



MINUTES OF General Meeting

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY
on Wednesday 8 April 2026
at 7:00 PM



Hornsby Shire Council – Minutes of General Meeting of 8 April 2026

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

A Welcome to Country was given by the Darug and GuriNgai Traditional Owner representative, Auntie Ros Fogg OAM.

PRESENT

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Timothy Mildenhall from St John's Anglican Church, Asquith 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

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

THAT an apology and request for leave of absence from COUNCILLORS CONLEY and MCINTOSH in respect of an inability to attend the Council Meeting on 8 April 2026 be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

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

AGAINST: 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

NIL

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2026 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

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

AGAINST: NIL

PETITIONS

NIL

PRESENTATIONS

NIL

RESCISSION MOTIONS

NIL

MAYORAL MINUTES

NIL

ITEMS PASSED BY EXCEPTION

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

Items 2, 4, 5 and 9 were withdrawn for discussion.

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

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 1, 3 and 6 be adopted.

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

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

1 GM3/26 Draft 2026-2030 Delivery Program, including the 2026/27 Operational Plan, Budget, Rating Structure and Fees and Charges - Adoption for Public Exhibition

(F2025/00279)

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

THAT:

1. Council adopt for public exhibition the draft 2026-2030 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan which includes the draft Budget, Rating Structure and Fees and Charges for 2026/27 and make available for public comment from 9 April to 11 May 2026.
2. Council note the rating information contained in the draft 2026-2030 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan that aligns with Year 4 of the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's (IPART's) Special Rate Variation approval for Hornsby Shire Council (i.e. a 5.5% rate increase for 2026/27).
3. Following public exhibition, after consideration of all submissions, the 2026-2030 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan, including Budget, Rating Structure and Fees and Charges, be referred to Council for further consideration and adoption before 30 June 2026.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE,

AGAINST: NIL

2 GM4/26 Unreasonable Conduct Policy

(F2016/00332)

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

THAT:

1. Council place the draft Unreasonable Conduct Policy attached to General Manager's Report No. GM4/26 on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
2. Following public exhibition, after consideration of all submissions, the draft Unreasonable Conduct Policy, be referred to Council for further consideration and adoption.

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND,

THAT:

1. The draft Unreasonable Conduct Policy attached to General Manager's Report No. GM4/26 be placed on public exhibition, subject to the following amendments:

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. (b) Amend to read:

- b. The health, safety, and security of all Council officials who have the right not to experience harassment, vexatious and threatening behaviour; and

4. (c) and (d) Amend to read:

- c. The 'Nominated Manager' assess and prioritise the behaviour in accordance with their seriousness and urgency. If there is an immediate risk to safety or security the response will be immediate, and
- d. Where appropriate, the behaviour will be escalated to Police.

LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS:

4. Amend to read:

4. Council will only collect personal information necessary for managing incidents and access decisions, provide collection notices, secure records, and manage access/correction rights in line with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW), and the *Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government (2019)* (NSW).

5. (e) – (m) Insert additional legislative references:

- e. *Crimes Act (NSW) 1900 (NSW)*
- f. *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 (NSW)* (see APVO pathways).
- g. *Ombudsman Act 1974 (NSW)*
- h. *Online Safety Act 2021 (Cth)*; eSafety adult cyber-abuse scheme
- i. *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017 (NSW)*
- j. *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)*
- k. *Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)*
- l. *Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)*
- m. *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 (NSW)*

2. Following public exhibition, after consideration of all submissions, the draft Unreasonable Conduct Policy, be referred to Council for further consideration and adoption.

THE AMENDMENT MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCSWEENEY, SEAGLOVE, AND SIMONS

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS WADDELL AND TILBURY

THE AMENDMENT THEREBY BECAME THE MOTION WHICH WAS PUT AND CARRIED

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

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR TILBURY

CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION

3 CS12/26 Investments and Borrowings for 2025/2026 - Status for The Period Ending 28 February 2026

(F2004/06987-02)

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

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS12/26 be received and noted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Nil

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION

4 PC6/26 Planning Proposal - 675-685 Old Northern Road, Dural

(PP/1/2025)

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

THAT:

1. Council support progression of the Planning Proposal for Nos. 675-685 Old Northern Road, Dural, as amended and attached to Director's Report PC6/26 to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway determination.
2. Subject to a Gateway Determination, a refined Planning Proposal, draft Development Control Plan and draft Planning Agreement be prepared to respond to Gateway conditions and be presented in a future report to Council for consideration prior to exhibition.

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

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR BALL

Note: Councillor Ball abstained from voting on the Motion. Therefore, in accordance with Clause 11.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Ball was taken to have voted against the Motion.

**5 PC7/26 Report on Submissions - Proposed Amendment to The Section 7.12
Development Contributions Plan 2019 - 2029**

(F2024/00352)

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

THAT:

1. The updated Hornsby Shire Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2019-2029 attached to Director's Report No. PC7/26 be adopted.

2. The adopted Section 7.12 Development Contributions Plan 2019-2029 become effective upon notification on Council's website.
3. Submitters be advised of Council's decision.

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

AGAINST: NIL

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

6 CS13/26 Renewal of Lease of Operational Land at Cherrybrook

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.

(F2025/00314#001)

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

THAT Council authorise the Acting General Manager to progress the matter in line with the proposed next steps outlined in the Discussion Section of Confidential Director's Report No. CS13/26.

