

25 August 2025

At 5.00 pm

Council

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Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meeting of Council are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 23 June 2025

Item 2

Statement of Ethical Obligations

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice and the City of Sydney Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose and manage both pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

In both cases, the nature of the interest must be disclosed.

This includes receipt of reportable political donations over the previous four years.

Item 3.1

Vale David James Stratton AM

File No: S051491

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

Australia's screen community is in mourning following the death of David James Stratton AM, cinephile and screen arts champion, on 14 August 2025.

Most Australians know David from his co-presenting (with Margaret Pomeranz) *The Movie Show on SBS* (1986-2004) and *At the Movies on ABC-TV* (2004-2014) and benefitting from his knowledge and insights. Many will also celebrate his impact on Australia's film culture as the Sydney Film Festival's longest serving Director and his subsequent work as critic, author and international film festival jurist.

Born in Wiltshire, England on 10 September 1939, David was introduced to cinema at an early age by the regular filmgoing grandmother he lived with while his father served during World War II. It was then that he began a lifelong practice of recording his impressions of every film he saw. After leaving school he became involved in local film societies while working in the family grocery business.

In 1963, he travelled to Australia intending to stay for only 2 years. Once in Sydney, he became involved in the Sydney Film Festival, initially as a volunteer usher. He soon joined its Film Subcommittee and later its Board.

By 1965, he was preparing to return to England to follow 5 generations of Strattons into the family business. Except David's passion was cinema rather than small goods. The Sydney Film Festival's first full-time paid director, Ian Klava, resigned. David successfully applied to fill the vacancy. He was then just 26.

He was the first festival director to travel overseas to source films to screen and build relationships with film producers, distributors and other film festivals. (When he attended the Moscow International Film Festival, ASIO created a file on him!) Leading filmmakers accepted his invitations to the Sydney Film Festival, among them Josef von Sternberg, Satyajit Ray, Michelangelo Antonioni, Rouben Mamoulian, and actors Jamie Lee Curtis and Warren Beatty.

David fought to ensure that film festival audiences would see the films as they were made. With the backing of the Festival's Board, he campaigned against censorship and for censors' decisions to be transparent. When the Festival screened *Hugs and Kisses* in 1967 the word "censored" appeared wherever it was cut. This campaign, joined by others, led to improvements in film classification, including the introduction of the "R" or restricted certificate, and relaxed rules for film festivals.

He also championed Australian films and filmmakers. In 1969, the Festival screened Tim Burstall's *2000 Weeks*, one of the first films of the Australian New Wave. Peter Weir's *The Cars that Ate Paris* had its Australian Premiere at the 1972 Festival and the 1974 Festival opened with Ken Hannam's *Sunday Too Far Away*.

David and the Board had already introduced a short film competition in 1970 to encourage Australian filmmaking. Several filmmakers who premiered their work in this competition subsequently had significant careers, among them Phil Noyce, Gillian Armstrong, Paul Cox, Jane Campion and Rolf de Heer.

In 1972, David included George Miller's and Byron Kennedy's *Violence in the Cinema Part 1* in the main Festival rather than the short film competition. A commercial cinema release followed which in turn led to Kennedy and Miller making the first Mad Max film.

In its early years, the Sydney Film Festival was based at Sydney University. In 1973, David secured the State Theatre as the Festival's principal venue, bringing it to the centre of the city. The following year David and Festival president Ross Tzannes began the Travelling Film Festival, taking the best films to regional centres. It now tours to 17 locations in the Northern Territory, Queensland and NSW.

David's commitment to film continued after he resigned as the Sydney Film Festival director in 1983. He wrote extensively on films for Australian and overseas publications and published several books, including significant works on Australian cinema. He served on the juries of several international film festivals and was president of the International Critics Juries in Cannes and Venice. His lectures on world film history at Sydney University were popular.

During his last years as Festival Director he also programmed films for the fledgling SBS, then began introducing them. His producer was Margaret Pomeranz. This led to David and Margaret co-hosting SBS's *The Movie Show* in 1986, and the beginning of an onscreen partnership that continued for the next 28 years. *The Movie Show* and later, *At the Movies* at the ABC became another platform to champion Australian films and filmmaking.

France recognised his contribution to cinema by making him a Commandeur of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres in 2001, joining Salman Rushdie, Václav Havel, Dirk Bogarde and Meryl Streep and others. In the same year, he received the Longford Lyall Lifetime Achievement Award and 6 years later, the Chauvel Award at the Brisbane International Film Festival. In 2015, he became a Member of the Order of Australia. The documentary, *David Stratton: A Cinematic Life* followed in 2017 in which many leading figures, including Nicole Kidman, Sam Neill, Bryan Brown, Jackie Weaver, Judy Davis and George Miller spoke about his significant influence.

David's death was announced by his family in a statement which read in part:

"David's passion for film, commitment to Australian cinema, and generous spirit touched countless lives ... [We] invite everyone to celebrate David's remarkable life and legacy by watching their favourite movie, or David's favourite movie of all time – *Singin' in the Rain*."

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate the life of David James Stratton AM and his significant contribution to Australian and international cinema and Sydney's and Australia's cultural life;
- (B) Council express its condolences to David's widow Susie Craig and family; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to convey Council's condolences to David's family.

THE RT. HON. CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

Item 3.2

More Than Homes Needed to Address the Homelessness Crisis

File No: S051491

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

There is no place for homelessness in a prosperous, global city like Sydney. Homelessness is a complex problem with complex causes. It reflects poverty, inequality and an escalating housing affordability crisis.

I welcome the Government's new [NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035](#) ('the Strategy') which promises significant reform on how homelessness services are provided. The Strategy builds on their 2024-2025 \$6.6 billion budget commitment to build more social and affordable housing. The Strategy however notes that the extent of reform is dependent on the level of investment in future state budgets.

It is critical that there is investment not only in the bricks and mortar, but also the human services that respond to the underlying causes of homelessness. We are also in a mental health crisis. Without urgent investment in mental health and homelessness services, many people lucky enough to secure housing will not be in a position to keep their tenancies and safely participate in their communities.

Action on homelessness

The City of Sydney was the first council in Australia to establish a dedicated Homelessness Unit, connecting people sleeping rough with essential services. These services are needed now more than ever.

The annual Street Count in February 2025 found a staggering 24% increase (346 people) in people sleeping rough in our area compared to the same time last year (280 people). There were also 380 people staying in temporary and crisis accommodation on the night of the count, an occupancy rate of 97.5%.

The City invests over \$2.4 million every year to reduce homelessness and its impact in Sydney. This includes \$1.4 million in direct funding to specialist homelessness services such as Neami Way2Home, Aboriginal Corporation for Homelessness and Rehabilitation Community Services and Launchpad for outreach and case coordination services, post crisis support services, and youth homelessness prevention.

NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035

The new Strategy proposes significant reform as the current system is expensive, inefficient, crisis driven and unable to meet demand. It suggests an integrated whole of government response that will prioritise prevention and use Housing First principles to ensure people are housed in the longest-term form of accommodation available, with the supports they need.

The reforms aim to better coordinate services at a local level and provide more flexible funding models so services can respond to local needs. The NSW Government will also establish a street sleeping registry so people sleeping rough don't have to keep retelling their story to every agency they engage with.

While this sounds promising, the Strategy has not committed any new or long-term funding for projects and initiatives, and we know that existing services are already under pressure with so many people in need of support. Instead, each agency is responsible for directing existing resources and allocating new funding in their area. With every agency being responsible, there is a risk no single minister is accountable.

Complex causes

While cost of living pressures and the housing affordability crisis are contributing to more people sleeping rough, we know that more than half those sleeping rough in our area don't meet social housing eligibility criteria because of their residency status, a former failed tenancy, or complex mental health issues.

The Strategy explains that where structural factors like lack of affordable housing, low incomes and discrimination exist, many people are one challenging life event or climate crisis away from homelessness. Homelessness can be triggered by poor mental and/or physical health, drug and alcohol use and critical life events, such as domestic and family violence, divorce, job loss and trauma.

The homelessness crisis is compounded by the mental health crisis

We cannot solve homelessness without housing, but we also need to provide support to keep people in their homes and fix our mental health system.

As the City's submission to the Strategy explained, overwhelmingly our housing, homelessness and mental health systems are crisis-driven and poorly integrated. People with complex needs are cycling through services without receiving adequate support.

People with complex needs and behaviours often lose social housing tenancies and are excluded from crisis accommodation and other necessary services, leaving them in inadequate housing that either hinders their recovery or worsens their mental health. This leads to some people refusing help or choosing to remain on the streets.

The tragic deaths of [Collin Burling at the Waterloo Estate](#) in July this year, and [Jesse Deacon in Glebe](#) in 2023, show that even when someone is lucky enough to have secured public housing, that without a properly funded mental health system, Police will increasingly be relied upon as first responders to mental health episodes.

[A Law Enforcement Conduct Commission](#) report found almost half of the people involved in critical incidents with NSW Police over the past 5 years were experiencing a mental health crisis. Critical incidents were defined as those resulting in serious injury or death.

In Jesse's case, if he lived in a different part of the city, he may have had a different response. At that time, the NSW Government were trialling the Police, Ambulance, Clinical Early Response (PACER) program in 10 Police Area Commands including, Kings Cross, Surry Hills and South Sydney, but not in the Leichhardt Police Area Command where Jesse lived.

Under the program, experienced mental health clinicians employed by NSW Health respond with Police to people experiencing a mental health crisis in the community, providing on-site mental health assessments and interventions, and reducing the need for use of force and restraint by police officers. It is critical that this program continues and expands.

The mental health system in NSW is also in crisis. In the South East Sydney Local Health District, there are only 27 beds for people in a mental health crisis. Beds are always at capacity, and people in crisis are routinely stuck in emergency department beds. Earlier this year more than 200 senior NSW Health psychiatrists resigned, sounding the alarm bell on patient safety concerns.

We need greater investment in homelessness services, wrap around supports and mental health services to support the urgently needed reform in homelessness and mental health in NSW and support people to obtain and retain housing tenancies.

Common Ground

The pathway out of homelessness is long-term housing with high support, such as Common Ground on Pyrmont Bridge Road in Camperdown.

The \$33.8 million Common Ground project was jointly funded by State and Federal Governments and made possible by the City amending its planning controls to enable this type of development, and architects Hassell and developer Grocon providing preliminary designs on a pro bono basis, before providing full design services at cost to Housing NSW. It provides 104 homes including 52 for people experiencing long-term homelessness with wrap around support and 52 social and affordable homes. On-site support services include a 24/7 concierge service, health, mental health, psychiatric, counselling and chiropractic services, computer training, podiatry, gym, cooking classes and art and movie sessions.

In our area, around 40% of people sleeping rough currently need high-support accommodation like Common Ground. Without more investment in models like Common Ground, homelessness services will have to place people into insecure and unsafe housing. If people are lucky enough to be offered social housing, services will try to piece together supports for those with complex needs, but this takes time, often fails and can lead people back to sleeping rough.

We need another Common Ground in the City of Sydney as soon as possible.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the 2025 City of Sydney Street Count found a 24% increase in people sleeping rough in our area and on the same night, crisis and temporary accommodation beds were at 97.5% occupancy;
- (ii) the NSW Government's new NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035 which promises significant reform is welcome, but the extent of reform is dependent on the level of investment in future state budgets; and
- (iii) there is an urgent need for more supported crisis accommodation in the City of Sydney area, and long-term secure housing with wrap around supports like Common Ground on Pyrmont Bridge Road in Camperdown, supported by all levels of government; and

- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to:
- (i) the Hon. Rose Jackson, NSW Minister for Homelessness and NSW Minister for Mental Health, and the Hon. Clare O'Neil, Minister for Housing and Minister for Homelessness, calling on the NSW and Australian Governments to:
 - (a) work with Community Housing Providers and Specialist Homelessness Services and the City of Sydney to investigate a second Common Ground in the City of Sydney; and
 - (b) increase and maintain adequate investment in homelessness and mental health services in NSW to support the reforms outlined in the NSW Homelessness Strategy 2025-2035; and
 - (ii) Allegra Spender, Member for Wentworth and the Hon. Tanya Plibersek, Member for Sydney to also advocate for a second Common Ground in the City of Sydney and for increased and sustained investment in mental health services in NSW.

THE RT. HON. CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

Item 3.3

Urgent Boarding House Reform Needed

File No: S051491

Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

Selwyn Street Boarding House Appeal

In July 2025, in a landmark decision, the City of Sydney was successful in defending the Local Planning Panel's refusal of the developer's plan to convert the longstanding boarding house at 58-60 and 62-64 Selwyn Street, Paddington into luxury homes in the Land and Environment Court of NSW ('the Court').

The Commissioner concluded that the loss of 32 rooms in an older style traditional boarding house was unacceptable given the shortage and decline of this form of accommodation, and would contribute to the cumulative loss of affordable housing options for low income earners in the inner city.

The Court's decision is bittersweet news and has come too late for many in our community, given the last of the residents have already moved out of the boarding house. The successful outcome of this appeal is the result of the tireless commitment and expertise of the City's legal team and planning staff.

I commend the many community members who supported the boarding house residents throughout the court case and continue to do so as the residents settle into their new homes. I also thank those community members and boarding house residents who met with me during the court case and those who welcomed me into their home.

I want to particularly highlight the efforts of Paddington resident, Mike Mannix, and Alex Greenwich, Member for Sydney, who went above and beyond to not only support the boarding house residents but also advocate to the NSW Government and the City of Sydney. The community campaign united the residents of Paddington, and it is devastating that the boarding house residents have now been moved away from that strong sense of community.

Unfortunately, on 13 August 2025, the City was notified that the developer, LFD Homes, is appealing the Court's decision. As a result, a Judge will hear the appeal on a date yet to be determined, where community members can attend, but not participate. The Judge could uphold the Commissioner's decision or request the matter be redetermined by the original Commissioner or another Commissioner.

The future of the boarding house remains uncertain. The original Commissioner's decision means the applicant can continue to operate the property as a boarding house; however, they are not required to. The site could remain empty, be sold or a new Development Application (DA) could be lodged for a similar or an alternative proposal. Following the Commissioner's decision, I updated the Paddington community and will continue to do so as the matter progresses.

Both the City and the NSW Government committed to contributing to purchase the property, if the owner is willing to sell and a Community Housing Provider (CHP) is interested in purchasing and operating the boarding house. At this stage, no CHP has indicated a willingness to purchase the boarding house, and the property is still not for sale. However, our commitment still stands.

City of Sydney Action

For many years the City has advocated for the protection of boarding houses as well as the creation of new diverse housing.

In 2021, the City's advocacy led to changes by the former NSW Government to ensure planning incentives such as extra height and floor space are only made available to genuinely 'affordable' boarding houses which must be managed by a CHP in perpetuity and rented to eligible households at affordable rents. We can now be confident that all new boarding houses are genuinely 'affordable'.

In July 2024, following my [Lord Mayoral Minute](#), the City wrote to CHPs encouraging them to apply to our Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund to deliver more housing, including boarding houses. The City is currently reviewing the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund grants guidelines to ensure grants awarded continue delivering affordable and diverse housing projects as construction costs soar.

Council also resolved to waive inspection and fire safety fees to help boarding house operators with the financial upkeep of their properties. The City has informed all boarding house owners in our area about this opportunity, and we have received 9 waiver requests so far.

Outdated NSW legislation and planning policies

Currently, Councils cannot refuse to accept the lodgement of DAs that propose the conversion of boarding houses to another use. Councils are obligated to assess such DAs under the outdated NSW Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy and the Guidelines for the Retention of Existing Affordable Rental Housing 2009.

The Guidelines note that the reduction in affordable housing is the most fundamental of the criteria in DA assessments of this kind. The Commissioner in the Selwyn Street case noted the boarding house conversion was an obvious example of this.

However, the Guidelines also give priority to the financial viability of maintaining a boarding house above other planning considerations and often just require a levy be paid to compensate for the loss of low-cost rental accommodation. This contribution is paid to the Department of Communities and Justice. The City has commissioned research into increasing the levy on development that results in the loss of existing low-cost rental housing. Staff will report the findings to Council.

The Guidelines are outdated; they do not prevent the loss of low-cost rental housing and do not consider the current housing affordability crisis. They set out limited criteria that planners must consider when assessing DAs such as the impact of supply of affordable housing in the area, arrangements for residents being displaced, building safety and the viability of maintaining its use as a boarding house.

While the criteria must be considered, the Guidelines prioritise the viability of maintaining the boarding use, identifying it as "a crucial part of the assessment", and that it is "unfair and counterproductive to seek the continued operation of a boarding house where that operation could not provide a reasonable return on investment".

If an applicant can prove it is not viable to maintain and operate the boarding house, Councils have little grounds to defend a refusal, even if the application fails on the other criteria. If DAs are refused, they can be challenged in the Land and Environment Court of NSW like what has occurred at Selwyn Street in Paddington.

Advocacy

Currently, boarding house tenants do not have the same rights as tenants covered under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010, such as security of tenure.

The purpose of the Boarding Houses Act 2012 is to outline the rights and responsibilities of boarding house residents.

The former NSW Government's 2020 statutory review of the Boarding Houses Act 2012 made 21 recommendations aimed at strengthening the rights of residents of shared accommodation. As at August 2025, the current NSW Government has not yet implemented any of these recommendations.

I have repeatedly asked the NSW Government to:

- urgently implement the recommendations of the 2020 statutory review of the Boarding Houses Act 2012;
- update the outdated NSW Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy and the Guidelines for the Retention of Existing Affordable Rental Housing 2009 so priority is not given to the viability of a boarding house above all other planning issues;
- significantly increase the levy when a boarding house is converted;
- incentivise boarding house owners to keep and maintain stock with appropriate funding; and
- work with Council to encourage CHPs to use government funding for boarding house opportunities including our Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund.

The NSW Government must urgently make these critical changes to ensure the devastating situation at Selwyn Street does not happen in future.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City of Sydney successfully defended an appeal against the refusal of the boarding house conversion at 58-60 and 62-64 Selwyn Street, Paddington, when the Commissioner refused the Development Application in the Land and Environment Court of NSW on 10 July 2025;
- (ii) the developer lodged an appeal against the Commissioner's decision on 13 August 2025;

- (iii) the Lord Mayor will continue to update the local community about the outcome of the appeal; and
 - (iv) the City has commissioned research into increasing the levy on development that results in the loss of existing low-cost rental housing. The findings will be reported to Council;
- (B) Council commend:
- (i) the City's legal team and planning staff on the successful court case; and
 - (ii) the Selwyn Street community campaign, led by Mike Mannix with other residents, that strongly advocated on behalf of the Selwyn Street boarding house residents and continue to provide support and friendship to the men who have moved into new homes; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to relevant NSW Government Ministers to call on them to:
- (i) urgently implement the recommendations of the 2020 statutory review of the Boarding Houses Act 2012;
 - (ii) update the NSW Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental Planning Policy and the Guidelines for the Retention of Existing Affordable Rental Housing 2009 so priority is not given to the viability of a boarding house above all other planning issues;
 - (iii) work with Councils, housing advocacy groups and tenants with experience living in boarding houses to identify further reforms which would protect against the loss of traditional boarding houses, and to increase protection and support for low income boarding house residents at risk of eviction; and
 - (iv) review and update the relevant legislation to extend the same rights of tenants in the Residential Tenancies Act 2010 to boarding house tenants.

THE RT. HON. CLOVER MOORE AO

Lord Mayor of Sydney

Item 4.1**Grant Recipient Change of Entity - 2024/25 Dixon Street Improvement Grant Program****File No: S117676****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

On 23 June 2025, Council approved grant funding as part of the Dixon Street Improvement Grant program.

This grant program supports capital works that improve shop and building frontages on Dixon Street south with matched funding that contributes to:

- the visible renewal of Dixon Street (south) shopfronts and facades, making the street more active and attractive
- the creation of a 'chef's gallery' bringing the theatre of food preparation to Dixon Street – the distinct character and identity of Dixon Street as the historic heart of Chinatown.

The program is open for 3 years from 2024/25 or until the budget is exhausted.

City staff have been made aware of the need to amend a grant that was approved by Council in June 2025 to account for a requested change of recipient.

Elegant Dixon Property Pty Ltd (ABN 36 635 215 708) was awarded a \$60,000 grant for a project at 82-84 Dixon Street. The recipient has requested a change of grant recipient to Elegant Dixon Property Pty Ltd as the trustee for Elegant Dixon Trust (ABN 32 195 205 659).

The project, grant funding amount, and criteria for the recommendation for funding remain the same.

In accordance with the resolution of Council of 23 June 2025 that approved this grant funding, Council is required to approve any change to the identity of a grant recipient.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council approve the change of grant recipient for the project at 82-84 Dixon Street, as part of the Dixon Street Improvement Grant program, from Elegant Dixon Property Pty Ltd (ABN 36 635 215 708) to Elegant Dixon Property Pty Ltd as the trustee for Elegant Dixon Trust (ABN 32 195 205 659).

MONICA BARONE PSM

Chief Executive Officer

Item 5

Matters for Tabling

5.1 Disclosures of Interest

Disclosure of Interest returns that have been lodged in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Conduct will be tabled.

Recommendation

It is resolved that the Disclosures of Interest returns be received and noted.

Item 6

Report of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee - 18 August 2025

Item 6.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee of Monday 16 June 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 6.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

The Lord Mayor (Councillor Clover Moore AO) disclosed a pecuniary interest in Item 6.12 on the agenda, in that her husband owns shares in Woolworths Group, that is the proposed lessee for the site.

The Lord Mayor stated that she would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.9 on the agenda, in that he is a current member of the United Services Union. Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because his membership is not part of the Councillor role and the item does not specifically refer to union membership.

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.9 on the agenda, in that they are currently a member of the United Services Union, which they joined in solidarity. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances as they do not have any industrial coverage or representation of the Councillor in their own workplace.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.9 on the agenda, in that one of the speakers on this item is Mr Daniel Papps, Manager of Industrial, Rules, Governance and Compliance at the United Services Union (USU). She is a member of the USU. Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because this membership does not impact any of her employment conditions as an elected official, and she did not speak to the USU about this matter.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matters on the agenda for this meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.3

2024/25 Quarter 4 Review – Delivery Program 2022-2026

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the interim financial performance of Council for the 2024/25 year, including a Operating Result (before depreciation, interest income, capital related costs and capital grants and contributions) of \$116.1M and Net Operating Result of \$137.9M as outlined in the subject report and summarised in Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the full year Capital Works expenditure of \$213.3M, approve the proposed revote of \$27.0M and adjustments to future years forward estimates, to increase the adopted 2025/26 budget to \$309.9M including \$8.0M of contingency to progress the planned capital works, as shown in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) note the Technology and Digital Services Capital Works expenditure of \$17.3M, and approve the proposed revote of \$4.0M and other adjustments to increase the adopted 2025/26 adopted budget to \$25.9M as shown in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (D) note the full year Plant and Equipment expenditure of \$21.2M, net of disposals, and approve the proposed revote of \$9.0M, to increase the adopted 2025/26 net budget to \$32.3M as shown in Attachment B in the subject report;
- (E) note the full year net Property Acquisitions of \$67.9M;
- (F) note the operational performance indicators and quarter and full year achievements against the Delivery Program 2022-2026 objectives, as detailed in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (G) note the supplementary reports, which detail fee-waived and discounted community facility hire for 2024/25, and quick response, street banner and venue hire support grants and sponsorships, major legal issues, international travel, and contracts over \$50,000 within the quarter, as detailed in Attachment D to the subject report; and
- (H) note the information in Attachment E, which outlines the Notices of Motion, Lord Mayoral Minutes and Councillor Amendments Cost summary.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X101909

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.4

Investments Held as at 30 June 2025

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 30 June 2025 be received and noted.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X020701

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.5

Investments Held as at 31 July 2025

It is resolved that the Investment Report as at 31 July 2025 be received and noted.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X020701

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.6

Post Exhibition - Naming Proposal - Heckle Lane

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the adoption of the name "Heckle Lane" for the road identified in Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) an application be made to the Geographical Names Board for the naming of the place as approved in (A), in accordance with the Geographical Names Act 1996.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X101378

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.7

Public Exhibition - Draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds and General Community Use Land

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds and General Community Use Land (the Plan), as shown in Attachments A to F of the subject report, for public exhibition of 42 days;
- (B) Council note that an independently facilitated public hearing on the proposed categorisation and re-categorisation of the community land contained with the Plan will be held during the public exhibition period;
- (C) Council note the intention to revoke the site-specific Plans of Management for:
 - (i) Blackwattle Bay Park;
 - (ii) Harmony Park;
 - (iii) Lillian Fowler Reserve; and
 - (iv) Turruwul Park;
- (D) as they are proposed to be incorporated into the draft Generic Plan of Management;
- (E) Council note that the outcomes of the public exhibition period and public hearing of the Plan will be the subject of a further report to Council; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial corrections prior to the exhibition of the draft Generic Plan of Management for Parks, Sportsgrounds and General Community Use Land.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

X095705

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.8

International Travel - Nagoya Festival and 45th Anniversary Sister City Celebrations and C40 World Mayors Summit 2025

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council endorse Councillor Robert Kok and Councillor Lyndon Gannon in representing the Lord Mayor and the City of Sydney at the Nagoya Festival from 17 to 19 October 2025 to mark the 45th anniversary of the establishment of the Sister City relationship between the City of Sydney and the City of Nagoya;
- (B) Council note that Councillor Robert Kok and Councillor Lyndon Gannon will provide a report to Council after the travel;
- (C) Council endorse Councillor Jess Miller in representing the Lord Mayor and the City of Sydney at the C40 World Mayors Summit 2025 from 3 to 5 November 2025 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- (D) Council note that Councillor Jess Miller will provide a report to Council after the travel; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to authorise minor variations to travel plans including dates and costs as required (increases of up to \$1,000 including GST per person).

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Weldon*.

Carried.

*Note – Councillor Weldon abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Weldon is taken to have voted against the motion.)

X014468

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.9

Parks Maintenance Services - Cost Benefit Analysis

It is resolved that Council note:

- (A) the Parks Maintenance Cost Benefit Analysis and Service Delivery Report prepared by Morrison-Low Advisory dated July 2025 as shown at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report;
- (B) that retaining the split provider service model using the inhouse parks operations team and a contract service provider (as outlined in Scenario 2) is significantly lower in cost and provides better value for money than bringing the parks maintenance service fully inhouse (Scenario 3);
- (C) the costs for the different options for a new depot within the Local Government Area are significant;
- (D) the implementation of Scenario 3 to bring the parks maintenance service fully inhouse would require a significant review of the Long Term Financial Plan to allocate the operational and capital funding required; and
- (E) the re-tendering of the parks maintenance service for the north service area in September 2025 with the results of the tender evaluation to be reported to Council in early 2026.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller, and carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (6) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller and Worling

Noes (3) Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore and Weldon.

Carried.)

X116117

Speaker

Daniel Papps (United Services Union) addressed the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on Item 6.9.

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.10

Sourcing Framework Principles

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that under the Local Government Act 1993 and delegations to the Chief Executive Officer decisions to award tenders relating to work currently undertaken by Council staff and relating to new services cannot be made under delegation;
- (B) Council note the lessons learnt from the recent Parks Maintenance review reported to Council at its August 2025 meeting;
- (C) Council note the time and costs associated with internal and consultant resources associated with the reviews;
- (D) Council note the practices already in place supporting the objectives of the Sourcing Framework Principles; and
- (E) Council endorse that staff will incorporate the Sourcing Framework Principles as shown at Attachment A to the subject report into the procurement decision-making cycle.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok and seconded by Councillor Miller.

Variation. At the request of Councillor Arkins, and by consent, the motion was varied by the addition of the following clause (F) –

- (F) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to make the Sourcing Framework Principles available on the City of Sydney website with other policies, protocols and procedures and advise Council via the CEO Update of where this is listed once published.

Carried unanimously.)

S095194.009

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.11

Lease Approval - 31 Alfred Street, Sydney - Australian Venue Co

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the grant of a new lease to AVC Operations Pty Limited (ACN607 832 299) for part Ground Floor Suites, Custom House, 31 Alfred Street, Circular Quay in accordance with the essential lease terms and conditions contained within Confidential Attachment B to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve the granting of a 15-year licence over the area of Crown Land that forms part of the lease area, in accordance with the licence terms outlined in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Crown Land Management Act 2016 (NSW); and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the terms of the lease, including the Crown Land Licence component, in accordance with the essential terms and conditions contained within Confidential Attachment B to the subject report.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

X119037.001

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.12

Lease Approval - 437-441 Bourke Street, Surry Hills - Woolworths Metro

It is resolved that:

- (D) Council approve the grant of a new lease to Woolworths Group Limited (ACN 000 014 675) for part 437-441 Bourke Street, Surry Hills (being Lot 2 in DP1063190) in accordance with the essential lease terms and conditions contained within Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the granting of an initial term of 10 years plus 4 further options of 5 years (4 x 5) as per the terms outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the terms of the lease and associated agreements, in accordance with the essential terms and conditions contained within Confidential Attachment A to the subject report.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Gannon, and carried unanimously.)

X104524

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.13

Exemption from Tender - Aerial Photography

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 to purchase aerial photos from Aerometrex Pty Limited for the amounts set out in Confidential Attachment A, to the subject report as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders at this time;
- (B) Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for aerial photos because:
 - (i) market scanning reveals that Aerometrex Pty Limited is the only supplier that meets the City's essential requirements that the photographs be:
 - (a) high resolution;
 - (b) true orthographic (overhead aerial orientation);
 - (c) off the shelf and taken at regular time intervals; and
 - (d) downloadable at full resolution and able to be stored within the City's GIS; and
 - (ii) the very specific and niche nature and location of the services means that the number of suppliers who provide a service that meets the City's essential requirements is very limited and static;
- (C) Council note that there are sufficient funds allocated for this service within the current year's operating budget and future years' forward estimates; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contract/s for a term expiring on 30 June 2028.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

X121701

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.14

Exemption from Tender - Hostile Vehicle Mitigation for Major Events and Festivals

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an exemption from tender in accordance with section 55(3)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation for Major Events and Festival for a period up to two-years until 30 June 2027;
- (B) Council note that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders for this work because:
 - (i) a public tender process has already been conducted and the City was unable to enter into a contract with the recommended tenderer, for reasons outlined in confidential Attachment A;
 - (ii) there is insufficient time to review the scope of services and re-tender prior to the upcoming 2025/26 event season; and
 - (iii) it is considered that inviting fresh tenders would not attract additional suitable suppliers to deliver the services;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to Hostile Vehicle Mitigation for Major Events and Festivals; and
- (D) Council be informed of the successful vendor(s) via the CEO Update.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

X100806.003

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.15

Tender - Reject and Negotiate - T-2024-1259 - Annette Kellerman Murals Conservation and Restoration Project

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council decline to accept the tender offers for Services - Annette Kellerman Murals Conservation and Restoration Project for the reasons set out in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council does not invite fresh tenders, as it is considered that inviting fresh tenders would not attract additional suitable vendors over and above those that have responded to this tender;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract on terms that are appropriate in relation to the subject matter of the tender;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (E) Council be informed of the successful vendor via the CEO Update.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

S065512.001

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.16

Tender - Reject and Negotiate - T-2024-1342 - Dangerous Goods Processing Services

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council decline to accept the tender offer/s for Dangerous Goods Processing Service for the reasons set out in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council does not invite fresh tenders, as it is considered that inviting fresh tenders would not attract additional suitable vendors over and above those that have responded to this tender;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations with any person with a view to entering into a contract on terms that are appropriate in relation to the subject matter of the tender;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the contracts relating to the tender; and
- (E) Council be informed of the successful supplier via CEO Update.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

X112121

The Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee recommends the following:

Item 6.17

Write Off of Irrecoverable Debt - Former Tenant at 546-552 George Street, Sydney

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council write off the debt of \$2,390,102 (inclusive of GST) owed by former tenant Evolution-Systems for Training & Development Pty Ltd (ACN 114 531 636) of part of 546-552 George Street, Sydney, on the basis that the full amount of the debt is not lawfully recoverable;
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to reclaim the GST component of the debt, from the Australian Taxation Office for the amount \$217,282; and
- (C) Council note that this amount has previously been provided for in full in prior accounting periods. No further adverse impact on the City's financial position is expected.

(Note – at the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Miller, and carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (8) The Chair (the Lord Mayor), Councillors Arkins, Ellsmore, Gannon, Kok, Maxwell, Miller and Worling

Noes (1) Councillor Weldon*.

Carried.

*Note – Councillor Weldon abstained from voting on this matter. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Weldon is taken to have voted against the motion.)

X103787

Item 7

Report of the Environment and Climate Change Committee - 18 August 2025

Item 7.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee of Monday 16 June 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 7.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee.

The Environment and Climate Change Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.3

Public Exhibition – Register of Significant Trees

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Register of Significant Trees as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note that the draft Register of Significant Trees, including any recommended changes, will be reported to Council for adoption following the exhibition period; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Register of Significant Trees.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X117628.003

The Environment and Climate Change Committee recommends the following:

Item 7.4

Post Exhibition - Managing Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received from the community on the exhibited draft Managing Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy, as shown in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Managing Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy as shown at Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Managing Waste in Public Places Local Approvals Policy, to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

(Note – at the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Worling, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

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Item 8

Report of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee - 18 August 2025

Item 8.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee of Monday 16 June 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 8.2

Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest

No Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Cultura, Creative and Nightlife Committee.

The Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee recommends the following:

Item 8.3

Post Exhibition - Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Local Approvals Policy

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received on the exhibited draft Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Local Approvals Policy, as shown in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Local Approvals Policy (the Policy), as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council note the amended Sydney Busking Code, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report, to be published as a guidance document to accompany the Policy; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Local Approvals Policy and Sydney Busking Code, to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

(Note – at the meeting of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Arkins, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X112445.004

Item 9

Report of the Equity and Housing Committee - 18 August 2025

Item 9.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee of Monday 16 June 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 9.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that Aunty Norma Ingram is an active Sydney Labor member and on the Board of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care. Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because Aunty Norma did not approach him about this item coming to Committees and has made no representations to him in relation to this matter.

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest in Item 9.3 on the agenda, in that they have known Norma Ingram, founding board member of Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care, for many years, and has previously been a candidate for Labor on the City of Sydney and for the State electorate of Newtown in the past.

Councillor Arkins state that they will not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 9.4 on the agenda, in that she has a friendship with a board member of the Haymarket Foundation, Dr Marlee Brown. She has previously worked with Marlee at the University of Sydney. Councillor Ellsmore considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because the recommendation is that the Council endorse a grant under Council's Diverse and Affordable Housing Fund, which is the same amount which the elected Council had previously endorsed for this organisation. She was also not involved in the assessment of the grant application and her friendship is not so significant as to impact Councillor Ellsmore's ability to make an objective decision on this item.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee.

The Equity and Housing Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.3

Expression of Interest Outcomes - Affordable Residential Aged Care and Public Car Parking - 49 Cope St, Redfern

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the outcome of the Expression of Interest, including the process, submissions received and confidential assessment against the objectives and criteria as contained in Attachment B;
- (B) Council endorse the transfer of part 49 Cope Street, Redfern (being Lot 41 DP 1099220, Lot 42 DP 1099220, Lot 7 DP 84898, Lot 8 DP 84898, Lot 9 DP 84898, Lot 39 DP 84898, Lot 10 DP 1128780) to an entity to be established by Uniting (NSW. ACT) ABN 78 722 539 923 partnering with Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc INC 3437869 ABN 98 732 869 630 (Uniting & Wyanga) for \$1 with the terms of the transfer including the following:
 - (i) the placement of a restriction on title to the land to ensure that the property is used for affordable residential aged care in perpetuity;
 - (ii) the transfer to The Council of the City of Sydney of a future stratum comprising a 55 space public carpark for \$1 at the completion of the works; and
 - (iii) at an appropriate time, the transfer of ownership and operational management to Wyanga with the intention of self-determination;
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations and progress documentation and contracts necessary for the transfer of the land, the development of the aged care facility and carpark, the transfer of a future stratum containing the public car park and the ongoing operational management as noted in Confidential Attachment B;
- (D) Council endorse publicly notifying a proposed resolution 'to classify the future stratum lot comprising the 55-space carpark as operational land in accordance with section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)', be publicly notified for a period of 28 days prior to or following the completion of the acquisition;
- (E) Council note that a further report to inform the outcomes of public notification and recommendation on land classification, will follow any notification period;
- (F) Council note that the City's financial records will recognise the discount on disposal from full market value less the value of the stratum carpark at completion as a grant from the Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund; and
- (G) Council to be updated on the progress of negotiations, documentation and transfers through CEO Updates.

(Note – at the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by Councillor Gannon, and carried unanimously.)

X110057

Speakers

Diane Elston, Aunty Norma Ingram (Chair, Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care) and Jarin Ingram Baigent (CEO Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care) addressed the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee on Item 9.3.

The Equity and Housing Committee recommends the following:

Item 9.4

Grants and Sponsorship - Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - Amended Support for the Haymarket Foundation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note that Bridge Housing Limited is no longer proceeding to purchase the property proposed to Council at its meeting on 17 March 2025;
- (B) Council approve a cash grant to Bridge Housing Limited for the amount stated in Confidential Attachment B to the subject report to support the purchase of the property described in Confidential Attachment B for the use by Haymarket Foundation Limited for providing subsidised accommodation and supporting facilities including crisis and transitional housing and services as further outlined in Attachment A subject to the following conditions:
 - (i) approval of the cash grant will be withdrawn:
 - (a) if the project substantially changes from the current proposal for subsidised accommodation and supporting facilities including crisis and transitional housing and services consistent with the proposal outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report; or
 - (b) if Bridge Housing Limited is not able to demonstrate that funding is available to the agreed value of the project by 31 December 2025;
 - (ii) the grant funds will only be paid in respect of the proposed acquisition of the property outlined at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report, and only after all of the following are met to the reasonable satisfaction of Council:
 - (a) Bridge Housing Limited has demonstrated that funding is or will on settlement be available for the cost of the acquisition and works to make the property fit for its intended purpose, noting this could be in the form of other grants, debt finance or partnerships;
 - (a) Bridge Housing Limited has provided Council with sufficient information to demonstrate that the property can be used for the intended purpose of subsidised accommodation and supporting facilities including crisis and transitional housing and services; and
 - (b) Bridge Housing Limited has provided Council with sufficient information to confirm that Haymarket Foundation Limited will have rights to occupy and use the property for three terms, each of five years, at the discretion of Haymarket Foundation Limited;
 - (iii) a covenant benefitting the City must be registered on the title to the property outlined at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report immediately following transfer of the property to Bridge Housing Limited to protect the land use remaining as subsidised accommodation and supporting facilities including crisis and transitional housing and services, as outlined in Confidential Attachment A to the subject report;

- (iv) until the covenant contemplated by recommendation (A)(iii) is registered on the title to the land, the City will require the grant to be repaid in full indexed annually by CPI if:
 - (a) Bridge Housing Limited does not complete its purchase the property outlined at Confidential Attachment B to the subject report by 31 December 2025; or
 - (b) the project materially changes from the current proposal as outlined in clause (B);
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - (i) finalise negotiations, execute and administer the grant agreement with Bridge Housing Limited relating to the project described and on the terms described in clause (B); and
 - (ii) otherwise make decisions and administer the other conditions relating to this grant.

(Note – at the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

S118738

Speakers

Gowan Vyse (CEO, Haymarket Foundation) and Simone Parsons (Bridge Housing) addressed the meeting of the Equity and Housing Committee on Item 9.4.

Item 10

Report of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee - 18 August 2025

Item 10.1

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Gannon –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee of Monday 16 June 2025, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 10.2**Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor Zann Maxwell disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.8 on the agenda, in that 2 Labor branch members live in areas being voted on for Fire Reports, including Patrick Whitley who lives on William Street, and Lee Hook who lives on Sussex Street. Councillor Maxwell considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because neither of these members had contacted him in relation to this issue or these fire reports, and he was unaware it was coming to Committee.

Councillor Olly Arkins disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 10.8 on the agenda, in that there are residents in both 234 William Street and 352 Sussex Street who are members of the Labor party. Councillor Arkins considers that this non-pecuniary conflict of interest is not significant and does not require further action in the circumstances because they were not contacted by them on this item.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.3

Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Heritage Floor Space Amendment - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the Planning Proposal - Heritage Floor Space Amendment, shown at Attachment A to the subject report, for submission to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces with a request for a Gateway Determination;
- (B) Council approve the Planning Proposal - Heritage Floor Space Amendment for public authority consultation and public exhibition in accordance with any conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination;
- (C) Council seek confirmation from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces that it has the authority to exercise the plan-making functions of the Minister under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor variations to the Planning Proposal - Heritage Floor Space Amendment following receipt of the Gateway Determination; and
- (E) Council approve the draft amendments to the Alternative Heritage Floor Space Allocation Scheme, shown at Attachment B to the subject report, for public exhibition to be undertaken currently with the Planning Proposal - Heritage Floor Space Amendment.

(Note – at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X122035

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.4

Post Exhibition - Planning Proposal - Conservation Areas Review - Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the matters raised in submissions to the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal - Conservation Areas Review and Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment - Conservation Areas Review as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council approve the Planning Proposal - Conservation Areas Review shown at Attachment B to the subject report, to be made as a Local Environmental Plan under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- (C) Council approve Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment - Conservation Areas Review shown at Attachment C to the subject report, noting the Development Control Plan will come into effect on the date of publication of the subject Local Environmental Plan; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor variations to the Planning Proposal - Conservation Areas Review and Draft Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment - Conservation Areas Review to correct any minor errors prior to finalisation.

(Note – at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

X031159

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.5

Post Exhibition – Local Approvals Policy for Construction-Related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads and Code of Practice

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received on the exhibited draft Local Approvals Policy for Construction-Related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads and Proposed Code of Practice, as shown in Attachments C and D to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Local Approvals Policy for Construction-Related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council note the supporting Code of Practice: Construction-Related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Local Approvals Policy for Construction-Related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads and Code of Practice: Construction-Related Temporary Structures On and Above Roads, to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

(Note – at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

X102443

Speakers

Chris Collimore (saveBoard) addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 10.5.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.6

Post Exhibition – Local Approvals Policy for Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads and Code of Practice

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submission received on the exhibited draft Local Approvals Policy for Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads and Proposed Code of Practice, as shown in Attachment C to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Local Approvals Policy for Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (C) Council note the supporting Code of Practice: Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Local Approvals Policy for Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads and Code of Practice: Hoisting and Construction Activities On and Above Roads, to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

(Note – at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

S129097

Speakers

Zena Vaassen addressed the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on Item 10.6.

Extension of Time

During discussion on this matter, pursuant to the provisions of clause 9.29 of the Code of Meeting Practice, it was –

Moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

That Zena Vaassen be granted an extension of time to speak on this matter.

Carried unanimously.

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.7

Post Exhibition - Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the submissions received on the exhibited draft Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy, as shown in Attachment B to the subject report;
- (B) Council adopt the Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the Mobile Food Vending Vehicles Local Approvals Policy in order to correct any minor drafting errors and finalise design, artwork and accessible formats for publication.

(Note – at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Arkins, and carried unanimously.)

X118675

The Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee recommends the following:

Item 10.8

Fire Safety Reports

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the contents of the Fire Safety Reports Summary Sheet, as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) note the inspection reports by Fire and Rescue NSW, as shown at Attachments B to G to the subject report;
- (C) note the contents of Attachment B and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 234 William Street, Potts Point;
- (D) note the contents of Attachment C and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 352 Sussex Street, Sydney at this time;
- (E) note the contents of Attachment D and exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 199 Clarence Street, Sydney;
- (F) note the contents of Attachment E and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 171 Gloucester Street, The Rocks at this time;
- (G) note the contents of Attachment F and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 4 Gillespie Avenue, Alexandria at this time; and
- (H) note the contents of Attachment G and not exercise its power under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to issue a Fire Safety Order at 3-19 Missenden Road, Camperdown at this time.

(Note – at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Worling, and carried unanimously.)

S105001.002

Item 11**Questions on Notice****1. Best Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields**

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. Have City of Sydney staff undergone any training on the Best Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields published in January 2025 by the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water?
2. Does the City of Sydney have plans to upgrade our natural turf sporting fields in line with these new Best Practice Guidelines for Sporting Fields?

X113776

2. Closure of Natural Turf Fields for Wet Weather

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. How many City of Sydney natural turf fields have slit drainage systems?
2. How many City of Sydney natural turf fields use new turf cultivars that can increase usage at ovals?
3. How many City of Sydney natural turf ovals have had proper soil improvement in order to increase drainage and usage hours?

X113776

3. End of Life

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. What is the end-of-life plan for current City of Sydney synthetic fields?
2. Is the shock pad, plastic grass and underlay fully recyclable?
3. If they are repurposed or recycled, at what facility is this undertaken?

X113776

4. Urban Heat Island Effect

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Have any synthetic fields had to be closed for sport or recreational use due to heat concerns in the City of Sydney?

X113776

5. Usage Considerations

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. What impact do synthetic fields have on general recreational usage?
2. Can cricket be played on synthetic fields? If so, what fields are used for soccer in winter and cricket in summer?
3. Can dog walking occur on synthetic fields?

X113776

6. Replacement Costs of Synthetic Turf

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. How often do synthetic turf fields need to be replaced?
2. What is the average cost of replacing synthetic fields?

X113776

7. Battery Fires

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Has the City's waste collection contractor or our in house teams reported any incidents of battery fires in the trucks used to collect waste in the City?

X113776

8. Water Aerobics at Cook and Phillip Park Pool

By Councillor Arkins

Question

Has there been any changes to the water aerobics schedule at Cook and Phillip Park Pool in the last 6 months? If so, what were they?

X113776

9. Federal Assistance Grants to the City of Sydney

By Councillor Arkins

Question

1. How much did the City of Sydney receive in the Federal Assistance Grant in 2024-25?
2. What projects or services was the grant used for by the City?

X113776

10. Sydney Civil

By Councillor Arkins

Question

What was the total amount awarded in contracts to Sydney Civil by the City in 2024-25?

X113776

11. Management of Affordable Housing Levies Held by the City of Sydney

By Councillor Ellsmore

Question

1. How does the City of Sydney hold and manage the funds obtained through its affordable housing contribution scheme?
2. What policies or procedures guide how the City manages and dispenses cash affordable housing contributions?
3. When the City of Sydney receives cash contributions, what is the average length of time it holds those contributions before passing them on to housing providers?

4. Approximately how much interest has been accumulated by Council in relation to cash affordable housing contributions:
 - (a) Last year?
 - (b) In total over the last five years?

X113783

12. Enforcement of the Busking and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Practice Policy

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. Are City Rangers enforcing the one-hour time limit for High Impact Acts, particularly those involving amplification?
2. What kind of briefing, training, or updated guidance will Rangers receive to ensure consistent enforcement of the revised policy?
3. Have all City Rangers completed the City's new Aboriginal cultural awareness training?

X113777

13. Update on Oxford Street Cultural and Creative Precinct

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. The Oxford Street Cultural and Creative Precinct was established in 2021. Since its introduction, how many eligible landowners have submitted development applications seeking to access the planning incentives available under the precinct controls, and how many have been approved? Please provide a list of applications and determinations.
2. The Oxford & Foley development was originally scheduled for completion in early 2023. Has the City been advised of the current expected completion date?

X113777

14. Climate Pollution from the City's Waste Services

By Councillor Weldon

Question

1. As part of their general waste collection contract with the City, Cleanaway are required to report monthly on emissions produced by waste collection and any associated offsets.
 - (a) What were the emissions over each of the last 5 years? Please provide a table and the breakdown of the emissions produced.
 - (b) What associated offsets were there for each of the last 5 years? Please include details such as method and location of offsets.
2. Cleanaway are also required to provide an annual inventory of emissions for all services provided to the City. What was the total emissions for each of the last 5 years? Please provide a table and a breakdown of the emissions produced.
3. What is the current annual volume of general waste (red-lid bins) collected across the City? How has this volume changed over the last 5 years?
4. How many households are currently registered for the City's food scraps recycling service?
5. What is the current annual volume of food scraps waste collected? How has this volume changed over the last 5 years?
6. Does the City have specific data on the emissions produced by the collection of food scraps waste? If so, please provide this for the last 5 years.
7. The City has contracts with Veolia and Goterra for the processing of food scraps waste processing. Does the City have information on the emissions produced by the processing of food scraps waste?
8. What is the forecast annual volume of food scraps waste to be collected and processed with the extension of food scraps recycling service to all residents in the City?

X113777

Item 12

Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions

There are no Supplementary Answers to Previous Questions on Notice for this meeting of Council.

Item 13.1

Notices of Motion

Hey, Get Out of Our Garden

By Councillor Worling

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the City's Greening Sydney Strategy aims to deliver "greenery at every doorstep" with more 1.2 million new shrubs and grasses and 17,500 new trees planted in City parks and streets since 2004; and
- (ii) footpath gardens are part of our grassroots response to climate change, they help to cool our urban environment and reduce heat effects. They beautify our streets and create a pleasant and attractive environment;

(B) Council note however:

- (i) our footpath gardens are being damaged and trampled by pedestrians seeking out a quick short cut or simply not paying attention to where they are walking;
- (ii) every time a footpath garden is knowingly or unknowingly damaged by a resident in our community the impact is far-reaching. From the City maintenance workers who must engage in the process of repair and replanting, to the neighbourhood who must endure a barren garden and the overall lack of sustainability that comes with having to re-plant;
- (iii) in some cases, we have seen corners of footpath gardens that have become completely barren due to pedestrian access onto these areas;
- (iv) it makes sense to protect our footpath gardens, in doing so we will ease the burden of resident complaints to City for repairs and replanting of damaged gardens and reduce the frequency of plants dying and needing to be replaced; and
- (v) constant damage to our footpath gardens undermines the City's work and commitment to the upkeep and maintenance of our footpath gardens across the 78,219 square metres of landscaping throughout the City's streets;

(C) Council further note that:

- (i) currently, protective fencing is used in some high-pedestrian traffic locations, and where new gardens are establishing:
 - (a) the rejuvenation of Crown Street in Surry Hills saw several protective fences being installed to assist the regrowth of damaged kerbside gardens, which can now be enjoyed by all; and

- (b) in areas of high pedestrian traffic, Councillor Worling has advocated for low fencing to be installed around garden beds. These have been installed on Macleay Street in Potts Point allowing the community to enjoy the gardens and preventing further damage;
- (ii) more interventions are needed:
 - (a) where protective fencing is used, gardens flourish and thrive. They are more sustainable and do not require the attention associated with replanting;
 - (b) the protection of existing footpath gardens will play a role in helping the City achieve 40% green cover by 2050. It will help our streets look their best and will also avoid the timely and costly of replanting; and
 - (c) consider the “desire line” (a path created by both humans and animals to reach the most easily navigated route from origin to destination) in the future design of all footpath gardens;
- (iii) protecting our gardens in high traffic areas will become even more important as more people live and work in our city:
 - (a) every day 1.3 million people are in the City of Sydney local area. From residents, workers and visitors to people studying, doing business, and shopping and dining. On top of that, there are over 32,820 dogs registered and living in the City. All those feet and paws pose a risk to our footpath gardens; and
 - (b) our residential population is currently 232,438 and expected to increase to over 304,000 by 2046. With increased pedestrian traffic damage to our footpath garden beds can be expected to intensify; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and report back via the CEO Update on the resources and time needed to:
 - (i) install protective fencing around footpath gardens in high pedestrian traffic areas;
 - (ii) rejuvenate damaged and neglected corners of footpath garden beds; and
 - (iii) consider how the “desire line” can be integrated into the design of new and future footpath garden beds.

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Item 13.2

Notices of Motion

Affordable Energy Generation and Storage to Support Low Cost Affordable Rental Housing

By Councillor Miller

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) in June 2019, the City of Sydney declared a climate emergency and committed to accelerate achieving net-zero emissions target by 2035;
- (ii) in July 2025, Council endorsed the City of Sydney's [Environmental Strategy 2025-2030](#) and committed to:
 - (a) resilient and efficient operations;
 - (b) efficient and climate resilient buildings;
 - (c) a regenerative and inclusive city; and
 - (d) strong foundations for delivery;
- (iii) specifically, Strategy Priority 9 - support renters' access to energy efficient and climate resilient homes, and that within the City of Sydney 65% of households rent and rental properties are less energy efficient than owner-occupied homes;
- (iv) in December 2024, Council endorsed the City of Sydney's [Economic Development Strategy 2025-2035](#), that includes a commitment to explore community wealth building approaches that create more opportunities for diverse, inclusive, and local-ownership business models;
- (v) the Committee for Sydney's 2025 [Sydney as a Renewable Energy Zone](#) report highlights the opportunity for Urban Renewable Energy Zones in metropolitan areas, noting that renters, apartment dwellers, and low-income households are disproportionately excluded from solar benefits, and that equitable access models, such as community batteries, are essential for a just transition;
- (vi) evidence from NSW community battery trials indicates potential household bill savings of \$268–\$400 per year, alongside broader system benefits including deferred network upgrades, improved power quality, increased rooftop solar hosting capacity, and annual CO₂-e abatement of ~0.56 tonnes per additional MWh of local solar self-consumption per household;
- (vii) it is estimated that at least 30% of local energy demand can be met by local energy generation and storage in the City of Sydney southern Employment Lands Zone (or the E3 Productivity support Zone in the City's Local Environmental Plan); and

- (viii) that Ausgrid are planning a [Community Power Network](#) in nearby Botany and Mascot which will test the viability local energy generation; storage and distribution at the suburb scale. It's hoped the trail will identify opportunities to refine the model and the regulatory framework to better cater for distributed energy resources;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide a report that outlines the methodology and resources required to deliver a site-specific community battery in the City of Sydney area using the Southern Enterprise Area including Ngamuru Avenue as a case study; and
- (C) when developing the concept design for the open space at 22 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria, the Chief Executive Officer allows for the potential installation of community battery infrastructure.

X113761

Item 13.3**Notices of Motion****Investigating A Pay Rise for Early Childhood Education Workers**

By Councillor Thompson

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Federal Government has introduced a grant program enabling employers of Early Childhood Education Workers, who are among the lowest-paid essential workers in our community, to deliver a 15% pay increase over 2 years, for which the City of Sydney is eligible but has not yet applied. The deadline for this grant is 30 September 2025;
- (ii) on 23 June 2025, Council requested the Chief Executive Officer urgently investigate applying for the Federal funding to increase the pay of City of Sydney early childhood educators by 15% over the next two years, and report back to Council on any financial and operational implications of doing so; and
- (iii) the Lord Mayor wrote to the Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education on 5 August 2025, in accordance with the resolution of Council, calling on the Federal Government to commit to permanent, government-funded wage increases and improved working conditions for early childhood educators, in line with sector-wide calls for targeted initiatives to attract and retain staff without increasing costs for families; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to provide Council with an update on the progress of (ii) above.

X113760

Item 13.4

Notices of Motion

No Grounds Evictions - Protecting Against “Renovictions” by Reinstating Evidence for Renovations

By Councillor Miller

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) as of 19 May 2025, landlords wanting to evict a tenant for significant repairs or renovations were required to provide both a written statement and a choice of one of 5 pieces of evidence, such as a quote from a licensed builder or tradesperson, or development consent, or receipts from the purchase of building materials. This was intended to ensure that landlords seeking to recover a property for significant renovation or repairs were genuine and not simply using a tactic to remove tenants;
- (ii) termination grounds for renovations or repairs are only meant to be used where the work is so significant a person can't live there while they happen. In such a scenario, the evidence requirement was made up of documents that would be created if the work was really happening, with minor alterations on some to provide necessary detail and clarity;
- (iii) on 20 June 2025, the NSW government removed the additional evidence requirement with the [Residential Tenancies Amendment \(Termination Notice for Significant Renovations or Repairs\) Regulation 2025](#) only one month after implementing the reform;
- (iv) this was done without further consultation, less than 5 weeks after implementing the important reforms to evictions. These reforms followed a long and rigorous consultation process, including the input of tens of thousands of people and organisations, including the signatories to this statement. In the short time frame, there could not have been sufficient evidence gathered to support a need for these changes to occur;
- (v) on 25 June 2025, the Member for Sydney, Alex Greenwich asked [questions of the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading](#) about the proposed changes including why the changes were made, who was consulted and who asked for the changes to be made, but the answers don't explain why the regulations have been changed so soon after they were implemented;
- (vi) on 6 August 2025, the Member for Willoughby, Tim James, Shadow Minister for Fair Trading, Work Health and Safety and Building, moved a disallowance motion against the changed regulation, it didn't pass. [Residential Tenancies Amendment \(Termination Notice For Significant Renovations Or Repairs\) Regulation 2025](#);

- (vii) landlords will now only be required to provide a written statement as evidence of undertaking significant renovation or repairs that would prevent a tenant from continuing to live at the property while the works were undertaken;
 - (viii) without the full evidence requirements for this prescribed ground for termination there is a real risk that the NSW Government's commitment to end no grounds evictions and ensure renters have the rights and security they need will be undermined;
 - (ix) the Tenants Union of NSW explain that prior to this recent change there had been a concern that the prescribed ground to end a tenancy due to significant repairs and renovations could be easily exploited, given the international experience in Canada, where such weak provisions are commonly referred to as "renovictions". The re-letting exclusion period had already been reduced from covering 4 weeks of work needed on a property, to only 4 weeks from the renter moving out - regardless of how long the work would actually take. The Tenants' Union of NSW called for strong evidence requirements to ensure that landlords would need to support their claim with evidence to show legitimacy to the grounds. Weakening the evidence requirements increases the risk of exploitation;
 - (x) appropriate evidence requirements, bans on reletting for a period and significant penalties are all required to work in tandem to ensure only genuine termination grounds are being used in NSW. The NSW Government must also commit to monitoring complaints and thoroughly investigating any potential misuse of these termination grounds; and
 - (xi) these types of changes made behind closed doors only undermine renters' trust and confidence that the NSW Government is committed to improving the fairness of the rental system. The NSW Government needs to show that it is listening to renters' voices when developing and amending rental laws;
- (B) the City of Sydney join organisations opposing these changes by signing the [Joint statement: Reinstate evidence requirements for evictions due to repairs or renovations](#); and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Fair Trading, calling on the NSW Government to:
- (i) amend the Residential Tenancies Regulation to reinstate all the evidence requirements for landlords seeking to issue a notice of termination due to significant repairs or renovations;
 - (ii) monitor complaints and investigate any misuse of the significant repair or renovations termination grounds; and
 - (iii) commit to following a transparent consultative process for any future changes to rental laws in NSW.

Item 13.5

Notices of Motion

Protecting the City's Powerful Owl Population

By Councillor Thompson

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) World Owl Day was observed on 4 August 2025;
- (ii) the Sydney Basin is home to a variety of native owls, including Australia's largest species, the Powerful Owl;
- (iii) the Powerful Owl is an obligate carnivore, meaning it exclusively relies on meat for its diet, primarily consuming medium-to-large tree-dwelling mammals. In addition, the Powerful Owl have been observed to prey on rats and mice in urban areas; and
- (iv) advocacy groups, such as Animal Liberation and BirdLife Australia, have long campaigned for the conservation of threatened animal species in Australia, including the Powerful Owl;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) due to the urban adaptation of the Powerful Owl's diet, populations in cities are exposed to lethal secondary poisoning of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) which are commonly applied across public and private land;
- (ii) SGARs work by causing prolonged internal bleeding in animals which consume them, with the poison accumulating in animal tissue and inadvertently endangering other animals throughout the food chain;
- (iii) the City advises the types of poisons its contractors can use to control rodent populations, and currently permit the following SGAR products:
 - (a) Ditrac Rodenticide;
 - (b) Generation First Strike;
 - (c) Maki Block;
 - (d) Storm Secure; and
 - (e) Talon Rodenticide Wax Blocks; and

- (iv) wildlife ecologist, Dr Viyanna Leo and her team successfully reduced invasive rodent populations at North Head Sanctuary in Sydney through the reintroduction of the environmentally beneficial Australian Bush Rat, which served as an effective biological control capable of outcompeting introduced rat species; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate ways and report back to Council as soon as practicable as to how the City can eliminate or limit its use of SGARs to protect the Powerful Owl and other vulnerable species, including but not limited to:
- (i) reintroducing native, environmentally friendly rat species to outcompete invasive rat species as a form of biological control, as demonstrated at North Head Sanctuary in Sydney;
 - (ii) improving communication between the City's waste management services and those employed by the City who are responsible for managing rodent populations;
 - (iii) exploring Council's contractor arrangements and options, including contract agreement, policies, and tender language, to develop environmentally friendly rodent controls that eliminate the use of SGARs; and
 - (iv) trialling alternative rodenticides that pose less risks to the City's wildlife wherever possible.

X113760

Item 13.6**Notices of Motion****Motion to Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Houses for Homes (Short-Term Rental)**

By Councillor Miller

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note, on 17 February 2025, Council unanimously resolved to raise our concerns about the impacts of short-term rental accommodation in the City of Sydney with the NSW Government; and
- (B) Council submit the endorsed motion for consideration at the upcoming 2025 Local Government NSW Annual Conference:

Houses for Homes (Short-Term Rental)

That Local Government NSW advocate to the NSW Government to:

- (a) finalise its review of the (STRA) framework and give Councils tools to better manage the impacts of STRA platforms on the availability of long-term rental housing;
- (b) incentivise homes for long-term over short-term accommodation leasing by agents geared toward maximising profits for "absentee landlords";
- (c) improve the registration and identification processes at the State and Federal level for STRA registrations to enable enforcement;
- (d) close existing loopholes and weaknesses in the registration and enforcement process through strengthening and consolidating data collection across the STRA Registry, Service NSW, and other relevant agencies;
- (e) consider how the NSW Rental Commissioner might take responsibility for the coordination and sharing of accurate data with councils to enable effective real-time short and long term rental information to better inform strategic planning decisions, and information to better inform strategic planning decisions; and
- (f) empower and properly assign resources to the Office of Fair Trading to undertake greater monitoring and enforcement of cap breaches based on better data and registration processes, and that fines for breaches be issued with the intent to unlock the commercial short-term rental market for long-term leases.

X113761

Item 13.7**Notices of Motion****Curb the Chaos - Call for Better Demarcation of Designated Bike Parking Areas**

By Councillor Worling

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) share bikes are important to the transport system, helping to reduce congestion and emissions while increasing access to City destinations;
- (ii) in 2022 share bike companies significantly increased their presence in the City of Sydney. Since then, the number of share bikes in the City of Sydney has increased by 1,580%; and
- (iii) in 2024 there were almost 2 million bike share trips in the City of Sydney - an 84% increase from the previous year;

(B) Council further note that:

- (i) the City has responded to the increased presence of share bikes on our streets by working with share bike operators to provide designated bike parking areas either on-street or out-of-the-way on footpaths and other walkways;
- (ii) on footpaths, the City has implemented 130 designated bike parking areas. These are virtually demarcated in share bike apps, and the City has physically demarcated about half of them;
- (iii) on-street designated bike parking is a scalable solution to bike parking that frees up more space on footpaths. So far, the City has installed nine on-street designated bike parking areas and there are more in the pipeline;
- (iv) the City is collaborating with share bike companies to develop functionality in their apps that shows share bike users where to park on a virtual map even when there is no physical demarcation. This is to encourage users to park in an orderly manner, in designated bike parking areas, where the option is available. However, due to technical limitations there is not a high degree of accuracy for digital demarcation and share bike users can get confused and park bikes outside the designated area;
- (v) this can lead to confusion for people parking share bikes and an increase in community impact and complaints due to clutter caused by share bikes that are parked carelessly; and

- (vi) on 18 July 2025, the Lord Mayor wrote to the Minister for Transport about regulation of e-mobility devices in NSW including a request for the NSW Government to simplify the approval pathway and provide more support for designated on-street bike parking proposals in appropriate locations, so we can free up more space on our footpaths;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate and report back to Council via the CEO Update on the resources and time needed to:
- (i) ensure all existing and planned designated bike parking areas (footpaths and on-street) are demarcated to help riders understand where to park; and
 - (ii) in collaboration with share bike companies, develop a communications and education campaign to promote correct use of designated bike parking areas and responsible rider behaviour; and
- (D) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Minister for Transport to request that as part of the e-mobility regulations currently being developed by the NSW Government, share e-mobility companies are required to contribute towards Councils' costs with managing designated bike parking areas including footpath and on-street demarcation and an ongoing communications campaign to educate people about responsible riding.

X113756

Item 13.8**Notices of Motion****Outdoor Dining and Street Lighting**

By Councillor Arkins

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the significant success of the City's outdoor dining program, which has activated our streets, supported local businesses, and created vibrant spaces for the community to come together;
 - (ii) the extension of outdoor dining across the city has been warmly embraced by residents and visitors, strengthening Sydney's reputation as a global dining destination;
 - (iii) feedback from diners and businesses highlights that while outdoor dining has been a success, the experience can be diminished by the intensity and cool whiteness of the City's LED street lights directly above outdoor dining areas;
 - (iv) warmer-toned, dimmed lighting is generally recognised as more pleasant and welcoming for social dining, enhancing amenity and street life; and
 - (v) in 2024, the City started a major upgrade to replace its ageing streets lights with a new generation of energy-saving LEDs featuring smart controls. These new lights can be dimmed, brightened or switched on and off and fault monitored remotely, and they're expected to cut energy use by a further 30%;
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate whether there are any City-controlled street lights above approved outdoor dining locations that could be dimmed and/or adjusted to a warmer tone during evening hours; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to write to the Chief Executive Officer of Ausgrid seeking collaboration with the City's Chief Executive Officer to identify the street lights above approved outdoor dining locations, to be dimmed and/or adjusted to a warmer tone during permitted operating hours.

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Item 13.9**Notices of Motion****Automatic Toilets, Automatic Hours**

By Councillor Arkins

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the need for increased toilet access, as outlined in the City's Public Toilet Strategy (2014);
 - (ii) the work of the City thus far in planning an extra 14 Automated Public Toilets (APTs), which are self-maintained through timed cleaning and unlocking mechanisms;
 - (iii) that current opening hour descriptions for both existing and planned APTs, such as "sunrise" and "shortly after sunset", do not provide clarity on when APTs are actually available; and
 - (iv) that inconsistent APT opening hours across the LGA disincentivises use, by adding an unnecessary layer of complexity to the process of finding a toilet; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) investigate the implementation of a 24-hour opening time for all APTs; and
 - (ii) report back to Council within 3 months.

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Item 13.10

Notices of Motion

Fixing the Rubbish

By Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Maxwell

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Council collects more than 100,000 residential bins every week, with an outstanding on-time collection rate of 99.6%;
- (ii) Clean Up waste collection service volumes (covering both booked residential clean-ups and illegal dumping) have nearly doubled since 2019, with the number of logged jobs now exceeding 80,000 annually, compared with the 40,560 jobs originally specified by the City for the current contract;
- (iii) recent data on Clean Up waste services highlights a sharp increase in demand. 2025 is estimated to be the highest volumes on record at an estimated volume of bulky and illegal dumping being ~112,980m³, or a ~13% increase from 2024;
- (iv) industrial action in 2023 also shows how fragile the system is to disruption;
- (v) the City of Sydney has a very transient population due to our higher levels of renters, students, and apartments resulting in higher turnover of furniture, white goods, and bulky items as people move, contributing to our higher use and growth in Clean Up services;
- (vi) with population growth, greater density, and changing patterns of waste, the City's Clean Up contract no longer reflects the scale of demand;
- (vii) this creates budgetary pressures, service risks, and lost opportunities to expand circular economy initiatives such as reuse and recycling;
- (viii) this misalignment between the number of jobs specified for the current contract and the reality on the ground is causing strain on the current system, leading to non-optimal service delivery and outcomes; and
- (ix) the commendable work by City of Sydney staff in maintaining weekly residential collections and the bulky waste services under growing pressure; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to compile a report that:
- (i) analyses trends and identifies potential improvements to Clean-up (booked residential clean-ups and illegal dumping) service delivery; and
 - (ii) provides recommendations for how future tenders and budgets should be structured to reflect realistic service demand and ensure reliability.

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Item 13.11**Notices of Motion****Vale Dr Hannah Middleton**

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the passing of Dr Hannah Middleton on 12 June 2025, a lifelong community activist and communist who made a significant contribution to nuclear disarmament and anti-war campaigns both in Australia and internationally, to the Glebe community, and to the protection of public housing. Hannah was a beloved wife of Denis Doherty, a fellow staunch community activist and communist;
- (ii) Hannah was born in Preston, England on 25 October 1942, and grew up in the surroundings of London amidst the aftermath of World War II;
- (iii) she first became involved in anti-war campaigning at the age of 8 or 9, where she collected signatures for the Stockholm Peace appeal alongside her mother. At age 16, she was arrested for participating in the 'Committee of 100' civil disobedience campaigns;
- (iv) in 1964, Hannah graduated from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London with a Bachelor of Arts and Honours in African Studies. From 1968 she studied as a postgraduate in social anthropology at the Humboldt University, Berlin (then part of the German Democratic Republic (GDR)), while also working as a lecturer in English language;
- (v) in 1970, Hannah moved to Australia and lived alongside the Gurindji people of the Northern Territory to conduct fieldwork for her doctoral thesis on Aboriginal land rights. She permanently emigrated to Australia in 1974. In 1977 she published a seminal book on land rights called "And now we want our land back: A history of Australian Aboriginal People";
- (vi) Hannah was a lecturer in Anthropology at the University of New South Wales until 1980. She left to work full time for the Communist Party of Australia (then called the Socialist Party of Australia). She was the editor of the party's newspaper the Guardian, the first woman President of the party, and the first woman General Secretary of the party; and
- (vii) In 1986, Hannah became a founding member of the Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition (AABCC), and was its national spokesperson from 1988. The AABCC is a national coalition of Australian organisations that campaigns against foreign military installations on Australian soil;

- (viii) Hannah was involved in many other anti-militarism and Indigenous rights campaigns and organisations throughout her life, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Hannah was a founding member and full-time worker for the Bring the Frigates Home Coalition in 1991, a campaign against the Gulf War and US sanctions on, and invasion in, Iraq;
 - (b) Hannah was the Convenor of the 'Blue Paper Project' - an initiative that represents over 60 peace, environmental, religious, trade union and women's groups from across Australia which works to inform and stimulate community discussion about national security and foreign policy;
 - (c) Hannah campaigned against the Australia International Defence Exhibition (AIDEX). She was arrested in 1991, when up to 2,000 protesters blockaded the National Exhibition Centre in Canberra with the goal of shutting down the AIDEX, and also at a protest in Adelaide;
 - (d) Hannah was again arrested in 1996 for occupying Prime Minister Keating's office in support of East Timorese independence;
 - (e) Hannah was active in the formation of the International Network against Foreign Military Bases, and in 2007 organised for activists from Hawaii to come to Australia for the Talisman Sabre war games protests; and
 - (f) in 2008 Hannah and Denis were awarded the Quakers' Donald Groom Fellowship for her submission to bring 2 indigenous Chamoru from Guam to Australia for a speaking tour;
- (ix) Hannah was the Executive Officer of the University of Sydney's Sydney Peace Foundation from 2006 to 2012. In 2006, Hannah and Denis received the inaugural community peace award from the foundation;
- (x) Hannah lived in Glebe with Denis, first moving to the suburb in 1974. She was a founding member of both Hands of Glebe and Action for Public Housing. With Denis, Hannah coordinated the Glebe Grapevine, a free community newsletter which updates residents on important news especially around the protection of public housing;
- (xi) Hannah played a key role in the campaign to save the Glebe Youth Service in 2013-14. One of the actions she coordinated was a daily stall outside the centre, where people could sign protest Christmas cards postcards to the former Minister Pru Goward. Hannah diligently sent off bundles of signed cards in the post every day, and by February 2014 the community had won a commitment the service would be reopened;
- (xii) Hannah worked tirelessly to protect public housing, including the successful campaign to save the Franklyn Street Estate from redevelopment, stopping the sell off of local public housing terraces, and for improved maintenance and rights for tenants; and
- (xiii) In 2022 Hannah was awarded Balmain 'Woman of the Year';

- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Hannah's family expressing Council's condolences; and
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate Hannah's life.

