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GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 8 October 2025
at 6:30 PM**



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Statement by the Chairperson:

"Council recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and GuriNgai peoples, and pays respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present and to their Heritage. We acknowledge and uphold their intrinsic connections and continuing relationships to Country."

PRESENT

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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

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

Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under section 233A of the Act and their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Clause 4.16 and 4.17 of Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors requires that a councillor or a member of a Council committee who has a pecuniary interest in a matter which is before the Council or committee and who is present at a meeting of the Council or committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. The disclosure is also to be submitted in writing (on the form titled "Declaration of Interest").

- 4.16 *A councillor who has a pecuniary interest in any matter with which the council is concerned, and who is present at a meeting of the council or committee at which the matter is being considered, must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.*
- 4.17 *The councillor must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting of the council or committee:*
- a) *at any time during which the matter is being considered or discussed by the council or committee, or*
 - b) *at any time during which the council or committee is voting on any question in relation to the matter.*

Clause 5.10 and 5.11 of Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors requires that a councillor or a member of a Council committee who has a non pecuniary interest in a matter which is before the Council or committee and who is present at a meeting of the Council or committee at which the matter is being considered must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable. The disclosure is also to be submitted in writing (on the form titled "Declaration of Interest").

- 5.10 *Significant non-pecuniary conflict of interests must be managed in one of two ways:*
- a) *by not participating in consideration of, or decision making in relation to, the matter in which you have the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest and the matter being allocated to another person for consideration or determination, or*
 - b) *if the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to a matter under consideration at a council or committee meeting, by managing the conflict of interest as if you had a pecuniary interest in the matter by complying with clauses 4.16 and 4.17.*
- 5.11 *If you determine that you have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest in a matter that is not significant and does not require further action, when disclosing the interest you must also explain in writing why you consider that the non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances.*

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 10 September, 2025 be confirmed; a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

PETITIONS**PRESENTATIONS****RESCISSION MOTIONS****MAYORAL MINUTES****ITEMS PASSED BY EXCEPTION / CALL FOR SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS***Note:*

Persons wishing to address Council on matters which are on the Agenda are permitted to speak, prior to the item being discussed, and their names will be recorded in the Minutes in respect of that particular item.

*Persons wishing to address Council on **non agenda matters**, are permitted to speak after all items on the agenda in respect of which there is a speaker from the public have been finalised by Council. Their names will be recorded in the Minutes under the heading "Public Forum for Non Agenda Items".*

GENERAL BUSINESS

- *Items for which there is a Public Forum Speaker*
- *Public Forum for non agenda items*
- *Balance of General Business items*

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION**Page Number 1**

Item 1 CS51/25 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES - OCTOBER 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 2026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council determine the Councillor representation on the following external Committees and Working Parties for the period, October 2025 to September 2026:

1. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee.

2. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee.
3. Local Transport Forum (LTF).
4. NSW Public Libraries Association.
5. Hornsby Shire Dementia Alliance.

Page Number 4**Item 2 CS53/25 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. Council adopt the draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to Director's Report No. CS53/25 for the purpose of public exhibition.
2. The public exhibition be for a period of 28 days, with a period of 42 days allowed for the lodgement of submissions by members of the public.
3. Following the conclusion of the public exhibition period, a further report be submitted for Council's consideration which details any submissions received and proposes the adoption of a final Code of Meeting Practice.

Page Number 9**Item 3 CS54/25 INVESTMENTS AND BORROWINGS FOR 2025/2026 - STATUS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS54/25 be received and noted.

Page Number 12**Item 4 CS56/25 2024/25 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the 2024/25 General Purpose Financial Statements and associated Auditor's Report, as presented to the public on 8 October 2025, be adopted.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**Page Number 16**

Item 5 CE9/25 HORNSBY ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. Council determine Councillor representation (maximum 7) on the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee.
2. Council appoints the voluntary community members identified in Table 1 of Director's Report No. CE9/25 as members of the Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Islander Consultative Committee for the current term of Council.
3. All applicants be advised of Council's resolution.

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION**Page Number 20****Item 6 PC17/25 HORNSBY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP****RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. Council determine Councillor representation (maximum 4) on the Hornsby Heritage Advisory Committee and select a Chairperson.
2. Council invite the following volunteers to participate on the Hornsby Heritage Advisory Committee for the current term of Council:
 - a) Mr David White, Ms Miriam Moloney, Ms Carol Liston, and Ms Elyssa Freame as technical specialists.
 - b) Ms Mari Metzke, Mr Brian Scarsbrick, Mr Ian Browning as community representatives.
3. All applicants be advised of Council's resolution.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**Item 7 CE11/25 RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES - NEGOTIATION REPORT**

This report should be dealt with in confidential session, under Section 10A (2) (c) (d) 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; AND contains 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. (This Report is considered confidential under Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act as it contains information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Discussion of the matter in an open Meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because the Report contains information provided by tenderers which includes sensitive information about their business operations, methodologies and costs. The publication of such information could result in the withholding of similar information by potential tenderers in future, therefore limiting Council's ability to make an informed decision about future tenders.)

Item 8 CS49/25 ACQUISITION BY AGREEMENT - VARIATION OF EASEMENT GALSTON

This report should be dealt with in confidential session, 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.

Item 9 CS55/25 ACQUISITION BY AGREEMENT - VARIATION OF EASEMENT GALSTON

This report should be dealt with in confidential session, 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.

Item 10 IM5/25 HORNSBY PARK EMBELLISHMENTS (HPE) SERVICES ENHANCEMENT

This report should be dealt with in confidential session, under Section 10A (2) (d) of the Local Government Act, 1993. This report contains 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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Item 11 MN9/25 MAYOR'S NOTES 01 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

NOTICES OF MOTION

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

MATTERS OF URGENCY

1 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES - OCTOBER 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Each year, Council reviews the need for Councillor representation on Committees and Working Parties and makes a determination about the appointment of Councillors for the ensuing 12 months.
- This Report provides a list of the current external Committees and Working Parties and seeks a Council determination in respect of the appointment of Councillors for the period October 2025 to September 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council determine the Councillor representation on the following external Committees and Working Parties for the period, October 2025 to September 2026:

1. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee.
2. Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee.
3. Local Transport Forum (LTF).
4. NSW Public Libraries Association.
5. Hornsby Shire Dementia Alliance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Report is to provide the opportunity for Council to review Councillor representation on external Committees and Working Parties and appoint Councillor representatives for the period October 2025 to September 2026.

BACKGROUND

Council last considered the membership of external Committees and working parties at the 23 October 2024 General Meeting, please refer to Director's Report No. CS50/24 where Council resolved:

THAT Councillor representation on external Committees and Working Parties for the period October 2024 to September 2025 be as indicated in the table below:

<i>Council Committee/Working Party</i>	<i>Councillor Representation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Hornsby Kuring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee</i> 	<i>Delegates – Mayor, Clr McSweeney</i> <i>Alternates – Clr Ball, Clr Tilbury, Clr Seaglove</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Hornsby Kuring-gai Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee</i> 	<i>Delegates – Mayor</i> <i>Alternates – Clr Seaglove, Clr Ball, Clr Conley</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Local Transport Forum (LTF)</i> 	<i>Delegate – Clr Greenwood,</i> <i>Alternate – Clr McSweeney</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>NSW Public Libraries Association</i> 	<i>Delegate – Clr McIntosh</i> <i>Alternate – Clr McClelland, Clr Simons</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Hornsby Shire Dementia Alliance</i> 	<i>Delegates – Clr McIntosh, Clr Greenwood</i> <i>Alternate – Clr McClelland</i>

DISCUSSION

The Councillor representation to Committees and Working Parties is now due for renewal and Council has the opportunity to determine the Councillor representation for the next 12-month period being October 2025 to September 2026.

External Committees

Council either convenes or is a member of other external committees, often this representation is a statutory and / or constitutional requirement.

These committees include the following:

- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee
- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee
- Local Transport Forum (LTF)
- NSW Public Libraries Association

- Hornsby Shire Dementia Alliance

To assist Council in determining Councillor representation on external committees, a table is provided in Attachment 1, the column titled “No. of Councillors” details the number of Councillor representatives (including alternates) for each committee and a blank column has been left in respect to “Councillor Representation 2025 - 2026”. Also included for information is a column describing the purpose of each committee.

BUDGET

There are no budget implications associated with this Report.

POLICY

There are no policy implications associated with this Report.

CONCLUSION

It is proposed that Council appoint Councillor representatives to the external Committees and Working Parties for period October 2025 to September 2026.


RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

The officer responsible for the preparation of this Report is the Manager, Governance and Customer Service – Stephen Colburt, who can be contacted on 9847 6761.

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Attachments:

1.  External Committees, Working Parties for the Period October 2025 – September 2026

File Reference: F2004/07056
Document Number: D09205779

2 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Amendments made to the Local Government Act (LGA) in August 2016 provided for a Model Code of Meeting Practice (MCMP) to be prescribed by the Local Government General Regulation (LGGR). A MCMP was prescribed by the NSW Government in December 2018 and the previous meetings' provisions included in the LGGR were repealed.
- The initial MCMP consisted of mandatory and non-mandatory provisions and councils were required to adopt their own Code of Meeting Practice (CMP) which at least incorporated the mandatory provisions. Council adopted a CMP on 12 June 2019, incorporating the mandatory provisions; some of the non-mandatory provisions; and other provisions from its previous CMP which were relevant and good practice for Council.
- The Office of Local Government (OLG) in 2021, released an updated MCMP which was prescribed under the LGGR. Council adopted an updated CMP on 8 June 2022 following public exhibition of the draft CMP.
- The OLG has again revised the MCMP and Council officers have developed an updated draft CMP based on the current 2025 MCMP.
- In line with Section 361 of the LGA, Council is required to exhibit the draft Code for at least 28 days and provide members of the public with 42 days in which to make a submission or comment on the draft Code.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council adopt the draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to Director's Report No. CS53/25 for the purpose of public exhibition.
2. The public exhibition be for a period of 28 days, with a period of 42 days allowed for the lodgement of submissions by members of the public.
3. Following the conclusion of the public exhibition period, a further report be submitted for Council's consideration which details any submissions received and proposes the adoption of a final Code of Meeting Practice.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with information about proposed amendments to its CMP; and to recommend that Council adopt a draft amended CMP for the purpose of public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the LGA.

BACKGROUND

In August 2016, amendments were made to the LGA which provided for MCMP to be prescribed by the LGGR. Following an extensive consultation process across local government, an initial MCMP was prescribed, and the previous meetings' provisions included in the LGGR were repealed. The MCMP consisted of three elements.

