



## MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026 AT 7.24PM

### Present:

The Mayor, Councillor D Parker (Central Ward)

Central Ward	-	Councillors D Gordon & D Rosenfeld
East Ward	-	Councillors M Asgari, C Martin & M Wilson
North Ward	-	Councillors C Hamilton, A Magner & C Willington (Deputy Mayor)
South Ward	-	Councillors B Burst & 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 Frangoples
Manager Governance	Mr D Kelly
Communications Manager	Mr J Hay
Chief Financial Officer	Mr S Wong

The meeting was adjourned at 7.25pm and was resumed at 8.00pm.

### Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People & Prayer

The Acknowledgement of Local Indigenous People was read by Cr Hamilton. The Council Prayer was read by Cr Said.

### Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

An apology was received from Cr D'Souza.

**RESOLVED: (Gordon/Magner)** that the apology received from Cr D'Souza 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 Burst.

**RESOLVED: (Said/Rosenfeld)** that the request from Cr Burst 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 24 February 2026

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**RESOLUTION: (Rosenfeld/Asgari)** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026 (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) All Liberal Councillors declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Item NM17/26 as they all know the speaker on this matter.
- b) Cr Martin declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Items NM19/26 and CS15/26 as she is a member of Coogee Surf Club.
- c) The Mayor declared a non-significant non pecuniary interest in Item NM16/26 as he is employed by the Office of the Attorney General and was involved in the drafting of hate speech legislation, however he will participate in the matter as the connection in his view is remote.

## Mayoral Minutes

### MM8/26 Mayoral Minute - Financial Assistance and Donations - February - March 2026 (F2026/06574)

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

- a) donate plants from Council's nursery to the value of \$200.00 to the Randwick Presbyterian Church garden to beautify the landscape;
- b) donate a 3-month membership from the Des Renford Centre to the value of \$378.30 to Randwick Ladies Gold Club for their Charity Day on 4 May 2026 to be used for their raffle prize;
- c) note the waiving of fees to Marie Tesoriero, (Cool Marie) to hold a fete stall at the 2026 Spot Festival with handmade craft gifts and original artworks sold with all profits going to the Sydney Children's Hospital totalling \$455.00;
- d) note the waiving of fees to Autism Mates Inc to hold an information stall at the 2026 Spot Festival with all profits going to Autism Mates totalling \$415.00;
- e) note the waiving of fees to OzHarvest to hold a stall at the 2026 Spot Festival with all profits going to deliver nourishing meals for people in need totalling \$500.00;
- f) note an amount of \$945.05 for the purchase of tickets for councillors to support the Pancreatic Cancer fundraising dinner on 14 March 2026;
- g) note an amount of \$4649.95 to St Luke's Anglican Church Clovelly for their Carols by candlelight held on 7 December 2025;
- h) donate plants to the value of \$500.00 from Council's Nursery to Chifley Public School for their Mother's Day Stall in May;
- i) waive the fees amounting to a total of \$3369.00 for the Surf Life Saving Club Pool Rescue Clinics and Championship event to be held on 12 and 19 April 2026;
- j) purchase a table for Councillors to attend the Windgap Gala Ball on 23 May 2026, at a total of \$2400.00; and
- k) provide support of a sound system for the Randwick Netball Association 2026 Seasons Opening on 2 May 2026 to the value of \$2300.00.

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

**MM9/26 Mayoral Minute - Additional Financial Assistance and Donations - February - March 2026 (F2026/06574)**

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**RESOLUTION: (Mayor, Cr D Parker)** that Council allocate \$4,155.00 to the Castellorizian Association NSW (CANSW) to support the exhibition commemorating 30 years of the Sister City Agreement with the Dimos of Kastellorizo.

The funding will cover exhibition materials, including foam boards and corflutes, as well as postage costs to enable the display in Randwick City and the transfer of the exhibition to the Megisti Council in Kastellorizo.

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

**Resolved: (Procedural Motion) (Hamilton/Rosenfeld)** that all items that were subject to speakers be brought forward as the first items of business.

**CS10/26 Director City Services Report - Randwick Cycleway Projects - Status Update (F2017/00366)**

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**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Asgari)** that Council:

- a) notes:
- a. the progress and status of each of the top five cycleway projects currently underway;
  - b. the detailed summary of all community consultation processes and results to date;
  - c. the lessons learned from completed cycleway projects for future cycleway projects; and
  - d. the Bicycle Route Construction Priority 2015 list will be updated to guide future planned cycleway projects;
- b) endorses progression to community consultation for the following projects:
- i. Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements Project - Section 3.
  - ii. Anzac Parade Paths Project and
  - iii. Todman Avenue Walking and Cycling Improvements Project;
- c) notes the Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements Project will not proceed to community consultation at this stage given the site constraints, flooding issues and feedback from external authorities in relation to the "one way proposal";
- d) notes that for the three walking and cycling projects, the results of the community consultation and the final concept designs, addressing any feedback, will be reported back to Council for endorsement to proceed to detailed design;
- e) notes that the investigations for the Doncaster Avenue / Day Avenue intersection and Houston Road / Barker Street intersections are complete and the proposed concept designs for the roundabouts will be referred to Transport for NSW for consideration; and
- f) endorses the change to the Terms of Reference for the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee to replace the requirement to report minutes to Council with a requirement to make the minutes public on the Council website.

**MOTION: (Magner/Asgari) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

**AMENDMENT: (Hay/Rosenfeld)** that Council:

- a) notes:
- the progress and status of each of the top five cycleway projects currently underway;
  - the detailed summary of all community consultation processes and results to date;
  - the lessons learned from completed cycleway projects for future cycleway projects; and

- the Bicycle Route Construction Priority 2015 list will be updated to guide future planned cycleway projects;
- b) request that an alternate design for the Houston Road and Bunnerong Road intersection be prepared, allowing for three southbound traffic lanes from Houston Road that could allow for vehicles to turn left, right and go straight ahead;
- c) meet with TfNSW and any other planning body to discuss a possible track placement for a future Light Rail extension along the Anzac Parade Corridor, and redesign the Anzac Parade Paths Project in such a way that will allow the Light Rail to be constructed and allow continuous operation of the cycleway;
- d) ensure that a design that is either approved or very likely to be approved for the Todman Avenue and Kensington Road intersection be added to the Todman Avenue Walking and Cycling Improvements project;
- e) temporarily withholds from community consultation for the following projects, pending responses in points b-d above, but proceeds to consultation on:
- Kingsford to Centennial Park Walking and Cycling Improvements Project - Section 3, that also asks respondents whether they prefer the cycleway or three southbound lanes;
  - Anzac Parade Paths Project and
  - Todman Avenue Walking and Cycling Improvements project;
- f) notes the Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements Project will not proceed to community consultation at this stage given the site constraints, flooding issues and feedback from external authorities in relation to the “one way proposal;”
- g) notes that for the three walking and cycling projects, the results of the community consultation and the final concept designs, addressing any feedback, will be reported back to Council for endorsement to proceed to detailed design;
- h) notes that the investigations for the Doncaster Avenue / Day Avenue intersection and Houston Road / Barker Street intersections are complete and the proposed concept designs for the roundabouts will be referred to Transport for NSW for consideration; and
- i) endorses the change to the Terms of Reference for the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee to replace the requirement to report minutes to Council with a requirement to make the minutes public on the Council website. **LOST.**

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

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Hamilton	Councillor Willington
Councillor Hay	Councillor Magner
Councillor Luxford	Councillor Veitch
Councillor Rosenfeld	Councillor Gordon
Councillor Martin	Councillor Asgari
Councillor Burst	Councillor Wilson
	Councillor Said
	Councillor Parker
<b>Total (6)</b>	<b>Total (8)</b>

**NM13/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Rosenfeld - Dog Friendly Beach (F2011/00200)**

**MOTION: (Rosenfeld/Martin)** that Council ask for a report recommending a suitable location within the LGA for an off-leash dog beach trial to be conducted. The report is to give consideration to the trial being conducted at certain times of the day at the chosen location. **LOST.**

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

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Hamilton	Councillor Willington
Councillor Hay	Councillor Magner
Councillor Rosenfeld	Councillor Veitch
Councillor Martin	Councillor Luxford
Councillor Burst	Councillor Gordon
	Councillor Asgari
	Councillor Wilson
	Councillor Said
	Councillor Parker
<b>Total (5)</b>	<b>Total (9)</b>

**NM14/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Hamilton - Stormwater Investigation Rae Street, Randwick (F2004/06092)**

44/26

**RESOLUTION: (Hamilton/Martin)** that Council:

- a) notes concerns raised by residents regarding stormwater flows along Rae Street, Randwick, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall, resulting in water overtopping gutters, flowing along footpaths and impacting parked vehicles and nearby properties;
- b) notes that stormwater runoff currently travels down Rae Street toward the intersection with Dutruc Street where existing drainage infrastructure may be insufficient to capture peak flows;
- c) requests that Council officers investigate stormwater management along Rae Street, including the feasibility of installing or extending stormwater pipes from the Rae Street / Dutruc Street intersection westward toward Wood Lane and Wood Street to intercept and capture upstream flows;
- d) requests that the investigation consider opportunities to undertake drainage improvements in conjunction with any planned resurfacing works for Rae Street;
- e) requests that officers consult with relevant authorities, including Sydney Water if required, and provide advice on the feasibility, cost implications and potential inclusion of the project within Council's Drainage Capital Works Program; and
- f) report the findings of the investigation to Council.

**MOTION: (Hamilton/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

**NM15/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Protecting and Expanding Residential and Retail Space in Kingsford and Kensington (F2024/00162)**

45/26

**RESOLUTION: (Veitch/Luxford)** that Council:

- a) acknowledge representations from the community and local precincts advocating for affordable and diverse residential housing and vibrant town centres in Kingsford and Kensington that include a full range of service providers and speciality stores to meet community expectations for socialising and day to day needs;
- b) take all possible actions within its authority to ensure that new developments in the Kingsford to Kensington corridor on Anzac Pde comply with the intent of the LEP, Local Character Statements and relevant provisions in the DCP, to ensure that:
  - i. the local character of these town centres is recognised, respected and enhanced;

- ii. ground level and street frontage of large new developments have diverse retail and commercial activities that meet community needs;
  - iii. work is undertaken with the property owners to ensure that retail premises are not left vacant and are occupied and tenanted with suitable businesses;
- c) write to the members for Heffron, Coogee and Maroubra calling for their assistance and advocacy with respect to points 1-2 of this motion.

**MOTION: (Veitch/Luxford) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

**NM16/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Veitch - Protecting Civic Participation, Democratic Expression and the Right to Peaceful Protest (F2012/00347)**

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**MOTION: (Veitch/Willington) that Council:**

- a) affirms its commitment to the principles of fairness, equality before the law, and freedom of political expression;
- b) condemns all historic and ongoing racism, antisemitism, islamophobia, homophobia and misogyny, and calls for action from all levels of government to tackle escalating violence, harassment and abuse;
- c) affirms that the right to peaceful protest, freedom of assembly and freedom of belief are fundamental democratic freedoms and essential pillars of social cohesion in a diverse and multicultural society;
- d) affirms that these rights should be respected and upheld by all levels of government as well as by law enforcement authorities;
- e) clarifies that criticism of governments, states, or political ideologies, including criticism of the policies or actions of any government, does not in itself constitute racism or hate speech, provided it does not involve vilification of people based on identity;
- f) rejects any form of collective blame or vilification of individuals or communities based on religion, ethnicity, nationality, gender or sexuality;
- g) affirms that any assessment of alleged hate speech or intimidation must be based on clear, objective standards and evidence of actual incitement to violence or unlawful conduct, rather than subjective interpretation, perceived offence, or political disagreement;
- h) acknowledges the importance of protecting civic participation, including the rights of elected representatives to engage in lawful political discourse without fear of disproportionate sanction and political reprisal;
- i) calls for all Councillors and public representatives to act with care, responsibility, and respect, while also upholding the principles of democratic debate and free expression;
- j) affirms that restrictions on lawful political expression must be grounded in clear and demonstrable incitement to violence or unlawful conduct, and must not be based on subjective interpretation, perceived offence, or disagreement with the political content of that expression, including criticism of any state, government, or political ideology;
- k) recognises that democratic discourse necessarily includes strong, emotive, and controversial language, particularly in relation to international conflicts, and that such expression, in the absence of direct incitement to violence or hatred toward individuals or groups based on identity, does not constitute intimidation or hate speech;
- l) affirms that any standards relating to hate speech, intimidation, or community safety must be applied consistently, without selective interpretation or disproportionate focus on any one community, viewpoint, or political perspective;

- m) directs that any Council statement or policy addressing hate speech or community cohesion be framed in a manner that is inclusive of all communities and consistent with principles of equality and non-discrimination.
- n) write to the Premier of the NSW State Government the Hon Chris Minns MP, and the Australian Prime Minister the Hon Anthony Albanese, with respect to points (a)-(m). **LOST.**

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

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Willington	Councillor Hamilton
Councillor Veitch	Councillor Magner
Councillor Asgari	Councillor Hay
	Councillor Luxford
	Councillor Gordon
	Councillor Rosenfeld
	Councillor Martin
	Councillor Wilson
	Councillor Said
	Councillor Burst
	Councillor Parker
<b>Total (3)</b>	<b>Total (11)</b>

**NM17/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Hamilton - Heritage Protection - 5 Dutruc Street, Randwick (F2016/00475)**

46/26

**RESOLUTION: (Hamilton/Martin)** that Council:

- note community concerns raised regarding the potential heritage significance of the property located at 5 Dutruc Street, Randwick;
- request that the General Manager urgently investigate the heritage significance of the property at 5 Dutruc Street, Randwick, including preparation of an appropriate heritage assessment;
- if the investigation identifies that the property may have heritage significance and if there is a risk of demolition, alteration or development of the property that would have an impact on its heritage values, that the General Manager consider undertaking appropriate action to ensure the temporary protection of the property while a full heritage assessment is undertaken; and
- receive a report to Council outlining the findings of the heritage assessment and whether the property should be considered for inclusion as a heritage item in the Randwick Local Environmental Plan.

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

**NM20/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Asgari - Temporary Location for a Men's Shed in Randwick (F2013/00161)**

47/26

**RESOLUTION: (Asgari/Martin)** that Council:

- notes that the Waverley Community Men's Shed (WCMS), currently located in the grounds of the War Memorial Hospital, will need to vacate that location in 18 months, due to major redevelopments works at that site;
- notes the WCMS Board have sought temporary premises in both Waverley and Woollahra LGAs but without any success;

- c) notes an undertaking by Randwick City Council to attempt to incorporate a permanent Men's Shed in the future adjacent to the new SES building in Botany Road;
- d) notes the urgent need for WCMS to find a temporary location to house the Shed until a permanent location is available;
- e) notes that WCMS has changed its constitution to include women members and notes their willingness to change the name of the Shed to reflect its new location;
- f) receives a report reviewing the various possible temporary locations for a Men's Shed in Randwick Local Government Area, that would meet the size, suitability, logistical and timetable requirements of the WCMS, and consults with the relevant Government and statutory bodies and the management of WCMS, and provides a recommendation as to the best project approach. These options would include, but not limited to:
  - i. former Inglis Stables site.
  - ii. Randwick Literary Institute.
  - iii. Randwick Community Centre Car Park area (south Munda St).
  - iv. Popplewell Park (the disused tennis courts); and
- g) receives this Report at the May 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, taking into account the lead time it will take to organise and move the Men's Shed into a new temporary location.

**MOTION: (Asgari/Martin) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

**NM22/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford - Supporting Residents in the Vicinity of the Development with Infill Affordable Housing - Botany and Wallace Street, Kingsford (F2026/00091)**

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48/26

**RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Veitch) that**

- (a) Council support and assist residents residing in the vicinity of SSD97050208 - 118-124 Botany Street Kingsford and 58-60 Wallace Street Kingsford to obtain better outcomes for their amenity regarding this development; and
- (b) Council officers investigate the relevant mechanism and required justification and report back to Council by May on the most appropriate approach.

**MOTION: (Luxford/Veitch) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

**NM23/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Luxford - Proposing Council Register with the RSPCA Desexing Program (F2012/00228)**

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49/26

**RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Hay) that Council investigate registering with the RSPCA in their desexing programs which will assist local cat rescues to obtain desexing services at no cost.**

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

**AMENDMENT: (Willington/Veitch) that**

- (a) Council investigate registering with the RSPCA in their desexing programs which will assist local cat rescues to obtain desexing services at no cost; and
- (b) Council develop and deliver a community awareness campaign promoting responsible cat ownership, including the principles of keeping cats safe at home. This campaign is to draw on recognised best-practice resources such as, but not limited to, the RSPCA's Keeping Cats Safe at Home initiative while allowing Council the flexibility to tailor messaging, branding and communication materials to suit local needs and priorities, and to promote these through Council's usual communication channels. **LOST.**

## Urgent Business

Nil.

## General Manager's Reports

Nil.

## Director City Planning Reports

### **CP8/26 Director City Planning Report - Variations to Development Standards Under Clause 4.6 - 01 February to 28 February 2026 (F2008/00122)**

50/26

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

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

## Director City Services Reports

### **CS9/26 Director City Services Report - Greening Randwick (F2005/00834)**

51/26

**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Willington)** that Council endorse the consolidation of actions addressing existing urban greening resolutions into the integrated Greening Randwick Framework as outlined in this report:

1. In street planting and priority sites
  - a. Continue to plant immediate streetscape garden sites
  - b. Work with South Sydney Rabbitohs for a Pilot Street “Champion” tree planting program.
2. Canopy Targets and Climate Resilience
  - a. Identify remaining 600 tree planting locations for the 2025-26 Operational Plan Year
  - b. Plant 1000 trees per year (ongoing)
  - c. Finalise Canopy Target Feasibility Study.
3. Governance
  - a. Finalise Urban Street Garden Strategy
  - b. Finalise Urban Forest Strategy (2026) which includes but not limited to:
    - i. Street Tree Masterplan update
    - ii. Tree Management Technical Manual
    - iii. Technical Guidelines for Urban planning
    - iv. Tree Vandalism and Root Claim Investigation Procedure
    - v. Significant Tree Register
    - vi. Green Grid Framework in 2026-27
  - c. Complete Service Review of In Street Tree Planting in the next available round of service reviews.
4. Resourcing
  - a. Complete 5-year Urban Street Garden Resourcing Strategy in 2026
  - b. Continue to apply for Federal and State Government Grants
  - c. Following the successful trial of corporate urban forest management software, proceed with the procurement of a permanent software to effectively manage Council's tree population in 2027
  - d. Finalise annual proactive maintenance and pruning tree management program in 2026.
5. Asset Management
  - a. Investigations underway to be completed after the Urban Forest Strategy which includes canopy feasibility study and implementation of new software.

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

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**CS11/26 Director City Services Report - Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee - November 2025 (F2018/00158)**

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52/26

**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Veitch)** that Council:

- a) receive and note the Minutes of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2025, be received: and
- b) endorses the change to the Terms of Reference for the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee to replace the requirement to report minutes to Council with a requirement to make the minutes public on the Council website.

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

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**CS12/26 Director City Services Report - Newmarket Randwick Development - Proposed Road Name (DA/88/2017)**

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53/26

**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Veitch)** that Council:

- a) endorse Bara Lane as the road name for the RL1 Road in the New Market development;
- b) submit the proposed road names to the Geographical Names Board for approval; and
- c) note the administration costs associated with the approval be borne by the developer.

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

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**CS13/26 Director City Services Report - Snape Park Indoor Sporting Facility - Outcomes of Community Consultation (PROJ/10959/2021/4)**

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54/26

**RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Hay)** that Council endorse the Stage One Amenities Building concept design proceed to planning approval and detailed documentation in readiness for tender and construction.**MOTION: (Luxford/Hay) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****AMENDMENT: (Veitch/Willington)** that an additional point be added which reads “consider alternative options for carparking including informal on-grass parking on game days, minimising removal of trees and open space.” **LOST.****Director Community & Culture Reports**

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**CC4/26 Director Community & Culture Report - Community Investment Program February 2026 (F2025/06600)**

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55/26

**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Veitch)** that Council:

- a) approve the Community Connect funding allocation of \$30,670.00 to the recommended projects;
- b) approve the Community Creative funding allocation of \$49,828.00 to the recommended projects;
- c) note the status of the 2025-26 fee support allocations approved between rounds; and
- d) note the review of the Community Investment Program has commenced.

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

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**CC5/26 Director Community & Culture Report - Draft Social Cohesion Plan 2026-2031 (F2019/07690)**

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56/26

**RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Rosenfeld)** that Council:

- a) endorses the draft Social Cohesion Plan to go on public exhibition;
- b) notes the final draft of the Social Cohesion Plan will come back to Council following public exhibition, incorporating feedback received during the public exhibition period;
- c) notes that the draft document is presented in a template format and will be professionally designed in final form; and
- d) change the title of the plan to the Draft Social Cohesion and Multicultural Plan.

**MOTION: (Luxford/Rosenfeld) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****Director Corporate Services Reports**

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**CO11/26 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Investment Report - February 2026 (F2016/06527)**

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**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Veitch)** that Council receives and notes the Investment Report for February 2026.**MOTION: (Magner/Veitch) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

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**CO12/26 Director Corporate Services Report - Monthly Financial Report - February 2026 (F2021/00364)**

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58/26

**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Veitch)** that the Monthly Financial Reports for February 2026 be received and noted.**MOTION: (Magner/Veitch) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.****Motions Pursuant to Notice**

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**NM18/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Indonesian and Greek Festival at Meeks Street Plaza (F2021/00020)**

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59/26

**RESOLUTION: (Hay/Rosenfeld)** that:

- (a) Council investigate holding two small one day festivals to be held at the Meeks Street Plaza, each celebrating the Greek and Indonesian communities; and
- (b) the report should also recommend an appropriate time of year or day to hold the festival. Potential dates include Greek Independence Day on 25 March and Indonesian Independence Day on 17 August.

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

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**NM19/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Martin - Investigation of Replacement Public Seating Associated with Proposed Coogee Surf Club Renovations (F2016/00499)**

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60/26

**RESOLUTION: (Martin/Asgari)** that Council:

- a) note the proposed renovations to the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club, including the potential closure or loss of access to the portico area, which is currently used by members of the public as an informal seating and gathering space;

- b) recognise that this area is regularly used by residents and visitors, particularly those accessing or using the Ross Jones Memorial Ocean Pool, as a place to sit, rest and shelter;
- c) investigate suitable alternative or replacement public seating arrangements in the vicinity of the Coogee Surf Club and Ocean Pool, should the current portico seating area be reduced, altered or no longer accessible to the general public; and
- d) ensure that any proposed replacement seating is considered and planned prior to the commencement of renovation works if possible, so that there is no loss of public amenity during or following construction.

**MOTION: (Martin/Asgari) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

**NM21/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Hay - Paine Reserve Gym and Playground Upgrade Synergy (F2005/00527)**

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61/26

**RESOLUTION: (Hay/Luxford)** that Council consider bringing forward the Paine Reserve Outdoor Gym Upgrade to the 2026-27 financial year should savings be identified in the 2026-27 Operational Plan and Budget – Capital Works Program, to allow for efficiencies to be gained by simultaneously planning and constructing the gym with the outdoor playground.

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

**NM24/26 Motion Pursuant to Notice - Notice of Motion from Cr Martin - Investigation of Higher Visibility Planter Systems for Street Trees on Coogee Bay Road (F2025/00678)**

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62/26

**RESOLUTION: (Martin/Hamilton)** that Council:

- a) note community feedback regarding the low height and limited visibility of some of the planter pot systems installed for street trees along sections of Coogee Bay Road, which have resulted in vehicles inadvertently striking the concrete surrounds and causing damage to both the trees and motor vehicles;
- b) investigate alternative higher-profile planter or tree-protection systems that improve visibility for motorists when parking or manoeuvring vehicles, while maintaining pedestrian safety and streetscape amenity;
- c) consider options such as larger or elevated planters, protective tree guards, or other design treatments that make the planting infrastructure more visible and resilient to vehicle contact, and review whether the current tree species selected are best suited to the size and scale of the in-ground planter boxes and surrounding streetscape conditions;
- d) provide advice to Council on the most suitable design solutions, estimated costs, and potential locations for implementation, particularly in high-parking-turnover areas along Coogee Bay Road;
- e) consult with local businesses and relevant stakeholders when assessing options to ensure the solution supports both street safety and the continued greening of the Coogee town centre; and
- f) investigate the removal of the tree and concrete barriers in Coogee Bay Road, adjacent to the Coogee Bay Hotel approximately ten metres west from Arden Street, and resealed with bitumen.

**MOTION: (Martin/Hamilton) CARRIED - SEE RESOLUTION.**

## Questions with Notice

### QN2/26 Question with Notice - Question with Notice from Cr Burst - Australia Day Flag Review (F2020/06225)

#### Question:

That in relation to Council resolution Notice of Motion NM6/25 from the 25 February 2025 Council meeting, Council Officers prepare a report back on;

- a) Why there was no Australian Flag on RCC banners, are we not proud to be Australians;
- b) Whether they will be in place in January 2027;
- c) Why there were no AUS Flag Green & Yellow design flags in South Ward, nothing this meant that effectively there was no change between Australia Day 2025 and 2026 RCC banners; and
- d) Why there was no Local art competition for school children to assist in Australian Flag designs.

#### Response from Director Community & Culture:

- a) **Why there was no Australian Flag on RCC banners, are we not proud to be Australians**  
The street banners for Australia Day 2026 were designed in accordance with Council's resolution to depict imagery commonly associated with Australia Day celebrations, including the Australian flag, iconic colours and animals synonymous and unique to Australia. The design featured iconic green and gold elements, the Southern Cross and Commonwealth star from the Australian flag and animals including koalas kangaroos, cockatoos and possums.
- b) **Whether they will be in place in January 2027**  
Council's street banner designs for Australia Day 2027 will be updated to include the full Australian flag.
- c) **Why there were no AUS Flag Green & Yellow design flags in South Ward, nothing this meant that effectively there was no change between Australia Day 2025 and 2026 RCC banners**  
Council's street banners in January 2026 were used to promote a number of events happening on Australia Day including Culture on Country at La Perouse, a community event at Kensington and general Australia Day banners. Street banners at La Perouse, Matraville and Little Bay promoted Culture on Country given its proximity.
- d) **Why there was no Local art competition for school children to assist in Australian Flag designs**  
Council investigated hosting a local art competition for school children. However, due to a number of other competitions already in place at the same time and the fact that the outcome of a children's art competition would limit the number of Australia Day banners, it was decided that it was not feasible. Councillors were advised of this through the General Manager's Update on 7 November 2025.

## Petitions

Nil.

## Confidential Reports

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

### CS14/26 Confidential - Des Renford Leisure Centre (DRLC) Pilates Studio - Tender No: T2026-05 (F2025/00410)

*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.*

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**RESOLUTION: (Magner/Veitch) 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, Xenia Constructions (NSW) Pty Ltd be accepted as the successful tenderer(s) for T2026-05 DRLC Pilates Studio project;
- b) under Section 377(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 the General Manager is authorised to enter into a contract on behalf of Council; and
- c) unsuccessful tenderers are notified.

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

**CS15/26 Confidential - Coogee Surf Life Saving Club Ground Floor Refurbishment - Tender No. T2026-11 (F2025/00493)**

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**RESOLUTION: (Asgari/Wilson) that:**

- a) in accordance with clause 178(1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council decline to accept any of the tenders received for T2026-11 Coogee Surf Life Saving Club Ground Floor Refurbishment;
- b) in accordance with Clause 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, enter into negotiations with suitably qualified tenderers with a view to entering into a contract for the works;
- c) delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise negotiations and execute the contract should an acceptable outcome be achieved; and
- d) the unsuccessful tenderers are notified.

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

The meeting moved back into open session.

### Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil.

There being no further business, His Worship the Mayor, Cr D Parker, declared the meeting closed at 11.05pm.

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Randwick City Council held on Tuesday, 28 April 2026.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**