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Item 13.12**Notices of Motion****Protect the RJ Williams Building as Public Housing**

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) under Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050: Continuing the Vision, the City has established targets for the Local Government Area, for 11,700 social (including public) housing dwellings and 11,700 affordable housing dwellings (delivered through affordable housing levies on development) by 2036;
- (ii) the City of Sydney has a substantial track record in supporting the development of new affordable, rent-controlled housing including through development contributions, discounted land sales, grants and planning agreements. This work has led to thousands of affordable homes, achieved through over \$400 million in development levies, \$31.6 million in discounted land sales, and \$13 million in cash grants from Council's Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund;
- (iii) however, other forms of public, social and affordable housing across the City of Sydney have been declining, including as a result of the closure or sale of housing owned by charities and not-for-profit groups, and the sale or privatisation of public housing;
- (iv) recently announced public housing projects from the NSW Labor Government will not deliver enough new public homes to address the decline in public housing, from past sales and privatisations, including at Millers Point and the Glebe Estate. As a result, social (including public) housing in the City of Sydney is projected to decline further from its current level of 7.8% to 7.5% by 2030; and
- (v) the expected waiting time for general applicants to be housed by the NSW Housing Register in Glebe is 10+ years;

(B) Council further note:

- (i) the RJ Williams building is a large building owned by Wesley Mission, at 274-276 Glebe Point Road, Glebe;
- (ii) the building previously provided affordable and seniors housing. However, it was closed 15 years ago due to safety concerns. Urgent renovations to update the housing were identified. Wesley Mission submitted a development application, which was approved following community consultation. The proposed redevelopment would have provided up to 39 upgraded, rent-controlled homes;
- (iii) following a Council resolution on 14 December 2020, Council resolved to support the renovation through a \$3 million cash grant from Council's Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund;

- (iv) however, Wesley Mission was unsuccessful in its application to the Federal Labor Government's Housing Australia Future Fund. Wesley Mission has since advised Council that it was unable to secure sufficient funding to proceed with the proposed development, and would not be accepting the Council grant offered to them; and
 - (v) instead, the RJ William's building has been placed on the market, with its real estate listing suggesting the sites' potential to be redeveloped as luxury residential apartments; and
- (C) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Minister for Housing, Rose Jackson to:
- (i) request the NSW Government purchase and support the redevelopment of the RJ Williams building at 274-276 Glebe Point Road, Glebe, as ongoing public housing;
 - (ii) note the City has previously committed funding to a project of this nature on this site; and
 - (iii) note the projected decline in social (including public) housing in the City of Sydney if stronger action is not taken to increase the delivery of social and public housing.

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Item 13.13**Notices of Motion****Stop Public Housing Sell-Offs**

By Councillor Ellsmore

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) in 2023, the NSW Labor Government was elected on a platform which opposed privatisation and endorsed the expansion of public housing in NSW as a central mechanism to address the housing crisis;
 - (ii) the NSW Government has repeatedly announced that that it does not support the previous Liberal Government's policy of funding public housing maintenance and renewal through selling off public housing properties; and
 - (iii) the inner city is in particular need of this type of public housing, with the expected waitlist for a 2-bedroom property over 10 years; and
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to urgently write to the NSW Minister for Housing, Rose Jackson:
- (i) calling for a pause on the sale of public housing terraces and houses in the City of Sydney; and
 - (ii) requesting an urgent briefing on other public housing sales proposed for the City of Sydney Area.

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Item 13.14

Notices of Motion

Vale Uncle Paul Coe

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the recent passing of Wiradjuri Elder, lawyer and activist Paul Coe;
- (ii) Uncle Paul devoted his life to the fight for justice. A visionary and leading voice in both the Aboriginal Rights and Land Rights movements, he was instrumental in establishing Redfern's groundbreaking Aboriginal organisations;
- (iii) born in 1949, Uncle Paul grew up on the Erambie Mission at Cowra. The eldest of 5 siblings, he spent time with his grandparents and other Elders, learning about Country, culture, and lore. His grandfather, who he was named after, and his dad and uncles drove livestock and he spent much of his early days travelling stock routes;
- (iv) life on the mission, known as '32 Acres', was harsh. Food was rationed, and authorities held absolute power, making sustained efforts to suppress Aboriginal culture. Child removal was prevalent, and Uncle Paul's parents fought tirelessly to protect their children, ensuring they received an education and held onto their cultural heritage;
- (v) Uncle Paul's parents ensured that he received an education and challenged both the Mission Managers and the school authorities. He became the first Aboriginal student at Cowra High School to be elected a prefect and to complete the Higher School Certificate. A gifted athlete and artist, he moved to Sydney after school, initially to pursue football and enrolling in an arts course at TAFE;
- (vi) he landed in Redfern just after the 1967 referendum. Despite the positive result, racism persisted and many in the community saw little immediate change. An influx of migration led to overcrowding, exacerbating existing problems like poverty and unemployment, and police discrimination and brutality were widespread;
- (vii) Uncle Paul found friends among those who envisioned social and political change. He was part of a core group of activists who started monitoring and recording police actions to deter harassment and unlawful arrests of Aboriginal people. This critical work led to the establishment of the Aboriginal Legal Service (ALS) in 1970;

- (viii) the ALS provided free legal advice and representation to the local Aboriginal community, handling over 550 cases in its first year alone. Uncle Paul was elected to the inaugural governing council and later became its president. Aboriginal founded, governed, and staffed, the ALS became a powerful symbol for self-determination. Uncle Paul later reflected that it was "more than a legal office, it was and is the embodiment of a generation of Aboriginal people's desire to control their own destiny." The ALS also preceded the establishment of government-funded Legal Aid and provided a model for community legal centres across the country;
- (ix) Uncle Paul was also founding member and the inaugural chairperson of the Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS), which was established in 1971 in response to systemic racism, neglect, and poor health outcomes faced by Aboriginal people in the mainstream healthcare system. Inspired by the ALS, the AMS provided a culturally safe space for care and spurred a nationwide network of similar services;
- (x) in 1972, Uncle Paul helped establish a breakfast program for local Aboriginal children. This initiative, which started with a mobile caravan, evolved into the Murawina Aboriginal Corporation, which expanded to include a childcare centre and other vital services. Uncle Paul was also a founding member of Redfern's Black Theatre in 1972, an Aboriginal-run company that laid the foundation for a wellspring of creative expression within Sydney's Aboriginal community;
- (xi) Uncle Paul's activism extended far beyond Redfern. He played a key role in the ascendant Aboriginal Rights movements, helping to organise the George Street march against the Vestey Company (now known as the Wave Hill Walk-Off) and a broader campaign for Land Rights. Speaking at rallies against apartheid in South Africa and the Vietnam War, he challenged those who were ready to protest racism overseas but were less concerned about racism at home;
- (xii) in 1972, following a Prime Minister's address that refused to acknowledge Land Rights, Uncle Paul joined the group who established the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra. While the opposition leader, Gough Whitlam, visited and met with the group, the government of the day did not support them, and police tried to shut it down in a violent attack. Uncle Paul was beaten and hospitalised with broken ribs;
- (xiii) this brutal response was fuelled by excessive fear of an Aboriginal uprising which also led to intense government surveillance, with ASIO monitoring the activities of Uncle Paul and other prominent activists;
- (xiv) in 1976, Paul travelled to the United Kingdom where he rowed across the harbour of Dover Beach to plant the Aboriginal Flag, claiming the land for all Aboriginal people. With an audience of supporters and onlookers, the peaceful invasion demonstrated the absurdity of the terra nullius lie. The site is now marked with a permanent plaque;
- (xv) encouraged by his peers at the ALS, Uncle Paul had enrolled to study law at UNSW. He was the first Aboriginal person to do so and later was admitted as one of Australia's first Aboriginal barristers. Practicing law allowed Uncle Paul to be an advocate within the colonial structures he sought to change. He became a leading campaigner for Land Rights, organising rallies and meeting with lawmakers to propose inclusions into what became the NSW Land Rights Act;

- (xvi) in 1979, Uncle Paul launched legal action against the Commonwealth in the High Court, arguing for the recognition of the sovereignty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Though unsuccessful, the case was the first direct challenge of the doctrine of terra nullius and laid the foundation for the landmark 1992 Mabo judgement;
 - (xvii) Uncle Paul was the founding Treasurer of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, which was established under the Land Rights Act. He later contributed to the work of the Local Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council;
 - (xviii) in 1987, Uncle Paul spoke at the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, contributing to efforts to develop a framework for the rights of Indigenous people. He also used this platform to raise awareness about the ongoing disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians;
 - (xix) in his later years, Uncle Paul continued his advocacy through teaching at EORA TAFE and at Sydney University. He gave his time willingly to all and inspired many students to engage with their culture, to think critically and to be proud of their Aboriginal heritage; and
 - (xx) Uncle Paul balanced his activism with an unwavering love and responsibility for his family and community. He was a warm and supportive father, grandfather, brother, cousin and uncle. He's remembered for his generosity, his wise words, and the lessons he shared, as well as his humour, love, and the courage and determination he showed throughout his life. Culture and honour were at his core. He lived by these values and demonstrated what it is to be a Wiradjuri man. His passing leaves a void that our family and the Aboriginal community feel profoundly. He stoked a fire that continues to burn;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Uncle Paul's family expressing Council's condolences; and
- (C) all persons attending this meeting of Council observe one minute's silence to commemorate Uncle Paul's life.

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Item 13.15

Notices of Motion

NAIDOC Awards Honours

By Councillor Weldon

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) the annual NAIDOC Awards recognise the outstanding contributions that First Nations Australians make within their communities and beyond;
 - (ii) at this years awards, Redfern local and Elder Uncle Charles 'Chicka' Madden was recognised as a finalist for Male Elder of the Year;
 - (iii) Uncle Chicka has committed his life to the service of the local community and has contributed significantly to the cultural life of Sydney;
 - (iv) Uncle Chicka was raised on Gadigal Land and went to Redfern Public School;
 - (v) Uncle Chicka met his wife Lily at the old Palms milk bar on Regent Street. They have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and a great grandchild;
 - (vi) to support his family, Uncle Chicka worked for the NSW Railway. When he started, it was one of the only places where Aboriginal workers could get employment. He continued as a track worker work for nearly 4 decades;
 - (vii) meanwhile, Uncle Chicka contributed to the work of many community organisations. He is a lifetime member of the Redfern All Blacks and served as a longstanding Board member of the Aboriginal Medical Service and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council;
 - (viii) a talented artist, Uncle Chicka's ceramic pottery is held in national collections and the Royal Collection Trust; and
 - (ix) Uncle Chicka continues to be a passionate ambassador and advocate for his culture, community and Country. His wisdom, strength, and lifelong dedication are an inspiration to all;
- (B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to Uncle Chicka, congratulating him on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his contributions to the local community; and
- (C) Council congratulates all those recognised at the 2025 NAIDOC Awards, particularly Male Elder of the Year Uncle Harry Phillip Hall and Female Elder of the Year Auntie Rosalie Kickett. Uncle Harry was recognised for his enduring cultural leadership and Auntie Rosalie for her work in mental health and domestic violence support.