It contained mandatory provisions that reflected the existing meetings provisions of the LGA and updated and enhanced the meetings' provisions previously specified under the LGGR to reflect contemporary meetings' practice by councils. It also contained non-mandatory provisions that covered areas of meetings' practice that are common to most councils but where there may be a need for some variation in practice between councils based on local circumstances. The non-mandatory provisions operated to set a benchmark based on what the Office of Local Government (OLG) considered best practice for council meetings. Provisions were also included which were specific to joint organisations of councils, but which were not applicable to Hornsby Shire Council.

The MCMP was designed to achieve a range of outcomes including:

- Promoting, as the principal object of meetings, the making of decisions by the governing bodies of councils that are in the best interests of the council and the community as a whole.
- Promoting more accessible, orderly, effective, and efficient meetings and to provide councils with the tools to achieve these outcomes.
- Prescribing principles to inform the way in which meetings are conducted and to impose meeting rules that are consistent with these principles.
- Codifying areas of common practice across councils in a way that is clear, efficient, leads to better informed and more effective decision making and that is consistent with the requirements of the LGA.
- Promoting greater consistency between councils across the State in key areas of meetings' practice without losing the ability to allow some variation in practice to meet local needs or expectations.
- Allowing greater flexibility in the conduct of meetings to accommodate a range of potential scenarios that are not addressed by the current meeting rules.
- Simplifying the language currently used to make the prescribed meeting rules more accessible and easier to understand.
- Modernising the rules to accommodate current and emerging technologies (e.g. electronic notice, electronic voting systems and webcasting).

Councils were required to adopt their own code of meeting practice by June 2019 which incorporated the mandatory provisions of the MCMP. A council's code could also incorporate any or all of the non-mandatory provisions of the MCMP and any other supplementary provisions adopted by the council. The code could not contain provisions which were inconsistent with the mandatory provisions.

On 12 June 2019, Council adopted a CMP incorporating the mandatory provisions; some of the non-mandatory provisions; and other provisions from its previous CMP which were considered to be relevant and good practice for Council.

The OLG reviewed the MCMP in 2021 and provided an updated MCMP to Councils to adopt. The 2021 MCMP contained:

- Provisions that allow councils to permit individual Councillors to attend meetings by audio-visual link and to hold meetings by audio-visual link in the event of natural disasters or public health emergencies. Amendments to the provisions governing the webcasting of meetings and disorder at meetings to reflect amendments to the LGGR since the initial MCMP was prescribed.
- Requirement that business papers include a reminder to Councillors of their oath or affirmation of office, and their conflict-of-interest disclosure obligations.

DISCUSSION

The OLG has reviewed the MCMP following extensive consultation with the local Government industry, this latest version of the MCMP has now been prescribed under the LGGR and Councils are required to adopt a revised code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the 2025 MCMP no later than 31 December 2025.

Council officers have developed a draft CMP which incorporates the mandatory (and some of the non-mandatory) provisions of the MCMP prescribed in August 2025 as well as some supplementary provisions from Council's existing Code which are considered to be relevant and represent good practice.

To assist Council's consideration of the draft CMP, the main points of difference between the draft CMP and the new model CMP are summarised below.

Summary of Key Differences

Section 3.3	The mayor may call an extraordinary meeting without the need to obtain the signature of two (2) councillors.
Section 3.12-3.13	Requirement for Notices of Motions that deal with legal, strategic, financial or policy implications or expenditure of funds requiring a report from the General Manager or funding source identified has been removed.
Section 3.23	Requirement for business papers to contain a statement reminding Councillors of their oath or affirmation of office and their obligations to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest, has been removed.
Section 3.26	Allows a Mayoral Minute to be moved at Extraordinary Meetings without notice.
Section 3.27	Allows Matters of Urgency to be moved at an Extraordinary Meeting without notice, if all councillors are present at the meeting.
Section 3.31	Prohibition of Pre-Meeting briefing sessions. This also includes where a report is being considered at a General Meeting, and a councillor moves to have the matter deferred to be considered at a briefing. This is disallowed and will be out of order.

Section 3.32	Any information provided to a Councillor on a matter to be considered at a meeting must also be made publicly available. Except in circumstances when the matter is deemed confidential under section 10A(1),(2) of the Local Government Act.
Section 4.1-4.3	Public forum is to be held prior to and separate from the Council Meeting and must be livestreamed.
Section 5.7	Requirement for Council to provide a reason for not granting a leave of absence when requested.
Section 5.19	Councillors may only attend meetings by audio-visual link due to ill-health, other medical reasons or unforeseen caring responsibilities.
Section 5.35	Requirement to determine if chairperson has the power of expulsion
Sections 5.36-5.38	Livestreaming of meetings must be via an audio-visual device and made available at the same time as the meeting is taking place.
Section 7.1	Councillors where able, are encouraged to stand when the Mayor enters the chambers and when addressing the meeting.
Sections 10.17-10.19	Foreshadowed Motions and Amendments have been removed from the model code.
Section 10.25	If a motion on an item is lost, a motion that is not substantially the same as the one that was lost may be moved.
Section 11.13	Where the council makes a planning decision that is inconsistent with the recommendation made in a staff report, it must provide reasons for its decision and why it did not adopt the staff recommendation.
Section 13.8	Additional clause adopted by Council relating to public speakers on agenda items has been removed.
Section 14.19-14.20	Confidential business papers are to be published on Councils website after the information ceases to be confidential and provide reasons why the information has ceased to be confidential.
Section 15.20-15.21	Disorderly conduct for members of the public at meetings defined and powers to expel members of the public for acts of disorder.

Before adopting a new code, councils are required to exhibit a draft code for at least 28 days and provide members of the public with at least 42 days in which to comment on the draft code.

After considering all submissions received by it concerning the draft code, the council may decide to amend any non-mandatory provisions of its draft code; or adopt the draft code as its code of meeting practice. If a council decides to amend its draft code, it may publicly exhibit the amended draft, or, if the council is of the opinion that the amendments are not substantial, it may adopt the amended draft code without further public exhibition as its code of meeting practice.

CONSULTATION

The 2025 MCMP was finalised following extensive consultation across the local government sector, including with Council. An opportunity is now proposed to be provided for interested members of the public to make a submission in respect of Council's draft CMP before a decision is made on its adoption by Council.

BUDGET

There are no budgetary implications associated with this Report.

POLICY

Should Council adopt the recommendations of this Report, the attached draft CMP will be publicly exhibited. Once that public exhibition process has completed, Council will consider a further report prior to adoption of a final Code.

CONCLUSION

Council officers have developed a draft Code of Meeting Practice for formal consideration by Council. The draft Code incorporates the mandatory, and some of the non-mandatory, provisions of the 2025 MCMP as well as some existing provisions from Council's existing Code which are considered relevant and good practice for Hornsby Shire Council. It is a requirement of the LGA that, once adopted, a draft Code is to be placed on public exhibition prior to adoption of a final Code. This report provides the opportunity for adoption of a draft Code which can be publicly exhibited by Council.



RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

The officer responsible for the preparation of this Report is the Manager, Governance and Customer Service – Mr Stephen Colburt - who can be contacted on 9847 6761.

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Attachments:

1.  Office of Local Government - 2025 Model Code of Meeting Practice
2.  Draft Code of Meeting Practice for Public Exhibition

File Reference: F2004/07032
Document Number: D09206381

3 INVESTMENTS AND BORROWINGS FOR 2025/2026 - STATUS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This Report provides details of Council's investment performance for the period ending 31 August 2025 as well as the extent of its borrowings at the end of the same period.
- Council invests funds that are not, for the time being, required for any other purpose. The investments must be made in accordance with relevant legislative requirements and Council's policies, and the Chief Financial Officer must report monthly to Council on the details of funds invested.
- All of Council's investments have been made in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, the Local Government (General) Regulation and Council's Investment of Surplus Funds Policy and Investment Strategy.
- In respect of Council's cash and term deposit investments, the portfolio achieved an annualised return for August 2025 of 5.27% which includes a positive yield of 13.33% from TCorp Managed Funds. On a financial year to date basis the portfolio achieved an annualised return of 5.08% which includes a positive yield of 10.35% from TCorp Managed Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS54/25 be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Report is to advise Council of funds invested in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act; to provide details as required by Clause 212(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulation and Council's Investment of Surplus Funds Policy; and to advise on the extent of Council's current borrowings.

BACKGROUND

Legislation requires that a report be submitted for Council's consideration each month detailing Council's investments and borrowings and highlighting the monthly and year to date performance of the investments. Initial investments and reallocation of funds are made, where appropriate, after consultation with Council's financial investment adviser and fund managers.

DISCUSSION

Council invests funds which are not, for the time being, required for any other purpose. Such investment must be in accordance with relevant legislative requirements and Council Policies, and the Chief Financial Officer must report monthly to Council on the details of the funds invested.

Council's investment performance for the month ending 31 August 2025 is detailed in the attached document. In summary, the portfolio achieved an annualised return for August 2025 of 5.27%, which includes a positive yield of 13.33% from TCorp Managed Funds. On a financial year to date basis the portfolio achieved an annualised return of 5.08% which includes a positive yield of 10.35% from TCorp Managed Funds.

The returns from TCorp Managed Funds can experience market volatility due to external economic conditions. It is noted that this product has a medium to long term investment horizon and will, therefore, reflect marked to market valuations monthly. Advice provided by Council's independent investment advisor, Prudential Investment Services is to continue to hold this investment. This is due to the anticipated net positive performance returns that will be gained over the long term.

The Borrowings Schedule as at 31 August 2025 is attached for Council's information, noting that Council became debt free on 1 July 2023 with no loans entered into since. The Borrowings Schedule also discloses future lease repayments for various items of plant and equipment.

BUDGET

Budgeted investment income for the year is \$8,702,915 with an average budgeted monthly income of \$725,243. Net investment income for the month ended 31 August 2025 was \$1,311,367 which includes an unrealised gain of \$275,792 from TCorp Managed Funds.

Budgeted investment income year to date at 31 August 2025 is \$1,450,486. Total investment income year to date at 31 August 2025 is \$2,481,295 which includes a year-to-date unrealised net gain of \$432,953 from TCorp Managed Funds.

Approximately 42.25% of the investment income received by Council relates to externally restricted funds (e.g., Stronger Communities Grant funding and Section 7.11 and Section 7.12 development contribution funds) and is required to be allocated to those funds. All investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, the Local Government (General) Regulation and Council's Investment of Surplus Funds Policy and Investment Strategy.

CONCLUSION

The investment of Council funds and the extent of its borrowings as of 31 August 2025 is detailed in the documents attached to this Report. Council's consideration of the Report and its attachments

ensures that the relevant legislative requirements and Council protocols have been met in respect of those investments and borrowings.



RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

The officer responsible for the preparation of this Report is the Chief Financial Officer – Duncan Chell - who can be contacted on 9847 6822.

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Attachments:

1.  HSC Investments Summary Report August 2025
2.  HSC Borrowings Summary Report August 2025

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4 2024/25 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- In accordance with Sections 413, 415, 416 and 417 of the Local Government Act, Council must prepare and have audited its General Purpose Financial Statements within four months of the end of each financial year.
- At the 10 September 2025 General Meeting, Council received and noted the 2024/25 Financial Statements and resolved to refer them for audit. Council also delegated authority to the General Manager to fix the date at which the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report would be presented to the public.
- Following receipt of the Auditor's Report, the General Manager determined that the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report would be presented to the public at the 8 October 2025 General Meeting.
- Following formal presentation of the Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports to the public at the 8 October 2025 General Meeting, members of the public, in accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act, have seven days, i.e., until 15 October 2025, to make written submissions about the Statements.
- Any submissions that are received must be referred by Council to the Auditor for their response.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2024/25 General Purpose Financial Statements and associated Auditor's Report, as presented to the public on 8 October 2025, be adopted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Report is to allow Council's 2024/25 General Purpose Financial Statements and associated Auditor's Reports to be presented to the public in accordance with Section 419(1) of the Local Government Act.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Sections 413, 415, 416 and 417 of the Local Government Act, Council must prepare and have audited its General Purpose Financial Statements within four months of the end of each financial year.

At the 10 September 2025 General Meeting, Council considered Directors Report No. CS39/25 – General Purpose Financial Reports – 2024/25 Financial Year – and resolved that:

1. *The 2024/25 General Purpose Financial Reports be received and noted and referred for audit.*
2. *The Mayor and nominated Councillor be authorised to sign the Statutory Statements in connection with the 2024/25 Financial Reports.*
3. *The 2024/25 Financial Reports be authorised for “presentation to the public” on receipt of the Auditor’s Report.*
4. *The General Manager be delegated authority to fix the date of the General Meeting at which the 2024/25 Financial Reports and Auditor’s Report are formally “presented to the public”.*

DISCUSSION

Following the 10 September 2025 General Meeting, the 2024/25 General Purpose Financial Statements were signed and referred to the Audit Office of New South Wales for audit. The Audit Office have subsequently issued an Auditor's Report and have not identified any significant issues which require changes to the Financial Statements.

Following receipt of the Auditor's Report, the General Manager authorised, in accordance with Council's resolution of 10 September 2025, that presentation of the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the public would occur at the 8 October 2025 General Meeting.

An electronic copy of the Financial Statements and Auditor's Reports is registered in Council's electronic document management system and has also been placed on Council's website at <https://www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/council/forms-and-publications/publications/financial-statements>

Following formal presentation of the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the public at the 8 October 2025 General Meeting, members of the public in accordance with Section 420 of the Local Government Act, have seven days, i.e., until 15 October 2025, to make submissions about the documents. Such submissions must be in writing and must be referred by Council to the Auditor for their response.

It is noted that Council's external auditor has indicated her availability to present on the Financial Statements, Auditor's Report and Council's financial position at the 8 October 2025 General Meeting.

CONSULTATION

In the preparation of this Report there was consultation with Council's External Auditor.

BUDGET

The net operating result in the Income Statement for 2024/25 is a surplus before capital items of \$20.6 million (2023/24: deficit of -\$5.8 million, 2022/23: surplus of \$17.6 million) and Council's Operating Performance Ratio at 30 June 2025 is 8.94% (2023/24: -2.08%, 2022/23: 11.55%) which is above the benchmark of 0%.

The financial statement result has fluctuated significantly over recent years due to one-off items that are typically not related to the continuance of normal services, but which are recognised in accordance with Australian accounting standards or are non-cash in nature. The result has moved from a deficit of -\$5.8 million at 30 June 2024 to a surplus of \$20.6 million at 30 June 2025, largely due to the following items:

- The prior year result was reduced by an \$8.4 million non-cash expense to increase the provision for future environmental remediation works at Foxglove Oval based on a revised cost estimate for this project. This entry was one-off and has not repeated in 2024/25.
- Council received additional operating grant income in the current year that improved the result, including \$2.3 million in storm response funding and \$500K to contribute to the future cost of implementing Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) kerb side waste collection.
- At 30 June 2025 Council's Investment Property portfolio was independently revalued upwards by \$3.3 million. This non-cash fair value gain is recognised as income in the financial statements, as required by accounting standards.
- In the prior year Council received notification from the Office of Local Government (OLG) that remaining grant funding for Westleigh Park would be required to be returned. A non-cash expense of \$5.6 million was subsequently recognised in 2023/24 to write-off the life to date costs of the project.
- Additional income from domestic waste annual charges of \$3 million was generated in the current year following a 10% fee increase. This additional income is being used to repay an internal loan from Council's general fund for the remediation of Foxglove Oval.

It should be noted that The Office of Local Government has recently removed the statement of performance measures (performance ratios) from the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice. Therefore, these ratios will no longer be included as part of the audited financial statements in future audited financial statements. However, to appropriately close out this financial year an unaudited statement of performance measures as at 30 June 2025 has been prepared and is attached to this report.

POLICY

There are no policy implications associated with this Report.

CONCLUSION

The presentation of the 2024/25 Financial Statements and Auditor's Report to the public at the 8 October 2025 General Meeting will ensure that the requirements of the Local Government Act have been met and that the public have an opportunity to make any relevant submissions to Council about the documents.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

The officer responsible for the preparation of this Report is the Chief Financial Officer – Duncan Chell, who can be contacted on 9847 6822.

