



MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held at the
Council Chambers, North Sydney
at 7pm on Monday 9 February 2026.



13. Closure.....23

1. Opening Meeting

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

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

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

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

6. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 December 2025 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meetings held on 19 January 2026 and 21 January 2026 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. Disclosures of Interest

The following Disclosure of Interest was made:

Re: item 8.1	MM01: Vale Professor, the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AC, CVO, 1930-2026
Councillor Keen	Knows the family (non-pecuniary, less than significant)

6. Public Forum

The Public Forum was held at 6pm, prior to the Council meeting.

7. Items Considered by Exception

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

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

9.1	Traffic Committee Minutes - 21 November 2025
9.2	Access and Inclusion Committee Minutes - 25 November 2025
10.1	Matters Outstanding to 8 December 2025
10.3	Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 30 November 2025 and 31 December 2025
10.5	Draft Use of Artificial Intelligence Policy - post-exhibition report
10.8	Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2026
10.9	Warringah Freeway Upgrade - TfNSW proposal to place land under Council's care, control, and management

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

7. RESOLVED:

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8. Mayoral Minutes

8.1. MM01: Vale Professor, the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AC, CVO, 1930-2026

Marie Bashir was born in Narrandera in 1930, the daughter of Michael and Victoria Bashir. Both her parents were of Lebanese heritage. Like many Lebanese immigrants in the early and mid-20th century, Michael and Victoria established a manchester and menswear business.

Marie Bashir was educated at Sydney Girls' High School and the Conservatorium of Music.

In 1956 she graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from the University of Sydney. In February 1957, Marie married Nick Shehadie (later Lord Mayor of Sydney and Sir Nicholas Shehadie).

Marie began her medical practise in Pendle Hill before moving to Mosman and eventually specialising in mental and children's health.

In 1971 she was recognised as Australian Mother of the Year.

In 1972, Marie became the first Director of Rivendell, the child, adolescent, and family health unit established by the NSW Department of Health. By 1993 Marie was the Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Sydney and the following year became Director of Mental Health Services for the Central Sydney Area Health Service. Marie also served as Senior Consultant to the Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern and to the Aboriginal Medical Service, Kempsey.

She became Governor of NSW at the request of Premier Bob Carr in 2001. She was the first woman and first person of Lebanese descent to hold the position. Her term lasted until 2014, having been extended several times.

Marie Bashir was a woman of great compassion and kindness with a particular passion to serve and respect the under privileged and vulnerable. That became a feature of her Governorship. She was the patron of many organisations including Opera Australia, the Australian Refugee Foundation, the Australia-Vietnam Medical Trust, Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service, and the Sydney Peace Foundation.

She received many honours several from the Australian and foreign governments. They include Companion of the Order of Australia AC in 2001, Grand Officer in the Lebanese National of the Cedar in 2004, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order CVO from HM Queen Elizabeth in 2006, and Officer within the French Order of the National Legion of Honour in 2013.

In 2014 she was named as a Dame of the Order of Australia for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to the administration, public life, and people of New South Wales, to medicine, particularly as an advocate for improved mental health outcomes for the young, marginalised, and disadvantaged, to international relations, through the promotion of collaborative health programs, and as a leader in tertiary education.

In 2010 Marie Bashir became the Vice Regal Patron of Nutcote and remained an Honorary Life Friend of the house and museum. There is an example of the pink 'Governor Marie Bashir rose' in the garden there.

On 20 January 2026, Marie Bashir passed away surrounded by her family. A State Funeral is to be held on 4 February 2026.

Vale, Professor, the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AC, CVO.

I therefore recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council write to Dame Marie Bashir's family expressing sincere condolences and gratitude for her extraordinary public service and the affection in which she was held by the people of North Sydney.
- 2. THAT** Council commemorate Dame Marie Bashir's contribution by planting a tree with a commemorative plaque in a suitable location to be decided in consultation with Dame Bashir's family.

The Motion was moved by the Mayor.

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

8. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council write to Dame Marie Bashir's family expressing sincere condolences and gratitude for her extraordinary public service and the affection in which she was held by the people of North Sydney.

2. THAT Council commemorate Dame Marie Bashir’s contribution by planting a tree with a commemorative plaque in a suitable location to be decided in consultation with Dame Bashir’s family.

8.2. MM02: Minister's intention to revoke Crown Land management by Council in favour of Golf NSW

On Friday 6 February, the Minister for Lands and Property – also the Minister for Sport - announced his intention to revoke Council’s care, control and management of Cammeray Park and instead transfer that role to Golf NSW.

There has been no community consultation and Council has a mere 14 days to respond to this proposal.

The Minister’s media release states that the NSW Government is “in discussions with North Sydney Council.” This statement is incorrect.

I have written to the Minister on no fewer than eight occasions since late 2022 outlining Council’s position on Cammeray Park and requesting a meeting. Not once has Council been granted that opportunity. In contrast, Golf NSW has met with the Minister on five occasions since 2023.

Correspondence received from the Deputy Secretary, Crown Lands wrongly assumes that Council intends to prevent golf from continuing at Cammeray Park and relies on Council’s Open Space and Recreation Strategy to justify this claim. This is also incorrect.

Neither the Open Space and Recreation Strategy nor the supporting Needs Study proposes an end to golf at Cammeray Park.

The correspondence misrepresents Council’s adopted strategy, fails to acknowledge the significant pressures facing North Sydney and overlooks Council’s clear commitment to engage constructively with all stakeholders about the future of public land.

It is no secret that North Sydney is one of the three most densely populated Local Government Areas (LGA) in NSW. The North Sydney LGA has the lowest per capita provision of open space in the whole of northern Sydney and even less than that enjoyed in the City of Sydney.

In this context every square metre of public open space is precious and even more critical to liveability.

The existing undersupply of open space and the NSW Government’s housing reforms are set to increase our population by a more than 30% over the next 5 to 10 years and place further pressure on existing open space.

In response to these challenges, Council adopted an Open Space and Recreation Strategy last year informed by independent research and robust community engagement. Actions within

this strategy require Council to reconsider the way it uses all of its public places and spaces to ensure that as our population grows, quality of life is not diminished.

The Strategy and accompanying Needs Study emphasised the significant deficit of open space and recreation land within the North Sydney LGA. Planned housing and population growth will place increasing pressure on this deficit.

For this reason, and in the public interest, Council has adopted a holistic approach to open space and recreation planning, requiring consideration of all public places and spaces to meet the needs of a growing population.

Strategic directions contained within the strategy include:

1. Deliver additional space for sports and recreation

This strategic direction requires master planning and feasibility of significant Council landholdings including land currently occupied by Crows Nest Community Centre, car parking facilities, facilities within the North Sydney civic precinct including Council's administration centre, North Sydney Community Centre, Stanton Library and commercial properties. In addition, this direction aims to repurpose grey spaces into green spaces in the North Sydney CBD, collaborate with PCYC to retain recreation facilities for youth and explore opportunities for new harbour swimming sites.

2. Maximise the capacity of our existing open spaces and recreation facilities

The relevant reference to Cammeray Park is as follows:

“2.1 In consultation with the community, develop a masterplan for Cammeray Park that increases opportunities for multi-use and addresses community demand for active and passive recreation.”

In addition to Cammeray Park, other actions within this direction call for a review of North Sydney Oval and North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre, along with actions to multi-purpose tennis courts and other sports fields. Together these actions aim to provide for the current lack of open space which will increasingly impact quality of life as the population grows.

3. Provide new and upgraded facilities within existing public spaces

This strategic direction focuses on improved infrastructure within existing facilities to cater for intensified use including playground, amenities, shade, outdoor fitness etc.

Cammeray Park forms the largest single parcel of recreational land in the North Sydney local government area. The Western Harbour Tunnel/Warringah Freeway Upgrade project resulted in the permanent loss of 3 hectares of the Cammeray Parklands reserve and over 3,000 trees. What remains of the public land is even more vital to the wellbeing of the North Sydney community.

Yes, the strategy calls for a new masterplan for Cammeray Park with a view of maximising use of Cammeray Park and not limited to benefitting one sporting group.

Nowhere does it say that this would exclude golf.

The Open Space and Recreation Strategy also calls for increased opportunities for community use of North Sydney Oval, North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre and all other sports fields and courts. It even includes reviewing roads and car parks and public land currently occupied by community centres and operational buildings.

Just as we are unable to build more roads as the population grows, we cannot expand open space. We have to maximise the use of the public space we have, in a way that accommodates the needs of as many people as we can.

While Cammeray Park may be suitable for nine holes of par-three golf today, that may not be the case forever - even golf is evolving.

The following extract from Golf NSW Annual Report 2025 highlights the move towards 'off-course' golf facilities which include venues and technologies that facilitate golf experiences outside of traditional 9- or 18-hole courses, such as standalone driving ranges, indoor golf simulators, etc.

Golf NSW CEO stated

“Whilst interest and participation in golf are at generational high levels, this has not, in all instances, transpired into club prosperity/health. For many clubs, increased operational costs have outpaced income streams, putting upward pressure on membership subscription fees.

Off-course facilities, especially in metropolitan areas, continue to benefit from a 'waiting list' environment which is now prevalent across many clubs.”

Modern golf experiences can be co-located with other sporting and recreation facilities and to suggest this is not the case ignores the principles of Council's Open Space and Recreation Strategy.

Contrary to the Minister's advice, Council has committed to working with all stakeholders, including golf, to determine if and when change is required to support the broader community need and intended to do this through consultation with key stakeholders, sporting associations and importantly, the community.

In December 2025, Council resolved to extend the existing lease of Cammeray Golf Course until 30 September 2029 to allow sufficient time for meaningful community and stakeholder engagement on the site's future.

The Council is the most appropriate organisation to care for, control, and manage this important piece of public land on behalf of the community.

A decision to award Golf NSW care, control, and management of the Golf Club lease effectively privatises green space that should always remain accessible to the community.

The use of Ministerial powers to permanently quarantine Cammeray Golf Course for a single user group is short-sighted, contrary to good public land management, and against the public interest.

Any decision about Cammeray Parklands must respond to the chronic shortage of open space in North Sydney and balance recreation, environmental and community needs. Any decision must follow thorough and transparent community consultation.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council urgently write to the Minister for Crown Lands, the Hon Stephen Kamper, MP to urge him to reconsider this proposal, consider the broader context of housing growth and liveability for the people of North Sydney and engage with Council in respect of the future of Cammeray Park and the public interest.

2. THAT Council seek urgent legal advice from Senior Counsel including whether the proposed revocation of Council as Crown Land Manager of Cammeray Park is legally valid in the circumstances and whether there is any basis to seek to restrain, prevent or challenge the proposed decision.

3. THAT Council make a strong submission opposing the proposed revocation, within the 14-day period afforded by the Minister, including a submission that the entirety of Cammeray Parklands be retained and returned to the care and control of North Sydney Council as Crown Land Manager on behalf of the North Sydney community.

4. THAT Council educate and inform the community in relation to the proposed decision and Council's position.

The Motion was moved by the Mayor.

The Motion 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

9. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council urgently write to the Minister for Crown Lands, the Hon Stephen Kamper, MP to urge him to reconsider this proposal, consider the broader context of housing growth and liveability for the people of North Sydney and engage with Council in respect of the future of Cammeray Park and the public interest.

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4. THAT Council educate and inform the community in relation to the proposed decision and Council's position.

9. Reports of Committees

9.1. Traffic Committee Minutes - 21 November 2025

AUTHOR: Peita Rose, Governance Officer

PURPOSE

Council is required to consider the Minutes of the Traffic 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 21 November 2025 for Council adoption. The Minutes are attached for information.
- The full reports to the Traffic Committee meeting 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 21 November 2025 be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 4).

10. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting dated 21 November 2025 be received.

9.2. Access and Inclusion Committee Minutes - 25 November 2025

AUTHOR: Peita Rose, Governance Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to outline the proceedings of the Access and Inclusion Committee meeting of 25 November 2025, and for Council to consider any recommendations from the Committee.

The Terms of Reference of the Access and Inclusion Committee state:

8.1 The Access and Inclusion Committee is not a decision-making body. The Committee is an advisory body to Council. Council may adopt or reject the Committee's advice.

8.2 The Committee has no delegated powers from Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report presents the discussions and recommendations of the last meeting of the Access and Inclusion Committee, held 25 November 2025.
- The Minutes are attached for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Access and Inclusion Committee meeting dated 25 November 2025 be received and noted by Council.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 4).

11. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Access and Inclusion Committee meeting dated 25 November 2025 be received and noted by Council.

10. Reports to Council

10.1. Matters Outstanding to 8 December 2025

AUTHOR: Ian Curry, A/Service Unit Manager Corporate 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 8 December 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report be received.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 4).

12. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** the report be received.

10.2. Quarterly Review (July–September 2025) - Delivery Program 2025–2029 and Operational Plan 2025–2026

AUTHOR: Jenny Gracey, Corporate Planning Coordinator

PURPOSE

This quarterly progress report outlines Council’s performance for the first quarter of the 2025–2026 reporting year (July–September 2025) in delivering the *Delivery Program 2025–2029* and the *Operational Plan 2025–2026*, and, as the first report aligned to the new *Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2025–2035* and its eight Informing Strategies, provides a clear overview of how Council is meeting its commitments and progressing toward North Sydney’s long-term goals.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The *Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026* were adopted by Council on 30 June 2025 and commenced on 1 July 2025.
- During the first quarter, Council made decisions that required amendments to the *Operational Plan* and budget. These include the addition of North Sydney Oval public address system upgrade (O4.16.1) and the roof replacement of Don Bank Museum (C2.6.1).
- Of the 125 total projects scheduled in the *Operational Plan 2025-26*, 11 (9%) projects were completed, 92 (74%) projects are on track, and four (3%) are delayed. No projects were identified as not progressing, or discontinued, and 18 projects were not scheduled to commence this quarter.
- The *Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026* include annual service delivery targets across Council. This is the first quarterly report on service performance indicators aligned with the eight *Informing Strategies*.
- During the 2025–2026 reporting year, 60 service performance indicators were monitored, with 54 (90%) meeting or exceeding target, four (6.7%) performing within acceptable limits but below target, and two (3.3%) unable to be tracked in Quarter 1. No indicators were identified as at risk.

RECOMMENDATION:

1.THAT Council receive and note the quarterly review (July–September 2025) of the *Delivery Program 2025–2029* and *Operational Plan 2025–2026*.

2.THAT Council note that the *Operational Plan 2025–2026* has been adjusted to reflect project changes endorsed by Council during the first quarter of 2025-2026 reporting year in response to emerging priorities.

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

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

13. RESOLVED:

1.THAT Council receive and note the quarterly review (July–September 2025) of the *Delivery Program 2025–2029* and *Operational Plan 2025–2026*.

2.THAT Council note that the *Operational Plan 2025–2026* has been adjusted to reflect project changes endorsed by Council during the first quarter of 2025-2026 reporting year in response to emerging priorities.

10.3. Investment and Loan Borrowings Report as at 30 November 2025 and 31 December 2025

AUTHOR: Lu Chen, Financial Controller

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the performance of Council’s investments and loans for the months ending 30 November 2025 and 31 December 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 November, the total investment portfolio (which includes Term Deposits, Floating Rate Notes and Bonds) provided a return of +0.33% (actual), or +4.04% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.30% (actual) or +3.66% p.a. (annualised).
- Returns on investments exceeded the November YTD budget by \$418,923. This result includes fees paid to Council’s investment advisers for the period.
- For the month of December, the total investment portfolio (which includes Term Deposits, Floating Rate Notes, and Bonds) provided a return of +0.34% (actual), or +4.11% p.a. (annualised), outperforming the AusBond Bank Bill Index return of +0.31% (actual) or +3.71% p.a. (annualised).

- Returns on investments exceeded the December YTD budget by \$395,172. This result includes fees paid to Council's investment advisers for the period.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report on investments held at 30 November 2025 and 31 December 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 4).

14. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the report on investments held at 30 November 2025 and 31 December 2025, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, and the information on Loan Borrowings, be received.

10.4. Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan

AUTHOR: Gary Parsons, Director Open Space and Infrastructure

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan for Council's consideration. The Strategic Plan provides a structured framework to guide asset planning, prioritisation and investment decisions, respond to identified infrastructure risks, and support Council's long-term financial sustainability and intergenerational equity.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council's infrastructure backlog is estimated at approximately \$157 million as at 30 June 2025, reflecting sustained renewal funding below depreciation and an ongoing structural funding challenge.
- Asset condition risks, particularly for buildings and stormwater assets, are increasing exposure to public safety issues, service disruption, compliance risk, and unplanned expenditure.
- While short-term, risk-based reprioritisation of capital works has been an appropriate response to funding constraints and asset condition risk, continued reliance on this approach creates inefficiencies and is inconsistent with best-practice asset management.
- The Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan establishes a structured framework and strategy to guide asset planning, prioritisation, and investment decisions, and supports a transition to proactive, risk-informed management.
- Council's constrained financial position means the Plan supports two possible pathways: with additional revenue, a transition to proactive, long-term asset renewal; without it,

transparent decision-making regarding service prioritisation, risk acceptance, and potential service level reductions.

- Adoption of the Plan strengthens governance, regulatory compliance, and long-term financial sustainability, supporting intergenerational equity and responsible asset stewardship.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council endorse the Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with Councils Community Engagement Strategy.

2. THAT Council note that a further report will be presented to Council following the public exhibition period.

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

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Carr and seconded by Councillor Keen:

1. THAT Council defer public exhibition of the Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan until a revised draft is reported back to Council that includes:

(a) service delivery scenarios with and without SRV approval, including identified facility closures, risks and service level impacts;

(b) a complete critical assets register identifying assets with a probability of failure within five years and the estimated consequences of failure; and

(c) revised asset backlog calculations, including upgrade costs to contemporary standards; and that, following Council's consideration, the revised plan be placed on public exhibition.

The Amendment was put and **Lost**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 3 / 7

For: Councillor Carr, Councillor Keen, and Councillor Spenceley

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

Absent: Nil

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

15. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the Draft Strategic Asset Management Plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with Councils Community Engagement Strategy.
- 2. THAT** Council note that a further report will be presented to Council following the public exhibition period.

10.5. Draft Use of Artificial Intelligence Policy - post-exhibition report

AUTHOR: Michael Beard, Chief Information Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the adoption of the Draft Use of Artificial Intelligence Policy after the finalisation of the public exhibition period.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Draft Use of Artificial Intelligence Policy was endorsed for public exhibition at the Council meeting of 8 December 2025.
- Council resolved to review the results of the public exhibition period to consider any submissions received to adopt the amended policy.
- Two submissions were received. No changes to the Policy are recommended; however, feedback from the submissions will be considered in the development of an operational policy for staff use of AI.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council note the outcome of the public exhibition, including the submissions received, and adopt the draft Use of Artificial Intelligence Policy as attached to this report.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 4).

16. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council note the outcome of the public exhibition, including the submissions received, and adopt the draft Use of Artificial Intelligence Policy as attached to this report.

10.6. North Sydney Olympic Pool - Draft Fees and Charges Schedule 2025-26

AUTHOR: Duncan Rennie, Service Unit Manager Leisure & Aquatics

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide details of the proposed fees and charges for the North Sydney Olympic Pool, to come into effect from the pool's opening in mid-2026 to the end of

the 2026-27 financial year. The Schedule will be placed on public exhibition prior to final adoption.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) is scheduled to reopen to the public in early to mid-2026. The redevelopment has transformed the facility into a modern, full-service leisure centre.
- The NSOP Draft Fees and Charges Schedule provides a recommended list of fees for all chargeable services, requests, applications, approvals, licences, hire bookings, and memberships at the new NSOP. The fees and charges will contribute towards funding ongoing operational costs, loan repayments, and building a renewal reserve.
- The Schedule has been developed following a comprehensive market and competitor analysis, to ensure the proposed fees and charges are appropriate, equitable, and competitively positioned.
- The NSOP Draft Fees and Charges Schedule has been developed for the period from opening date (currently expected May 2026) through to 30 June 2027.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the proposed North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) Draft Fees and Charges Schedule for the period from opening date (expected May 2026) to 30 June 2027, for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- 2. THAT** Council note that a further report will be brought back to Council following the public exhibition of the North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) Draft Fees and Charges Schedule.
- 3. THAT** Council endorse a Learn to Swim Parking discount, incorporated within the fees and charges schedule for the NSOP, with a comprehensive review to be undertaken after 12 months and reported to Council, outlining the impacts and enabling consideration of any further amendments, including discontinuation if warranted.

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

- Michael Bracka (local resident)

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

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 8 / 2

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

Against: Councillor Carr and Councillor Spenceley

Absent: Nil

17. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council endorse the proposed North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) Draft Fees and Charges Schedule for the period from opening date (expected May 2026) to 30 June 2027, for public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- 2. THAT** Council note that a further report will be brought back to Council following the public exhibition of the North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) Draft Fees and Charges Schedule.
- 3. THAT** Council endorse a Learn to Swim Parking discount, incorporated within the fees and charges schedule for the NSOP, with a comprehensive review to be undertaken after 12 months and reported to Council, outlining the impacts and enabling consideration of any further amendments, including discontinuation if warranted.

10.7. Traffic matters: Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne - response to Council resolution

AUTHOR: Eoin Cunningham, Service Unit Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Council resolution of 13 October 2025 regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Given the shared responsibility of Spofforth Street with Mosman Council, there are limited actions North Sydney Council (Council) can take to address the concerns raised without collaboration with Mosman Council.
- Council wrote to Mosman Council on 28 November 2025 requesting a meeting to discuss a collaborative approach to address traffic and pedestrian safety concerns on Spofforth Street. Mosman Council has acknowledged the correspondence and is considering the matter along with other priorities within their Local Government Area.
- Council identifies road safety priorities with consideration of a combination of data from Transport for New South Wales' Centre for Road Safety, Council's adopted Local Area Traffic Management Plan, community accessibility, and road safety concerns. Currently available crash data indicates limited recorded crash history on Spofforth Street in the last five years.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council note the response to the Council resolution.
- 2. THAT** Council note that collaboration will continue to be sought with Mosman Council regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne.

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

- 1. THAT** Council note the response to the Council resolution.

- 2. THAT** Council note that collaboration will continue to be sought with Mosman Council regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne.
- 3. THAT** Council write to the Mayor of Mosman seeking a meeting to discuss progression of works to address pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and surrounding streets.
- 4. THAT** a further update be provided to Council outlining:
 - a. actions taken by North Sydney Council to further consider the concerns raised by the community; and
 - b. actions taken to follow-up with Mosman Council and their responses.

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

18. RESOLVED:

- 1. THAT** Council note the response to the Council resolution.
- 2. THAT** Council note that collaboration will continue to be sought with Mosman Council regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and Rangers Road, Cremorne.
- 3. THAT** Council write to the Mayor of Mosman seeking a meeting to discuss progression of works to address pedestrian safety on Spofforth Street and surrounding streets.
- 4. THAT** a further update be provided to Council outlining:
 - a. actions taken by North Sydney Council to further consider the concerns raised by the community; and
 - b. actions taken to follow-up with Mosman Council and their responses.

10.8. Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2026

AUTHOR: Peita Rose, Governance Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to determine the North Sydney Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The meetings of the North Sydney Traffic Committee (NSTC) for 2026 commenced on 6 February 2026 and then will be held every eighth Friday after that.
- All NTSC meeting minutes/recommendations must be approved by Council.

- The NTSC meetings will be held in Council Chambers at 10:00am on the determined dates.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the following Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2026 be adopted.

- 10 April
- 5 June
- 31 July
- 11 September
- 6 November

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 4).

19. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the following Traffic Committee meeting dates for 2026 be adopted.

- 10 April
- 5 June
- 31 July
- 11 September
- 6 November

10.9. Warringah Freeway Upgrade - TfNSW proposal to place land under Council's care, control, and management

AUTHOR: Gary Parsons, Director Open Space and Infrastructure

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information of an approach from Transport for NSW to place six parcels of land under the care, control, and management of North Sydney Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has formally approached Council regarding a proposal to place six public reserves into the care, control, and management of Council under Section 159 (CCM) Agreements, upon completion of certain stages of work associated with the Warringah Freeway Upgrade (WFU) project.
- Principles as currently proposed by TfNSW place obligations on Council in relation to cost, liability, and Council's ability to terminate the Agreement. Therefore, it would be prudent for Council to seek further clarification and potentially seek adjustments or additions to the principles.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council note the contents of this report in relation to an approach from Transport for NSW to place six parcels of land under the care, control, and management of North Sydney Council (Council).

2. THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into formal discussions with Transport for NSW in relation to the future care, control, and management of:

- (a) Rose Avenue Reserve comprising Lot 78 in DP1129479, Lot 7 in DP1129475, Lots 15, 16 and 26 in DP250372, Lot 7 in DP1130306 and Lot 6 in DP1130293;
- (b) Anzac Avenue Reserve comprising of Lot 15 in DP1167731 and Lot 15 in DP752067;
- (c) Jeafferson Jackson Reserve comprising of Lot 6 in DP828726;
- (d) Merlin Street Reserve comprising Lot 20 in DP250372;
- (e) Whaling Park comprising of Lot 15 in DP816476; and
- (f) High Street reserve comprising of Lot 40 in DP828060.

3. THAT Council note a further report will be provided following discussions with Transport for NSW in relation to the future care, control, and management of:

- (a) Rose Avenue Reserve comprising Lot 78 in DP1129479, Lot 7 in DP1129475, Lots 15, 16 and 26 in DP250372, Lot 7 in DP1130306 and Lot 6 in DP1130293;
- (b) Anzac Avenue Reserve comprising of Lot 15 in DP1167731 and Lot 15 in DP752067;
- (c) Jeafferson Jackson Reserve comprising of Lot 6 in DP828726;
- (d) Merlin Street Reserve comprising Lot 20 in DP250372;
- (e) Whaling Park comprising of Lot 15 in DP816476; and
- (f) High Street reserve comprising of Lot 40 in DP828060.

This item was dealt with by exception (see page 4).

20. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council note the contents of this report in relation to an approach from Transport for NSW to place six parcels of land under the care, control, and management of North Sydney Council (Council).

2. THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into formal discussions with Transport for NSW in relation to the future care, control, and management of:

- (a) Rose Avenue Reserve comprising Lot 78 in DP1129479, Lot 7 in DP1129475, Lots 15, 16 and 26 in DP250372, Lot 7 in DP1130306 and Lot 6 in DP1130293;
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- (f) High Street reserve comprising of Lot 40 in DP828060.

11. Notices of Motion

Nil

12. Matters of Urgency

Nil

13. Closure

The Meeting concluded at 8:02pm.