



MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held at the
Council Chambers, North Sydney
at 7pm on Monday 26 May 2025.



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1. Opening Meeting

At the commencement of business (7:00pm) those present were: The Mayor, and Councillors Antonini, Beregi, Carr, Holding, Hoy, Keen, Santer, and Welch.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor.

2. Acknowledgement of Country RECOGNITION OF THE CAMMERAYGAL PEOPLE

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of North Sydney local government area, the Cammeraygal people.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by Councillor Hoy.

3. Apologies and applications for leaves of absence or attendance by audio-visual link by councillors

It was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Antonini:

1. THAT Council grant permission for Councillor Santer to attend remotely for the following reason: travel.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

100. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council grant permission for Councillor Santer to attend remotely for the following reason: travel.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Carr.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

10.1 RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12 May 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. Disclosures of Interest

The following Disclosures of Interest were made:

Re: 10.12	Draft 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025-26 Operational Plan
Councillor Carr	On the Board of the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre which receives funding from Council (Pecuniary, significant)

Re: 10.12	Draft 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025-26 Operational Plan
Councillor Welch	On the Board of the Crows Nest Centre which has received a grant from Council (Non-pecuniary, significant)

Re: 11.1	Notice of Motion 12/25: Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club - Crs Carr & Keen
Councillor Keen	Sons plays for Northern Suburbs Rugby (Non-pecuniary, less than significant)

6. Public Forum

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Welch:

1.THAT the Public Forum be opened, and that the following items be considered as part of the Public Forum:

10.11	North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update
10.12	Draft 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025-26 Operational Plan

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

102. RESOLVED:

1.THAT the Public Forum be opened, and that the following items be considered as part of the Public Forum:

10.11	North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update
10.12	Draft 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025-26 Operational Plan

Public Forum

Councillor Spenceley joined the meeting at 7.05pm.

10.11.North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see above)

AUTHOR: Gary Parsons, Director Open Space & Infrastructure

PURPOSE

This report provides Council with an update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The revised contractual date for Practical Completion of the project remains 11 July 2024. Councils' contractor (Icon) has recently provided an updated program indicating a Practical completion date of 30 October 2025, which reflects a further two months of program slippage since the last report.
- The revised construction contract sum is currently \$92.16m. The total project costs remain within the forecast costs to completion of \$122m, however Council is aware of further variations that have not been submitted and increased consultants' costs due to delay.
- Icon has commenced legal proceedings against Council; Council's legal representatives will take carriage of the matter under instruction from Council. Council is continuing with separate legal action against Brewster Hjorth Architects.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A (2):

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and because consideration of the matter in open Council would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

2. THAT the confidential report and related attachments be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.

3. THAT Council note the contents of this report in relation to the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool.

The following person spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Davie Macdonald (local resident)

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 9 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

103. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A (2):

(c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and because consideration of the matter in open Council would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

2. THAT the confidential report and related attachments be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.

3. THAT Council note the contents of this report in relation to the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool.

Councillor Carr declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting at 7.10pm.

10.12.Draft 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025-26 Operational Plan

This item was moved forward as part of the Public Forum (see page 5)

AUTHOR: Therese Cole, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to exhibit the revised draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and the Operational Plan and Budget 2025-2026 following the IPART determination.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council's commitment to supporting delivery of the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035 is articulated through the Delivery Program (DP), a four-year plan that outlines the strategic initiatives Council will undertake during its term.
- The Operational Plan (OP) provides a detailed one-year schedule of activities, services, projects, and budgets, to implement the DP.
- To reduce duplication, the draft Delivery program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan and Budget 2025-2026 are presented in one integrated document.
- At its Ordinary meeting held 28 April 2025, Council considered the draft Delivery program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan and Budget 2025-2026. These draft documents relied on additional rating revenue as outlined in the application for special rate variation lodged with the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) in February 2025.
- On 16 May 2025, IPART advised that Council's application has been refused in full. Ordinary rates will therefore increase by rate-peg which is 4% for the 2025-2026 financial year.
- The IPART decision requires Council to address its liquidity through alternate measures, which will include reduction in strategic actions, cost cutting, service reductions, infrastructure renewal reductions and a more aggressive approach to non-rate income generation. Continued efforts will also be made towards productivity improvements.
- As a result of the IPART determination, actions within the Operational Plan have been reduced and/or changed, with many actions for years 2 to 4 subject to funding.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026 be endorsed for a period of public exhibition of not less than 28 days, from 27 May to 24 June 2025, inviting submissions from the public; and

2. THAT Council receives a report at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition, providing the outcomes of public exhibition.

3. THAT Council hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday 30 June 2025 for the purpose of adopting the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026.

The following people spoke to this item as part of the Public Forum:

- Michael Parker (local resident)
- Davie Macdonald (local resident)

Councillor Carr returned to the meeting at 7.17pm.

A procedural Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Antonini:

1. THAT the item be handled in two tranches to allow Councillors Carr and Welch to vote on the parts of the matter in which they did not have a pecuniary interest i.e., the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026 with the exception of pages 130 and 133 of 144.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

104. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the item be handled in two tranches to allow Councillors Carr and Welch to vote on the parts of the matter in which they did not have a pecuniary interest i.e., the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026 with the exception of pages 130 and 133 of 144.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Antonini:

1. THAT, with the exception of pages 130 and 133 of 144,:

- 1) the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026 be endorsed for a period of public exhibition of not less than 28 days, from 27 May to 24 June 2025, inviting submissions from the public; and
- 2) Council receives a report at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition, providing the outcomes of public exhibition.
- 3) Council hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday 30 June 2025 for the purpose of adopting the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 3

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch
Against: Councillor Carr, Councillor Keen, and Councillor Spenceley
Absent: Nil

105. RESOLVED:

1. THAT, with the exception of pages 130 and 133 of 144,:

- 1) the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026 be endorsed for a period of public exhibition of not less than 28 days, from 27 May to 24 June 2025, inviting submissions from the public; and
- 2) Council receives a report at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition, providing the outcomes of public exhibition.
- 3) Council hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday 30 June 2025 for the purpose of adopting the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026.

Councillors Carr and Welch left the meeting at 7.53pm due to their interest in the excluded items in the Delivery Program.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Antonini:

1. THAT, including pages 130 and 133 of 144,:

- 1) the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026 be endorsed for a period of public exhibition of not less than 28 days, from 27 May to 24 June 2025, inviting submissions from the public; and
- 2) Council receives a report at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition, providing the outcomes of public exhibition.
- 3) Council hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday 30 June 2025 for the purpose of adopting the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 6 / 2

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, and Councillor Santer
Against: Councillor Keen and Councillor Spenceley
Absent: Nil

106. RESOLVED:

1. THAT, including pages 130 and 133 of 144,:

- 1) the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026 be endorsed for a period of public exhibition of not less than 28 days, from 27 May to 24 June 2025, inviting submissions from the public; and
- 2) Council receives a report at the conclusion of the period of public exhibition, providing the outcomes of public exhibition.
- 3) Council hold an extraordinary meeting on Monday 30 June 2025 for the purpose of adopting the draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan containing the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025-2026.

Councillors Carr and Welch returned to the meeting at 7.54pm.

7. Items Considered by Exception

It was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Welch:

1.THAT the Recommendations for the following Items be adopted:

9.1	Traffic Committee Minutes - 9 May 2025
10.1	Matters Outstanding to 28 April 2025
10.4	Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 30 April 2025
10.7	Contamination of Long Bay, Cammeray - response to Council resolution
10.8	Don Bank Writer in Residence 2025
10.9	Tender 7/25 - Bushland Rehabilitation and Infrastructure Services
10.10	Tender 10/2025 - GPT Cleaning, and CCTV Inspections & Pipe Cleaning

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

107. RESOLVED:

1.THAT the Recommendations for the following Items be adopted:

9.1	Traffic Committee Minutes - 9 May 2025
10.1	Matters Outstanding to 28 April 2025
10.4	Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 30 April 2025
10.7	Contamination of Long Bay, Cammeray - response to Council resolution
10.8	Don Bank Writer in Residence 2025
10.9	Tender 7/25 - Bushland Rehabilitation and Infrastructure Services
10.10	Tender 10/2025 - GPT Cleaning, and CCTV Inspections & Pipe Cleaning

8. Mayoral Minutes

Nil

9. Reports of Committees**9.1. Traffic Committee Minutes - 9 May 2025**

AUTHOR: Peita Rose, Governance Officer

PURPOSE

Council is required to consider the Minutes of this Committee. Section 5.3.2 of the RMS Delegation to Council for the Regulation of Traffic states that: *All proposals recommended by the LTC must still be formally endorsed by the elected Council (or their sub-delegate), subject to certain limitations.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report presents the Minutes of the last meeting of the Traffic Committee held 9 May 2025 for Council adoption. The Minutes are attached for information.
- The full reports to the Traffic Committee can be viewed at <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/homepage/82/traffic-committee>.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting dated 9 May 2025 be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see above).

108. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting dated 9 May 2025 be received.

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Matters Outstanding to 28 April 2025

AUTHOR: Ian Curry, Manager Governance

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council regarding the status of resolutions arising from Mayoral Minutes, Notices of Motion, and Questions Without Notice.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Each month, a report is presented to Council on the status of resolutions arising from Mayoral Minutes, Notices of Motion, and Questions Without Notice.
- The attached table has been updated to include resolutions up to the 28 April 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the report be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 11).

109. RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the report be received.

10.2. Quarterly Budget Review - March 2025

AUTHORS: Aigul Utegenova, Chief Financial Officer, and Daniel Peacock, Senior Financial Accountant

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to:

- monitor budget progress for the third quarter of the 2024/25 financial year as of 31 March, highlighting income and expense changes and addressing any shortfalls or surpluses;
- recommend adjustments and reallocations; and
- ensure transparency and support decision-making.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **Decrease in Operating Deficit (before Capital Grants and Contributions):** The deficit decreased by \$3.467 million to \$2.005 million. This improvement is primarily due to one-off legal recoveries (\$1.135 million), \$1.435 million received from the NSW Government for compulsory acquisition of lease interest, a \$1.2 million increase in investment income,

\$0.5 million in employee cost savings from holding vacant positions to improve Council's liquidity, \$0.4 million reduction in Salaries and Wages due to the delay of the North Sydney Olympic Pool project, \$0.872 million savings in employee costs due to leave management measures and \$0.4 million savings on worker's compensation fees. These gains were partially offset by a \$0.623 million decline in user charges and fees, a \$1 million impairment of work in progress balances and a \$0.773 million net loss from disposal of assets.

- **Increase in Operating Surplus (including Capital Grants and Contributions):** The surplus increased by \$5.658 million, bringing the total to \$9.869 million.
- **Decrease in Operating Grants:** Operating grants decreased by \$84,000 due to a budget correction following identification of an overstatement.
- **Increase in Capital Grants and Developer Contributions:** Capital grants and contributions increased by \$2.191 million, driven by higher-than-expected developer contributions.
- **Decrease in Capital Budget:** The capital budget decreased by \$37.170 million, largely due to delays in the North Sydney Olympic Pool project, Stage 2 of the Hume Street Park Expansion and Embellishment project, and the 287 Miller Street Affordable Housing project.
- **Borrowings:** In addition to the \$20 million loan received in July 2024, Council has applied for an additional \$10 million loan from TCorp. This is expected to be drawn down in the next financial year due to delays in the Olympic Pool project and adjusted cash flow requirements.
- **Unrestricted Current Ratio:** The unrestricted current ratio increased to 1.47 (from 1.22). This was mainly driven by one-off items such as legal recoveries, proceeds from lease acquisitions, and vacancy savings. These items are non-recurring, and the improvement should be seen as temporary. The funds received from lease interest sales are internally restricted and held in reserves.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council adopt the Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2025 report in accordance with clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
- 2. THAT** Council endorse the budget variations in this report.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

110. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council adopt the Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2025 report in accordance with clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

2. THAT Council endorse the budget variations in this report.

10.3. Q3 Review of the Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2024/25

AUTHOR: Jenny Gracey, Corporate Planning Coordinator

PURPOSE

This Quarterly Review presents a progress update against the Delivery Program/Operational Plan 2024/25 for the third quarter (Q3), 1 January to 31 March 2025, and includes project status (traffic lights) and the corporate scorecard.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Operational Plan 2024/25 (Year 3 of the Delivery Program 2022-2026) was adopted by Council on 24 June 2024 and commenced on 1 July 2024.
- In Q3 2024/25, 192 projects were scheduled to commence, or continue. Of these,
 - 10 were completed (blue status)
 - 147 were on track (green status)
 - 31 were delayed (amber status)
 - 3 were not progressing (red status)
 - 1 was discontinued.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Quarterly Review (January – March 2025) of the Operational Plan be received.

2. THAT Council notes the remedial action for the projects that were not on track for the period ending 31 March.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

112. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** the Quarterly Review (January – March 2025) of the Operational Plan be received.
- 2. THAT** Council notes the remedial action for the projects that were not on track for the period ending 31 March.

10.4. Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 30 April 2025

AUTHORS: Daniel Peacock, Acting Financial Controller, and Aigul Utegenova, Chief Financial Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the performance of Council's investments and loans for the month ending 30 April 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- All investments have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act and Regulations and Council's Financial Investments Policy.
- For the month of April, the total investment portfolio (which includes Term Deposits, Floating Rate Notes and Bonds) provided a return of +0.33% (actual), or +4.11% p.a. (annualised), slightly under performing the benchmark AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.35% (actual), or +4.38% p.a. (annualised).
- Returns on investments exceed the April YTD budget by \$1,131,843. This result includes fees paid to Council's investment adviser which total \$13,500 year to date. The annual fee is \$18,000.
- An increase of \$1.2 million to investment income is proposed is the March quarter budget review.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the report on Investments held at 30 April 2025, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the information on Loan Borrowings be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 11).

113. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** the report on Investments held at 30 April 2025, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the information on Loan Borrowings be received.

10.5. PP 6/21: 52 McLaren Street North Sydney - Post Exhibition Report

AUTHOR: Ben Boyd, Executive Strategic Planner

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to progress Planning Proposal 6/21 which seeks to amend North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013 for 52 McLaren Street North Sydney, to adopt the associated amendment to the North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 and proceed with the execution of the related Voluntary Planning Agreement following public exhibition.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- At its meeting of 11 December 2023, Council resolved to support the progression of Planning Proposal 6/21 for the purposes of seeking a Gateway Determination. The Planning Proposal seeks to amend the planning controls under the North Sydney Local Environmental Plan (NSLEP) 2013 as they relate to 52 McLaren Street North Sydney. The proposed amendments include:
 - amending the maximum building height from RL 110m to part RL 107m and RL 156m (8 and 24 storeys respectively);
 - imposing a maximum overall floor space ratio of 5.3:1; and
 - amending the minimum non-residential FSR from 0.5:1 to 1:1.
- The Planning Proposal is accompanied by a draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) to deliver a number of public benefits to an estimated value of approximately \$12.5 million, including:
 - the construction and dedication to Council of a ground level space to accommodate a future childcare centre;
 - a publicly accessible pedestrian through-site-link between McLaren Street and Elliot Street; and
 - provision of affordable housing, up to a maximum of 5% of the residential gross floor area, to be managed by a Community Housing Provider for a minimum of 10 years.
- Council also resolved on 11 December 2023 that the proponent prepare a draft site-specific amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan (NSDCP) 2013, to provide greater certainty as to the built form outcomes envisaged on the subject site and place that draft amendment on public exhibition concurrently with the Planning Proposal. Council subsequently endorsed a draft amendment to NSDCP 2013 for public exhibition purposes on 24 June 2024.
- On 22 March 2024, the Minister for Planning issued a Gateway Determination, permitting the Planning Proposal to be placed on public exhibition. The Gateway Determination was altered on 14 October 2024 to revise the processing timeframes.
- In accordance with the Gateway Determination (as altered), the Planning Proposal, draft DCP amendment, and draft VPA were placed on public exhibition concurrently for a period of 54 calendar days (24 working days) from 2 December 2024 to 24 January 2025.

- 71 submissions were received during the exhibition period, of which one was in support of the intended outcomes of the Planning Proposal, one did not object to the proposal but had requested a change to the draft DCP amendment, and 69 opposed the whole, or aspects of, the Planning Proposal.
- This report has considered all submissions made, and on balance of the assessment conducted in this report, and in the context of the planning process undertaken with the preparation of the Civic Precinct Planning Study in 2020 and the ongoing demands to accommodate a growing population, it is recommended:
 - that the Planning Proposal proceed to the next stage of the plan-making process unamended;
 - that the VPA be executed with no additional changes to the scope of the public benefit offer; and
 - that the proposed amendment to NSDCP 2013 be adopted subject to the removal of requirement that the carparking provision be limited to a maximum of 80% of the general DCP requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council note the submissions made.

2. THAT having had regard to the submissions made, Council endorse the Planning Proposal, as exhibited, forming Attachment 3 to this report.

3. THAT having completed the community consultation requirements outlined in the Gateway Determination, Council proceed under delegation with the making of a Local Environmental Plan in accordance with section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, to give effect to the Planning Proposal (Attachment 3).

4. THAT Council grant delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the Voluntary Planning Agreement (Attachment 4), including any necessary minor administrative amendments, with the view to have it executed prior to the gazettal of the LEP amendment.

5. THAT in accordance with clause 14(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2021, Council adopt the amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 as amended in response to submissions, forming Attachment 7 to this report.

6. THAT in accordance with clause 14(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, public notice be given of the adoption and publication of the amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 on Council's website.

7. THAT in accordance with the clause 20(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, a copy of the revised development control plan be provided to the NSW Planning Secretary.

8. THAT Council notify all submitters of Council's decision.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding:

1. THAT Council note the submissions made.

2. THAT having had regard to the submissions made, Council endorse the Planning Proposal, as exhibited, forming Attachment 3 to this report.

3. THAT having completed the community consultation requirements outlined in the Gateway Determination, Council proceed under delegation with the making of a Local Environmental Plan in accordance with section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, to give effect to the Planning Proposal (Attachment 3).

- 4. THAT** Council grant delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the Voluntary Planning Agreement (Attachment 4), including any necessary minor administrative amendments, with the view to have it executed prior to the gazettal of the LEP amendment.
- 5. THAT** in accordance with clause 14(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2021, Council adopt the amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 as amended in response to submissions, forming Attachment 7 to this report.
- 6. THAT** in accordance with clause 14(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, public notice be given of the adoption and publication of the amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 on Council's website.
- 7. THAT** in accordance with the clause 20(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, a copy of the revised development control plan be provided to the NSW Planning Secretary.
- 8. THAT** Council notify all submitters of Council's decision.
- 9. THAT** Council write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Housing urging them again to provide 100% affordable housing on the State-owned land, or at the very least, 30% affordable housing in perpetuity, as has been delivered by the private sector on the Crows Nest Over-Station Development site.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 3

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch

Against: Councillor Carr, Councillor Keen, and Councillor Spenceley

Absent: Nil

114. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council note the submissions made.
- 2. THAT** having had regard to the submissions made, Council endorse the Planning Proposal, as exhibited, forming Attachment 3 to this report.
- 3. THAT** having completed the community consultation requirements outlined in the Gateway Determination, Council proceed under delegation with the making of a Local Environmental Plan in accordance with section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, to give effect to the Planning Proposal (Attachment 3).
- 4. THAT** Council grant delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the Voluntary Planning Agreement (Attachment 4), including any necessary minor administrative amendments, with the view to have it executed prior to the gazettal of the LEP amendment.
- 5. THAT** in accordance with clause 14(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2021, Council adopt the amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 as amended in response to submissions, forming Attachment 7 to this report.
- 6. THAT** in accordance with clause 14(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, public notice be given of the adoption and publication of the amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 on Council's website.
- 7. THAT** in accordance with the clause 20(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021, a copy of the revised development control plan be provided to the NSW Planning Secretary.

8. THAT Council notify all submitters of Council's decision.

9. THAT Council write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Housing urging them again to provide 100% affordable housing on the State-owned land, or at the very least, 30% affordable housing in perpetuity, as has been delivered by the private sector on the Crows Nest Over-Station Development site.

10.6. State-Significant Development Applications

AUTHOR: Neal McCarry, Service Unit Manager Strategic Planning

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council on planning approval pathway changes introduced by the NSW Government and seek endorsement of a proposed approach to managing and responding to the resourcing and policy challenges these approval pathways present.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Over the past two years, the NSW Government has introduced a wide-ranging suite of planning and legislative reforms aimed at increasing residential housing supply and approval timeframes.
- In addition to major policy changes introduced through the re-zoning of the St Leonards and Crows Nest precinct (November 2024) and finalisation of low - mid-rise housing reforms (February 2025), the previous and new approval pathways have led to 18 developments sites being, or soon to be, declared as State Significant Development (SSD) in the North Sydney Local Government Area.
- This report outlines the various major development approval pathways and details the resourcing, process, and planning policy challenges that these present, and seeks endorsement of an approach that seeks to balance community expectations and Council's other statutory obligations.
- Whilst the desire to accelerate housing approvals and supply is well understood, in the context of Council's own methodical DA determination improvement strategies, the additional demands placed on Council's resources to properly implement changes introduced by the NSW Government, are significant. This is a clear example of cost shifting to Local Government.
- One of the significant impacts of recent approval pathway changes and amendments to State planning policies is the fundamental potential changes to established policy settings for employment centres. The resulting introduction of residential land uses into the commercial core of North Sydney and St Leonards significantly reduces potential future commercial floor space capacity by over 25,000 jobs, which will affect the long-term role of the North Sydney CBD and the St Leonards Strategic Centre. In the current planning

pathways environment, this is likely to occur in an ad hoc, unplanned manner without a sound, endorsed policy basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

1.THAT Council note the status of current and anticipated State Significant Developments (SSD) and associated changes to approval pathways for large scale development proposals, key planning considerations and significant assessment issues associated with Council resourcing, community consultation and meaningful local input potentially being curtailed.

2. THAT Council note the minimal opportunity provide proper and considered Council feedback to SSD applications, particularly if the 14-day notification period is invoked.

3.THAT Council write to the Minister for Planning seeking a moratorium on proposals involving the conversion of commercially zoned land to residential uses until the State Government concludes its current update of the Greater Sydney Region Plan which clearly articulates its strategic direction for CBD environments like North Sydney and St Leonards.

4. THAT Council seek funding from the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure to adequately resource its capacity to respond to State Significant Developments (SSDs) in a timely, informed, and consultative manner, ensuring proposals are well-founded and that local perspectives on planning, infrastructure, post-determination, and construction management issues are thoroughly considered.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Councillor Beregi.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

115. RESOLVED:

1.THAT Council note the status of current and anticipated State Significant Developments (SSD) and associated changes to approval pathways for large scale development proposals, key planning considerations and significant assessment issues associated with Council resourcing, community consultation and meaningful local input potentially being curtailed.

2. THAT Council note the minimal opportunity provide proper and considered Council feedback to SSD applications, particularly if the 14-day notification period is invoked.

3.THAT Council write to the Minister for Planning seeking a moratorium on proposals involving the conversion of commercially zoned land to residential uses until the State Government concludes its current update of the Greater Sydney Region Plan which clearly articulates its strategic direction for CBD environments like North Sydney and St Leonards.

4. THAT Council seek funding from the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure to adequately resource its capacity to respond to State Significant Developments (SSDs) in a timely, informed, and consultative manner, ensuring proposals are well-founded and that

local perspectives on planning, infrastructure, post-determination, and construction management issues are thoroughly considered.

10.7. Contamination of Long Bay, Cammeray - response to Council resolution

AUTHORS: Sergio Corona, Service Unit Manager Capital Projects and Asset Management

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to respond to a resolution of Council at its meeting of 10 February 2025, regarding the source of contamination of Long Bay, Cammeray.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), in conjunction with NSW Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH), have investigated the polyethylene pipe at the head of Long Bay, which was the subject of Council resolution of 10 February 2025. The results of these investigations identified that the pipe was not connected to anything that could be causing the discharge and discolouration of the Long Bay waters.
- The remaining polyethylene pipe has now been removed from the Bay by the Land and Marine Group and disposed of by Council.
- On 3 April 2025, Council resumed its Acid Sulphate Soil testing investigations. Soil sampling is now complete, and the findings of these investigations will be reported to Council once the samples have been analysed.
- The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, & Water (DCCEEW) has installed a number of ground water monitoring wells across Tunks Park, which will be monitored monthly to map the ground water and infiltration of seawater.
- Sydney Water has confirmed they do not pump out of the North Side Storage Tunnel and has advised that the purpose of the tunnel is overflow storage.
- There are no Environment Protection Licenses that would discharge into Flat Rock Creek/Long Bay.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council notes the contents of this report in response to the Resolution of Council regarding water contamination issues raised in relation to Long Bay.
- 2. THAT** Council continues to work with the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water in relation to potential sources of pollution in Long Bay.
- 3. THAT** Council notes that a further report will be brought back to Council once the results of soil tests taken from Tunks Park have been analysed.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 11).

116. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council notes the contents of this report in response to the Resolution of Council regarding water contamination issues raised in relation to Long Bay.
- 2. THAT** Council continues to work with the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water in relation to potential sources of pollution in Long Bay.
- 3. THAT** Council notes that a further report will be brought back to Council once the results of soil tests taken from Tunks Park have been analysed.

10.8. Don Bank Writer in Residence 2025

AUTHOR: Amanda Hudson Community Development Librarian

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the outcome of the application process for the 2025 Don Bank Writer in Residence, and to seek Council approval in offering the 2025 residency to the recommended applicants.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council offers a Writer exclusive use of the Don Bank Museum studio for a fixed term through the Writer in Residence program.
- The successful writer contributes to Stanton Library's schedule of public programs as part of their residency, through the delivery of workshops and talks for the community.
- This year sees the introduction of a one-hour consultation with a publisher from Penguin Random House, giving the successful applicant access to professional advice to help advance their career.
- Expressions of Interest for the 2025 Writer in Residence at the Don Bank Museum Studio have been processed and reviewed by the selection panel. For the 2025 residency there were 18 applications received, five of which were short-listed. Due to the competitive nature of the applicants, the selection panel have decided to award the residency to two writers for six months each.
- The selection panel seeks the support of Council in offering the 2025 residency to the recommended applicants, with details provided in the attached confidential report.
- Should Council wish to discuss this report it is noted that the attached confidential document includes personnel matters that relate to the employment conditions of specific individuals. It is noted that this item does not deal with personnel matters of a group but is specific to individuals and as such should be considered in a closed session.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council resolves that the identified attachment to this report is to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act:

(a) personnel matters concerning a particular individual

2. THAT Council supports the selection of Applicants 2 and 4 for a six-month residency commencing 1 August 2025 and 1 March 2026 respectively.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 11).

117. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council resolves that the identified attachment to this report is to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act:

(a) personnel matters concerning a particular individual

2. THAT Council supports the selection of Michiyo Miyake and Dr Steven Vidler for a six-month residency commencing 1 August 2025 and 1 March 2026 respectively.

10.9. Tender 7/25 - Bushland Rehabilitation and Infrastructure Services

AUTHOR: Gareth Debney, Bushland Management Coordinator

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an analysis and recommendations of the tender process for Tender 7/2025 Bushland Rehabilitation and Infrastructure Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Tenders were called and received until 3pm Tuesday 22 April 2025 for the provision of bushland rehabilitation services (Part A) and bushland infrastructure services (Part B) during the period 01/07/2025 to 30/06/2030.
- The purpose of this tender is to establish a panel of suitably qualified, experienced, and accredited contractors to continue implementing Council's Bushland Rehabilitation Plans over the next five-year period, through the allocation of reserve-specific, 12-month-duration contracts (under Part A of the tender) and one-off project-specific contracts for bushland track construction/infrastructure upgrades (Part B) as allocated.
- The Tender establishes a panel of up to eight suitably qualified, experienced, and accredited bushland rehabilitation contractors, and up to eight specialist bushland infrastructure service providers, to whom Council may, at its discretion, allocate works for the period specified above. There is no guarantee that empanelled contractors will be allocated work under this contract.
- Should Council wish to discuss this report it is noted that the attached confidential document includes commercial information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Further, release of the information

would, on balance be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered amounts would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services. As such should this matter be discussed, it should be considered in closed session.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council accept the tender panel appointments under Parts A and B of Tender 7/2025 for Bushland Rehabilitation and Infrastructure Services

2. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to take any necessary action to implement the decision including entering into associated contracts.

3. THAT Council resolves that the identified attachment to this report is to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act:

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

It is further noted that the release of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered documents would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 11).

118. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council accept the following tender panel appointments:

Part A

Tenderer
Australian Bushland Restoration Pty Ltd
Bush Habitat Restoration Cooperative Ltd
Bush-it Pty Ltd
Dragonfly Environmental Pty Ltd
National Trust of Australia (NSW)
Symbiota Ecology Pty Ltd (trading as Apunga Ecological Management)
Toolijooa Pty Ltd
Waratah Eco Works Pty Ltd

Part B

Tenderer
Australian Bushland Construction Pty Ltd
Bushy Landscapes Pty Ltd
Toolijooa Pty Ltd
Waratah Eco Works Pty Ltd

2. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to take any necessary action to implement the decision including entering into associated contracts.

3. THAT Council resolves that the identified attachment to this report is to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act:

- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.*

It is further noted that the release of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered documents would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

10.10.Tender 10/2025 - GPT Cleaning, and CCTV Inspections & Pipe Cleaning

AUTHOR: Jim Moore, Engineering Project Manager

PURPOSE

This report provides Council with an analysis and recommendations in relation to Tender 10/2025 - GPT Cleaning, and CCTV Inspections and Pipe Cleaning.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Tenders were called GPT Cleaning and CCTV Inspections and Pipe Cleaning in February 2025.
- The Tender (10/2025) consists of two parts: Part 1 – GPT cleaning and Part 2 - CCTV Inspections and Pipe Cleaning.
- 11 submissions were received when tenders closed on 13 March 2025; five tenders were received for Part 1 and six tenders were received for Part 2.
- Tenders were assessed in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and s55 of the NSW Local Government Act (1993).
- Should Council wish to discuss this report it is noted that the attached confidential document includes information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council. Further, release of the information would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services. As such should this matter be discussed it should be considered in closed session.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council accept the tender of the highest ranked tenderer for Part 1 of Tender 10/2025 - GPT Cleaning.
- 2. THAT** Council accept the tender of the highest ranked tenderer for Part 2 of Tender 10/2025 - CCTV Inspections & Pipe Cleaning.
- 3. THAT** the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to take any necessary action to implement the decision including entering into associated contracts.

4. THAT the Chief Executive Officer is the delegated Authority to negotiate a variance in the annual adjustment of the rates due to unforeseen circumstances that may arise.

5. THAT the Director of Open space and Infrastructure is the delegated Authority to extend the contract options as per clauses in the tender documents.

6. THAT Council resolves that the identified attachment to this report is to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act:

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council

It is further noted that the release of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered documents would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 11).

119. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council accept the tender of the highest ranked tenderer, being Total Drain Cleaning Services, for Part 1 of Tender 10/2025 - GPT Cleaning.

2. THAT Council accept the tender of the highest ranked tenderer, being Total Drain Cleaning Services, for Part 2 of Tender 10/2025 - CCTV Inspections & Pipe Cleaning.

3. THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to take any necessary action to implement the decision including entering into associated contracts.

4. THAT the Chief Executive Officer is the delegated Authority to negotiate a variance in the annual adjustment of the rates due to unforeseen circumstances that may arise.

5. THAT the Director of Open space and Infrastructure is the delegated Authority to extend the contract options as per clauses in the tender documents.

6. THAT Council resolves that the identified attachment to this report is to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act:

(d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council

It is further noted that the release of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as publication of all tendered documents would discourage potential tenderers from submitting commercial information in future and would affect Council's ability to obtain value for money services.

10.11. North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 5-6).

10.12. Draft 2025-29 Delivery Program and 2025-26 Operational Plan

This item was brought forward as part of the Public Forum (see pages 6-9).

11. Notices of Motion

11.1. Notice of Motion 12/25: Commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club - Crs Carr & Keen

1. THAT Council formally congratulate the Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club on its 125th anniversary in 2025, recognising its significant contribution to Australian rugby and the North Sydney community.

2. THAT Council install a commemorative plaque at North Sydney Oval to acknowledge this historic milestone and honour the club's enduring presence and heritage at the venue.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Councillor Carr.

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding:

1. THAT Council write to congratulate the Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club to on their 125th anniversary this year, recognising its significant contribution to Australian rugby and the North Sydney community.

2. THAT in the letter, Council acknowledge this historic milestone and honour the club's enduring presence and heritage at the venue.

The Amendment was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 3

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer and Councillor Welch

Against: Councillor Carr, Councillor Keen and Councillor Spenceley

Absent: Nil

The Amendment became the Motion.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding:

1. THAT Council write to congratulate the Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club to on their 125th anniversary this year, recognising its significant contribution to Australian rugby and the North Sydney community.

2. THAT in the letter, Council acknowledge this historic milestone and honour the club's enduring presence and heritage at the venue.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch
Against: Nil
Absent: Nil

120. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council write to congratulate the Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club to on their 125th anniversary this year, recognising its significant contribution to Australian rugby and the North Sydney community.
- 2. THAT** in the letter, Council acknowledge this historic milestone and honour the club's enduring presence and heritage at the venue.

11.2. Notice of Motion 13/25: Support and Acknowledgement of the North Sydney Bears' return to the NRL - Crs Carr & Keen

- 1. THAT** Council congratulate the North Sydney Bears on their historic return to the National Rugby League (NRL) competition, rebranded as the Perth Bears, and write to the club expressing Council's support for their re-entry into top-flight rugby league.
- 2. THAT** Council acknowledge the North Sydney Bears' 115th anniversary in 2025 by working with the club to commemorate this milestone, including the installation of a commemorative plaque at North Sydney Oval celebrating the club's legacy.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Councillor Carr.

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding:

- 1. THAT** Council write to congratulate the North Sydney Bears on their historic return to the National Rugby League (NRL) competition, rebranded as the Perth Bears, acknowledging their re-entry into top-flight rugby league.
- 2. THAT** in the letter, Council acknowledge the North Sydney Bears' 115th anniversary of playing at North Sydney Oval.

The Amendment was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 3

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, and Councillor Welch
Against: Councillor Carr, Councillor Keen, and Councillor Spenceley
Absent: Nil

The Amendment became the Motion.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding:

1. THAT Council write to congratulate the North Sydney Bears on their historic return to the National Rugby League (NRL) competition, rebranded as the Perth Bears, acknowledging their re-entry into top-flight rugby league.

2. THAT in the letter, Council acknowledge the North Sydney Bears' 115th anniversary of playing at North Sydney Oval.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

121. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council write to congratulate the North Sydney Bears on their historic return to the National Rugby League (NRL) competition, rebranded as the Perth Bears, acknowledging their re-entry into top-flight rugby league.

2. THAT in the letter, Council acknowledge the North Sydney Bears' 115th anniversary of playing at North Sydney Oval.

12. Matters of Urgency

Councillor Carr sought leave under 9.3(b) of the Code of Meeting Practice to raise the following matter of urgency:

1. THAT North Sydney Council asks:

- i. Council staff to adjust timers, sensors or use manual procedures to ensure all park lights are activated from sunset until 7pm or longer as appropriate.
- ii. That Priority is given to high-traffic parks used by pedestrians, joggers, pet walkers and families during early evening hours.

The Mayor accepted the matter as urgent.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Councillor Carr.

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Beregi and seconded by Councillor Holding:

1. THAT, consistent with the Strategic Direction in the Open Space and Recreation Strategy, specifically Action 2.8, which states:

Develop and implement a program for increasing the capacity and utilisation of sports fields and courts through infrastructure improvements,

Council prepare a report on actions that can be taken to increase the utilisation and capacity and safety of sports fields, parks, and other public domain/open space areas for safe, passive recreation through increased hours of lighting.

2. THAT Council implement a three-month trial as soon as practicably possible over the 2025 winter period in the first instance to gauge community support and feedback of the following:

- a) lighting of the play equipment in St Leonards Park until 8pm in the evening;
- b) lighting of the fitness equipment station(s) in Anderson Park from 5am to sunrise and sunset to 8pm (depending on lighting through existing bookings);
- c) trial lighting in Primrose Park, Upper Forsyth Park, and Waverton Oval for an hour after the last booking or until 8pm;

3. THAT the report include the cost of the increased hours of lighting, installation of infrastructure, environmental impacts on flora and fauna, and funding options, along with and other recommendations for locations where Council could increase and improve the capacity, safety, and utilisation of sport fields, parks, and playgrounds in the most cost-effective manner.

4. THAT the report also include details of the responsible entity for lighting infrastructure in parks, pathways, and in other public areas.

The Amendment was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 2

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Councillor Carr and Councillor Keen

Absent: Nil

The Amendment became the Motion.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 10 / 0

For: Councillor Antonini, Councillor Baker, Councillor Beregi, Councillor Carr, Councillor Holding, Councillor Hoy, Councillor Keen, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley, and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

122. RESOLVED:

1. THAT, consistent with the Strategic Direction in the Open Space and Recreation Strategy, specifically Action 2.8, which states:

Develop and implement a program for increasing the capacity and utilisation of sports

fields and courts through infrastructure improvements,
Council prepare a report on actions that can be taken to increase the utilisation and capacity and safety of sports fields, parks, and other public domain/open space areas for safe, passive recreation through increased hours of lighting.

2. THAT Council implement a three-month trial as soon as practicably possible over the 2025 winter period in the first instance to gauge community support and feedback of the following:

- a) lighting of the play equipment in St Leonards Park until 8pm in the evening;
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- c) trial lighting in Primrose Park, Upper Forsyth Park, and Waverton Oval for an hour after the last booking or until 8pm;

3. THAT the report include the cost of the increased hours of lighting, installation of infrastructure, environmental impacts on flora and fauna, and funding options, along with and other recommendations for locations where Council could increase and improve the capacity, safety, and utilisation of sport fields, parks, and playgrounds in the most cost-effective manner.

4. THAT the report also include details of the responsible entity for lighting infrastructure in parks, pathways, and in other public areas.

13. Closure

The Meeting concluded at 8:48pm.