



MINUTES OF General Meeting

Held at Council Chambers, HORNSBY
on Wednesday 14 October 2026
at 6:30 PM



Hornsby Shire Council – Minutes of General Meeting of 14 October 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), Conley, Greenwood, McClelland, McIntosh (remote), McSweeney, and Tilbury.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Minh Towner from Hornsby Uniting 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 TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR CONLEY,
THAT:

1. The apologies and request for leave of absence from COUNCILLORS BALL, SEAGLOVE and SIMONS in respect of an inability to attend the General Meeting on 14 October 2026 be accepted and leave of absence be granted.
2. The request to attend the General Meeting on 14 October 2026 remotely from

COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, be granted.

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

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

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

AGAINST: NIL

PETITIONS

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

Nil

RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTES

11 MM12/26 The Passing of Mr Robert Donald Corbett

(F2004/05878)

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

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.

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

AGAINST: NIL

NOTE: Item 10, Mayoral Minute No. MM11/26 - Adoption of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Agreement 2026/27, was considered in Confidential Session. The Mayoral Minute is therefore shown in the 'Confidential Items' section of these minutes.

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, 3, 6, 9 and 10 were withdrawn for discussion.

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

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 2, 4 and 5 be adopted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

Note: Items 7 and 8 were called over and noted.

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

Note: Persons wishing to address Council on Non Agenda items were permitted to provide a written submission or 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 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil

CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION

1 CS31/26 2025/26 Audited Financial Statements - Presentation to the Public

(F2023/00141)

Ms Cassie Malone on behalf of the Audit Office of NSW provided a presentation on the Financial Statements to Council.

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

THAT the 2025/26 General Purpose Financial Statements and associated Auditor's Report, as presented to the public on 14 October 2026, be adopted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

2 CS51/26 Investments And Borrowings For 2026/2027 - Status For The Period Ending 31 August 2026

(F2004/06987-02)

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

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS51/26 be received and noted.

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

AGAINST: NIL

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

(F2004/07056)

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

THAT Councillor representation on external Committees and Working Parties for the period, October 2026 to September 2027, be as indicated in the table below:

Council Committee/Working Party		Councillor Representation
1	Hornsby Kuring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee	Delegates - Mayor, Clr McSweeney Alternates - Clr Ball, Clr Tilbury, Clr Seaglove
2	Hornsby Kuring-gai Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee	Delegate - Mayor Alternates - Clr Seaglove, Clr Ball, Clr Conley
3	Local Transport Forum (LTF)	Delegate - Clr McSweeney Alternate - Clr Greenwood
4	NSW Public Libraries Association	Delegate - Clr McIntosh Alternate - Clr McClelland, Clr Simons
5	Hornsby Shire Dementia Alliance	Delegates - Clr McIntosh, Clr Greenwood Alternate - Clr McClelland
6	Hornsby Town Centre Night-Time Economy Working Group	Delegates - Clr McIntosh, Clr Ball, Clr McClelland
7	Hornsby Shire Council Garden Festival Working Group	Chairperson – Clr Greenwood Delegates – Clr McIntosh, Clr Ball, Clr Seaglove
8	Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee (HATSICC)	Delegates – Clr Ball, Clr Conley, Clr Greenwood, Clr McClelland, Clr McIntosh
9	Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)	Chairperson – Clr McIntosh Delegates – Clr Conley, Clr Greenwood,

		Clr McClelland, Clr Simons
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FOR: COUNCILLORS CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH,
MCSWEENEY, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

4 CS53/26 Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters Returns - Disclosures by Councillors and Designated Persons

(F2026/00202)

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

THAT Council note the Written Returns of Interest recently lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by Councillors and Designated Staff have been tabled as required by the Local Government Act and Councils Code of Conduct.

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

AGAINST: NIL

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

5 CE10/26 Disability Inclusion Action Plan (Everyone Belongs in Hornsby)

(F2021/00196)

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

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan attached to Director's Report No. CE10/26.
2. Forward a copy of the adopted Disability Inclusion Action Plan to the Disability Council of NSW.
3. Regularly report on the progress of the implementation of the Disability Inclusion Action Plan via the Annual Report and as part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting process.

FOR: COUNCILLORS CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH,

AGAINST: NIL

6 CE13/26 Berowra Waters River Property - Proposed Annual Waste Services Charge - Community Consultation

(F2004/08821)

Ms Annie Crowe, on behalf of the Berowra Waters Probus Association, provided a submission to Council regarding this item.

MOVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY,

THAT Council:

1. Note the resident feedback provided during both round one and two of the community consultation processes detailed within this Report.
2. Note the proposed Berowra Waters River Property Waste Services, revised service levels and revised service costs detailed in this Report.
3. Note the proposed service catchment area, up to and including Coba Point, with 158 river properties with dwellings, that will have the Berowra Waters River Property Waste Services Annual Charge applied if Council adopts the charge.
4. Adopt the proposed Berowra Waters River Property Waste Services Annual Charge, with a pro-rata charge being applied from 1 January - 30 June 2027, 75% of the charge applied in 2027/28 and a full charge applied in subsequent years, also being subject to Waste Collection Contract Rise and Fall provision increases.

DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECONDER, THE MOTION LAPSED.

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

THAT Council:

1. Note the resident feedback provided during both round one and two of the community consultation processes detailed within this Report.
2. Note the proposed Berowra Waters River Property Waste Services, revised service levels and revised service costs detailed in this Report.
3. Note the proposed service catchment area, up to and including Coba Point, with 158 river properties with dwellings, that will have the Berowra Waters River Property Waste Services Annual Charge applied if Council adopts the charge.

4. Adopt the proposed Berowra Waters River Property Waste Services Annual Charge, with a pro-rata charge being applied from 1 January - 30 June 2027 with affected residents charged \$178.25 in 2026-27, and a full charge applied in subsequent years, also being subject to Waste Collection Contract Rise and Fall provision increases.

FOR: COUNCILLORS CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH,
MCSWEENEY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR TILBURY

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Nil

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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

THAT Council move into Confidential Session to discuss Item 10. Mayoral Minute No. MM11/26 - Adoption of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Agreement 2026/27.

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

AGAINST: NIL

10 MM11/26 Adoption of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Agreement 2026/27

This report was dealt with in confidential session, under Section 10A (2) (a) of the Local Government Act, 1993. This report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors)..

(F2026/00168)

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

THAT Council note the Report and formally endorse and adopt the Draft CEO Performance Plan 2026/27 (Confidential Attachment 1.).

FOR: COUNCILLORS CONLEY, GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH,
MCSWEENEY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR TILBURY

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

THAT Council move out of Confidential Session.

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

AGAINST: NIL

PUBLIC FORUM - NON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms Tanya Townsend of Waitara, provided a submission to Council regarding parking arrangements
on Marillian Avenue.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

7 QWN7/26 Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre

(F2024/00346-002)

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.

CALLED OVER AND NOTED

MAYOR'S NOTES

8 MN9/26 Mayor's Notes 01 September 2026 - 30 September 2026

(F2004/07053-002)

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby small business roundtable with NSW Small Business, Hornsby

Thursday 3rd September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Asquith High School Annual Visual Arts Exhibition, Asquith

Saturday 5 September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed 25th Anniversary, Thornleigh

Thursday 10th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the RUOK Fundraiser Lunch, Hornsby

Thursday 10th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the GPA Monthly Meeting, Glenorie

Saturday 12th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hills District Netball Grand Final Day and Awards, Pennant Hills

Saturday 12th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Grand Finals, Turramurra

Saturday 12th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Beecroft Wombats Football Club AGM and Awards Night, Beecroft

Sunday 13th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the AFLW Match Day Event, Marrickville

Sunday 13th September 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Greenwood attended the Pearl Life Care Seniors Awareness Lunch, Cherrybrook

Saturday 19th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Go4Broke Fundraiser event, Berowra

Saturday 19th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Taste of Harmony, Hornsby

Saturday 19th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Aquababes Charity Event, Waitara

Saturday 19th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Sanctuary Gardens 25th Anniversary, Westleigh

Sunday 20th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hindi Divas 40 Years Celebration, Thornleigh

Sunday 20th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Berowra Eagles Junior AFL Presentation Day, Hornsby Heights

Sunday 20th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the North Epping Rangers Presentation Day,

North Epping

Monday 21st September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Official Book Launch: Nation Building: How Immigration Made Australia by Philip Ruddock, Parramatta

Wednesday 22nd September 2026 – The Mayor attended the CASS Activity Groups Moon Festival Celebrations 2026, Hornsby

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – The Mayor hosted three Citizenship ceremonies in the Council Administration Building, Hornsby

Thursday 24th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Hornsby Dementia Expo, Hornsby

Thursday 24th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Community Bank Berowra 20th Anniversary, Berowra Heights

Thursday 24th September 2026 – The Mayor attended the Combined Communities Club Grants Category 1 Presentation Evening, Hornsby

Thursday 24th September 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor McClelland attended the Asquith High School Yr 12 Graduation, Asquith

Saturday 26th September 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Greenwood attended the Arcadia RFS 85th Anniversary Dinner, Dural

Sunday 27th September 2026 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Greenwood attended the Hornsby Shire Cup, Pennant Hills

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 NOM16/26 Funding for Required Infrastructure Around Cherrybrook Metro Station Precinct

(F2020/00123-002)

MOVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY,

THAT Council:

1. Write to the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, The Hon. Paul Scully MP; the NSW Treasurer, The Hon. Daniel Mookhey MLC; and the Minister for Roads, The Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, requesting that the funds realised from the sale of Landcom land adjacent to Cherrybrook Metro Station be reinvested in the Cherrybrook Metro precinct to support the delivery of the infrastructure required to service the additional development and population arising from the precinct's rezoning
2. Write to the Shadow Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Chris Rath MLC; the Shadow

Minister for Roads, Mark Coure MP; the Shadow Treasurer, Scott Farlow MLC; the Member for Hornsby, James Wallace MP; the Member for Castle Hill, Mark Hodges MP; and The Hills Shire Council, requesting their active support and advocacy for the reinvestment of the proceeds from the sale of the Landcom land into the required infrastructure for the Cherrybrook Metro precinct.

DUE TO THE LACK OF A SECONDER, THE MOTION LAPSED.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Nil

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

THE MEETING concluded at 7.23pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2026, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN