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Attachments:

1.  Unaudited Statement of Performance Measures

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5 HORNSBY ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- At the Council Meeting 8 August 2022 Council endorsed the recommendation of report GM13/22, Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Committee that Council appoint 14 voluntary community members to the Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Islander Consultative Committee for the term of the previous Council.
- Advisory committees such as the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee have delegated authority to make recommendations but not formal decisions.
- Expressions of interests for the reestablishment of HATSICC were placed across social media, hard copy newspapers and Council's website during August 2025 and closed on 1 September 2025. The submissions have been evaluated against the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee Charter and in discussions with local Traditional Custodians.
- At an Informal Workshop in September 2025 Councillors were provided with an overview of community nominations to the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee.
- It is recommended that Council endorse the community members identified in Table 1 of Director's Report No. CE9/25 as voluntary community representatives on HATSICC.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council determine Councillor representation (maximum 7) on the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee.
2. Council appoints the voluntary community members identified in Table 1 of Director's Report No. CE9/25 as members of the Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Islander Consultative Committee for the current term of Council.
3. All applicants be advised of Council's resolution.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Report is to seek Council's endorsement for the community representative positions on the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC).

BACKGROUND

At the 8 August 2022 Ordinary Meeting, Council considered Director's Report No. GM13/22 Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Committee and resolved to appoint 14 community members to the HATSICC committee. This committee ceased at the end of the previous Council's term of office.

HATSICC's primary purpose is to:

- Provide a vital link between Hornsby Shire Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Hornsby LGA, respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's right to self-determination and community empowerment.
- To provide advice, input and feedback in Hornsby Shire Council's business and affairs relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the LGA including appropriate approaches for consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- To provide advice, input and feedback to Council's work to promote an increased knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and society in the wider community.

HATSICC's charter provides for a maximum of 14 (fourteen) community members and includes:

- Representatives of Hornsby's Traditional Custodians, the Dharug and GuriNgai peoples.
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples who live work, study, or have a strong commitment to the LGA.
- Individuals or representatives of local community organisations with a demonstrated commitment, sensitivity to and understanding of issues relating to the local Aboriginal & Torres Islander peoples.

The charter also provides for up to seven (7) Councillors on the Committee.

DISCUSSION

Expressions of interest for community members to HATSICC were placed during August 2025 in local newspapers and Council's website, Facebook page, news and emails were sent to relevant Land Councils. Emails were also sent to the recent past community members of HATSICC inviting them to renominate for the Committee.

At the conclusion of the advertising period, Council received 11 nominations for the Committee. 7 nominations were from the Aboriginal community, including Traditional Custodians from both the Dharug and GuriNgai peoples and 4 non-Aboriginal individuals including representatives of relevant organisations.

At an informal Workshop in September 2025, Councillors were provided with an overview of community nominations to HATSICC. *Given the very strong response and limited positions available on HATSICC, Councillor feedback supported preference being provided firstly to Aboriginal nominees, and then to nominees who represent groups/organisations whose primary purpose is to further reconciliation.*

Considering this feedback, the following are recommended for membership to HATSICC.

Table 1: Recommended Members of HATSICC

Applicant	Summary of Experience	Role
Uncle Laurie Bimson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past member of HATSICC. A descendant of the Garigal clan of the GuriNgai people. 	Traditional Owner - GuriNgai
Uncle Neil Evers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past member of HATSICC. A descendant of the Garigal clan of the GuriNgai people. 	Traditional Owner - GuriNgai
Auntie Ros Fogg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past member of HATSICC. Director of Murra Mittager a Dharug Aboriginal Social Enterprise company. 	Traditional Owner - Dharug
Brandon Etto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past member and ex-Chair of HATSICC. Director First Nations Engagement, Culture & Strategic Operations, First Nations Water Branch, Water Policy Division, Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. 	Traditional Owner - Dharug
Dennis Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Guringai man with deep ancestral and cultural connections to this region. A descendant of the original custodians of the GuriNgai lands. 	Traditional Owner - GuriNgai
Lea Harlow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past member of HATSICC. Gamilaraay descendent who currently works and lives in Hornsby Shire (<i>Secretary Hornsby Aboriginal Education Consultative Group</i>). 	Gamilaraay
Paula Mailing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Worimi (Mid North Coast NSW) and Yidinji (Far Nth Coast Qld) women who has lived on Bidjigal Country most of her life. 	Worimi and Yidinji Employee of Deerubbin LALC
Tristan Tipps- Webster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Past member of HASTICC. Chief Operating Officer of Thirrilli – an Aboriginal organisation that provides emotional and practical support to families impacted by a loss from suicide or other fatal traumatic incidents. 	
Dr Anne Prescott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary representative for Hornsby Area Residents for Reconciliation. 	HARR Representative

Applicant	Summary of Experience	Role
Christine Griffiths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the management committee of Hornsby Area Residents for Reconciliation (HARR), nominating as HARR's alternate representative. 	HARR Alternate Representative
David Blunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term Hornsby Shire resident committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. 	

CONSULTATION

In the preparation of this Report there was consultation local Traditional Custodians and the previous Chair of HATSICC. An informal Councillor workshop was also held.

BUDGET

There are no budgetary implications associated with this Report.

POLICY

The filling of the voluntary community representative positions would meet the requirements of the Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee charter.

CONCLUSION

Following the calling of expressions of interest for community membership to HATSICC, it is recommended that Council endorse the voluntary community members listed in Director's Report No. CE9/25 as members of the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee for the current term of Council.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

The officer responsible for the preparation of this Report is the Manager Community & Cultural Development – Neil Chippendale - who can be contacted on 9847 6523.

