



MINUTES OF General Meeting

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY
on Wednesday 12 August 2026
at 6:30 PM



Hornsby Shire Council – Minutes of General Meeting of 12 August 2026

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

PRESENT

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jordan Mbakwe from AwesomeRock Church, Hornsby opened the meeting in prayer.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

Statement by the Chairman:

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

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETING

Statement by the Chairman:

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

APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

POLITICAL DONATIONS DISCLOSURE

Statement by the Chairman:

"In accordance with Section 10.4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, any person or organisation who has made a relevant planning application or a submission in respect of a relevant planning application which is on tonight's agenda, and who has made a reportable political donation or gift to a Councillor or employee of the Council, must make a Political Donations Disclosure Statement."

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McIntosh declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Declaration of Interest with regard to Item 5. CE11/26 WALLAROBBA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE - OWNERS CONSENT TO LODGE DA. Refer to that item for details.

Councillor McClelland declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Declaration of Interest with regard to Item 5. CE11/26 WALLAROBBA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE - OWNERS CONSENT TO LODGE DA. Refer to that item for details.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2026, and the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting held on Wednesday 29 July 2026 be confirmed, copies 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

13 MM8/26 Connecting Hornsby and Westleigh Parks

(F2016/00186-003)

MOVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR TILBURY,
THAT:

1. Council note that planning and design is being progressed for a future shared-use connection between the Westleigh Mountain Bike Trails and Hornsby Park.
2. As part of the development of future budgets, Council prioritise funding to enable the link to be delivered once approvals are secured.
3. Council's bushland team commence to clear an area to provide a link between the fire trail (Thornleigh side) and the management trail (Hornsby side) adjacent to the Sydney Water Infrastructure that currently crosses the creek.
4. Council note that funding for this link is associated with the March 2019 NSW Government Grant.

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

1. Council note that planning and design is being progressed for a future shared-use connection between Westleigh Park and Hornsby Park.
2. As part of the planning and design other options outside of the bio banking area be evaluated and reported back to Council.
3. As part of development of future budgets, Council consider funding to enable the link to be delivered once approvals are secured.

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

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL AND SIMONS

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

THE MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR TILBURY, WAS
PUT AND RESULTED IN AN EQUALITY OF VOTES.

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

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY AND SIMONS

Note: In accordance with Clause 11.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, where there is an

equality of votes, the person presiding at a Meeting of Council has a second or casting vote. Councillor Waddell indicated to the meeting that he was exercising his casting vote to vote for the Motion.

As a consequence, THE MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR TILBURY, WAS CARRIED.

FOR: COUNCILLORS GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, SEAGLOVE, TILBURY AND WADDELL (casting vote)

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BALL, CONLEY, MCINTOSH, MCSWEENEY AND SIMONS

ITEMS PASSED BY EXCEPTION / CALL FOR SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

Items 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were withdrawn for discussion.

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

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 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: Item 8 was called over and noted.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION

1 CS27/26 Adoption of Long Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2035/36

(F2024/00060)

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

THAT:

1. The Long Term Financial Plan for the period 2026/27 to 2035/36 attached to Director's Report No. CS27/26 be adopted.
2. Council note the responses provided in Table 1 to the public submissions received during the exhibition of the draft 2026/27 – 2035/36 Long Term Financial Plan.
3. Council write to the submitters thanking them for their feedback.

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

AGAINST: NIL

2 CS35/26 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy - Reporting Required by Section 15 of the Policy

(F2004/09552-02)

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

THAT Council note the details regarding the provision of Councillor expenses and facilities for the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 have been tabled in accordance with the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy.

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

AGAINST: NIL

3 CS38/26 Investments and Borrowings (Pre-Audit) for 2025/2026 - Status for the Period Ending 30 June 2026

(F2004/06987-02)

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

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS38/26 be received and noted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

4 CS41/26 Local Government NSW - 2026 Annual Conference - Submission of Motions and Determination of Voting Delegates

(F2026/00149)

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

THAT:

1. Motions dealing with; 1. Ensuring affected neighbour notification and input on Development Applications, 2. Repeal of Section 236A of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021; as detailed in Director's Report No. CS41/26, be submitted for consideration at the 2026 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference.
2. Councillors Ball, Conley, Greenwood, McClelland, McSweeney, Seaglove, Simons, Tilbury and Waddell be nominated as voting delegates for voting on Motions at the 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference.
3. Registrations for attendance at the 2026 LGNSW Annual Conference be confirmed for the voting delegates determined in point 2. above.

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

AGAINST: NIL

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

5 CE11/26 Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre - Owners Consent to Lodge DA

(F2024/00346-002)

Note: COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Declaration of Interest in this item under Clause 5.11 of Council's Code of Conduct (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH on the Declaration of Interest form as "I am a life member and former committee executive member of Hornsby Art Society (HAS)." The explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was "I

have no current role in the HAS decision making process.”

Note: COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Declaration of Interest in this item under Clause 5.11 of Council’s Code of Conduct (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND on the Declaration of Interest form as “I am a general member of Hornsby Art Society (HAS).” The explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was “I have no current role in the HAS decision making process.”

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

THAT:

1. Council receive and note the report.
2. Council endorse the submission of a Development Application for the Wallarobba Arts Precinct.
3. In addition to any statutory DA notification, Council create and promote a standalone infrastructure works and projects webpage focussed on the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre to facilitate greater community awareness and input into the project.

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR TILBURY,

THAT:

1. Council pause work on progressing the redevelopment of the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre to allow for community consultation and engagement focussed on both arts stakeholders, and the wider Hornsby community.
2. Following the conclusion of the consultation process, a detailed report outlining the results be presented for Council’s consideration.

DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECONDER, THE AMENDMENT LASED.

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

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

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR TILBURY

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION

6 PC17/26 Report on Submissions - Employment Lands Planning Proposal

(F2025/00219)

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

THAT:

1. Council endorse the Employment Lands Planning Proposal attached to Director's Report No. PC17/26 and progress with finalisation of amendments to the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013.
2. Council endorse the draft amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan 2024 attached to Director's Report No. PC17/26 to come into effect when the Planning Proposal is finalised.
3. Submitters be advised of Council's decision.

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

AGAINST: NIL

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION

7 IM2/26 Policy Review - Vehicular Crossings

(F2013/00454)

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

THAT Council adopt the recommendations contained in the table of Director's Report No. IM2/26 in respect of the Vehicular Crossings Policy under the jurisdiction of the Infrastructure and Major Projects Division.

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

AGAINST: NIL

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

MAYOR'S NOTES

8 MN7/26 Mayor's Notes 1 July 2026 to 31 July 2026

(F2004/07053-002)

Wednesday 1st July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Pennant Hills Library Opening, Pennant Hills

Wednesday 1st July 2026 – The Mayor attended a meeting at Studio Artes, Hornsby

Thursday 2nd July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby High School Music and Drama Night, Asquith

Friday 3rd July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Probus Berowra – 50 Years of Service – Special Morning Tea, Berowra

Wednesday 8th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Local Car Share Launch, Waitara

Thursday 9th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Completion of Rehabilitation Works and Mangrove Planting, Wisemans Ferry Boat Ramp

Friday 10th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Gang Show 2026, Wahroonga

Saturday 11th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Berowra RSL Middle East Area of Operations service, Berowra

Sunday 12th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Boutique Music Theatre's Production of Matilda Jr, Pennant Hills

Monday 13th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the 2026 Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Local Business Awards, Hornsby

Wednesday 15th July 2026 – The Mayor hosted three Citizenship ceremonies in the Council Administration Building, Hornsby

Monday 20th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Glenorie Memorial Hall Committee, Glenorie

Tuesday 21st July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Westleigh Tennis Club's 2026 AGM, Westleigh

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – The Mayor attended the McCabe House Opening Ceremony at Loreto Normanhurst, Normanhurst

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Presentation of Sporting Awards for the AAGPS Rifle Shooting Championships at Mt Wilga, Hornsby

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – The Mayor attended the 101st Annual General Meeting - Northern District Cricket Club, Waitara

Friday 24th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Official Launch of the NorthConnex Water Project, Pennant Hills

Friday 24th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the RFS Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Mayoral Dinner, Hornsby

Saturday 25th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Zig Zag Walking Tour, Thornleigh

Saturday 25th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Pennant Hills Guides 90th Birthday Celebrations, Pennant Hills

Sunday 26th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Asquith FC Female Football Celebration, Asquith

