

Ordinary Council Meeting

Supplementary Business Paper

Tuesday 29 July 2025



Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st floor Town Hall building, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at 7pm

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Ray Brownlee, PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM21/25

Subject: Sorry Business - Vale Robert Gregory Simms Vale Ava Longbottom

Motion:

That Council acknowledges recent Sorry Business in community and expresses its deepest condolences to Simms and Longbottom families. A minute of silence is offered to acknowledge the life and passing of Robert Gregory Simms, and also the life and passing of Ava Longbottom.

Background:

Uncle Greg Simms

Respected Elder of the Bidjigal and Gundungurra peoples, with ancestral ties to the lower South Coast, Vale Robert Gregory Simms (Uncle Greg), died on Sunday 22 June 2025, aged 76 years. He is survived by his two children, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, sisters Aunty Marge, cousins Aunty Barb, Aunty Yvonne, and Aunty Lorraine (Aunty Marjie), and nieces.

Uncle Greg was born in 1949, grew up on the La Perouse Mission in 1949 and held strong ties to Western Sydney. Uncle Greg dedicated his life's work to reconciliation, cultural education and community. He used the art of woodcarving and storytelling that was passed on to him by his father and grandfather, to mentor younger generations and foster respect and understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. Uncle Greg was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2024 in recognition of his unwavering dedication to First Nations communities. He was also awarded a Key to Blacktown City in 2024, was an Elder at the Western Sydney University, and held an Elders in Residence role at the Blacktown Arts Centre.

Ava Longbottom

Ava Longbottom was born in 1955 of the La Perouse community and passed away on 22 June 2025. She is survived by her daughter Sharmaine, sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Ava was a Board Member of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and remembered as a woman who fought for the rights of her community. She was a passionate netball and vigorous player in her younger years and a strong advocate for Native Title and Land Rights over the past few decades where Ava was involved in the establishment and running of many community initiatives and programs.

Sorry Business

Council acknowledges recent Sorry Business and expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Simms and Longbottom families and community at this time.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2025/06574

Mayoral Minute No. MM22/25

Subject: Vale Maria Reilly

Motion:

That Council observes a minute's silence to acknowledge the life and passing of the late Maria Reilly, Matraville's oldest resident.

Background:

It is with deep respect and sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Ms Maria Reilly, Matraville's oldest resident, who passed away earlier this week at the remarkable age of 108, as counted by the Asian lunar-solar calendar.

Born in Malaysia in the Year of the Dragon, Maria embodied the vitality and spirit traditionally associated with her zodiac. Throughout her life, she demonstrated incredible resilience, energy, and a commitment to her family and community.

Maria's early years were shaped by extraordinary hardship. She lived through the 1941 Japanese invasion of what was then British Malaya during the Second World War, a time of immense struggle. Amid scarcity and fear, Maria endured—often making a single cup of rice last a week to feed her two young children.

At the age of 50, Maria came to Australia for her daughter's wedding. She chose to make this country her home, embracing its diversity and warmth. Those that knew her well describe a person who loved her new home and who was always ready to help others.

Maria worked as a nurse in Malaysia and Singapore, serving her community with compassion and dedication until 1969 when she came to Australia. Later, while working as a tea lady at the Water Board—now Sydney Water—she met her future husband, World War II veteran Jim Reilly.

Their love story was one of patience and devotion. After a decade, Maria and Jim married in 1996 at Edgecliff Catholic Church, beginning a joyful chapter that lasted 15 years until Jim's passing at the age of 98.

Maria's family credits her enduring health and longevity to the late-blooming love she shared with Jim and their vibrant social life.

Maria was a member of the Catholic Club (now Castlereagh Club) in Sydney, the Labor Club in Randwick, Souths Juniors, and Matraville RSL Club.

She was also a parishioner of St Agnes' War Memorial Church in Matraville (in the Parish of the Holy Martyrs Malabar—Matraville), a cherished member who brought life, warmth and joy to many.

Maria is survived by her son, Son Sooi, daughters Poh Choo, Ruby, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. We also remember her son Steven, who sadly passed away.

On behalf of Council, I extend our deepest condolences to Maria's family and honour her extraordinary legacy.

Maria's funeral is at 9:00am, Friday 1 August, St Agnes' War Memorial Church, Matraville.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Dylan Parker

File Reference: F2025/06574

Question with Notice No. QN8/25

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Gordon - Status of pedestrian refuge proposal, Robey St near Wade St, Maroubra

Question:

Noting the approval in principle of a pedestrian refuge at Robey Street near Wade Street, Maroubra as part of Traffic Committee item TC21/25:

1. Have nearby residents been notified of the proposal?
2. Given that this project was not successful for funding under TfNSW Safety Program 2024-25, what is the current funding position of this project?
3. Is the detailed design of this facility underway?
4. What is the approximate wait time for this project in the prioritisation list, in the scenario that external funding is not available?

Response from Director City Services:

1. Consultation with the local community has not commenced. The recommendation of TC21/25 seeks technical consideration of a design and in-principle approval only. See below:

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Discussion: Nil

Recommendation

That:

1. The proposed pedestrian refuge in Robey Street, south of Wade Street, is approved in principle.
2. This project be included within the future traffic works program.
3. The residents be notified about the proposal.
4. A detail design be prepared and presented to future a Traffic Committee meeting prior to before construction.

2. There is currently no funding available for the project. As per the traffic committee resolution, the projects itself will be considered in a future works program as and when funding becomes available.
3. Only concept design, not detailed design completed.
4. The project will be considered in the development of the draft 2026-27 Capital Works Program.

Submitted by: Councillor Gordon, Central Ward

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