



SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER

General Meeting

**Wednesday 14 October 2026
at 6:30 PM**



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ITEM 3 CS52/26 - Councillor Representation on External Committees and Working Parties - October 2026 to September 2027

Additional information with CHANGE to Recommendation

At Council's September 2026 meeting, Council considered NOM15/26 – Hornsby Shire Council Garden Festival and resolved to:

THAT Council:

1. *Support the delivery of a Hornsby Shire Garden Festival to be held from Friday 10 September to Sunday 12 September 2027.*
2. *Establish a Garden Festival Working Group to assist with the delivery of the Festival.*
3. *Adopt the Terms of Reference for the Working Group attached to the Notice of Motion.*
4. *Request that the Working Group report back to Council with recommendations and progress updates at three-monthly intervals, with the first update to be provided by 30 November 2026.*

As a consequence of Council's resolution, the Hornsby Shire Council Garden Festival Working Group has now been included in the list of committees and working groups requiring Councillor representation.

In addition, it has been identified that the review of Councillor membership for the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC) and the Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) was inadvertently omitted from CS52/26 – Councillor Representation on External Committees and Working Parties – October 2026 to September 2027.

Accordingly, HATSICC and HAC have also been included in the Recommendation below and the attached list of committees and working groups requiring Councillor representation. Below is a table indicating existing membership to both HATSICC and HAC.

Council Committee/Working Party	Councillor Representation
Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC)	Delegates – Clr Ball, Clr Conley, Clr Greenwood, Clr McClelland and Clr McIntosh
Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)	Chairperson – Clr McIntosh Delegates – Clr Conley, Clr Greenwood, Clr McClelland and Clr Simons

Councillors are therefore requested to nominate representatives for appointment to the nine Committees and Working Groups listed in the Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council determine the Councillor representation on the following Committees and Working Parties for the period, October 2026 to September 2027:

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.
6. Hornsby Town Centre Night Time Economy Working Group.
7. Hornsby Shire Council Garden Festival Working Group.
8. Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC)
9. Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)

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Attachments:

1.  Updated Table of Committees and Working Parties

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**Councillor Representation on External Committees, Working Parties for the Period
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Committee	No. of Councillors	Purpose	Councillor Representation 2026-2027
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee	2 + 3 alternates	The Hornsby Bush Fire Management Committee oversees a cooperative and coordinated bushfire management response within the district and is established under the Rural Fires Act 1997 (NSW). The Committee is primarily responsible for preparing, coordinating, reviewing, and monitoring the implementation of the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for this area.	
Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee	1 + 3 alternates	The Liaison Committee will: (a) monitor and periodically review the performance of the Rural Fire District Service Agreement Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai by the Councils and the Service; (b) review the following documents prepared by the Zone Manager prior to submission to and consideration by the Councils: (i) the annual budget and business plan; and (ii) the quarterly financial and performance reports	

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Local Transport Forum (LTF)	1 + 2 alternates	The purpose of the Local Transport Forum is to provide technical advice on traffic control matters on local roads to Council. That advice must be taken into consideration before Council chooses to exercise its delegation to control traffic on local roads.	
NSW Public Libraries Association	1 + 2 alternates	NSW Public Libraries Association is the peak body to represent the NSW public library sector. It helps with strategic planning	
Hornsby Shire Dementia Alliance	2+1 alternate	The Hornsby Shire Dementia Alliance with the support of Dementia Australia is to reduce the social isolation of people living with dementia and ensure that their family and carers are consulted in decision making by Council. The alliance will also aim to support those living with dementia to enjoy a full life and to encourage understanding, acceptance, and inclusion by all members of our community.	

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Hornsby Town Centre Night Time Economy Working Group	3+1 alternate	To coordinate planning and project delivery across the Hornsby Town Centre for the nighttime economy.	
Hornsby Shire Council Garden Festival Working Group	3	- To provide strategic advice, local knowledge and recommendations to Council regarding the Hornsby Garden Festival. - To choose a Garden Festival name - To act as a forum for consultation between Council, staff, business groups and the community.	
Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC)	7	- Provide a link between Hornsby Shire Council and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Hornsby LGA. - 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.	

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Hornsby Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)	4 All other Councillors permitted as ex officio members of the committee	To assist Council in the conservation and promotion of the heritage of Hornsby Shire in accordance with Council's heritage conservation objectives.	
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ITEM 7 QWN7/26 - Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre**ASKED BY COUNCILLOR TILBURY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

1. While noting that the Wallarobba designs have been developed with a focus on visual arts spaces, workspaces and flexible creative facilities, should sufficient visual art demand not be present would the redeveloped site be able to be used for other general community uses and activities?
2. Could the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre redevelopment project be progressed with the retention of the Beatrice Taylor Hall in order to minimise the impact on current user groups of the Wallarobba precinct, until such time as equivalent alternative community floorspace can be provided in the Hornsby/Waitara area like the proposed new Hornsby Central Library and Multipurpose Civic/Performing/Community Space or any other space?

Response

1. **While noting that the Wallarobba designs have been developed with a focus on visual arts spaces, workspaces and flexible creative facilities, should sufficient visual art demand not be present would the redeveloped site be able to be used for other general community uses and activities?**

Yes. While the overall redevelopment has been designed to support visual arts activities, the facilities have been planned in such a way to provide flexible, multi-purpose spaces that can respond to changing community needs.

This flexibility will enable the Wallarobba precinct to continue serving the community and remain well utilised regardless of any changes in demand for specific activities over time. Further, the design of the new spaces would enable them to be adapted for a variety of other community uses without requiring modification.

2. **Could the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre redevelopment project be progressed with the retention of the Beatrice Taylor Hall in order to minimise the impact on current user groups of the Wallarobba precinct, until such time as equivalent alternative community floorspace can be provided in the Hornsby/Waitara area like the proposed new Hornsby Central Library and Multipurpose Civic/Performing/Community Space or any other space?**

Whilst technically possible, it is not considered to be practically feasible to retain the Beatrice Taylor Hall and progress with the remainder of the redevelopment project, noting that it is currently physically connected to both Wallarobba House and the Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre by its roof.

During construction the Wallarobba Precinct will become a work zone, and the site will not be available to user groups. Understanding this, significant work has been undertaken by Council to provide more than 12 months' notice and to identify a range of reaccommodation

options for impacted user groups (both temporarily during the construction phase, and in the longer term where relevant).

Retention of Beatrice Taylor Hall for an indeterminate period of time would compromise Council's ability to meet key objectives of the site including restoration of the Wallarobba House heritage curtilage; creating modern and flexible facilities for community use; improving access throughout and across the site; creating a range of indoor and outdoor community and event spaces; as well as realising the full benefits associated with the proposed modifications to install clerestory windows, raise and re-roof the Hornsby Leisure and Learning centre to create a brighter, airier and more spacious hall with improved natural light, ventilation and user comfort.

It is noted that whilst Council's proposal for the Wallarobba Precinct involves the demolition of Beatrice Taylor Hall, it is considered that sufficient alternative community floorspace will be available to offset the loss in the Hornsby/Waitara area noting that the construction of multiple new buildings (buildings 3, 4 & 5) would provide a net-increase in overall floorspace at the Wallarobba precinct.

Beyond this, additional community floorspace is also provided via two new hireable community halls at Council's administration building located at 296 Peats Ferry Road, as well as the upper-level club/community space at the new Mark Taylor Oval Pavilion. It is further noted that each of the 296 Peats Ferry Road Halls (Hornsby Community Centre) has a greater capacity than Beatrice Taylor Hall.

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Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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11 THE PASSING OF MR ROBERT DONALD CORBETT

Council joins with many people in celebrating the life of much-respected Hornsby Shire resident Mr Robert (Bob) Corbett who passed away recently.

Robert (Bob) Corbett was a member of the Hornsby SES Unit for over 50 years and served as the Hornsby Unit Controller until his retirement in 2016.

Bob's wife Anne has been a member of the Hornsby SES Unit for over 40 years and their son Edie is also a long serving member.

Bob was awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the community through emergency response organisations. Bob was a member of the Hornsby Unit, New South Wales State Emergency Services (NSW SES).

Bob was awarded with a Centenary Medal in 2001, an Australia Day Merit Award from the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills in 2010 and was named Citizen of the Year by Hornsby Shire Council in 2001.

Throughout more than five decades of service, Bob demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to helping others and protecting the community during times of emergency. His leadership, dedication and willingness to serve made a lasting contribution to the Hornsby community and the State Emergency Service.

He died at the age of 81 on 26th September 2026 and will be sorely missed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT on behalf of Councillors and staff, Council offers sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Robert (Bob) Corbett whose contribution to community was significant.

Cr WARREN WADDELL

Mayor

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There are no attachments for this report.

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