Monday 27th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Planet Fitness Grand Opening Party, Hornsby

Thursday 30th July 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby Library Open Day, Hornsby

Thursday 30th July 2026 – The Mayor attended The Jungle and the Sea Production, Sydney

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

9 NOM9/26 Wallarobba Redevelopment

(F2024/00346-002)

Note: The Mayor advised that during consideration of Item 5 (CE11/26 Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre - Owners Consent to Lodge DA), an amendment containing the same wording as this Notice of Motion was moved but lapsed for want of a seconder. Following Council's resolution of Item 5, the Mayor ruled this Notice of Motion out of order as the matter had already been determined by Council.

THAT:

1. Council pause work on progressing the redevelopment of the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre to allow for community consultation and engagement focussed on both arts stakeholders, and the wider Hornsby community.
2. Following the conclusion of the consultation process, a detailed report outlining the results be presented for Council's consideration.

THE NOTICE OF MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR TILBURY WAS RULED OUT OF ORDER

10 NOM10/26 Cherrybrook Library Services – Book Lockers

(F2023/00286)

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

THAT:

1. Council seek to determine the present cost of the purchase and installation of a Library Book Locker, of a similar size to the Berowra Library Book Locker, and the present cost of the

annual licence associated with that Library Book Locker.

2. Council seek funding for the purchase and installation of a Library Book Locker at Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre through using developer contributions or a grant for public libraries through the Public Library Infrastructure Grant administered by the State Library.
3. If Council is successful in its application for a Public Library Infrastructure Grant, that Council install a Library Book Locker at the Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre.

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

AGAINST: NIL

11 NOM11/26 Brooklyn Harbour Integrated Operational Management Plan

(F2019/00117)

Mr Gary Howard on behalf of the Hawkesbury River District Fishermen's Co-Operative addressed Council regarding this item.

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

1. Council advocate to the Minister for Transport, Minister for Crown Lands, Minister for Agriculture, Shadow Ministers, Greens spokesperson for Transport and local MPs on the need for a Brooklyn Harbour Precinct Management and Operational Plan that addresses critical operational and navigational challenges within the Brooklyn Harbour that are outside Hornsby Shire Council's jurisdiction as the land manager to mean high water mark, seeking information on whether this is already envisaged, or in progress.
2. Any Brooklyn Harbour Precinct Management and Revitalisation Plan provide a coordinated, long-term framework for managing vessel access, navigation and harbour operations. The plan should include consideration of dredging requirements for the harbour channel to ensure safe and efficient access for commercial, community and private maritime users.

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

AGAINST: NIL

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

THAT Council:

1. Progress delivery of the Library Strategic Plan as a priority in 2027/2028 Delivery Plan;
2. Progress consultation with our community regarding service needs and functions that should be included in the fit out of a planned new library and community facility at the Cherrybrook Metro Precinct as an urgent priority in the current 2026/2027 period, recognising that requests for specifications for delivery of this facility may come through at any time; and
3. Maximise opportunities to obtain grants for library development including Public Library Infrastructure Grants.

It is acknowledged that:

- a) Our libraries are a vital part of community: a much-loved and highly-utilised resource;
- b) Council's Community and Cultural Facilities Strategic Plan identifies the need to provide a new library branch and community space in Cherrybrook.
- c) Council's 2026/27 Delivery Program and Operational Plan includes an action to develop functional design layouts for a new library and multipurpose community centre at the Cherrybrook Metro precinct.
- d) The NSW Government's draft Cherrybrook Precinct Rezoning Proposal (currently under consideration) includes provision for the construction and dedication of cold shell floor space by the developer for a new community facility and library through an incentive clause.
- e) Council also plans to develop an overall Library Strategic Plan to be commenced in late 2027, as part of the 2027/2028 Delivery Plan;
- f) Council has recognised that detailed planning is required for new facilities and has initiated actions to deliver detailed plans and specifications for the identified new Library, Creative and Cultural Facility in Hornsby Town Centre as well as the new library and community space at Cherrybrook;
- g) Council has become aware that land has been purchased recently by developers in the Cherrybrook Metro Precinct identified as the location for the library and community facility and that requests for detailed plans and specifications could be made at any time.

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

AGAINST: NIL

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Nil

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

THE MEETING concluded at 8.58pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2026, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN