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

AGAINST: NIL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

7 QWN2/26 1-3 Johnson Road Draft Planning Proposal

(F2023/00047-003)

ASKED BY COUNCILLOR TILBURY

TO The General Manager:

What is the total amount spent on the draft rezoning proposal for 1 – 3 Johnson Road, Galston,

between July 2022, when Council resolved to develop a feasibility analysis to convert Council land into industrial units, to 11 March 2026, when Council abandoned the rezoning proposal.

A Response to the Question with Notice asked by COUNCILLOR TILBURY to the General Manager, - QWN2/26, is provided below:

The total life to date direct cost on the proposal to consider rezoning 1 - 3 Johnson Road, Galston between July 2022 and 11 March 2026 is \$323,016 (excl GST).

CALLED OVER AND NOTED

MAYOR'S NOTES

8 MN3/26 Mayor's Notes 01 March 2026 - 31 March 2026

(F2004/07053-002)

Sunday 1st March 2026 – The Mayor attended the annual awards and reports meeting for 1st Dural Scout Group, Galston.

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 – The Mayor attended the Seniors Week Hornsby Wellbeing Expo at Hornsby RSL.

Wednesday 4th March 2026 – The Mayor attended a photo opportunity at Hornsby Library for the first rate book for Council on display, to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the proclamation of Hornsby Shire Council.

Thursday 5th March 2026 – The Mayor attended a heritage walk photo opportunity in Brooklyn.

Friday 6th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Woman's Shelter's International Women's Day Lunch, at Roseville Golf Club.

Friday 6th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the opening of the senior's art exhibition at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.

Friday 6th March 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cllr McClelland attended Asquith High School's International Women's Day Breakfast.

Saturday 7th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the opening of Mark Taylor Oval Pavilion in Waitara.

Saturday 7th March 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cllr McClelland attended the Art North Exhibition at Grace Cossington Smith Gallery, Abbotsleigh.

Tuesday 10th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Soroptimist International of Hornsby's International Women's Day Breakfast in Turramurra.

Tuesday 10th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Hello Hornsby's Senior & Student SING event, held at the Galston Club, Arcadia.

Wednesday 11th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Country Women's Association morning tea in

Galston.

Wednesday 11th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Ida Street, Hornsby footpath and Bellamy Street, Pennant Hills Shared Pathway photoshoot.

Thursday 12th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council Repatriation of Aboriginal ancestor back to Bujwa Bay, in Cowan.

Friday 13th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Food Truck Friday in Galston.

Sunday 15th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the premier screening of *What Shall I Do With This Island? The people of Dangar Island*, at Mooney Mooney Chapel.

Sunday 15th March 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cllr McClelland attended a welcome picnic and smoking ceremony at Jack and Jill Kindergarten, Hornsby.

Sunday 15th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the Persian community meeting at Pennant Hills Community Centre.

Monday 16th March 2026 – The Mayor attended a photo opportunity at the New Bub Bushcare at Mount Colah Community Hall.

Wednesday 18th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the Rotary Club of Wahroonga's Rotary Peace Pole Dedication, at PCYC Hornsby.

Wednesday 18th March 2026 – The Mayor hosted three Citizenship ceremonies at Councils' Administration Building, Hornsby.

Thursday 19th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the re-opening of Tony's Woodfire restaurant in Beecroft.

Friday 20th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Food Truck Friday in Berowra.

Friday 20th March 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cllr McClelland attended MTC Future Ready's Harmony Day Celebrations in Hornsby.

Sunday 22nd March 2026 – The Mayor attended Thornleigh Sports Club Community Day at Ruddock Park, Westleigh.

Sunday 22nd March 2026 – The Mayor attended 40 years of Christian education celebration at Berowra Baptist Church, Berowra.

Tuesday 24th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Hornsby Chamber of Commerce's Chamber publication launch, at Event Cinemas Hornsby.

Wednesday 25th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Women's Shed Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Harmony Day event in Waitara.

Thursday 26th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the 2026 Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai District Medal Presentation Ceremony, in Cowan.

Thursday 26th March 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Cllr Greenwood attended the Annual General Meeting, held by Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust, Beecroft.

Friday 27th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the official opening of the new access steps at Berowra

District Hall, Berowra.

Saturday 28th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby Park Opening, first reveal, at Hornsby Park Crusher Plant, Hornsby.

Sunday 29th March 2026 – The Mayor attended a photoshoot for the opening of Montview Oval amenities, Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights.

Sunday 29th March 2026 – The Mayor attended Glenorie District Cricket Club's End of Season Awards Presentation, at Glenorie RSL.

Sunday 29th March 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Cllr Greenwood attended the Beecroft Orchestra's Mozart's Sister performance, at Mount St Benedict College, Beecroft.

Monday 30th March 2026 – The Mayor attended the Mars Hornsby Community Heroes Awards in Asquith.

Monday 30th March 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cllr McClelland attended Harmony Day Celebration & Zonta Awards Presentation at Hornsby TAFE.

Tuesday 31st March 2026 - On behalf of the Mayor, Cllr Seaglove attended the James Gillooly's Australian Scout Award Presentation at 1st Berowra Scout Group, Berowra.

CALLED OVER AND NOTED

NOTICES OF MOTION

9 NOM6/26 Process to Consider Any Proposal to Rename Hornsby Aquatic Centre (F2004/08949-008)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BALL,
THAT:

1. Any proposal received by Council to rename the Hornsby Aquatic Centre be referred to an appropriate period of public consultation.
2. For Council to consider feedback from the community, prior to formal consideration of the renaming of the Hornsby Aquatic Centre.

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

AGAINST: NIL

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

THE MEETING concluded at 8.00pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday 13 May 2026, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRMAN