

MINUTES OF General Meeting

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS , HORNSBY
on Wednesday 8 July 2026
at 6:30 PM



WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

PRESENT

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend James McFarlane from Hornsby Presbyterian Church 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 / REQUEST FOR REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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

THAT the request to attend the General Meeting on 8 July 2026 remotely from Councillor Ball, be granted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, 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 MCCLELLAND, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 10 June 2026 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

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

AGAINST: NIL

PETITIONS

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

Nil

RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTES

7 **MM6/26 Establishment of the Financial, Asset and Improvement Working Group**

(F2004/07056)

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

THAT:

1. Council Establish the Financial, Asset and Improvement Working Group as an advisory working group of Council.
2. Councillors Waddell, Ball, Conley, Greenwood, McClelland, McIntosh, McSweeney, Seaglove and Simons be members of the Financial, Asset and Improvement Working Group.
3. The Acting General Manager make the necessary administrative arrangements for the Working Group to commence meeting, including preparation of agendas, working papers and minutes.

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

AGAINST: NIL

ITEMS PASSED BY EXCEPTION / CALL FOR SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

Items 1 and 6 were withdrawn for discussion.

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

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

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

AGAINST: NIL

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

Note: Items 4 and 5 were called over and noted.

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

Note: Persons wishing to address Council on Non Agenda items were permitted to speak 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

1 GM7/26 Unreasonable Conduct Policy

(F2016/00332)

Ms Karen Benhar, on behalf of Friends of Berowra Valley provided a submission to Council regarding this item.

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

Mr John Inshaw, on behalf of Galston Area Residents Association addressed Council regarding this item.

MOVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BALL,

THAT the Unreasonable Conduct Policy attached to General Manager's Report No. GM7/26 be adopted with an additional point 5 added to page 1 under the heading of POLICY PURPOSE / OBJECTIVES being:

5. To affirm that every decision should be tailored to each situation with extreme care taken in the actions of Councillors and staff.

THE MOTION LAPSED DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECONDER.

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

THAT the Unreasonable Conduct Policy attached to General Manager's Report No. GM7/26 be adopted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION

2 CS26/26 Investments and Borrowings for 2025/2026 - Status for the Period Ending 31 May 2026

(F2004/06987-02)

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

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS26/26 be received and noted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Nil

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Nil

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

3 CS29/26 Renewal of Lease of Operational Land at Hornsby

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#002)

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

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. CS29/26.

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

AGAINST: NIL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

4 QWN5/26 Active Transport Strategy for Hornsby

(F2014/00505-002)

ASKED BY COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH

Could the General Manager advise:

1. What steps have been undertaken to develop an Active Transport Plan as outlined in the 2021 resolution and as discussed in subsequent Councillor workshops?
2. When will the broader community have the opportunity to participate in developing the plan?
3. How will the voices of specific groups and demographics such as cycling and mountain bike groups, seniors, families and people living with a disability have the opportunity to contribute to these plans?

Response

1. **What steps have been undertaken to develop an Active Transport Plan as outlined in the 2021 resolution and as discussed in subsequent Councillor workshops?**

Since the adoption of the Walking and Cycling Strategy in November 2021, Council has continued to progress active transport outcomes through the delivery of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure projects, integration of active transport considerations into major capital works programs, and the establishment of dedicated internal capability. It was this adopted strategy that formed part of the SRV submission to IPART in 2022 to enable more shared path funding (\$13.930M over 10 years), for projects prioritised under the Strategy. In addition, Council Officers have continued to work closely with Bike North and Bicycle NSW on cycleway issues and priorities and participate in Active Transport Surveys and grant applications that promote shared user pathways and pedestrian linkages across the Shire.

As previously discussed with Councillors, Council has recently established an Active Transport Officer position in early 2026 to strengthen Council's capacity to plan, coordinate and embed walking and cycling outcomes across the organisation. The role is focused on integrating active transport opportunities into existing infrastructure projects, coordinating initiatives across Infrastructure, Traffic, Parks, and Bushland teams, and undertaking analysis and preparatory work to inform future strategic options and reporting to Council.

Recent and current initiatives supporting this work include the delivery of footpath and shared path projects across the Shire, including Bellamy Street, Ida Street, Willowtree Road, Campbell Avenue, Purchase Road and other priority locations identified through Council's walking and cycling planning frameworks. Council has also continued to improve active transport connectivity through major projects such as the Brooklyn Boardwalk and public domain improvement programs.

A Councillor information session focused on Active Transport has also been scheduled to provide Councillors with a detailed update on work undertaken to date and future directions towards the end of August 2026.

2. **When will the broader community have the opportunity to participate in developing the plan?**

Community consultation will form a key component of any future Active Transport Strategy/Plan or network development process. As active transport planning progresses, Council intends to undertake engagement with the broader community to identify priorities, network gaps, barriers to walking and cycling, and opportunities for improved connectivity.

Any future strategy or network development will be reported to Councillors and will be accompanied by appropriate community engagement processes in accordance with Council's engagement framework.

