receives and notes the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statements (QBRs) Report; and
- c) adopts the proposed budget variations for March 2025, as detailed in the QBRs attachment to this report.

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

CO29/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Financial Report for 30 April 2025 (F2021/00364)

146/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that the Monthly Financial Report for 30 April 2025 be received and noted.**MOTION: (Burst/Veitch) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

CO30/25 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Investment Report - April 2025 (F2016/06527)

147/25

RESOLUTION: (Burst/Veitch) that the Investment Report for April 2025 be received and noted.**MOTION: (Burst/Veitch) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****Motions Pursuant to Notice**

NM47/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Asgari - Investigation into Reducing Election Material Waste (F2004/06815)

148/25

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

- a) notes thousands of election corflutes are placed on Council property every election in this LGA and this:
 - creates visual pollution;
 - can inconvenience residents by the corflute placements;
 - produces a large amount of waste that has to be disposed of;
 - costs Council in recycling fees;
 - can become litter;
 - is a large impost on campaigns and thus impacts the democratic process;
- b) notes that hundreds of thousands of How-To-Votes are printed every election and eventually end up being recycled or part of the waste stream;
- c) bring back a report into reducing election material waste; and
- d) examine policies employed in other LGAs to reduce election material waste, consider banning corflutes on Council property (including parking poles, etc.) and explore the use of temporary billboards in major centres to display a reduced number of candidate corflutes as part of this report.

MOTION: (Asgari/D'Souza) 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 Rosenfeld
Councillor Luxford	Councillor Wilson
Councillor Gordon	Councillor Burst
Councillor Asgari	
Councillor Said	
Councillor D'Souza	
Councillor Parker	
Total (9)	Total (5)

NM48/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Addressing Motorist and Pedestrian Safety Issues at the Corner of Mason and Hannan Streets, Maroubra (F2015/00395)

149/25 **RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Burst)** that Council ask the Traffic Committee to investigate changes to extend the length of the current No Parking area at the South-East corner of Mason Street and Hannan Street, Maroubra.

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

NM49/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - Council Investigate the John Cann Collection Through a Significance Assessment & Preservation Needs Assessment (F2018/01185)

150/25 **RESOLUTION: (Burst/Said)** that Council Officers bring back a report on investigation of the John Cann collection through a Significance Assessment & Preservation Needs Assessment.

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

NM50/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Burst - Yarra Oval - La Perouse Rugby League Club Canteen Leaks (F2025/00160)

151/25 **RESOLUTION: (Burst/Said)** that Council investigate Yarra Oval La Perouse Rugby League Club Canteen leaks.

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

NM51/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Wilson - Dog Off-Lead Park Henning Avenue, South Coogee (F2011/00200)

152/25 **RESOLUTION: (Wilson/Asgari)** that Council Officers investigate the creation of an off-lead dog park in the below places and bring a report to Council;

- the part of Latham Park in Henning Avenue, South Coogee next to the Latham Park Tennis Centre, with some fencing between this section and the sports fields to be looked at in the report; and
- a section of Gollan Park, South Coogee.

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

Councillor Veitch requested that her name be recorded as voting against this resolution.

NM52/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Willington - Greener Verges: Promoting Biodiversity on the Street via the Native Havens Program (F2005/00537)

153/25

RESOLUTION: (Willington/Veitch) that Council:

- a) acknowledges the importance of the Native Havens Program in promoting local biodiversity especially the opportunity provided by native verge gardens;
- b) seeks to increase community awareness of the Native Havens Program, through all the usual communications channels and where a new garden has been installed, by installing a discrete sign with a QR code linking to information about the program; and
- c) promotes the Native Havens Program at venues such as, but not limited to: The Saturday Circle, community markets, The Randwick Community Nursery, Indigigrow, Libraries and Councillor Let's Chat sessions.

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

MOTION: (Hay/Rosenfeld) that Council move to confidential session at this point in the meeting. **LOST.**

RESOLVED: (Procedural Motion) (Hay/Rosenfeld) 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 Veitch
Councillor Willington	Councillor Luxford
Councillor Magner	Councillor Gordon
Councillor Hay	Councillor Asgari
Councillor Rosenfeld	Councillor Parker
Councillor Wilson	
Councillor Said	
Councillor Burst	
Councillor D'Souza	
Total (9)	Total (5)

NM53/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford - Neon Building Light Curfew (F2004/07929)

154/25

RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Hay) that Randwick City Council officers investigate building consents and write to building owners that have large neon lights advertising themselves to shut down the lights at 9pm.

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

NM54/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Taking Action on Gender Based Violence (F2013/00153)

155/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Willington) that Council:

- a) notes that Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is an annual event held each May to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence and the support available to those affected;
- b) notes that 103 Australian women and 16 children were killed in 2024, with 30 women and 11 children killed in the period January to May 2025 (at time of writing);
- c) expresses our sorrow at the death of Randwick resident Claire Austin, who died due to an alleged Domestic Violence incident on April 15;

- d) remembers and expresses our deepest sympathies to the victims and survivors impacted by the 13 April 2024 attack in Bondi Junction. Five of the six people killed in the attack were women, as were nine of the twelve people who were injured;
- e) calls on all levels of government and community to join forces to address the global pandemic of violence against women and girls, and the problems of gender-based violence that affect people in our community;
- f) notes the events being held and the work that is being done by Council to address issues around gender-based violence, including the Family and Domestic Violence Community Vigil, which was held on May 7;
- g) commends the work of the UNSEEN Women's Artists Group and their exhibition at the Bowen Library, which tackles issues relating to gender-based violence, disability and homelessness;
- h) holds a minute's silence in remembrance of Claire Austin and all victims of gender-based violence; and
- i) receives a report on how council can increase its direct funding for housing and support services for survivors of Family and Domestic Violence.

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

A minute's silence was observed in accordance with the above resolution.

NM55/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Call for a Ceasefire in Gaza (F2012/00347)

Note: Having previously declared an interest, Cr Said left the chamber and took no part in the debate or voting on this matter.

156/25

RESOLUTION: (Gordon/Wilson) that Randwick Council:

- a) does not take a position on international conflicts;
- b) acknowledge that discussing this matter inflames community tensions; and
- c) should focus on improving the daily lives of the residents within its boundary.

MOTION: (Veitch/Willington) that Council calls on Australian Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Penny Wong, to:

- a) call for the release of all hostages and administrative detainees in Israel and Gaza; and
- b) unequivocally demand that the Israeli government withdraw its military from Gaza and the West Bank; stop the bombing of Gaza, and immediately end the blockade that has cut off food, water, electricity and medicine to Gaza since 2 March 2025.

AMENDMENT: (Gordon/Wilson) - 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 Hamilton	Councillor Willington
Councillor Magner	Councillor Veitch
Councillor Hay	Councillor Asgari
Councillor Luxford	
Councillor Gordon	
Councillor Rosenfeld	
Councillor Wilson	
Councillor Burst	
Councillor D'Souza	

Councillor Parker

Total (10)

Total (3)

MOTION: (Gordon/Wilson) 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 Magner	Councillor Veitch
Councillor Hay	Councillor Asgari
Councillor Luxford	
Councillor Gordon	
Councillor Rosenfeld	
Councillor Wilson	
Councillor Burst	
Councillor D'Souza	
Councillor Parker	
Total (10)	Total (3)

NM56/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Support for Press Freedom (F2012/00347)

Note: Having previously declared an interest, Cr Said left the chamber and took no part in the debate or voting on this matter.

157/25

RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Willington) that Council:

- notes that May 3 was proclaimed World Press Freedom Day by the UN General Assembly in 1993 following a Recommendation adopted at the twenty-sixth session of UNESCO's General Conference in 1991. It serves as an occasion to remind governments of the need to respect their commitment to press freedom, to inform citizens of press freedom violations, and to encourage and develop initiatives to support press freedom;
- re-affirms its support for World Press Freedom Day, and its support for freedom of expression and freedom of the press, and for the protection of media workers and whistleblowers in all jurisdictions everywhere;
- commends the commitment and bravery of media workers working in the conflict zones and bringing to light the impacts of war on civilians;
- supports calls to value and highlight the insights and lived experiences of journalists from diverse backgrounds, particularly those with personal connections to regions affected by conflict, as essential to providing accurate and empathetic coverage; and
- writes to the Federal Minister for Communications, The Hon Anika Wells MP, and the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance (MEAA) with reference to points 1-4.

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

NM57/25 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Young Entrepreneurs Program (F2012/00347)

MOTION: (Hay/Hamilton) that Randwick Council prepare a report outlining a trial of a young entrepreneur's program.

The program would allow young locals to operate small business on some public land, if only for a day. This could have a small market atmosphere, where there could be ten or twenty stalls selling a variety of different products.

These might be held one day per month in a different location each time. Potential locations include Waratah Plaza, Meeks St Plaza and the promenades near our beaches.

Sample guidelines should include that an applicant must:

- be a Randwick resident
- be under the age of 15
- have parent or guardian supervision
- have a product they want to sell, (aiming for a variety of different products available)
- have a system for collecting card payments, partially manage their finances and keep their profit. **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 Rosenfeld	Councillor Veitch
Councillor Said	Councillor Luxford
Councillor Burst	Councillor Gordon
Councillor D'Souza	Councillor Asgari
	Councillor Wilson
	Councillor Parker
Total (6)	Total (8)

Questions with Notice

QN5/25 Question with Notice - Question with Notice from Cr Willington - Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) (F2025/01446)

Question:

1. As part of its operations does Council conduct rodent control to protect business and the community and if so, do these activities include a baiting and monitoring program?
2. Has Council or its contractors used any Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) in the Randwick LGA during the past 12 months? If so, for each product used, please provide:
 - product name and active ingredient
 - date(s) of application
 - locations
 - quantity applied.
3. If Council and its contractors are using SGARS, who determines which rodenticide products are deployed by Council contractors, the Council or the contractor? If Council selects the products, what criteria or risk-assessment process guides that choice?
4. Are Council officers aware of the widely documented negative effects of SGARs on birds and other wildlife due to the higher risk of secondary poisoning to non-target animals?

5. How does Council ensure its pest-control contractors work to industry best practice and Council safety requirements and policies when handling, placing and disposing of rodenticides?
6. If Council or its contractors are using SGARS, will measures be taken to identify a suitable alternative product to replace SGARS, such as a first-generation product that does not have the potential for bioaccumulation?
7. In November 2022, Cr Veitch received an email from the Manager of Infrastructure Services indicating that Council would move away from the use of SGARS: what actions have been taken to stop the use of SGARS since that assurance was given in November 2022?

Response from Director City Services:

1. Council Officers have a baiting and monitoring program.
2. A report will be brought back to Council at its July 2025 Ordinary Meeting with the information requested.
3. Council Officers request methodology and Council Contractors select suited product.
4. Council Officers aim to mitigate impacts on environment where practicable in all operational activities. Council Officers utilise different baiting techniques to address the issues of the rodents at Coogee after community concern.
5. Council engages suitably qualified pest control contractors in line with the Local Government Act 1993.
6. Council Officers utilise different baiting techniques to address the issues of the rodents at Coogee after community concern.
7. Council Officers trialled first-generation rodenticides in late 2022 and early 2023 and have found these to be ineffective in the management of rodents within our open space areas. The consequence of this trial contributed to an outbreak of rodent populations and a multitude of complaints from members of the public. Council has since returned to the use of second-generation rodenticides, which has led to greater control of rodent populations. Council is monitoring for any adverse effects, however, at this stage none have been recorded.

Petitions

Cr D'Souza tabled a petition on behalf of the Randwick Chamber of Commerce and associated businesses objecting to the proposed parking changes at The Spot, Randwick.

Confidential Reports

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

GM3/25 Confidential - Organisation Restructure 2025 (F2025/00336)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (a) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

RESOLUTION: (D'Souza/Willington) that:

- a) this report be received and noted; and
- b) Council extend its sincere gratitude to any outgoing Managers for their significant service to Council and to the community of Randwick.

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

GM4/25 Confidential - Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee - Chairperson's Annual Performance Report (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.

159/25 **RESOLUTION: (Willington/D'Souza)** that the Annual ARIC Performance Report 2024 be received and noted.

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

CO18/25 Confidential - Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee Minutes - April 2025 (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.

160/25 **RESOLUTION: (Willington/Hamilton)** that the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee meeting held 3 April 2025 be received and noted.

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

CS22/25 Confidential - Provision of Hygiene and Washroom Services - SSROC Tender T2024-03 (F2025/00113)

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.

161/25 **RESOLUTION: (Luxford/D'Souza)** that:

- a) under Regulation 178(1)(a) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and subject to contractual negotiations being finalised to the reasonable satisfaction of the General Manager, AlSCO Uniforms Pty Ltd, Baystar Express Pty Ltd t/as Star Hygiene and Enviro-LCS Pty Ltd be accepted as the successful tenderers for SSROC T2024-03 Provision of Hygiene and Washroom Services, at their submitted rates for the term of the agreement; and
- b) under Section 377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 the General Manager is authorised to enter into a preferred supplier agreement with AlSCO Uniforms Pty Ltd, Baystar Express Pty Ltd t/as Star Hygiene and Enviro-LCS Pty Ltd for a period of 3 years, with 2 optional 1-year extensions.

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

CS23/25 Confidential - Animal Care and Rehoming Services (F2014/00331)

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. (Commercial contract from Sydney Dogs and Cats Home attached to the report.)

162/25 **RESOLUTION: (Burst/Asgari)** that:

- a) in accordance with Section 55(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council does not proceed to tender for the provision of Animal Care Services due to extenuating circumstances as detailed in the report; and
- b) the General Manager, or his delegate, be authorised to enter into a 5-year agreement with Sydney Dogs and Cats Home Pty Ltd for Animal Care services, at their submitted rates.

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

The meeting moved back into open session.

Notice of Rescission Motions

A rescission motion on item CS20/25, Director City Services Report - The Spot Streetscape Upgrades - Concept Design and Community Consultation was submitted by Crs Hamilton, Hay & Rosenfeld 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 11.10pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Randwick City Council held on Tuesday, 17 June 2025.

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CHAIRPERSON