



Ordinary Council

Monday, 24 February 2025
6:30 PM

Minutes

Unconfirmed

Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Ordinary Council held at the Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on 24 February 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Sarah Swan, ex-officio

Councillors: Sean Carmichael (Deputy Mayor)

Alexander Andruska

James Ardouin

Mary-Lou Jarvis

Jeanette Mitchell

Julian Parmegiani

Harriet Price

Lucinda Regan

Matthew Robertson (via Zoom)

Mark Silcocks

Torsten

Merrill Witt

Hugh Woodgate

Toni Zeltzer

Staff:

Craig Swift-McNair - General Manager

Jennifer Chenhall - Manager, Governance & Risk

Paul Fraser - Manager, Open Space & Trees (via Zoom)

Rhys Johnson - Governance Coordinator

Sue Meekin - Director, Corporate Performance

Carolyn Nurmi - Governance Officer

Scott Pedder - Director, Planning & Place

Tom O'Hanlon - Director, Infrastructure & Sustainability

Patricia Occelli - Director, Community & Customer Experience

Anne White - Manager, Strategic Planning & Place (via Zoom)

Also in Attendance: David Knights - Consultant, Civile Consultancy (Item 12.2.1)

1. Opening

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council of 24 February 2025 open and welcomed Councillors, staff and members of the public who are watching and listening to this evening's meeting.

2. Prayer

The Mayor read the Prayer:

Almighty God, you have given us a beautiful place to live in. We pray for your gift of wisdom that the decisions of this Council may benefit those we serve.

Be with us in our deliberations that this Municipality may know your blessing. Amen.

3. Acknowledgement of Country (Gadigal People and Birrabirragal People)

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Gadigal and Birrabirragal people, the traditional custodians of the land. On behalf of Woollahra Council, I acknowledge Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people attending today and I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

4. Acknowledgement of the Sovereign of the Day (King Charles III)

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of the Sovereign of the Day (King Charles III):

I also acknowledge the King of Australia, King Charles III.

5. Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence or Attendance by Audio-Visual Link by Councillors

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Zeltzer)

310/2024 Resolved:

THAT in accordance with clause 5.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council Meeting approves the following Councillor participation in the Ordinary Council Meeting of 24 February 2025 via Audio-Visual Link:

- Councillor Robertson

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1. Confirmation of Minutes - Ordinary Council Meeting - 16 December 2025

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Torsten)

56/2025 Resolved:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 December 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

6.2. Confirmation of Minutes - Strategic & Corporate (S&C) Committee Meeting - 17 February 2025

Note: The Council amended the Resolution.

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Torsten)

50/2025 Resolved:

THAT the Minutes of the Strategic & Corporate Committee of 17 February 2025 and of 24 February 2025 be taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

6.3. Confirmation of Minutes - Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) Meeting - 10 December 2024

(Councillor Regan/Councillor Carmichael)

70/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council receive and note the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee (ARIC) Meeting of 10 December 2024.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

7. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Ardouin declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Ardouin is employed by EY, the company referenced in the report. Councillor Ardouin remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Robertson declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.3.1 as Councillor Robertson is a representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Robertson left the meeting at this item, did not participate in debate and did not vote on the matter.

Councillor Regan declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.3.1 as Councillor Regan is an alternate representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Regan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Jarvis declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.3.1 as Councillor Jarvis is an alternate representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Jarvis remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Zeltzer declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.3.1 as Councillor Zeltzer is a representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Zeltzer left the meeting at this item, did not participate in debate and did not vote on the matter.

Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.3.3
Councillor Woodgate declared that the external department that provided certain reports functions as a separate business unit from the one that employs Councillor Woodgate.
Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Carmichael declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 14.1 as Councillor Carmichael is a current member of the Royal Sydney Golf Club. Councillor Carmichael left the meeting at this item, did not participate in debate and did not vote on the matter.

8. Petitions Tabled - Petition to be Tabled by Councillor Torsten - Petition Opposing Netball Courts in Lough Playing Fields

From: Joan Ward

Tabled by: Councillor Torsten

The petition was in terms, opposing netball courts in Lough Playing Fields:

"Say "NO" to two flood-lit, multi-purpose courts"

A hard surface over 1,200 sqm, more congestion on Manning Road, worsened parking, reduced off-leash dog time!

Help keep Lough Playing Fields a sanctuary for families and grass-oriented sports.

There were more than 500 signatures on the tabled petition.

(Councillor Torsten)

313/2024 Resolved:

THAT the petition lie on the table for fourteen (14) days and referred to the relevant Council department for consideration.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

9. Mayoral Minute

9.1. Recognition of Service - Michael Morgan

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

71/2025 Resolved:

THAT Woollahra Municipal Council formally acknowledge the exemplary, loyal service of Michael Morgan during 37 years of employment and thank him for his commitment to our local community.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

9.2. 2025 Australia Day Honours - Congratulations to Local Recipients

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

72/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council resolve that letters of congratulations, signed by the Mayor, be sent to our local residents of the 2025 Australia Day Honours:

1. Professor Bronwyn Louise Fox, AO
2. Professor Thomas Gottlieb, AO
3. Mrs Joanna Susan Capon, AM
4. Ms Wendy Susan Simpson, AM
5. Mr John Bowie Wilson, OAM
6. Mrs Francine Lazarus, OAM
7. Ms Cecilia Jane Pemberton, OAM
8. Mrs Rosslyn Mackenzie Sweetapple, OAM

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

9.3. Our Commitment to Social Cohesion

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

73/2025 Resolved:

THAT:

- A. Councillors endorse the '*Mayors of Sydney Joint Statement on Social Cohesion*', released on 6 February 2025 (as attached).
- B. Councillors note the Council's ongoing support and collaboration with Multicultural NSW, NSW Police and neighbouring councils, led by the General Manager and senior Council staff to further our efforts and shared commitment to social cohesion, tougher legal reforms to deter antisemitic attacks, and improved safety measures for members of our Jewish community.
- C. Councillors commend both houses of Parliament of New South Wales for passing the Crimes Amendment (Inciting Racial Hatred) Bill 2025, an Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900*, on 21 February 2025, to provide for an offence to intentionally incite hatred towards another person or a group of persons on the ground of race in circumstances that would cause a reasonable person who was the target of the incitement to hatred to fear harassment, intimidation, violence or for their personal safety.
- D. Councillors note the meeting between the Mayor and Jillian Segal AO, Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism in Australia on 12 February 2025, to discuss local initiatives Woollahra Council can support to promote social cohesion and education.
- E. Councillors note and support the Mayor meeting with local school Principals, to find out what social cohesion education initiatives are in place and to identify any opportunities for Council support or involvement, including the potential of hosting a forum with local high school student representatives.
- F. Councillors note and support Council's ongoing collaborations with Multicultural NSW and neighbouring Councils on hosting a meeting with multi-faith leaders to demonstrate our support and respect for diversity, all faiths and our commitment to social cohesion.
- G. Councillors note the Council's existing and future programs and initiatives that foster community connection and safety, diversity, inclusion and respect for all, including a specific focus in the 2025 annual grants program and the inclusion of a reference to social cohesion within the Community Strategic Plan.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

9.4. Commencement of Low and Mid-rise Housing Reforms

Note: The Mayor amended Part B of the Resolution.

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

51/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Endorse the Mayoral minute regarding the low and mid rise reforms which will take effect on 28 February 2025.
- B. Notes that Woollahra Council exceeded its 2016-2021 net additional dwelling target of 300 and was on track to meet and probably exceed its 2021-2026 net additional dwelling target of 500 until it was inflated to 1,900 net additional dwellings without any consultation with Council.
- C. Notes that local government is best placed to plan for appropriate future development.
- D. Request the Mayor to urgently meet with the NSW Premier and Minister for Planning & Public Spaces to discuss our opposition to these inappropriate planning controls, and to outline the catastrophic impact on our community.
- E. Reassert its strong opposition to the low and mid-rise housing reforms, and condemn the NSW Government for its departure from best practice strategic planning.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

9.5. Condolences on the passing of Julian Fagan

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

74/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council formally acknowledge the death of local resident, entrepreneur and student mental health advocate, Julian Fagan and the Mayor writes a letter of condolence to the Fagan family and his partner.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

10. Public Forum

11. General Manager and Officer's Report

11.1. Draft submission on the proposed amendments to the Model Code of Meeting Practice for Local Councils in NSW

(Councillor Witt/Councillor Price)

53/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Endorse the draft submission to the Office of Local Government on proposed amendments to the NSW Code of Meeting Practice, as included in this report, subject to amending pages 2 and 4 of the submission to support the proposed amendments discussed at the Council Meeting of 24 February 2025 to clauses 5.19, 5.44, 10.20 and 10.21.
- B. Authorise the General Manager (or his delegate) to lodge the submission referred to in Part A above, on behalf of Council by 28 February 2025.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

11.2. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) - Consideration of Motions and Councillor Attendance

Note: Councillor Ardouin declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Ardouin is employed by EY, the company referenced in the report. Councillor Ardouin remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Motion moved by Councillor Silcocks
Seconded by Councillor Robertson**

THAT Council:

- A. Give consideration to the proposed four (4) motions to be tabled at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held in Canberra in June 2025 and resolve to consider each proposed motion in seriatim at this Council meeting, for forwarding to ALGA NGA if so resolved by Council.

- B. Authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial amendments to the adopted motions if required, prior to them being submitted to ALGA NGA.
- C. Authorise the attendance of up to five (5) Councillors and the General Manager to the ALGA 2025 and National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), from 24 to 27 June 2025. Noting the following Councillors have expressed an interest in attending:
- Councillor Lucinda Regan
 - Councillor Julian Parmegiani
 - Councillor Merrill Witt
 - Councillor Ardouin
 - Councillor Andruska
- D. Nominate Councillor Lucinda Regan as the one (1) voting delegate, and Councillor Julian Parmegiani as the alternate voting delegate in the event that Councillor Regan is not able to vote, for the ALGA 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

**Amendment moved by Councillor Woodgate
Seconded by Councillor Jarvis**

THAT Council:

- A. Give consideration to the proposed four (4) motions to be tabled at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held in Canberra in June 2025 and resolve to consider each proposed motion in seriatim at this Council meeting, for forwarding to ALGA NGA if so resolved by Council.
- B. Authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial amendments to the adopted motions if required, prior to them being submitted to ALGA NGA.
- C. Authorise the attendance of up to five (5) Councillors and the General Manager to the ALGA 2025 and National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), from 24 to 27 June 2025. Noting the following Councillors have expressed an interest in attending:
- Councillor Lucinda Regan
 - Councillor Julian Parmegiani
 - Councillor Merrill Witt
 - Councillor Jeanette Mitchell
 - Councillor Alexander Andruska
 - Councillor James Ardouin should one of the Councillors above not be available.
- D. Nominate Councillor Julian Parmegiani as the one (1) voting delegate, and Councillor Lucinda Regan as the alternate voting delegate in the event that Councillor Parmegiani is not able to vote, for the ALGA 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

The Amendment was put and Lost.

For the Amendment

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Ardouin, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Woodgate

Against the Amendment

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor
Price, Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten, Councillor
Witt, Councillor Zeltzer

The Motion was put and carried.

(Councillor Silcocks/Councillor Robertson)

311/2024 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Give consideration to the proposed four (4) motions to be tabled at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held in Canberra in June 2025 and resolve to consider each proposed motion in seriatim at this Council meeting, for forwarding to ALGA NGA if so resolved by Council.
- B. Authorise the General Manager to make minor editorial amendments to the adopted motions if required, prior to them being submitted to ALGA NGA.
- C. Authorise the attendance of up to five (5) Councillors and the General Manager to the ALGA 2025 and National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA), from 24 to 27 June 2025. Noting the following Councillors have expressed an interest in attending:
- Councillor Lucinda Regan
 - Councillor Julian Parmegiani
 - Councillor Merrill Witt
 - Councillor Ardouin
 - Councillor Andruska
 - Councillor James Ardouin should one of the Councillors above not be available.
- D. Nominate Councillor Lucinda Regan as the one (1) voting delegate, and Councillor Julian Parmegiani as the alternate voting delegate in the event that Councillor Regan is not able to vote, for the ALGA 2024 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA).

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

11.3. Progress Report on the Commissioning of a Public Art Installation with Waverley Council.

Note: The Council amended Part C of the Resolution.

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Swan)

54/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Endorse the proposed process for the commissioning and delivery of the public art installation, memorialising the events of 7 October 2023, as included in this report.
- B. Endorse the Draft Terms of Reference for the Joint Public Art Installation Committee (Attachment 1) being established to manage the public art installation.
- C. Note that Council's financial contribution to this project will be up to \$125,000, funded from the Public Art Reserve, with the hope that public donations contemplated in this report may reduce this funding.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12. Reports of the Committees

12.1. Environmental Planning Committee - No Meeting held on 3 February 2025

12.2. Finance, Community & Services Committee - 10 February 2025

12.2.1. Feasibility Report for Swimmable Harbour

Note: The Council amended Part B of the Resolution.

**Motion Moved by Councillor Torsten
Seconded by Councillor Regan**

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the Swimmable Harbour feasibility report prepared by Civile Consultancy and Nicole Larkin Design Architecture for Yarranabbe Park.
- B. Commission a Human Health Risk Assessment (including water quality and sediment) report in respect of Yarranabbe Park to be presented at a future meeting of the Finance, Community and Services Committee, the funding for which will be paid from a transfer of funding from the current Capital Works budget for the Yarranabbe Park Northern Plaza and Harbour Stairs (Project 01339).

- C. Commission a feasibility report regarding the planting of mangroves along the shoreline of Yarranabbe Park as a natural, low maintenance way of filtering Rushcutters Bay dash; especially after storm events which necessitate Sydney Water releasing untreated sewerage overflow into the nearby stormwater canal.

Councillor Torsten withdrew the Motion after debate.

**Motion moved by Councillor Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Zeltzer**

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the Swimmable Harbour feasibility report prepared by Civile Consultancy and Nicole Larkin Design Architecture for Yarranabbe Park.
- B. Defer this matter to a future meeting of the Finance, Community & Services Committee in order to seek further information from Professor Thom.

A Foreshadowed Motion was advised by Councillor Price

The Motion was put and Carried.

(Councillor Jarvis/Councillor Zeltzer)

61/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the Swimmable Harbour feasibility report prepared by Civile Consultancy and Nicole Larkin Design Architecture for Yarranabbe Park.
- B. Defer this matter to a future meeting of the Finance, Community & Services Committee in order to seek further information from Professor Thom .

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.2.Delivery Program 2022/23 To 2025/26 And Operational Plan 2024/25 Progress Report December 2024

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

62/2025 Resolved:

THAT the December 2024 Progress Report on Council's Delivery Program 2022/23 to 2025/26 and Operational Plan 2024/25 be received and noted.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.3.Capital Works Program - Quarterly Progress Report December 2024

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

57/2025 Resolved:

THAT the Capital Works Program – Quarterly Progress Report for the quarter ended 31 December 2024 be received and noted.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

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Against the Motion

None

12.2.4.2024-25 Budget Review for the Quarter ended December 2024

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

58/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the report on the budget review for the quarter ended 31 December 2024.
- B. Note the statement from the responsible accounting officer, Council's Chief Financial Officer that the projected financial position at 30 June 2025, based on the forecasts outlined in this report, will remain satisfactory.
- C. Adopt the recommended variations to the 2024-25 budget as outlined in this report titled 2024-2025 Budget Review for the Quarter ended December 2024, resulting in a net operating surplus before capital grants and contributions of \$0.391 million, an increase of \$0.096 million from the revised budget.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.5.Monthly Financial Report - 30 Nov 2024.

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

75/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the Monthly Financial Report – November 2024.
- B. Note that the Council's 12-month weighted average return for November 2024 on its direct investment portfolio of 5.11% (LM: 5.12%, LY: 4.80%) exceeds the benchmark 90-day AusBond Bank Bill Index of 4.48%.
- C. Note that the interest revenue for the year to date November 2024 is \$2.39M, exceeding our year to date budget of \$1.26M for the same period.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.6.Monthly Financial Report - 31 Dec 2024
Investment held as at 31 Jan 2025

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

76/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the Monthly Financial Report – December 2024.
- B. Note that the Council's 12-month weighted average return for December 2024 on its direct investment portfolio of 5.10% (LM: 5.11%, LY: 4.98%) exceeds the benchmark 90-day AusBond Bank Bill Index of 4.50%.
- C. Note that the interest revenue for the year to date December 2024 is \$2.89M, exceeding our year to date budget of \$1.51M for the same period.
- D. Receive and note the list of Council's investments held as of 31 January 2025.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.7. Financial Impact of Cost Shifting from other Levels of Government 2023-2024

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

79/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the annual update of the Financial Impact of Cost Shifting from other levels of Government for 2023-2024.
- B. Note that estimated value of cost shifting from other levels of government impacting on Woollahra Council for 2023-2024 was \$16.16 million, an increase of \$1.7 million or 12% on the survey reported in 2022-2023 (\$14.5 million).

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.8. Update report on a Youth Voice to Council

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

77/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the report.
- B. Endorse the proposed 7 key principles to shape Council's youth voice mechanism.
- C. Notes that a further report will be submitted to Council in June 2025 with the proposed mechanism to deliver a Youth Voice to Council.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.9. Woollahra Grants Program 2025/26 Round and Woollahra Outgoing Sponsorship Program 2025/26 Round.

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

78/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Endorse the themes relating to the 2025/26 Grants round for the Community and Cultural and Placemaking grant streams.
- B. Endorse the criteria relating to the 2025/26 Outgoing Sponsorship Program.
- C. Notes the proposed dates for the implementation of the 2025/26 Grants and Outgoing Sponsorship Programs.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.10. Ausgrid Easement - Alexandria Integrated Facility & Community Association DP270785 (SC99-004)

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Carmichael)

80/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Approves execution of the Deed for Grant of Easement and Compensation with Transport for NSW (TFNSW) ABN 18 804 239 602 and a Transfer Granting Easement document with Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation ABN 67 505 337 385 (Ausgrid) for the existing Lot 18 in DP 270785, at 67A Bourke Road, Alexandria of which Woollahra Municipal Council is a joint owner with Waverley Council and the Community Association Scheme DP 270785; subject to Ausgrid obtaining all the relevant consents and approvals.
- B. Approves as a joint owner of Lot 18 DP 270785 the total amount of \$114,500 inc. GST easement compensation for an estimated 59 sqm area in Lot 18, to be paid by TFNSW to Woollahra and Waverley Councils, for the purposes of Ausgrid's in situ underground electrical cables within the subject area of Lot 18 and associated purposes.
- C. Authorises the General Manager to do all things necessary to give effect to the TFNSW Deed for Grant of Easement and Compensation and the Transfer Granting Easement with Ausgrid to finalise the legal documentation.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.3. Strategic & Corporate Committee - 17 February & 24 February 2025

12.3.1. Planning Proposal for the Edgecliff Commercial Centre

Note: Councillor Robertson declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Robertson is a representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Robertson left the meeting, did not participate in debate and did not vote on the matter.

Note: Councillor Regan declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Regan is an alternate representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Regan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Note: Councillor Jarvis declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Jarvis is an alternate representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Jarvis remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Note: Councillor Zeltzer declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Zeltzer is a representative of Council on the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel. Councillor Zeltzer left the meeting, did not participate in debate and did not vote on the matter.

Note: The Council amended the Resolution.

**Motion moved by Councillor Witt
Seconded by Councillor Torsten**

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the advice provided by the Woollahra Local Planning Panel (WLPP) on 19 December 2024 regarding the draft planning proposal to amend the controls for the Edgecliff Commercial Centre (ECC), and commends the Staff for preparing a place-based planning strategy for increasing density in the ECC.
- B. Notes that on 21 February 2025 the state government announced that Edgecliff, Double Bay and Rose Bay have been designated as town centres and will be subject to one-size-fits-all non discretionary planning controls that are not in line with Council's well considered strategic plans for increasing density in areas best suited to accommodate it.
- C. Defers the public exhibition of the draft ECC Planning Proposal and instead advises the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) that the draft EEC Planning Proposal is being reconsidered to assess:

the impact on infrastructure, residential amenity, heritage and the environment of the designation of Edgecliff, Double Bay and Rose Bay as town centres under the state government's announced changes to low and mid-rise housing, noting that state government documents such as *Future Transport 2056* and the *NSW Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038* do not identify any major infrastructure projects in the Woollahra Local Government Area (LGA) to support a significant uplift in dwelling numbers;

the implications of trying to meet the state government's inflated and unrealistic target of 1,900 net new dwellings over the next 5 years on Council's resources given that Council has documented significant constraints on growth, including access to efficient public transport, the LGA's sloping topography and the capacity of local infrastructure, particularly roads and the sewer system; and noting that these constraints were recently acknowledged by the state government when it announced that Edgecliff would not be designated as a Transport Oriented Development (TOD) site "because of constraints on infrastructure that proved difficult to overcome";

the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel's recommendation to progress to Gateway determination two proposals - the Edgecliff Centre (203 - 233 New South Head Road Edgecliff) and 8-10 New McLean Street Edgecliff - even though they are out-of-scale for a Local Centre and will undermine the objectives of the draft ECC Planning Proposal; and the lack of analysis by the state government of the impact on infrastructure, residential amenity, heritage and the environment from the application of the Housing SEPP's affordable housing 30% bonus in height and FSR in exchange for 15% affordable housing for 15 years.

- D. Requests Staff commence an expedited review of the 7.12 contributions plan applying to the ECC and extend this analysis to sites impacted by the changes to low and mid-rise housing in the town centres of Double Bay and Rose Bay.
- E. Requests Staff to urgently assess the feasibility of applying an affordable housing developer contribution on all new multi-dwelling housing, residential apartment buildings, shop-top housing and independent living units, noting recent amendments to Waverley Council's Local Environment Plan to bring this measure into effect for its municipality.
- F. Requests Staff to prepare a planning proposal to establish design excellence provisions for the whole of the Woollahra LGA, and refers this to the WLPP for advice.
- G. Requests the Mayor work with the General Manager and the Communications and Engagement Manager to use Council's communications channels and media statements to highlight:
 - 1. the state government's overruling of local planning recommendations and their blatant disregard for meaningful consultation with local communities on planning decisions that are not in the best interests of our residents and local businesses; and
 - 2. the continued and ongoing work of Council already being undertaken to deliver housing in appropriate locations.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Carmichael
Seconded by Councillor Ardouin**

THAT Council:

- A. Note the advice provided by the Woollahra Local Planning Panel on 19 December 2024 regarding the planning proposal to amend the controls for the Edgecliff Commercial Centre.
- B. Resolves to support the planning proposal as contained at **Attachment 1** of the report to the Strategic and Corporate Committee of 17 February 2025 to revise controls for the Edgecliff Commercial Centre.
- C. Forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure seeking a Gateway determination to allow public exhibition.
- D. Requests the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (or delegate) to authorise Council as the local plan-making authority to make the local environmental plan under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- E. Request staff to commence an expedited investigation of opportunities to increase the section 7.12 rate payable in the Edgecliff Commercial Centre and all areas within Station and Town Centre Precincts under the low and mid-rise housing reforms.
- F. Request staff to prepare a planning proposal to establish an affordable housing contributions scheme for the entire Woollahra Local Government Area, and refer this to the Woollahra Local Planning Panel for advice.
- G. Request staff to prepare a planning proposal to establish design excellence provisions for the whole Woollahra Local Government Area, and refer this to the Woollahra Local Planning Panel for advice.
- H. Requests the Mayor work with the General Manager and the Communications and Engagement Manager to use Council's communications channels and media statements to highlight:

- a. The State Government's overruling of local planning recommendations and their blatant disregard for meaningful consultation with local communities on planning decisions that are not in the best interests of our residents and local businesses; and
 - b. The continued and ongoing work of Council already being undertaken to deliver housing and meet housing targets.
- I. Request staff to carry out updates to the traffic report (prior to a post exhibition report) in relation to the Edgecliff Commercial Centre incorporating the cumulative impact of other developments such as 8-10 New McLean Street, 1 Darling Point Road and the Edgecliff Centre.
- J. That the Mayor write to the Planning Minister requesting that councils be given power to consult with the Sydney and Regional Planning Panels with respect to planning proposals, noting our work and the Edgecliff Strategy. The Mayor would note the discretionary power such panels have to approve or refuse developments, and the need for Council to develop an effective, plausible and governable planning proposal.

The Amendment was put and Carried.

The Amendment became the Motion.

The Motion was put and Carried.

For the Amendment

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Woodgate

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Against the Amendment

Councillor Price, Councillor Regan, Councillor
Silcocks, Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Ardouin)

65/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Note the advice provided by the Woollahra Local Planning Panel on 19 December 2024 regarding the planning proposal to amend the controls for the Edgecliff Commercial Centre.
- B. Resolves to support the planning proposal as contained at **Attachment 1** of the report to the Strategic and Corporate Committee of 17 February 2025 to revise controls for the Edgecliff Commercial Centre.
- C. Forwards the planning proposal to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure seeking a Gateway determination to allow public exhibition.
- D. Requests the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (or delegate) to authorise Council as the local plan-making authority to make the local environmental plan under section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- E. Request staff to commence an expedited investigation of opportunities to increase the section 7.12 rate payable in the Edgecliff Commercial Centre and all areas within Station and Town Centre Precincts under the low and mid-rise housing reforms.
- F. Request staff to prepare a planning proposal to establish an affordable housing contributions scheme for the entire Woollahra Local Government Area, and refer this to the Woollahra Local Planning Panel for advice.

- G. Request staff to prepare a planning proposal to establish design excellence provisions for the whole Woollahra Local Government Area, and refer this to the Woollahra Local Planning Panel for advice.
- H. Requests the Mayor work with the General Manager and the Communications and Engagement Manager to use Council's communications channels and media statements to highlight:
- a. The State Government's overruling of local planning recommendations and their blatant disregard for meaningful consultation with local communities on planning decisions that are not in the best interests of our residents and local businesses; and
 - b. The continued and ongoing work of Council already being undertaken to deliver housing and meet housing targets.
- I. Request staff to carry out updates to the traffic report (prior to a post exhibition report) in relation to the Edgecliff Commercial Centre incorporating the cumulative impact of other developments such as 8-10 New McLean Street, 1 Darling Point Road and the Edgecliff Centre.
- J. Request the Mayor write to the Planning Minister requesting that councils be given power to consult with the Sydney and Regional Planning Panels with respect to planning proposals, noting our work and the Edgecliff Strategy. The Mayor would note the discretionary power such panels have to approve or refuse developments, and the need for Council to develop an effective, plausible and governable planning proposal.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Silcocks,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Woodgate

12/1

Against the Motion

Councillor Witt

12.3.2. Cross Street Car Park Redevelopment Project - Next Steps

Note: In accordance with Clause 18.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the Council extended the time of the meeting for a maximum period of 30 minutes.

(Councillor Silcocks/Councillor Carmichael)

Resolved:

THAT the Council, in accordance with clause 14.1(g) of the Code of Meeting Practice, resolve to enter into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to consider Confidential Late Correspondence. These matters are to be considered as per clause 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993 in that the correspondence contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

Adopted

In Closed Session

Note: The Council discussed the Confidential Late Correspondence, the time being 9:59pm.

(Councillor Silcocks/Councillor Carmichael)

Resolved:

THAT the Council move into "Open Session" the time being 10:17pm.

Adopted

In Open Session

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

83/2025 Resolved:

THAT in accordance with Clause 18.2 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice the Committee extended the time of the meeting for a maximum period of 30 minutes.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

(Councillor Ardouin/Councillor Woodgate)

67/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Notes that the Woollahra Council owned Cross Street Car Park (the 'Car Park') in Double Bay (constructed in the 1970s), is now reaching the end of its structural life, noting previously commissioned independent engineering advice from Altus Group (January 2022) confirming this;
- B. Notes the report titled 'Cross Street Car Park Planning and Development Feasibility Study December 2024 by HillPDA (the 'HillPDA Report') (as commissioned by Council), included in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report;
- C. Notes the advice from Douglas Partners at Attachment 3 to this report regarding the feasibility of complying with Council's planning controls regarding groundwater drawdown from basement car park construction;

- D. Reaffirms Woollahra Council's strong commitment to delivering a mixed-use community precinct and to getting shovels turning soil as soon as possible;
- E. Requests that the General Manager engage HillPDA (or a similar consultant) to report to a future meeting of Council with additional analysis of further options in a similar format to Options 1-5 in the HillPDA Report:
- i. A No-Residential Option - retaining similar parking numbers and total GFA to Options 1-5, but presenting the outcomes a building mix of only retail and commercial;
 - ii. An Expanded Site Option - retaining a similar mix and format to Option 2b, but acquiring (or rolling into the development) the neighbouring sites 1 Transvaal Ave and 15 Cross St.
 - iii. Including a detailed estimate of the minimum costs involved in retaining and remediating the existing car park.
- F. Requests that the General Manager also report to a future meeting of Council:
- i. the merits of the different forms that the contemplated Public-Private-Partnership may take, including how Council could retain a majority equity stake in the development vehicle;
 - ii. the possibility of grant funding for the Car Park or any ancillary works;
 - iii. the ability of Council to utilise the Cross/Jamberoo Ln corridor as a temporary parking space to alleviate the loss of parking spaces during the construction phase.
- G. Authorises the General Manager and Mayor (and/or their delegates) to facilitate targeted consultations with key stakeholders to ascertain the communities preferred outcome for the Car Park, further noting that a broad community consultation will be conducted following the decision of a future meeting of Council.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor
Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer

9/6

Against the Motion

Councillor Price, Councillor Regan, Councillor
Robertson, Councillor Silcocks, Councillor
Torsten, Councillor Witt

12.3.3. Wilberforce Car Park Development

Note: Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item.
Councillor Woodgate declared that the external department that provided certain reports functions as a separate business unit from the one that employs Councillor Woodgate.
Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

(Councillor Jarvis/Councillor Carmichael)

82/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the unanimous Council resolution of August 12 2024 confirming the Council commitment to this project including the carpark and community centre.
- B. Notes the undertaking given to the community in relation to the Special Rate variation which is to contribute \$11.6m to this project.
- C. Notes the project requires further equity to reduce the burden of financing costs.
- D. Remains committed to this project.
- E. Requests the General Manager to prepare further information that focuses on OPTION 3 of the report and:
 - i. review the Council budgets to contribute more capital and provide further financial options to reduce the burden of financing costs as a matter of priority; and
 - ii. review assumptions made in reports and aim to increase our equity, reduce loan payments and maximise income received from the project to be able to proceed with Growthbuilt.
- F. Any further funding sources and suggestions that Councillors wish staff to investigate prior to the Strategic & Corporate Committee meeting of 17 March 2025 be provided to staff and other Councillors by close of business Friday 28 February 2025.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Andruska,
Councillor Ardouin, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Silcocks,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate

11/4

Against the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Price, Councillor
Robertson, Councillor Zeltzer

13. Rescission Motion

14. Notices of Motion

14.1. Royal Sydney Golf Course Land and Abounding Council Land

Note: Councillor Carmichael declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item, as Councillor Carmichael is a current member of the Royal Sydney Golf Club. Councillor Carmichael left the meeting at this item, did not participate in debate and did not vote on the matter.

Note: The Council amended Part B of the Resolution.

(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Zeltzer)

68/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

A. Notes:

- i. the recent survey of Royal Sydney Golf Course land abounding council land at the corner of O'Sullivan and Old South Head Roads;
- ii. that the survey indicates a substantial amount of council land behind the Royal Sydney Golf Course fence;
- iii. at present pedestrian access is restricted at this corner intersection due to the narrow availability of council land;
- iv. the high volume of pedestrian and cyclist traffic which amasses at this corner waiting to cross Old South Head Road en route to Bondi and beyond.

B. Requests Council staff liaise with Royal Sydney Golf Course with a view to reacquisition of Council's land within 60 days and progress a design of the corner intersection making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Andruska,
Councillor Ardouin, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Regan,
Councillor Robertson, Councillor Silcocks,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer

14/0

Against the Motion

None

14.2. Local Traffic Committee to Review to Better Manage Parking Conditions

Note: The Council amended Part iii of the Resolution.

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Torsten)

69/2025 Resolved:

- A. THAT Council provide a report, to be submitted to the Local Traffic Committee for review, as to how to better manage parking conditions in these locations:
- i. Weldon Lane, including the installation of 'no stopping signs' on the corner of Alton Street;
 - ii. Alton Street;
 - iii. Victoria Avenue between 13 and 21; and
 - iv. Queen Street between 152 and 168.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

15. Questions With Notice

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Zeltzer)

314/2024 Resolved:

THAT the Questions with Notice be received and noted.

The Motion was put and Carried.

Note: In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Division of votes is recorded on this matter.

For the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael,
Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Regan, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer

15/0

Against the Motion

None

15.1. Council Policy and Approach to Animal Protection Services

Councillor Robertson asking:

In response to community concerns raised in the 2024 local government election campaigns about the practice of euthanising stray animals at pounds and shelters across Sydney, would the General Manager please outline Council's policy position and current operational approach with regards to the engagement of animal protection services including shelters, and in particular, "no kill" policy provisions.

Is there scope to enhance Council's approach to better reflect the high value our community places on companion animals?

Coordinator Regulatory Services in response:

Woollahra Council utilises the professional veterinary services of Blacktown Animal Rehoming Centre (BARC) which subscribes to 'Getting to Zero. The Blacktown Animal Rehoming Centre focusses on getting lost, stray and abandoned animals home, whether that be returned to an existing owner or adopted by a new owner. 'Getting to Zero' is a policy supported by the Animal Welfare League NSW which aims to increase responsibility for companion animals so that every City and Shire can achieve zero euthanasia of all healthy and treatable cats and dogs. However, the Animal Welfare League also acknowledge that only those animals that are irretrievably suffering, have extreme behavioural problems or have a poor prognosis for rehabilitation should be euthanised.

Woollahra Council takes its responsibilities under the Companion Animals Act very seriously and Council staff do all that they can to return pets directly to their owners if at all possible.

Whilst Council has no current formal policy in place on the use of 'no-kill' shelters, Council staff are not aware of any 'no-kill' shelters available to Council to use, only shelters that continue to work towards a 'getting to zero' approach to euthanising animals.

Council continues to encourage all pet owners to microchip their animals so they can reunited with their owners.

15.2. Royal Hospital for Women

Councillor Robertson asking:

Would the director of planning and place please outline the nature of the works I am informed will be carried out imminently to the Royal Hospital for Women's iconic tower, including all relevant development consents.

Director Planning & Place in response:

On 11/09/2023 a development application was lodged (DA2023/328) seeking approval to truncate the height of the 45m brick chimney at the former Royal Hospital for Women site by 7.9m (or approximately halfway through the "H" on the side of the structure). The information was insufficient and the DA was refused on 03/11/23.

The proponent submitted a revised scheme (for partial removal of the chimney) in mid-2024.

The request to carry out these works was submitted as development without consent under Clause 5.10(3) of the Woollahra Local Environmental Plan 2014 i.e. as a heritage exemption application. In September 2024, this request was not supported as the proposed works to partially demolish, rebuild, and reinforce the structure through the addition of external bands was not considered to be "minor" or for the "maintenance" of the item. A heritage exemption application must satisfy one of these prerequisites.

It is understood that the structure was struck by lightning on 1 December 2024. Following this, the strata engaged Acor to carry out an assessment and advise on make safe and rectification works. They proposed a temporary support system involving strapping, which had a functional lifespan of 2 months. Following the temporary strapping works, it is understood that Acor advised the strata that the damage was worse than previously identified, and they recommended the dwellings within a 15m radius of the chimney be evacuated. We were advised that the evacuation took place in the week prior to Christmas.

On 10/01/25 the strata managers provided Council with an updated package of information and proposed actions to be taken. In response to this submission, on 21/01/25 Council staff wrote to the strata manager recommending that a DA should be lodged.

Having received queries from local residents, we understand that MDW Traffic Consultancy corresponded with local residents that chimney height reduction works were to take place in February/March 2025, and that a full road closure was required. However, as there were no relevant approvals in place a road closure approval was not granted, and staff advised that no work to the chimney should occur.

On 17/02/25 a DA was lodged (DA2025/42) seeking approval to truncate the chimney by 12m.

At the time of preparing this response, Council staff are processing this application in order to determine next steps.

16. Supplementary Responses to Previous Questions with Notice

17. Confidential Matters

18. Councillor Reports/Councillor Updates (Section 8.4)

The Mayor, Councillor Swan:

- **Condolences - Mr. Peter Poland**
- **Thanks to Sue Meekin (Director - Corporate Performance)**
- **Memorial Service for the assassinated Consul General of the Republic of Türkiye**
- **Chanukah by the Bay at Steyne Park**
- **Citizenship Ceremonies**
- **Redleaf Social – Youth Event at Murray Rose Pool**
- **18 Footers Double Bay 90th Anniversary**
- **Social Cohesion Roundtables – Antisemitism**
- **Watsons Bay Summer Markets**
- **The Great Synagogue Jewish Community Law Service**
- **WMC Business Event – Doing Business in Woollahra**
- **The Hon Peter Dutton at Emanuel Synagogue**

The Mayor, Councillor Swan advised Council of the passing of Mr. Peter Poland. The Mayor expressed her sadness and stated that Mr. Poland, together with his wife June spent much of their lives dedicated to heritage protection. Mr. Poland was a great advocate for Woollahra's history and heritage, and his support for Woollahra's plaques program and local history collection was consistent and deeply treasured. The Mayor conveyed her condolences to Mr. Poland's family and will formally move a Mayoral Minute at the next Council meeting to honor Mr. Poland's contribution to our community.

The Mayor expressed her gratitude to Sue Meekin (Director - Corporate Performance) for performing in the role as Acting General Manager. The Mayor stated that Director Meekin not only excelled in her role as Director of Corporate Performance but also handled some of the most significant challenges faced by Council, including the recent discussions at Council's Strategic & Corporate Committee around the State Government's low-to-mid-level housing policy. The Mayor thanked Director Meekin for her calm, measured and insightful guidance and expressed her deepest gratitude during some recent difficult times.

The Mayor advised that on 17 December 2024 she attended a service hosted by the current CG of Türkiye Mr Belgin Ergunes at their home to mark the anniversary on 17 December 1980 by terrorists in Sydney.

The Mayor also advised that on 30 December 2024 she attended Chanukah by the Bay at Steyne Park, Double Bay. The Mayor thanked Chabad Double Bay and Rabbi Yanky Berger for hosting another successful celebration at Steyne Park. The Mayor extended her thanks to staff from across Council for the background assistance, particularly Parks and Open Space, and Communications teams just to name a few.

The Mayor attended two Citizenship ceremonies. The Mayor thanked Justine Henderson (Manager - Communications & Engagement) and her team for again organising these lovely celebrations and helping to welcome over 70 of our newest Australians. The Mayor hopes that other Councillors will have time to attend one of our upcoming ceremonies and to watch out for the invitations.

The Mayor highlighted Redleaf Social (A Youth Event at Murray Rose Pool) held on 29 January 2025. The Mayor thanked Patricia Occelli (Director - Community & Customer Experience), Vicki Munro (Manager - Community & Culture) and the Customer Experience Team for organising a fun youth event.

On 1 February 2025, The Mayor attended the 18 Footers Double Bay 90th Anniversary celebrations. The Mayor indicated that it was a beautiful evening celebrating the 90 years of this special local club, meeting old and legends of the Club.

On 6 and 7 February 2025, the Mayor attended two roundtable meetings on Social Cohesion / Antisemitism. These roundtable meetings were attended by Mayors from across Sydney, local MPs, NSW Ministers, Police, Community representatives and others from a number of Jewish Organisations and Synagogues.

On 9 February 2025 the Mayor attended the Watsons Bay Summer Markets. The Mayor stated that the Watsons Bay Markets are getting better and better and hopes that other Councillors will have time to attend in the future.

On 12 February 2025, the Mayor along with Deputy Mayor, Councillor Carmichael attended The Great Synagogue Jewish Community Law Service.

On 19 February 2025, the Mayor attended the Woollahra Municipal Council Business Event "Doing Business in Woollahra". The Mayor thanked Anne White (Manager - Strategic Planning & Place) and James Granter (Coordinator - Economic Development) for organising another great Business Event at the Vaucluse Bowling Club. The Mayor indicated that it was standing room only and presented as a great opportunity to listen to guest speaker Nils Vesk, (innovation expert, author and speaker). The Mayor looks forward to the next event.

On 20 February 2025, the Mayor attended the Emanuel Synagogue. The Mayor thanked Emanuel Synagogue President Grant McCorquodale, who invited her to attend a special meet & greet with Australia's Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Peter Dutton MP followed by a speaking event.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Carmichael:

- **Antisemitism**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Carmichael spoke about the issue of Antisemitism impacting the community, and commended the Mayor and the Council for their efforts in addressing the issue.

Councillor Torsten:

- **Acknowledging Rudi Aldmayer**
- **National Treasure Exhibit**
- **Clean Up Australia Day**

Councillor Torsten advised that he attended the recent Young Rangers Event held at Cooper Park and praised Rudi Aldmayer (Council's Bush Care Liaison Officer) and all the volunteers involved for what was a successful event.

Councillor Torsten further advised that he attended the National Treasure exhibition by eco-feminist artist Kirsty Kross, at Woollahra Library.

Councillor Torsten reminded Council that Sunday 2 March 2025 is Clean Up Australia Day.

Councillor Witt:

- **Small Business Workshop**

Councillor Witt advised that on 20 February 2025 she, along with the Mayor and Councillor Silcocks attended the Small Business Workshop held at the Vaucluse Bowling Club. Councillor Witt described the evening as impressive and expressed gratitude to the staff for organising the event.

Councillor Parmegiani:

- **Chanukah by the Bay at Steyne Park**
- **Citizenship Ceremony**
- **Sydney Coastal Councils Group**

Councillor Parmegiani advised that on 30 December 2024 he, along with the Mayor and Councillor Mitchell attended the Chanukah Celebrations at Steyne Park, Double Bay.

On 20 January 2025, Councillor Parmegiani attended his first Citizenship Ceremony, describing the event as a very touching.

On 13 February 2025, Councillor Parmegiani attended his first meeting of the Sydney Coastal Councils Group where he gained insights into topics such as water quality and shark netting. He will report back to the Council in due course.

Councillor Jarvis:

- **Parsley Bay Nets / State of Our Waters**
- **Parliament House Event**

Councillor Jarvis gave a brief report on water quality in and around Parsley Bay, stating that last Wednesday she, along with members of the "Save Parsley Bay" group, visited the Parsley Bay to inspect the sediment and seagrass. Councillor Jarvis expressed her gratitude to staff on the new shark nets.

Councillor Jarvis further advised that on 20 February 2025 she, along with Patricia Occelli (Director - Community & Customer Experience) and Vicki Munro (Manager - Community & Culture) attended an event at Parliament House where she heard discussions around quality of life, health and longevity.

Councillor Robertson:

- **Condolences - Mr. Peter Poland**
- **Third Anniversary of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine**

Councillor Robertson expressed his condolences on the passing of Mr. Petr Poland. Councillor Robertson hopes that the Council would memorialise Mr. Poland's contributions to heritage conservation in the community.

Councillor Robertson further acknowledged that the 24 February 2025 marks 3 years since the Russian invasion of Ukraine and reflected on Council's continued solidarity with the Ukrainian community.

Councillor Mitchell:

- **Chanukah by the Bay at Steyne Park**
- **Queen Street West Woollahra Association Events**

Councillor Mitchell advised that on 30 December 2024 she, along with the Mayor and Councillor Parmegiani attended the Chanukah Celebrations at Steyne Park, Double Bay.

Councillor Mitchell reminded Council of some of the events in 2025 hosted by the Queen Street West Woollahra Association, to celebrate the postcode '2025'.

19. Conclusion of the Meeting

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10:55pm.

We certify that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council held on 24/02/2025 and confirmed by the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 24/03/2025 as correct.

General Manager

Mayor