



Council Chambers
27 February 2026

An Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Cammeraygal lands at the Council Chambers, North Sydney at 7.00pm on Monday 9 March 2026. The agenda is as follows.

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TO: The Mayor Zoë Baker, and Councillors Antonini, Beregi, Carr, Holding, Hoy, Keen, Santer, Spenceley, and Welch

MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 9 MARCH 2026

1. OPENING MEETING

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

THAT THE MINUTES of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 February 2026 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

6. ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

7. MINUTES OF THE MAYOR

Nil

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

9. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

9.1 Quarterly Review (October-December 2025) - Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026

Report of Jenny Gracey, Corporate Planning Coordinator

This quarterly progress report outlines Council's performance for the second quarter of the 2025–2026 reporting year (October - December 2025) in delivering the *Delivery Program 2025–2029* and the *Operational Plan 2025–2026*, and, as the second report aligned to the new *Community Strategic Plan 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.

The *Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026* were adopted by Council on 30 June 2025 and commenced on 1 July 2025.

Of the 125 total projects scheduled in the *Operational Plan 2025-26*, 16 (13%) projects were completed, 92 (74%) projects are on track, and four (3%) are delayed. No projects were identified as not progressing, or discontinued, and 13 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 second 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 47 (78%) meeting or exceeding target, 12 (20%) performing within acceptable limits but below target, and no indicators are at risk. There was one indicator that was unable to be tracked in Quarter 2.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council receive and note the Quarterly Review (October-December 2025) of the *Delivery Program 2025–2029 and Operational Plan 2025–2026*.

9.2 2026 Council Meeting Schedule - amendment

Report of Ian Curry, Acting Service Unit Manager Corporate Governance

The purpose of this report is to propose an amendment to the 2025-26 Council meeting schedule due to the addition of a public holiday on 27 April.

The Local Government Act prescribes that Councils are required to meet at least 10 times each year, each time in a different month.

This report proposes an amendment to the 2025-26 Council meeting schedule due to the addition of a public holiday in April 2026.

Recommending:

1. THAT the 2025-26 Council meeting schedule be amended to cancel the 27 April 2026 meeting.

9.3 Fire and Rescue NSW Inspection Report - 75 Miller Street, North Sydney

Report of Long Huynh, Team Leader Building Compliance

The purpose of this report is to enable Council to determine whether to issue a Fire Safety Order in response to an inspection report received from Authorised Fire

Officers of Fire and Rescue NSW concerning the premises located at 75 Miller Street, North Sydney.

Authorised Fire Officers from Fire and Rescue NSW conducted an inspection of 75 Miller Street, North Sydney and issued an inspection report to Council.

Upon receiving an inspection report, Council must table it at a Council meeting to determine whether to issue a Fire Safety Order and notify the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue of its decision.

Council's investigation confirmed that the building was constructed in accordance with the standards applicable at the time and that there is no legislative requirement compelling the building to be upgraded to meet current Building Code of Australia provisions.

Council staff have instructed the building owner to rectify the maintenance-related issues identified, namely the fire door maintenance and display of the Annual Fire Safety Statement.

This report details the findings of Council's staff, along with a recommendation.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council resolve not to issue a Fire Safety Order, based on Council officers' review and findings.
- 2. THAT** Council notify the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW of its determination, in accordance with Schedule 5 of the EP&A Act.

9.4 Review of harbour foreshore carparks - response to Council resolution

Report of Beth Robrahn, Team Leader Transport, and Eoin Cunningham, Service Unit Manager Traffic & Transport Operations

This report responds to the Council resolution of 17 November 2025 in relation to reviewing harbour foreshore parking areas regarding consideration of measures to ensure equitable use of parking adjacent to public open space, and the use of Council's foreshore parks for overnight use by travellers/campers.

On 17 November 2025, Council resolved to review harbour foreshore parking areas and consider measures to ensure equitable use of free parking adjacent to public open space, with particular regard to overnight use by travellers/campers.

Since the resolution of 17 November 2025, local community members have also raised concerns regarding camping at Grasmere Reserve, Brightmore Reserve, and parked vehicles obstructing pedestrian access to Primrose Park.

Night-time occupancy surveys were undertaken in December 2025 and January 2026 at key foreshore car parks (Primrose Park, Tunks Park, Blues Point Reserve, and Balls Head Reserve) to assess parking demand and the presence of camping vehicles during peak periods.

Survey results indicate that general parking occupancy did not reach levels that require demand-management interventions at night, with Primrose Park car park at Young Street being the only surveyed car park that recorded over 40% occupancy and with a significant proportion of campers.

Overnight use at Blues Point Reserve was over capacity and Tunks Park recorded over 30% occupancy, however the surveys did not record evidence of camping at these locations.

The implementation of a No Camping restriction at Primrose Park car park at Young Street is recommended to stem the increase in camping and the promotion of the area as an available camping area on social media sites.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council note the report and outcome of the surveys.
2. **THAT** Council resolve to install signage stating “No Camping Fines Apply under Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993” in Primrose Park car park, Cremorne at Young Street (and within Primrose Park more broadly), Grasmere Reserve, and Brightmore Reserve.
3. **THAT** Council note that public amenities in Primrose Park and Brightmore Reserve will be locked each evening and reopened each morning.
4. **THAT** Council note that Denos and Matora Lanes, Cremorne will be monitored for campervan parking.
5. **THAT** Council note that notices will be placed on social media sites advising that camping is prohibited in North Sydney Council’s foreshore parks, should the promotion of camping at these locations become known to Council.
6. **THAT** No Stopping signage be installed within the Primrose Park car park, Cremorne at Young Street, between the points 10 metres and 12 metres south of the end of the car, with an associated painted island to facilitate pedestrian access between the car park and Primrose Park.

9.5 Update regarding Acid Sulphate soils investigation - Long Bay, Cammeray

Report of Gary Parsons, Director Open Space and Infrastructure

This report responds to a Council resolution of 26 May 2025, regarding the source of contamination at Long Bay, Cammeray.

Preliminary investigations undertaken by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment, and Water (DCCEEW) have identified multiple indicators consistent with active coastal acid sulfate soils (ASS) at Long Bay, Cammeray.

Data collected from monitoring wells indicates that groundwater movement at Tunks Park is influenced by both tidal pumping and rainfall recharge. However, further investigation is required to inform the design of the necessary remediation.

The proposed investigation will be led by the DCCEEW in partnership with North Sydney Council, Southern Cross University (SCU), and The University of New South Wales Water Research Laboratory (UNSW WRL).

An exemption is sought using the extenuating circumstances provisions within s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 to engage DCCEEW for this investigation.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council note the contents of this report regarding the ongoing testing in relation to Acid Sulfate Soil at Long Bay / Tunks Park, Cammeray.
 2. **THAT** Council, under the provisions within s55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 and due to the extenuating circumstances outlined in this report, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to engage the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) at a cost of \$328,384 (excl GST) to lead further investigations and provide advice in relation to Acid Sulfate Soil at Long Bay / Tunks Park, Cammeray.
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3. THAT Council note that an additional \$150,000 will need to be allocated to the project in the 2026/27 budget to fund the further investigations into Acid Sulfate Soil at Long Bay / Tunks Park, Cammeray.

4. THAT Council note that any mitigation or remediation measures identified for Tunks Park are currently not budgeted and further funding will need to be identified to undertake these necessary works.

9.6 Tender 25/2025 - Geographical Information System replacement

Report of Jacqueline Singh, Team Leader Application Services, and Michael Beard, Chief Information Officer

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an analysis and recommendations of the tender process for Tender 25/2025, Geographical Information System Replacement.

Tenders were invited for the provision of a Geographical Information System.

Five tender submissions were received when the tender closed at 4:00pm 15 December 2025.

If Council wishes to discuss the report, the meeting should be closed to the public to do so, in accordance with 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

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

Recommending:

1.THAT Council accept the recommended tenderer for Tender 25-2025 for Geographical Information System (GIS) Replacement as noted within the confidential attachment of this report.

2.THAT Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to take any necessary action to implement the decision including entering into associated contract arising from the acceptance of Tender 25/2025 Geographical Information System Replacement.

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

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Notice of Motion 2/26 - Proposal for Council Volunteer Newsletter - Cr Welch

1. THAT Council:

- 1.1 request Council staff to investigate and report on the feasibility of producing a regular volunteer newsletter for Council supported volunteer groups, other than Bushcare which already has an established newsletter.
- 1.2 note that the objectives of such a newsletter would be to:
 - a. improve communication with Council volunteers;
 - b. promote volunteering opportunities across the local government area;
 - c. recognise and celebrate volunteer contributions; and
 - d. share updates and activities from volunteer groups to strengthen connection and engagement.
- 1.3 request that the report address:
 - a. proposed format and frequency
 - b. resource and cost implications
 - c. content sourcing and coordination with volunteer groups
 - d. distribution methods to reach existing and potential volunteers
- 1.4 note that a regular volunteer newsletter may support improved volunteer engagement, retention and recruitment across North Sydney.

BACKGROUND

Bushcare North Sydney currently produces a quarterly newsletter that keeps Bushcare volunteers informed about activities, achievements, and upcoming opportunities. This regular communication helps maintain engagement, recognises volunteer contributions, and generates interest in volunteering.

North Sydney has a wide and diverse volunteer base beyond Bushcare, including but not limited to:

- Streets Alive
- Harbour Care
- Adopt a Plot
- community gardens
- Stanton Library volunteer groups (eight groups)
- elderly Home Care visits and maintenance
- numerous groups listed on Council's website (currently 36 volunteer groups)
- a range of volunteer and community groups operating through Council Community Centres

While information about these groups exists, it is generally only accessed if residents actively seek it out. There is currently no consolidated or proactive communication mechanism that connects these volunteers or highlights their collective work across the Local Government Area. A regular volunteer newsletter, similar in concept to the Bushcare newsletter, would provide an opportunity to:

- increase awareness of volunteering opportunities across Council programs;
 - strengthen connections between volunteer groups;
 - celebrate and recognise volunteers and their contributions;
 - share stories, updates, and photographs of volunteers in action; and
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- encourage new volunteers by showcasing the breadth and impact of volunteering in North Sydney.

Such a newsletter could serve as a valuable engagement and recognition tool, supporting Council's broader community participation and volunteer retention objectives.

11. MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

12. CLOSURE