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Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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6 HORNSBY HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- At its meeting on 11 June 2025, Council resolved to re-establish the Hornsby Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC), endorse the terms of reference and charter for that committee and seek expressions of interest for community members to join the committee.
- Expressions of interest for the community and technical member positions were sought from 29 July to 1 September 2025 and publicised through Council's webpage, social media channels, local publications and notifications to members of the previous committee.
- Seven submissions were received from local community members. The submissions have been evaluated against criteria including relevant tertiary or professional experience in heritage matters and knowledge of local history.
- In order to fulfill the requirements of the HAC Charter, it is recommended that Council invites the four technical specialists and three community representative members identified in this report to participate on the committee as voluntary representatives.
- It is also recommended that Council nominate four Councillors as representatives on the committee, with one Councillor selected as Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council determine Councillor representation (maximum 4) on the Hornsby Heritage Advisory Committee and select a Chairperson.
2. Council invite the following volunteers to participate on the Hornsby Heritage Advisory Committee for the current term of Council:
 - a) Mr David White, Ms Miriam Moloney, Ms Carol Liston, and Ms Elyssa Freame as technical specialists.
 - b) Ms Mari Metzke, Mr Brian Scarsbrick, Mr Ian Browning as community representatives.
3. All applicants be advised of Council's resolution.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of nominees for the voluntary technical specialist and community representative positions on the Hornsby Heritage Committee (HAC).

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 11 June 2025, Council considered Director's Report No CE5/25, which provided an overview of the previous internal committees/working parties operating during the 2021-2024 Council term and recommended that Council determine which committees and working parties it wished to re-establish.

In response to the report, Council resolved to:

1. *Council re-establish the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC) and the Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC).*
2. *Council endorse the Committee Core Terms of Reference, Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee Charter and Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee Charter included at Attachments 1-3 in Director's Report No. CE5/25.*
3. *Council seek expressions of interest for community members to join the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee and Heritage Advisory Committee.*
4. *A further Report be presented to Council with the outcomes of the expressions of interest process.*

As outlined in the endorsed HAC Charter, the committee consists of a minimum of nine members, including:

- Four nominated Councillors.
- A minimum of three and maximum of four technical specialists from the architectural/planning or other related professions with expertise in heritage.
- Two community representatives with a minimum of one representative from the Hornsby Shire Historical Society.

In accordance with Council's resolution, expressions of interest from the community for membership on the HAC to fill the technical specialist and community representative roles were advertised from 29 July to 1 September 2025.

DISCUSSION

This report evaluates expressions of interest received for the advertised voluntary technical specialist and community representative positions on the HAC.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest for membership of the HAC were open from 29 July to 1 September 2025, with notifications placed on Council's website, social media, eNews and in local newspapers. Previous members of the HAC were also notified and invited to renominate for the committee.

Council received seven applications for membership on the committee, including nominations from three former members. Applications received were discussed at an informal workshop with Councillors on 17 September 2025 and it was generally agreed that a report be presented to Council to seek endorsement of committee members.

A summary of the expressions of interest received is provided in the table below.

Applicant	Summary of Experience
<i>Mr David White</i>	<p>Tertiary qualifications in architecture. Registered Architect and director of a local architectural practice specialising in heritage projects.</p> <p>Current member of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust and National Trust (NSW) Friends of Ahimsa.</p> <p>Previous technical representative on Council's HAC.</p>
<i>Ms Miriam Moloney</i>	<p>Tertiary qualifications in Anthropology and Comparative Sociology. Career in social and family welfare, including policy management, commemorating the past, places, experiences, reuse of buildings, consultation, memorials and stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Current member of the Brooklyn Community Association.</p> <p>Previous technical representative on Council's HAC.</p>
<i>Ms Carol Liston AO</i>	<p>Qualified historian specialising in Australian history. Worked as a lecturer at Western Sydney University. Former member of the NSW Heritage Council and NSW Heritage History Advisory Panel.</p> <p>Current President of the Royal Australian Historical Society, member of the Society of Australian Genealogists, National Trust of Australia (NSW) and Hornsby Shire Historical Society. Past community member of the Penrith and Parramatta City Council's Heritage Advisory Committees.</p>
<i>Ms Elyssa Freame</i>	<p>Tertiary qualifications in archaeology, with a keen interest in the history of Hornsby Shire.</p> <p>Current member of the Dural and District Historical Society and representative on the Great North Road and the Convict Trail Project.</p>
<i>Ms Mari Metzke</i>	<p>Extensive historical background, including working for the Royal Australian Historical Society, State Records, National Archives and National Trust Cemeteries Committees.</p> <p>Current President of the Hornsby Shire Historical Society, President of Wheel 'n' Weft, a local art and craft group, and Chair of the Convict Trail Project.</p> <p>Previous community representative on Council's HAC.</p>
<i>Mr Ian Browning</i>	<p>Current member and Honorary Curator of Friends of Fagan Park and Fagan Park Museum with a keen interest in the conservation of historic machinery.</p>
<i>Mr Brian Scarsbrick AM</i>	<p>Tertiary qualifications in Agriculture, Biological and Earth Sciences. Career in environmental management, including community, corporate and government initiatives and engagement in environmental conservation and sustainability. Order of Australia (AM) for Services to the Environment.</p> <p>Current CEO of Australian Wildlife Society. Former CEO of the National Trust of Australia (NSW). Past member of Council's Local Planning Panel.</p>

Technical Representation

The HAC Charter requires three to four technical specialists from the architectural/planning or other related professions with expertise in heritage. Of the submissions received, four are recommended to fill the technical specialist roles on the committee.

Mr David White has a relevant architectural/heritage conservation background, currently working in the development industry. Ms Miriam Moloney has qualifications and skills in social history, community and cultural disciplines. Ms Carol Liston is a qualified historian specialising in Australian history. Ms Elyssa Freame is a recent archaeology graduate at the beginning of a career in Australian heritage.

Community Representation

The HAC Charter requires a minimum of two community representatives, including one representative from the Hornsby Shire Historical Society. Of the submissions received, three are recommended to fill the community representative roles on the committee.

Ms Mari Metzke has participated on the committee since its inception in 1994 and has proven to be a valuable and reliable member. Given her background, and membership of the Hornsby Shire Historical Society, Ms Metzke is suited for community representation on the committee. Mr Ian Browning is a local history and heritage enthusiast and would be an appropriate committee member given his involvement in a local historical group and association with Fagan Park. Mr Brian Scarsbrick has demonstrated a keen interest and knowledge in heritage, conservation and development through his employment and voluntary membership and would also be an appropriate community representative.

Councillor Representation

The HAC Charter requires a minimum of four nominated Councillors, with all other Councillors permitted as ex officio members of the committee. Of the nominated Councillors, one is to be selected as a Chairperson. The Chairperson is to preside at each meeting of the committee and be responsible for liaison with Council officers.

Ex officio members would not be able to vote, other than in the absence of the Councillors who are members of the committee.

It is recommended that Council nominate four Councillors for HAC membership, with one Councillor selected as the Chairperson for the committee.

BUDGET

There are no budgetary implications associated with this Report.

POLICY

Council's Advisory Committees Core Terms of Reference and HAC Charter were adopted by Council on 11 June 2025. As per the Terms of Reference in the Charter, the role of the committee is to discuss matters and make recommendations for consideration by Council on heritage related matters, but not to make decisions on Council's behalf.

CONCLUSION

The Hornsby HAC is being re-established to assist Council in the conservation and promotion of the heritage of Hornsby Shire in accordance with Council's heritage conservation objectives. Council's formal endorsement to appoint the voluntary committee members is sought.

It is recommended that Council invites the four technical specialists and three community representative members identified in this Report to participate on the HAC as voluntary representatives. Appointment of all seven members aligns with the requirements of the endorsed HAC Charter.

It is also recommended that Council nominate four Councillors for representation on the committee, with one Councillor selected as Chairperson.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

The officer responsible for the preparation of this Report is the Acting Manager, Strategic Planning – Taylor Richardson who can be contacted on 9847 6780.

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Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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11 MAYOR'S NOTES 01 SEPTEMBER 2025 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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.

Thursday 4th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Asquith Boys High School's Creative and Performing Arts night.

Saturday 6th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Hornsby Multicultural Sangam Australia's Multicultural Festival at Beatrice Taylor Hall, Hornsby.

Saturday 6th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Woodchop, hosted by Berowra Apex in Berowra.

Saturday 6th September 2025 – The Mayor attended 1st Hornsby Heights Scouts Group's 60th Birthday at the Powell Scout Activity Centre in Pennant Hills.

Saturday 6th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the Netball Grand Finals hosted by Ku-ring-gai Netball Association in Turramurra.

Saturday 6th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Northern District Cricket Club's Centenary Dinner at Hornsby RSL, Hornsby.

Sunday 7th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the 38-year celebration of Indo-Aust Bal Bharathi Vidyalaya-Hindi School, at Thornleigh West Public School.

Tuesday 9th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the 2025 NAIDOC School Initiatives Presentation at Galston High School.

Friday 12th September 2025 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor McIntosh attended the Hornsby Art Prize Award Ceremony and Opening Night event at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, Hornsby.

Saturday 13th September 2025 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor McIntosh attended the Hills District Netball Association Grand Final day and Awards Presentation at Pennant Hills Park.

Monday 15th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the Pride of Workmanship Awards Night, hosted by Rotary Club of Hornsby District at Magpies Waitara.

Wednesday 17th September 2025 – The Mayor hosted three Citizenship Ceremonies in the Council Administration Building, Hornsby.

Thursday 18th September 2025 – The Mayor attended a Civic Reception hosted by Hornsby Shire Council at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.

Friday 19th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the 2025 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards Regional Ceremony - Upper North Shore at Hornsby RSL.

Friday 19th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter's 10 year Anniversary Gala Dinner.

Saturday 20th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Lifeline's Charity Bike Ride event held by Go for Broke at Pacific Berowra Public School.

Saturday 20th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Beecroft Wombats Football Club's award night, at The Verandah, Beecroft.

Wednesday 24th September 2025 – The Mayor attended a site visit at the Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed in Thornleigh.

Thursday 25th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Asquith Girls High School's Year 12 Graduation.

Saturday 27th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club Hornsby Cup Presentation in Wisemans Ferry.

Sunday 28th September 2025 – The Mayor attended Hornsby, Berowra and Dural Men's Shed's Bush Bash at Thornleigh Community Centre.

Sunday 28th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the official opening and ribbon cutting at Rosedale Medical Practice in Pennant Hills.

Sunday 28th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the 2025 Annual Concert of the Ku-ring-gai Male Choir at Hornsby RSL.

Tuesday 30th September 2025 – The Mayor attended the Australian Institute of Horticulture Environmental Award presentation at Salt Pan Reserve in Brooklyn.

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