3. **How will the voices of specific groups and demographics such as cycling and mountain bike groups, seniors, families and people living with a disability have the opportunity to contribute to these plans?**

Council recognises that different user groups experience the active transport network in different ways and that targeted engagement is essential to developing an effective and inclusive plan.

As part of future consultation, Council proposes to combine broad community engagement with targeted stakeholder engagement involving representative groups, including:

- Road cycling and mountain bike user groups.
- Seniors and older residents.
- Families and school communities.
- People living with disability and accessibility advocacy groups.
- Public transport users and pedestrian advocacy groups.
- Sporting, recreation and bushland user groups.

This approach would assist Council to understand a broad range of travel needs, accessibility requirements, recreation opportunities, safety concerns and local knowledge. It would also ensure that future active transport planning is informed by both technical analysis and lived experience. Following the Councillor briefing, Council will be in a position to confirm the proposed scope, timing and engagement process for the Active Transport Strategy and supporting Action Plan.

Targeted engagement will also complement feedback gathered through Council's broader community consultation channels, including Your Say Hornsby and project-specific engagement activities.

CALLED OVER AND NOTED

MAYOR'S NOTES

5 MN6/26 Mayor's Notes 01 June 2026 - 30 June 2026

(F2004/07053-002)

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 – The Mayor attended The Pride of Workmanship Awards Dinner, Beecroft

Thursday 4th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby Chamber of Commerce – Coffee catch-up, West Pennant Hills

Thursday 4th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the RFS 2026 Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai District Medal Presentation Ceremony, Cowan

Wednesday 10th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting at Hornsby Police Station

Wednesday 10th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the NSROC Mayor's Lunch, Chatswood

Thursday 11th June 2026 – The Mayor attended Hello Hornsby Coffee and Chat, Pennant Hills

Thursday 11th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Council's meeting at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Gordon.

Friday 12th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Neighbourhood Knit-In at Hornsby Library

Sunday 14th June 2026 – The Mayor attended a rehearsal of Matilda Jnr by Boutique Musical Theatre, Normanhurst

Tuesday 16th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Network Refugee Week at Gordon Baptist Church, Sydney

Wednesday 17th June 2026 – The Mayor hosted three Citizenship ceremonies in the Administration Building, Hornsby

Thursday 18th June 2026 – The Mayor attended Asquith High School Dance Night, Chatswood

Friday 19th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Studio ARTES Mid Year Show, Hornsby

Friday 19th June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook – Changeover Dinner, Dural

Saturday 20th June 2026 – The Mayor attended Granny Flat Foundation Charity Gala, Epping

Monday 22nd June 2026 – The Mayor attended Beecroft Rotary Changeover 2026, Cherrybrook

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 – The Mayor attended the Riverboat Postman Tour, Brooklyn

Saturday 27th June 2026 – The Mayor attended Pennant Hills High School – Winter Carnival & 60th Anniversary, Pennant Hills

Saturday 27th June 2026 – The Mayor attended Hornsby Multicultural Sangam Australia Inc – Winter Festival, Hornsby

Tuesday 30th June 2026 – The Mayor attended Sod Turning for Galston Village Public Domain Project, Galston

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.

CALLED OVER AND NOTED

NOTICES OF MOTION

6 NOM8/26 Improved Transparency and Community Understanding of The Footpath Forward Program

(F2014/00505-002)

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

Review the way the Footpath program is formulated, updated and maintained to ensure best alignment with strategic objectives, transparency and active community consultation, and requests the General Manager to:

1. Review the existing Footpath Forward Program prioritisation methodology Including:
 - a) The current assessment framework and criteria used to prioritise footpath projects;
 - b) Benchmarking other Council's on methodology used and prioritisation frameworks;
 - c) alignment with Council's place-based planning and forward schedule of community facilities uplift/renewal;
 - d) Opportunities to incorporate community input to the prioritisation process;
 - e) Processes for amending priorities.
2. Investigate opportunities to improve public access to and awareness of the Footpath Forward Program, including the feasibility of publishing mapping and prioritisation information through Council's website.
3. A Feedback Session be provided to Councillors, outlining any resource implications associated with implementing additional improvements to the Footpath Forward Program.

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

AGAINST: NIL

PUBLIC FORUM – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs Alexi Boyd, on behalf of Triple H FM radio addressed Council regarding Triple H's vision and strategic direction.

Ms Jan Primrose, on behalf of Protecting Your Suburban Environment Inc addressed Council regarding Council's recent Planning Proposal notification letter for 328A Galston Road.

Mr John Inshaw, on behalf of Galston Area Residents Association addressed Council regarding Council's recent Planning Proposal notification letter for 328A Galston Road.

Ms Katrina Emmett of Galston addressed Council regarding Council's recent Planning Proposal notification letter for 328A Galston Road.

Mr Ed Harrison of Galston provided a submission regarding Council's recent Planning Proposal notification letter for 328A Galston Road.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Nil

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

THE MEETING concluded at 7.47pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2026, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN
