



## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY  
on Wednesday 13 August 2025  
at 6:30 PM



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Hornsby Shire Council – Minutes of General Meeting of 13 August 2025

## **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

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

## **PRESENT**

Councillors McIntosh (Chairperson), Ball, Conley, McClelland, McSweeney, Seaglove, Simons and Tilbury.

Note: The Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting in the absence of the Mayor Councillor Waddell.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Ejay Mbakwe from The Awesome Rock Church, Asquith opened the meeting in prayer.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY**

Statement by the Chairperson:

*"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 Chairperson:

*"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 / REQUESTS TO ATTEND REMOTELY**

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

THAT the:

1. Apology and request for leave of absence from Councillor Waddell in respect of an inability to attend the Council Meeting on 13 August 2025 be accepted and leave of absence be granted.
2. Request for leave of absence from Councillor Ball for the period 15 August 2025 to 15

September 2025 be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

## **POLITICAL DONATIONS DISCLOSURE**

Statement by the Chairperson:

*"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**

Nil

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR SIMONS,  
THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 9 July 2025 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

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

AGAINST: NIL

## **PETITIONS**

Nil

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

## MAYORAL MINUTES

### 10 MM6/25 Celebrating Significant Community Anniversaries

(F2008/00454)

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

THAT:

1. Council extends its thanks and congratulations to the organisations named for the significant anniversaries they are celebrating this year and thank them for their contributions to our Shire and our community.
2. A suitable event be held to acknowledge their service at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre during the Hornsby Art Prize Exhibition Period, 12 September to 28 September 2025.

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

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR TILBURY

### 11 MM7/25 RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE - JAMES FARRINGTON

(F2008/00454)

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

THAT on behalf of the Mayor, the Councillors, community and staff we express our deep appreciation for the efforts of our Director Planning and Compliance, Mr James Farrington, who after thirty years is leaving Hornsby Shire Council to take up an executive role at Northern Beaches Council. He leaves an impressive legacy, and we are grateful for the commitment, the passion and the results he has achieved for Hornsby over this period.

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

AGAINST: NIL

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

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

Items 5, 6 and 9 were withdrawn for discussion.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY seconded by COUNCILLOR BALL,  
THAT the recommendations in respect of items 1, 2, 3 and 4 be adopted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

For the sake of clarity, the above items are recorded in Agenda sequence.

Note: Items 7 and 8 were called over and noted.

Note: Persons wishing to address Council on matters which were on the Agenda were permitted to address or provide a submission to 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 address 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**

Nil

### **CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION**

#### **1 CS37/25 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy - Reporting Required by Section 15 of the Policy**

**(F2004/09552-02)**

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

THAT Council note that details regarding the provision of Councillor expenses and facilities for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 have been tabled in accordance with the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy.

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

AGAINST: NIL

**2 CS38/25 Investments and Borrowings (Pre-Audit) for 2024/2025 - Status for the Period Ending 30 June 2025**

**(F2004/06987-02)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR BALL,  
THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS38/25 be received and noted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

**COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

**3 CE1/25 Review of policies and Codes - Community and Environment Division**

**(F2013/00129)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR BALL,  
THAT Council adopt the recommendations contained in the table in Director's Report No. CE1/25 in respect of each of the current policies under the jurisdiction of the Community and Environment Division.

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

AGAINST: NIL

**PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION**

**4 PC13/25 Sydney North Planning Panel and Hornsby Local Planning Panel - Local and Community Panel Members**

**(F2017/00294#003)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR BALL,  
THAT Council:

1. Re-appoint Sue Weatherly (Technical Representative); Mark McCrindle (Community Representative), Christine Newman (Alternative) and David White (Alternative) as local members on the Sydney North Planning Panel for a period of three years.
2. Extend the term of appointment for Anthony Hudson, Elizabeth Kinkade, Gregory Flynn,

Heather Warton, John Brockhoff, Larissa Ozog, Marjorie Ferguson, Michael Leavey and Stephen Leathley as expert members on the Hornsby Local Planning Panel (HLPP) until 30 June 2027 and Council consider new membership at that time.

3. Extend the term of appointment for Martin Dargan, David White and Tony Jones as community representatives on the HLPP until 30 April 2026.
4. Commence an expression of interest process to appoint new community members of the HLPP by the end of April 2026.
5. Thank Amanda Anderson and Aiman Khan for their contribution to the HLPP.
6. Advise the Planning Panels Secretariat at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure of Council's resolution.

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

AGAINST: NIL

## **5 PC14/25 Employment Lands Planning Proposal**

**(F2018/00162#05)**

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

Ms Judith Hitchcock, of Galston addressed Council regarding this item.

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

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR CONLEY, THAT:

1. Council endorse progression of the Employment Lands Study Planning Proposal attached to Director's Report No. PC14/25 for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.
2. The Planning Proposal be publicly exhibited in accordance with the Gateway Determination and consultation strategy identified in this report, for no less than 28 days.
3. Council endorse the amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan 2024 attached to Director's Report No. PC14/25 for exhibition concurrently with the Planning Proposal for no less than 28 days.
4. Following exhibition, a report on submissions be presented to Council for consideration.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY,

AGAINST: NIL

**6 PC15/25 Review of Policies – Planning and Compliance Division**

**(F2013/00250)**

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 adopt the:

1. Recommendations contained in the table in Director's Report No. PC15/25 in respect of each of the current Policies under the jurisdiction of the Planning and Compliance Division.
2. New Enforcement Policy subject to Section 2.3 concerning low risk matters being amended to clarify the listed matters may be investigated where evidence is submitted indicating a medium/high risk of threat to life or property.

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

AGAINST: NIL

**INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION**

Nil

**PUBLIC FORUM – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs Caryn Bosco, of Galston addressed Council in relation to the Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston.

Mr Marcel Reemst, of Asquith addressed Council in relation to construction certificate requirements.

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

Mrs Leanne Dowding, of Galston addressed Council in relation to the Draft Planning Proposal, 1-3 Johnson Road, Galston.

Mrs Clair Queenan, of Galston addressed Council in relation 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.



## QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

### 7 QWN2/25 Rehabilitation of Hornsby Quarry to Hornsby Park

(F2021/00171)

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

A Response to the Question with Notice asked by COUNCILLOR TILBURY to the General Manager, - QWN2/25, is provided below:

***Could the General Manager please detail the entire financial spend on the rehabilitation of Hornsby Quarry to Hornsby Park to date (up to and including any projected spend before the official opening later this year)? Please include all grants secured, developer contributions, general funds and any other funding sources.***

Council has a long history with the project spanning several decades and ongoing operating costs have been incurred over this time frame. For the purpose of answering the question 1 July 2016 has been chosen as the commencement date of rehabilitation, as expenditure to procure spoil to fill the void was first incurred in this year following a decision by Council to proceed with the rehabilitation of the site.

The total life to date expenditure on the project from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2025 is \$64.934 million. A further \$0.965 million is committed by way of contract and forecast to be spent before the opening date.

Component	Expenditure (\$'000)	Committed (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)
Stabilization and rehabilitation of void, minor embellishment, design development and management	48,473	357	48,830
Spoil from North Connex (Council contribution)	7,370	0	7,370
Crusher Plant	5,994	268	6,262
Heritage Steps and Trails	986	328	1,314
Vegetation Management	1,083	0	1,083
Bushland Tracks and Trails	906	12	918
Mountain Bike Trails	122	0	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,934</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>65,899</b>

The majority of funding has been provided externally, largely through a grant from the NSW Government Stronger Communities Fund, plus interest earned and some from Developer Contributions. General funds were allocated by Council between 2016 and 2018 prior to the receipt of this grant:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Expended &amp; Committed (\$'000)</b>
Stronger Communities Grant scheme (including interest)	55,877
Development Contributions	6,031
Catchment Remediation Rate	161
Special Rate Variation - Shared Paths initiative	384
General Funds	3,446
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,899</b>

In addition to the table above Council has recently secured a \$12 million Thriving Suburbs grant from the Australian Government (to be matched by an equivalent amount from Council) that will deliver a significant portion of Old Mans Valley as envisioned in the adopted masterplan and has also recently received a further grant of \$530K from the metropolitan Greenspace Grant program to assist in the delivery of walking and circulation trails around the park.

**CALLED OVER AND NOTED**

## **MAYOR'S NOTES**

**8 MN7/25 Mayor's Notes 01 July 2025 to 31 July 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.*

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended the Centenary Assembly at Pennant Hills Public School.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended a photo shoot to mark the opening of Berry Park Playground, Mt Colah, and Mills Park Playground, Asquith.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 – On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Councillor McIntosh attended the opening ceremony and blessing of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Asquith.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended Music and Drama Night at Asquith Boys High School, Asquith.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended a paddle session on the water with the Hawkesbury River Dragon Boats Club, Brooklyn.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended the Northern District Cricket Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting at Hornsby RSL.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended a photoshoot to mark the opening of the new dog park at the Brickpit, Thornleigh.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended the Middle East Area of Operations Commemoration, hosted by the Berowra RSL Sub-Branch, Berowra.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended the Twilight Markets one year anniversary at Hornsby Mall.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby Gang Show at Abbotsleigh Senior School Campus, Wahroonga.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia's closing function of VHP Children's Camp at Baden-Powell Activity Centre, Pennant Hills.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Local Business Awards at Hornsby RSL.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor hosted two Citizenship Ceremonies in the Council Administration Building, Hornsby.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended the Westleigh Tennis Club's 2025 AGM, Westleigh.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended a book presentation at Galston Valley Railway, Galston.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended Lisa Harnum Day 2025 at Hornsby Westfield.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended Epping Scout Group's 100 years celebration of Epping Scout Hall, Epping.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended National Tree Day 2025, at Jane Starkey Park, Thornleigh.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – The Mayor attended the Official Opening of Kangaroo Point to Brooklyn Boardwalk, Brooklyn.

**CALLED OVER AND NOTED**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **9            NOM4/25    Properties 79-87 Malton Road, Beecroft**

**(F2024/00305)**

Mr Ross Walker, on behalf of Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr Steve Tietgen, of Beecroft addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Trish Brown, on behalf of Byles Creek Valley Union Inc. addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Robyn Smith, on behalf of Byles Creek Valley Union Inc. provided a submission to Council

regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR CONLEY, THAT Council write to the NSW Minister for the Environment and local State Members of Parliament outlining Council's previously expressed view concerning the potential State conservation significance of property Nos. 79-87 Malton Road, Beecroft and requesting consideration of submissions by residents requesting the State Government seek to purchase the land.

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

AGAINST: NIL

### **MATTERS OF URGENCY**

NOTE: A Matter of Urgency was raised by COUNCILLOR TILBURY, regarding the Response to Threatening and Harassing Correspondence. The motion lapsed due to the absence of a seconder and was subsequently deemed not to be a matter of urgency by the Chairperson.

**THE MEETING** concluded at 8.21pm.

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

CONFIRMED

CHAIRPERSON

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