



## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY  
on Wednesday 12 November 2025  
at 6:30 PM



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Hornsby Shire Council – Minutes of General Meeting of 12 November 2025

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRMAN

## **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

A Welcome to Country was given by the Darug and GuriNgai Traditional Owner representative, Uncle Neil Evers.

## **PRESENT**

Councillors Waddell (Chairman), Ball, Conley, Greenwood, McClelland, McIntosh, McSweeney, Seaglove, Simons and Tilbury.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Sabina Yangao from the Truth and Victory Church, Hornsby, opened the meeting in prayer.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY**

Statement by the Chairman:

*"We recognise our Shire's rich cultural and religious diversity and we acknowledge and pay respect to the beliefs of all members of our community, regardless of creed or faith."*

## **VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Statement by the Chairman:

*"I advise all present that tonight's meeting is being video streamed live via Council's website and also audio recorded for the purposes of providing a record of public comment at the meeting, supporting the democratic process, broadening knowledge and participation in community affairs, and demonstrating Council's commitment to openness and accountability. The audio and video recordings of the non-confidential parts of the meeting will be made available on Council's website once the Minutes have been finalised. All speakers are requested to ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and to refrain from making personal comments or criticisms. No other persons are permitted to record the Meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so."*

## **APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **POLITICAL DONATIONS DISCLOSURE**

Statement by the Chairman:

*"In accordance with Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, any person or organisation who has made a relevant planning application or a submission in respect of a relevant planning application which is on tonight's agenda, and who has made a reportable political*

*donation or gift to a Councillor or employee of the Council, must make a Political Donations Disclosure Statement.*

*If a Councillor or employee has received a reportable political donation or gift from a person or organisation who has made a relevant planning application or a submission in respect of a relevant planning application which is on tonight's agenda, they must declare a non-pecuniary conflict of interests to the meeting, disclose the nature of the interest and manage the conflict of interests in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct."*

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 6 - PC18/25 REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS – GLENORIE VILLAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND DRAFT VILLAGE PLACE PLAN. Refer to that item for details.

COUNCILLOR SEAGLOVE declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 6 - PC18/25 REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS – GLENORIE VILLAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND DRAFT VILLAGE PLACE PLAN. Refer to that item for details.

COUNCILLOR WADDELL declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 6 - PC18/25 REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS – GLENORIE VILLAGE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND DRAFT VILLAGE PLACE PLAN. Refer to that item for details.

COUNCILLOR TILBURY declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 10 - NOM8/25 COMPANION ANIMALS AMENDMENT (CONTROL OF CATS) BILL 2025. Refer to that item for details.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, seconded by COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD,

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 8 October 2025 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

## **PETITIONS**

COUNCILLOR TILBURY tabled a petition at the meeting with 173 signatures in requesting a footpath for Wareemba Avenue, Thornleigh.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **RESCISSON MOTIONS**

Nil

## **MAYORAL MINUTES**

**1 MM8/25 Acknowledgement of Mr Ian Browning, Friends of Fagan Park**

**(F2004/05879-007)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND,

THAT Council formally acknowledge and thank Mr Ian Browning for his many years of voluntary service as Honorary Curator of the Friends of Fagan Park and for his contribution to the preservation and celebration of local heritage.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**12 MM9/25 Resignation of General Manager and Appointment of an Acting General Manager - Delegation and Power of Attorney**

**(F2004/09419-015)**

Ms Jan Primrose, on behalf of Protecting Your Suburban Environment Inc addressed Council regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD,

THAT:

1. Council thank Mr Steven Head for his outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the Hornsby Shire community and extend our best wishes to him for the next stages of his career.
2. That the Power of Attorney granted to Mr Steven Head on 11 December 2024 be revoked.
3. Council appoints the Director Corporate Support, Mr Glen Magus to be Acting General Manager from 12 November 2025 until 12 July 2026 or until such time as the new General Manager is appointed.
4. The following delegation be granted to the Acting General Manager, and any person holding the position in an acting capacity:

### **Delegation of Authority**

Pursuant to the powers of delegation conferred on Council by Sections 377 and 381 of the

Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), **HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL** delegates to **GLEN MAGUS**, Acting General Manager of the Council, the power to exercise all the functions, powers, duties, and authorities conferred upon Council pursuant to:

1. The Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).
2. The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW).
3. All other Acts whatsoever under which Council has functions, powers, duties, and authorities.
4. All regulations, by-laws, rules and the like made by or under any of the Acts referred to in 1, 2 or 3 above.

**Subject to** any resolution made from time to time by the said Council and provided always that such delegation of powers shall not and shall not be deemed to extend to:

1. Any of the matters expressly reserved to the Council in section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).
2. The alteration of the meeting cycle of Council.
3. The overview and direction of business activities.
4. The role of the Mayor as provided for in and determined under section 226 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).
5. Major unique items where no policy, practice or code of the Council exists.
6. Adoption of Local Environmental Plans, Development Control Plans and section 7.11 and 7.12 Contribution Plans pursuant to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW).
7. Adoption of Council policies and codes.
8. Items in respect of which the Mayor or a Councillor has specifically requested the Acting General Manager to place before Council for determination by Council.

**Subject to** the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW) and the other Acts referred to above the functions, powers, duties and authorities hereby delegated by Council to the General Manager pursuant to this resolution remain in force until otherwise revised or revoked by resolution of the Council; and

**Subject to** Council reviewing each delegation during the first 12 months of each term of office.

5. The following Power of Attorney be granted to the General Manager:

#### **Power of Attorney**

1. The Council appoints **Glen Magus**, Acting General Manager of the Hornsby Shire Council to be its Attorney. Council's Attorney may exercise authority conferred on him by Part 2 of the Powers of Attorney Act 2003 (NSW) to do so on Council's behalf anything Council may lawfully authorise an Attorney to do. Council's Attorney's authority is subject to any additional powers and restrictions specified in Part 2 of this

document.

2. This Power of Attorney operates from 12 November 2025 until 12 July 2026 unless the Acting General Manager vacates office prior to this date.

## **PART 2 – Additional Powers and Restrictions**

This Power of Attorney is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

This Power of Attorney authorises the Attorney to execute documents, dealings and instruments relating to the matter detailed in the Schedule and for the purpose of giving effect to resolutions of the Council where resolutions are required relating to the matters, including those detailed in the Schedule:

## **SCHEDULE**

1. The creation (whether by acquisition or other means), disposal or extinguishment of an interest in land.
2. The creation, disposal, variation or extinguishment of a right, obligation, easement, or other interest in land.
3. Contracts, and all other necessary documents, for the purchase and sale of land.
4. Licences and leases.
5. Contracts for works services and supply of goods.
6. The Common Seal of Council be affixed to the Power of Attorney document.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

### **13 MM10/25 Acknowledgement of Beecroft and District Garden Club**

**(F2004/05879-007)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR TILBURY,

THAT Council formally acknowledge and thank the Beecroft and District Garden Club for their voluntary service in contribution to the garden display at the Beecroft Station Gardens which was also recently acknowledged by the Garden Clubs of Australia through the Eleanor McLeod Award.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT Council formally recognise and congratulate Mrs Nan Horne on the occasion of her 100th birthday and acknowledge her outstanding service to Hornsby Shire Council and the local community.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

#### **ITEMS PASSED BY EXCEPTION / CALL FOR SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED his intention to deal with the balance of the Business Paper by the exception method and announced the items.

Items 4, 6, 9, 10 and 11 were withdrawn for discussion.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH seconded by COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 2, 3, 5 and 7 be adopted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

Note: Item 8 was called over and noted

Note: Persons wishing to address Council on matters which were on the Agenda were permitted to address Council prior to the item being discussed. The names of speakers are recorded in the Minutes in respect of the particular item.

Note: Persons wishing to address Council on Non Agenda items were permitted to speak or provide a submission to Council after all items on the Agenda in respect of which there was a speaker from the public were finalised by Council. Their names are recorded in the Minutes under the heading "Public Forum – Non Agenda Items".

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**2 GM48/25 Hornsby Shire Council 2024-2025 Annual Report**

**(F2024/00060)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, seconded by COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD,

THAT the:

1. Hornsby Shire Council 2024-2025 Annual Report attached to General Manager's Report No. GM48/25 be endorsed.
2. Annual Report be supplemented by Council's 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements which were "presented to the public" at the 8 October 2025 General Meeting (Director's Report No. CS56/25) in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION**

**3 CS57/25 Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters Returns - Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons**

**(F2024/00316)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, seconded by COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD,

THAT Council note the Written Returns of Interest recently lodged with the General Manager by Councillors and Designated Staff have been tabled as required by the Local Government Act and Councils Code of Conduct.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**4 CS60/25 2025/26 Budget - September 2025 Quarter Review**

**(F2025/00067)**

Ms Jan Primrose, on behalf of Protecting Your Suburban Environment Inc. addressed Council

regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND,

THAT the September 2025 Quarter Review of the Operational Plan (Budget) for 2025/26 be received and noted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**5 CS62/25 Investments And Borrowings For 2025/2026 - Status For The Period Ending 30 September 2025**

(F2004/06987-02)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, seconded by COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD,

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS62/25 be received and noted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

Nil

**PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION**

**6 PC18/25 Report on Submissions - Glenorie Village Investigation Report and Draft Glenorie Village Place Plan**

(F2025/00016-002)

Note: COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item under Clause 5.11 of Council's Code of Conduct (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD on the Declaration of Interest form as "I am a resident of the rural area of Hornsby LGA. As a resident of Galston, I shop and have friends in the Glenorie suburb and its surrounds but no actual interests in or impact from decisions

made in Item 6." The explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was "I reside in Galston which is in the rural area of Hornsby LGA but I have no actual interests in and around the Glenorie area."

Note: COUNCILLOR SEAGLOVE declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item under Clause 5.11 of Council's Code of Conduct (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR SEAGLOVE on the Declaration of Interest form as "I currently reside in a rural area of Hornsby Shire". The explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was "The property is not situated in Glenorie."

Note: COUNCILLOR WADDELL declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item under Clause 5.11 of Council's Code of Conduct (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR WADDELL on the Declaration of Interest form as "Resident of Galston in Rural Area". The explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was "No benefit – resident only".

Mr Robert Cable, of Glenorie addressed Council regarding this item.

Ms Jan Primrose, on behalf of Protecting Your Suburban Environment Inc. addressed Council regarding this item.

Ms Katrina Emmett, of Galston addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr Jonathon Laphos, of Glenorie addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Gloria Preller, of Glenorie addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr John Inshaw, of Galston addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Patricia Schwartz, of Glenorie addressed Council regarding this item.

MOVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND,

THAT:

1. Council finalise the Glenorie Investigation Report and adopt the draft Glenorie Village Place Plan attached to Director's Report No. PC18/25.
2. A planning proposal be prepared to implement Action 1 (Small rural lots) and Action 3 (Commercial and residential) from the Glenorie Village Place Plan.
3. A Strategic Bushfire Study be prepared for the eastern side of Moores Road to determine the ability of the area to accommodate lot sizes consistent with the surrounding 2ha area, in accordance with the recommendations from the Glenorie Village Investigation Report.
4. Council endorse the submission attached to Director's Report No. PC18/25 to The Hills Shire Council concerning its draft Glenorie Place Strategy.
5. Submitters be advised of Council's decision.

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BALL, seconded by COUNCILLOR SIMONS  
THAT:

1. Given the level of interest and divided opinions in submissions from the community, Council defer consideration of this matter to enable:
  - a) further discussion of the objections and options to address the matters raised; and
  - b) further consultation with state agencies including Sydney Water, Rural Fire Service, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and Transport for NSW.
2. Submitters be advised of Council's decision.

THE AMENDMENT MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BALL, seconded by COUNCILLOR SIMONS, WAS PUT AND LOST.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL AND SIMONS

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, TILBURY AND WADDELL

THE MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND, WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

FOR: COUNCILLORS CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BALL AND SIMONS

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION**

Nil

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **7 CS64/25 Acquisition by Agreement - Easement Galston**

*This report was deemed confidential , under Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, 1993. This report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.*

**(F2025/00227)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, seconded by COUNCILLOR

GREENWOOD,

THAT Council authorise the General Manager to progress the matter in line with the Next Steps outlined in the Discussion Section of Confidential Director's Report No. CS64/25.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH,  
MCSEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

#### **PUBLIC FORUM – NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr Ben Simmonds, of Thornleigh addressed Council regarding Charles Curtis Park, Thornleigh.

Mr George Nadwie, on behalf of the Galston Area Residents Association addressed Council regarding the Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston.

Ms Jan Primrose, on behalf of Protecting Your Suburban Environment Inc. addressed Council regarding the Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston.

Mr Ed Harrison, of Galston addressed Council regarding the Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston.

Mr Vernon Ferrao, of Normanhurst addressed Council regarding pedestrian safety in Normanhurst.

Mr John Inshaw, of Galston addressed Council regarding the Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston

#### **QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

#### **MAYOR'S NOTES**

**8 MN10/25 Mayor's Notes 01 October 2025 to 31 October 2025**

**(F2004/07053-002)**

*Note: These are the functions that the Mayor, or his representative, has attended in addition to the normal Council Meetings, Workshops, Mayoral Interviews and other Council Committee Meetings.*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 – On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Councillor McClelland attended Chinese Australian Services Society Art Troupe & Hornsby activity group.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor McIntosh attended Thornleigh CHSP NSSG (Korean) Group's Korean Moon Festival Celebration, at Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church Hall.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended Northern District Cricket Club's Centenary Match and lunch, at Mark Taylor Oval.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended Friends of Fagan Park's open day, at Fagan Park.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended Diwali 2025, hosted by Sydney Community Group at The Epping Club.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended Love in the Name of Christ Thanksgiving, AGM and morning tea at St John's Anglican Church, Asquith.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended the Opening Ceremony of the new cricket nets at Glenorie District Cricket Club, at Led Shore Oval.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended the Opening of the 2024 Hornsby Art Prize Local Artist Award winner David Collins Exhibition. At Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, Hornsby.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended the Social Local Collective's Multicultural Dinner at Turramurra Uniting Church.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended the Buddhist Robe Offering Ceremony, hosted by Dhamma Vijaya Buddhist Vihara Inc at Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor hosted three Citizenship Ceremonies in the Council Administration Building, Hornsby.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor McIntosh attended Multicultural Seniors Association's Forever Young Dance Competition, at Pennant Hills Community Centre.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended Pearls to Plates, hosted by Broken Bar Pearl Farm.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended Inala Fair in Cherrybrook.

Tuesday 28 October 2025 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby Shire Council Retail Information Session, at Hornsby RSL.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended Northern Suburbs Football Association's High School Cub at North Turramurra Recreation Area.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – The Mayor attended the NorthConnex 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in West Pennant Hills.

#### **CALLED OVER AND NOTED**

#### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**9                   NOM7/25   Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025**

**(F2004/06261-02)**

Ms Jan Primrose, on behalf of Protecting Your Suburban Environment Inc. addressed Council regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SIMONS, seconded by COUNCILLOR BALL,

THAT Council:

1. Note with concern that the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025 reduces local planning control and transparency, while decreasing community input and confidence in planning decisions.
2. Seek clarity in how developments will be identified for the Targeted Assessment Development (TAD) Pathway, and determined with the removal of the Regional Panels.
3. Seek clarity in how the proposed new authorities meet appropriate standards for accountability, transparency and oversight in the planning system.
4. Note concern about the expansion of Complying Development that takes away the involvement of local communities in how their areas are developed into the future.
5. Write to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister and Shadow Ministers for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Member for Hornsby, James Wallace MP, expressing concerns noted above and requesting meaningful consultation and engagement on development of the regulations for implementation.
6. Continue to advocate through Local Government NSW and the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils for a coordinated metropolitan local-government response to the reforms.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**10 NOM8/25 Companion Animals Amendment (Control of Cats) Bill 2025**

**(F2009/00370)**

Note: COUNCILLOR TILBURY declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item under Clause 5.11 of Council's Code of Conduct (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR TILBURY on the Declaration of Interest form as "The Item is calling for an amendment to the NSW Animal Companions Act, specifically regarding control of pet cats. My family owns a pet cat". The explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was "Our family cat is an indoor pet cat and owning a cat will not impact my ability to consider this item in an uninfluenced way"

Ms Katrina Emmett, of Galston addressed Council regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BALL, seconded by COUNCILLOR

MCCLELLAND,

THAT Council:

1. Note the objective of this Bill is to provide for measures to prevent cats from:
  - a) Escaping from the place where the cat is kept, or
  - b) Leaving the place without being under the control of a person.
2. Note the Bill:
  - a) Creates a clear duty for cat owners to keep their pets contained to their property.
  - b) Empowers councils to make and enforce reasonable orders to prevent cats from escaping.
  - c) Protects vulnerable people through fair and compassionate enforcement.
  - d) Helps stop the flow of lost and abandoned pets into the feral cat population.
3. Support the Companion Animals Amendment (Control of Cats) Bill 2025
4. Acknowledge effective cat containment
  - a) Protects native wildlife and local biodiversity by reducing injury and death from domestic roaming cat predation.
  - b) Improves the wellbeing of domestic cats by reducing their risk of injury or death from vehicle strikes, dog attacks, ticks, poisoning, infections from cat fights or contracting diseases like feline aids virus.
5. Write to the NSW Minister for Local Government, the NSW Minister for the Environment, the NSW Premier and Local Members of Parliament for Hornsby, Epping and Wahroonga:
  - a) Expressing Hornsby Council's support for the Bill.
  - b) Urging the Ministers and MPs to support the Bill.
  - c) Requesting State funding for councils to support education, compliance and animal shelter capacity.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**11 NOM9/25 Use of Synthetic Fibre Halloween Decorations**

**(F2025/00052)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BALL, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND,

THAT Council:

1. Note community concern about the use of synthetic spider web and fake snow decorations during Halloween, which pose risks to local wildlife and contribute to microplastic pollution.
2. Hold a strategy session amongst Councillors on what role Council can play in educating residents on the use of synthetic and single use decorations.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, SIMONS, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS**

Nil

#### **MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

**THE MEETING** concluded at 9.05pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday 10 December 2025, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN