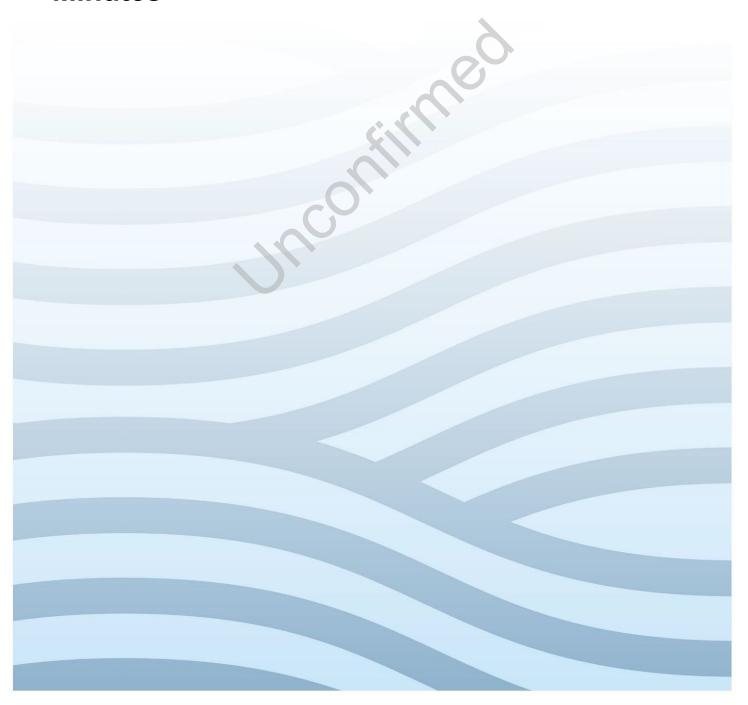


# **Ordinary Council**

Monday, 24 March 2025 6:30 PM

# **Minutes**



# **Ordinary Council Meeting**

# Minutes of the Meeting of Ordinary Council held at the Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on 24 March 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
Mark Silcocks
Torsten
Merrill Witt
Hugh Woodgate

Toni Zeltzer

Staff: Craig Swift-McNair - General Manager

Jennifer Chenhall - Manager, Governance & Risk

Rhys Johnson - Governance Coordinator Sue Meekin - Director, Corporate Performance Scott Pedder - Director, Planning & Place Sue O'Connor - Governance Officer

Tom O'Hanlon - Director, Infrastructure & Sustainability

Patricia Occelli - Director, Community & Customer Experience

Also in Attendance: Nil

### 1. Opening

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council of 24 March 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

NIL

#### 6. Confirmation of Minutes

#### 6.1. Confirmation of Ordinary Council Minutes - 24 February 2025

#### (Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 119/2025 Resolved:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting 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

#### Against the Motion

None

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

#### 6.2. Confirmation of Strategic & Corporate Committee Minutes - 17 March 2025

#### (Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Swan)

#### 120/2025 Resolved:

The Minutes of the Strategic & Corporate Committee Minutes of 17 March 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

#### 7. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Price declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Price knows two of the applicants. Councillor Price remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Swan declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Swan knows one of the applicants. Councillor Swan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Swan declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 14.1 as Councillor Swan knows the community member who submitted late correspondence. Councillor Swan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Carmichael declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Carmichael knows one of the applicants. Councillor Carmichael remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Woodgate knows one of the applicants. Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 14.1 as Councillor Woodgate knows the community member who submitted late correspondence. Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Regan declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Regan knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Regan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Robertson declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Robertson knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Robertson remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Witt declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Witt knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Witt remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Jarvis declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Jarvis knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Jarvis remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Ardouin declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Ardouin knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Ardouin remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Zeltzer declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2 as Councillor Zeltzer knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Zeltzer remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Zeltzer declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 14.1 as Councillor Zeltzer knows the community member who submitted late correspondence. Councillor Zeltzer remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

# 8. Petitions Tabled - Petition to be Tabled by Councillor Price - Petition to Ask Woollahra Council to Install Hook and Line Bins

#### 8.1 Petition

From: Wendy Coombes via change.org

Tabled by: Councillor Harriet Price

The petition was in terms, "To petition Woollahra Council to put up explicit anti-littering signage or even better, install hook and line bins in Yarranabbe and Rushcutters Bay Park – as well as other harbourside parks that are enjoyed not just by dogs and their owners but by the wider community."

There were 855 signatures on the electronic petition (change.org).

# (Councillor Price)

#### 319/2024 Resolved:

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

# 9. Mayoral Minute

#### 9.1. Submission for the Inquiry into Antisemitism in NSW

**Note:** Councillor Carmichael declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Carmichael is a beneficiary of the graffiti removal service that was contracted in 2024 to remove graffiti in the area. Councillor Carmichael remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Note: The Mayor added new Part B to the Resolution, with original Part B becoming Part C.

#### (Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 118/2025 Resolved:

**THAT Council:** 

- A. Endorse the presentation of the submission to the State Government's Inquiry into Antisemitism in NSW.
- B. Include in the submission, data concerning Council's graffiti removal service.
- C. Formally acknowledge the work of the NSW Police Force, in responding to and investigating the antisemitic attacks on our community and the communities in our neighbouring LGA's.

#### 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, N

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. Vale Peter Poland OAM (1932-2025)

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 129/2025 Resolved:

**THAT Council:** 

- A. Endorse the Mayor writing to the managing authority for Strickland House, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, to request an appropriate commemoration of the work of Peter Poland OAM and June Poland OAM in saving Strickland House as a public asset, by way of a memorial plaque, seat plaque, or similar item, in consultation with the Poland family, to offer an honourable and permanent form of recognition on the site.
- B. Commemorates the lives and contributions of Peter and June Poland, by acknowledging their contributions to our area and the Woollahra Libraries local history library collection, through a memorial plaque to be placed on a bench seat to be included in the upcoming renovations and native plantings on the Woollahra Library balcony.
- C. Endorse The Mayor to send a condolence letter to the Poland family expressing our deep admiration and gratitude for Peter Poland's commitment to history and heritage.

#### 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. Thanks & Farewell Lyn Ainsworth of Holdsworth

#### (Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 130/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council formally acknowledge and give thanks to the dedication and years of service Lyn Ainsworth has provided to our community as Board Chair and Interim CEO of Holdsworth.

# 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 Against 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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None

#### **Public Forum** 10.

NIL

# 11. General Manager and Officer's Report

#### 11.1. Purchase of Affordable Housing Unit - Rose Bay

# (Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 131/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council notes the purchase of an Affordable Housing 1 (one) bedroom unit in Rose Bay, by community housing provider, Women's Housing Company using the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009* funds available through Homes NSW from Woollahra contributions.

#### 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

# 11.2. Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel (SECPP) - Alternate Community Membership

**Note:** Councillor Price declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Price knows two of the applicants. Councillor Price remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** The Mayor, Councillor Swan declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Swan knows one of the applicants. Councillor Swan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Carmichael declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Carmichael knows one of the applicants. Councillor Carmichael remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Woodgate knows one of the applicants. Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Regan declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Regan knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Regan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Robertson declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Robertson knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Robertson remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Witt declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Witt knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Witt remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Jarvis declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Jarvis knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Jarvis remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Ardouin declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Ardouin knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Ardouin remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Zeltzer declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Zeltzer knows a number of the applicants. Councillor Zeltzer remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

# (Councillor Witt/Councillor Carmichael)

#### Resolved:

THAT 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 Attachment. These matters are to be considered as per clause 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 as it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

# Adopted

#### In Closed Session

Note: The Council discussed the Confidential Attachment, and resolved the matter.

#### Councillor Swan/Councillor Silcocks)

THAT Council move into Open Session.

#### Adopted

#### In Open Session

#### (Councillor Zeltzer/Councillor Jarvis)

#### 127/2025 Resolved:

- A. In the event that all Councillors who are appointed delegates or alternate delegates are not able to attend or are conflicted, Council resolves to appoint Graham Humphrey A.R.A.I.A, B(Arch) (UNSW) Dip.T & C.P. (U.SYD) and Isabelle Shapiro OAM as the two alternative Community Members of the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel to act as alternates to the Councillor appointed members and alternate Councillor members of the SECPP for the period 25 March 2025 to October 2026, upon the receipt of the required statutory declaration from each member and clearance being received following probity checks conducted on each member by Council staff.
- B. In the event that all Councillors who are appointed delegates or alternate delegates are not able to attend or are conflicted, and Graham Humphrey A.R.A.I.A, B(Arch) (UNSW) Dip.T & C.P. (U.SYD) or Isabelle Shapiro OAM are not available or are otherwise conflicted, resolves to appoint Mr Richard Mann to be an alternate Community Member of the Sydney

Eastern City Planning Panel to act as alternatives to the Councillor appointed members and alternate Councillor members of the SECPP for the period 25 March 2025 to October 2026, upon the receipt of the required statutory declaration from each member and clearance being received following probity checks conducted on each member by Council staff.

C. Notes that all person who submitted an Expression of Interest will be thanked and advised of the outcome of their application.

#### 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. Reports of the Committees

#### 12.1. Environmental Planning Committee

#### 12.1.1.Planning Proposal to Address Net Dwelling Loss.

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Zeltzer)

#### 128/2025 Resolved:

- A. Notes the advice provided by the Woollahra Local Planning Panel on 6 February 2025 regarding the planning proposal to address net dwelling loss.
- B. Endorses the planning proposal as contained at **Attachment 1** of the report to the Environmental Planning Committee of 3 March 2025 to amend the *Woollahra Local Environmental Plan 2014* by introducing a local provision to restrict net dwelling loss.
- 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. Requests the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to address the issue of a net dwelling loss within the State policy framework, given the NSW Government push to increase housing across the Greater Sydney metropolitan region.

F. Notes the advice on Social Impact Statements and takes no further action in this regard.

# The Motion was put and Carried.

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

#### For the Motion

# Against the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,

Councillor Price, Councillor Regan,

Councillor Robertson, Councillor Silcocks,

Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,

Councillor Zeltzer

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Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Woodgate

# 12.1.2.Cooper Park Draft Plan of Management and Master Plan for Public Exhibition

# (Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 144/2025 Resolved:

#### **THAT Council:**

- A. Publicly exhibits the draft Cooper Park Plan of Management and Master Plan for a period not less than 42 days after the commencement of the exhibition period, in accordance with Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- B. Undertakes a public hearing during the public exhibition period for the new proposed land categorisation at Cooper Park as noted under section 36(4) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- C. Following the public exhibition period, the documents are amended as appropriate and presented to the Environmental Planning Committee for recommendation to full Council for adoption.

#### 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

#### Against 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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None

#### 12.2. Finance, Community & Services Committee

#### 12.2.1.Monthly Financial Report - 31 Jan 2025 Investment held as at 28 Feb 2025

# (Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 132/2025 Resolved:

#### THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the Monthly Financial Report January 2025.
- B. Note that the Council's 12-month weighted average return for January 2025 on its direct investment portfolio of 5.07% (LM: 5.10%, LY: 5.12%) exceeds the benchmark 90-day AusBond Bank Bill Index of 4.53%.
- C. Note that the interest revenue for the year to date January 2025 is \$3.39M, exceeding our revised budget of \$2.03M for the same period.
- D. Receive and note the list of Council's investments held as of 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.

None

#### For the Motion

#### Against 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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# 12.2.2.Post Public Exhibition - Draft Homelessness in Public Spaces Policy for adoption

#### (Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 133/2025 Resolved:

- A. Note that all the submissions received in relation to the Draft Homelessness in Public Spaces policy that was placed on public exhibition from 2 December 2024 to 2 February 2025 were supportive of the Draft Homelessness in Public Space policy and Fact Sheet.
- B. Adopt the Draft Homelessness in Public Spaces Policy presented as Attachment 1.

# The Motion was put and Carried.

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

None

matter.

For the Motion Against 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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12.2.3.Post Public Exhibition - Draft Events Policy and Draft Events Strategy 2025-2028 for adoption.

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

134/2025 Resolved:

**THAT Council:** 

- A. Note the submissions received in relation to the Draft Events Strategy, 2025-2028 and updated Events Policy report that was placed on public exhibition from 16 August to 16 September 2024.
- B. Adopt the Draft Events Strategy, 2025-2028 and updated Events Policy, (Attachment 1 & 2).

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 Against 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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None

12.2.4.Post-Consultation Report - Proposed Accessible Unisex Toilet Facility at Gugara Park, Paddington

(Councillor Swan/Councillor Carmichael)

135/2025 Resolved:

#### THAT Council:

- A. Notes the results of community consultation into the proposed accessible unisex toilet facility at Gugara Park, Paddington.
- B. Endorses the recommended alternative location referred to as Option 5 in this report.
- C. Include funding identified in this report for consideration in the draft 25/26 Capital Works and Operational budgets for the construction and maintenance of the facility.
- D. Should the Council approve the funding in the 25/26 budgets identified in Recommendation C, Council staff undertake a Development Application for approval to proceed with the project with the detail design to consider:
  - i. child friendly toilet and sink; and
  - ii. sustainability initiatives such as a water tank, a green roof, screening vegetation and natural light.

#### 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.

None

#### For the Motion

# Against 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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#### 12.3. Strategic & Corporate Committee

#### 12.3.1. Wilberforce Ave Rose Bay Car Park Development Project Update

Note: The Council amended Part M of the Resolution.

#### (Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Jarvis)

#### 136/2025 Resolved:

That Council:

A. Notes the unanimous Council resolution of 12 August 2024 and the resolution on 24 February 2025 confirming the Council's commitment to the Wilberforce Avenue carpark and community facility project providing a multi-storey, car park of 229 spaces, community centre (812m2), and ground floor retail (316m2), and public toilets ("Project").

- B. Notes the information included in this report relating to suggestions aimed at reducing the burden of financing costs for the Project.
- C. Notes the ongoing challenges with funding the Wilberforce Ave Rose Bay car park development project and the long-term implications of such.
- D. Notes the outcome of the value engineering process undertaken with Growthbuilt Ltd as reported to Council at the Strategic and Corporate Committee meeting of 24 February 2025 and the subsequent Council meeting of 24 February 2025.
- E. Notes the undertaking given to the community in relation to the Special Rate Variation which is to contribute \$11.635m (collected over the 10 year period) to this Project, and for these monies to be held in reserve until Council resolves how they are to be utilised.
- F. Acknowledges that the Project is unable to be funded by Council at present, without:
  - i. making significant cuts to budgeted projects;
  - ii. effecting a number of public asset sales;
- iii. potentially impacting on existing asset renewal; and
- iv. risk to Council and its future budgeting.
- G. Resolves to conclude negotiations with GrowthBuilt Ltd and not proceed to enter a contract with Growthbuilt Ltd for the construction of the Project.
- H. Resolves to acknowledge the Growthbuilt Ltd team and thank them for their participation in the tender and subsequent work on the re-engineering process.
- Thanks staff for the significant and considerable work undertaken in relation to financial modelling for the Project under various scenarios presented to staff, and for sourcing potential funding avenues for the Project.
- J. That a report be prepared and brought to a future Council meeting that evaluates how modifications to Council's planning instruments could yield greater off-street parking opportunities in the Rose Bay area for retail.
- K. Request the General Manager investigate and report on measures to increase parking turnover and opportunities at:
  - i. Wilberforce Avenue carpark; and
  - ii. Ian Street carpark.

Including consideration that these be operated on a commercial basis over free hourly limits, to promote vehicle turnover in the commercial centre and therefore be of some interim assistance to local businesses.

- L. Notes that an expression of interest process in relation to the Wilberforce carpark and community centre may take 4-5 months.
- M. Requests the General Manager hold a Councillor workshop to discuss outcomes, deliverables and parameters for the expression of interest for a public private in relation to the Wilberforce Avenue Rose Bay carpark site with a view to inform the expression of interest process, with a further resolution of Council required to confirm outcomes, deliverables and parameters on 16 April 2025.
- N. Following a Council resolution, resolves to seek expressions of interest for a public private partnership in relation to the Wilberforce Avenue Rose Bay carpark site and potentially adjacent properties with uses at the site to include as a minimum, 229 public car parks, a community facility of no less than 500m2 and toilet facilities. Council will give consideration to inclusion of the following income-generating assets on the site:

- i. retail;
- ii. residential; and
- iii. commercial office space.

#### 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

# 12.3.2. Proposed Inclusions in the Draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan

#### (Councillor Woodgate/Councillor Jarvis)

#### 138/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council requests the General Manager include in the upcoming draft 2025-2026 Operational Plan, a project to undertake a detailed review of potential increased revenue and / or reduced expenditure opportunities, with such a review to include evaluating the following:

- Increases in paid parking rates at all existing Council-owned carparks, including Cross St Double Bay, Kiaora Place Double Bay, Grafton St Bondi Junction and the Cosmopolitan Centre Double Bay, and any new areas strongly meriting introduction of a paid parking scheme.
- ii. Advertising within the Kiaora Place Double Bay carpark.
- iii. Further detailed review of fees and charges, with a particular focus on development related fees.
- iv. Review of contracts for facility maintenance (or similar) with a view to streamlining the number of providers used.
- v. Review of options for Council's passenger fleet i.e. buy versus lease.
- vi. Investigate opportunities to utilise Green Loans to fund building upgrades and electrification so that project costs can be amortised to free up capital.

#### 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 Regan, Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,

Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,

Councillor Zeltzer

# Against the Motion

Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson

#### 13. Rescission Motion

#### 14. Notices of Motion

# 14.1. Review of Congested Intersections - TfNSW

Note: Late correspondence was tabled by Nicola Grieve.

**Note:** Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Woodgate knows the community member who submitted late correspondence. Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** Councillor Zeltzer declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Zeltzer knows the community member who submitted late correspondence. Councillor Zeltzer remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** The Mayor, Councillor Swan declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item as Councillor Swan knows the community member who submitted late correspondence. Councillor Swan remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

**Note:** The Council added new sub-items vi, vii, viii, and ix to Part A (1) and, amended Part B of the Resolution.

#### (Councillor Woodgate/Councillor Carmichael)

#### 139/2025 Resolved:

- A. Requests the General Manager write to Transport for NSW asking for the following intersections, which are on roads managed by the State Government, to be reviewed to find solutions to increase traffic flow at key pinch points on New South Head Road and Old South Head Road with the aim to reduce congestion and improve travel times. Noting these intersections are causing increased congestion and safety risks for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.
  - Intersection of New South Head Road, Bellevue Road, Cross Street and Kiaora Road. Particularly looking at:
    - i. Is the right-hand turn from Bellevue Road onto New South Head Road required at all times, or would prohibiting this between 7am and 9am; and between 4pm and 6pm (peak hours) improve traffic and safety on Bellevue Road?
    - ii. How can we move traffic from Kiaora Road more efficiently during peak hours?
    - iii. How can we improve the right-hand turns from New South Head Road onto Kiaora Road and Bellevue Road to improve safety and improve eastbound traffic flow?
    - iv. Review the left turn arrows westbound to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow.
    - v. Review the traffic light placement and signage at the intersection of Bellevue Road, New South Head Road and Kioara Road, noting that cars turning left from Bellevue Road onto New South Head Road and Kioara Road often stop at the red signal intended for cars travelling westbound along New South Head Road.
    - vi. The intersection of New McLean Street and New South Head Road, with consideration given to the right-hand turns southbound and northbound.
  - vii. Intersection of New South Head Road and William Street, Double Bay. Particularly the right-hand turn into William Street during morning peak, and possibly extending

the slipway tuning lane to reduce the impact on westbound traffic.

- viii. Intersection of New South Head Road and Manning Road. Particularly the right-hand turn into Manning Road and its impact on westbound traffic during peak hours.
- ix. Intersection of Cross Street and New South Head Road turning right, consider the implementation of a right-hand turn arrow.
- 2. Intersection of New South Head Road and William Street, Double Bay. Particularly the right-hand turn into William Street during morning peak, and its impact on westbound traffic.
- 3. Intersection of New South Head Road and Manning Road. Particularly the right-hand turn into Manning Road and its impact on westbound traffic during peak hours.
- 4. Intersection of Old South Head Road and Victoria Road. Particularly the right-hand turn restriction into Victoria Road, and whether the current restricted hours should be modified to improve eastbound traffic flow.
- 5. Intersection of New South Head Road and Wolseley Road. Reviewing the right-hand turn westbound for solutions to improve traffic flow during peak hour, either through specified times that the turn is prohibited, or investigating if there is enough room for a dedicated turning lane.
- 6. Intersection of O'Sullivan Road and New South Head Road, reviewing the traffic light phasing during peak hours and on weekends to allow a longer right-hand turn for traffic turning right onto New South Head Road.
- 7. Intersection of O'Sullivan Road and Old South Head Road, to add a right-hand turn arrow for Southbound traffic on O'Sullivan Road.
- B. Requests the Mayor to write to Kellie Sloane the Member for Vaucluse, and Jenny Aitchison MP, the Minister for Roads with regards to the same matter.
- C. Requests the Mayor to write to the Mayor of Waverley on the matter noting that Old South Head Road divides the two Councils.

#### 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 Regan, Councillor Robertson, Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,

Councillor Zeltzer

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# Against the Motion

Councillor Price, Councillor Silcocks

# 14.2. Temporary Suspension of the Changes to low and mid-rise Housing in Rose Bay and Double Bay

Note: Late correspondence was tabled by Anne White (Manager - Strategic Planning & Place), Adrienne Tuart, Allan Jarvesalu, Amrit Bahra, Amy Denmeade, Anna Waldmann, Anthony & Elizabeth Tregoning, Barbara Vyden, Belinda Farrell, Catherine Di Giorgio, Charmaine Johnson, Colleen Bray, Debra Green, Doron Argaman, Double Bay Residents Association, Debra Kennedy, Elaine Newland, Felicity Dixson, Geri Berman, Geri Ettinger, Jacob Tarszisz, Jacquie Hilmer, Jade Novakovict & Satyajit Das, Jasmine Steele, Jennie Kluck, Jill & Paul Jones, John Pollard, Josh Robertsen, Juli & Ron Wiseman, Kay Gladstone, Kim Foltz, Kristen Sproule, Linda Kepitis, Louise Seeber & Bill Mouratidis, Lynne & Mark Seskin, Melissa Chew, Meredith Brown, Michael Fischer, Michael Narunsky, Michelle Jersky, Miranda Marchall, Myra Zabow, Nicholas Johnson, Nina Radzyminski, Pamela Green, Paula Towers, Peter King, Philip Mason, Reina Nicholls, Richard Stenlake, Robin Spiro, Roger Muller, Rosalyn Millar, Ruth Law, Sarah Chipman, Sarah Harris, Sascha Ettinger, Sharon Huston, Sheena Frenkel, Sheridan Hopkins, Susan & Andrew Lyall, Sylvia Ure, Tad Bonieki, Timothy Rohl, Tony Bond, Vikki Sellars-Jones, Virginia Rundle, Will Naughton, and Yael Shudnow.

**Note:** The Council amended Part B and Part C (v) of the Resolution.

(Councillor Witt/Councillor Silcocks)

#### 142/2025 Resolved:

- A. Affirms its strong support for the resolution and Mayoral Minute of its 24 February 2025 Ordinary Meeting condemning the implementation of new non-discretionary development standards in the R2 Low Density and R3 Medium Density zones within 800 metres of the town centres of Rose Bay (New South Head Road), Double Bay and Edgecliff.
- B. Requests that the Mayor and the General Manager write to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Paul Scully MP, and to the NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Planning and Public Spaces, Stephen Bali asking that Rose Bay and Double Bay are temporarily removed as designated town centres, highlighting that on 1 March 2024 Council Staff wrote to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to explain that:
  - i. in line with the Department's 2021 Flood Prone Land Package, and in accordance with Section 9.1 Ministerial Direction: 4.3 Flooding, planning authorities are required to assess planning proposals that create, remove or alter a zone or a provision that affects flood prone land;
  - ii. in accordance with Section 9.1 Ministerial Direction 4.1 acid sulfate soils, for the proposed intensification of land uses that have a probability of containing Class 1, 3 and 4 acid sulfate soils, planning authorities are required to assess impacts in planning proposals;
  - iii. before making changes to Woollahra Council's Local Environment Plan (WLEP) and/or by implication overriding it with a State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP), specific groundwater modelling is required to assess the long-term impact that could be anticipated from increased density, particularly where there is the likelihood of large increases in deep basements that block a significant portion of the waters' flow path; and
  - iv. to date, DPHI has not informed Council that it has commissioned and/or assessed the above required analyses for Rose Bay and Double Bay, or advised Council to complete this work itself.
- C. Requests that the Mayor and the General Manager also advise the Minister for Planning that on 23 May 2024 Council Staff informed the DPHI about other serious constraints to increasing density in Rose Bay and Double Bay in excess of its existing planning controls. These constraints include:

- i. Water and sewerage infrastructure: Edgecliff was excluded from the TODs due to water and sewerage constraints, and similarly this issue will affect both Double Bay and Rose Bay, with additional development likely to put further pressure on the Bondi Treatment Plant. A Council Staff request to Sydney Water for a detailed servicing assessment of water and sewerage infrastructure capacity in the Double Bay and Rose Bay areas has not yet been acknowledged.
- ii. Inadequate road infrastructure: a Council commissioned study by transport consultancy TTW (2022) found that the main intersection and access road to the R3 Medium Residential Density zone of the Rose Bay centre Dover Road/New South Head Road is operating at over capacity. The intersection exhibits critical and significant capacity issues with 80m long queues at peak periods. Similarly, SCT Consulting (2024) found that the New South Head Road/Cross Street/Bellevue Road/Kiaora Road intersection was already at capacity in peak periods (113m queues). This is one of the two most critical signalised intersections in Double Bay, and its operation impacts on the performance of New South Head Road and local connecting streets. The additional housing capacity proposed will have an unacceptable impact on congestion at these points in both Rose Bay and Double Bay.
- iii. Inefficient public transportation services: As mentioned above, Rose Bay centre is situated on New South Head Road, which regularly suffers extensive traffic congestion. This contributes to impacts on bus services, with clearways being possible only along a small section of the road and therefore of minimal effect in alleviating traffic congestion. Overcrowding of bus services is also a problem in both the Rose Bay and Double Bay town centres. According to Bus Opal Assignment Model (BOAM) information, obtained from TfNSW (2023) and reported to Council by SCT Consulting (2024), multiple bus services to and from the Edgecliff station operate at over capacity at peak times. Given existing congestion issues throughout the area, opportunities to increase the frequency of service are limited.
- iv. **Electricity grid capacity issues:** No information has been supplied to Council by the DPHI and/or Ausgrid to demonstrate how the electricity grid can accommodate the anticipated number of net new dwellings under the changes. In many cases, new developments in the Woollahra LGA, including in Rose Bay and Double Bay, have needed to place large and unsightly electrical kiosks (sub-stations) on or near public footpaths. Council has also received requests from developers in the Double Bay Commercial Centre to use gas versus electrical air conditioning services due to Ausgrid advising that the electrical grid cannot accommodate the additional demand for air conditioning.
- v. **Public schools at or close to capacity:** The Rose Bay Secondary College (located in the Waverley LGA) is near capacity. Similarly, the local public primary schools are facing capacity constraints.
- vi. **Open Space already heavily utilised:** The Rose Bay suburb is already characterised by 77.5% medium and high density housing, and most of the new apartment dwellings have limited to no communal open space. The Woollahra Recreation Strategy 2023 found a general deficiency of open space in the LGA, with Lyne Park in Rose Bay already heavily utilised by local residents and schools, and also surrounded by hospitality venues popular with people who live outside the area. Double Bay only has one park, Steyne Park, within easy walking distance of the main town centre. It is also used as a play area/sportsground for the Double Bay Primary School because of lack of green space within the School grounds.
- vii. **Limited residential amenities, especially in Rose Bay:** Rose Bay centre is a low order, geographically isolated neighbourhood centre, which has limited services and amenities available, and little potential to expand them due to land and infrastructure constraints.

- D. Requests that the Mayor and the General Manager forward a copy of this resolution to the Hon Kellie Sloane, the Member for Vaucluse, and the Hon Allegra Spender, the Member for Wentworth, and Alex Greenwich, the Member for Sydney.
- E. Requests that the General Manager seeks legal advice on what further steps Council can take to ensure that the state government has properly assessed the risk of imposing additional density in the moderate to high flood prone areas of Double Bay and Rose Bay.

#### 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.

None

For the Motion Against 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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# 14.3. Alternate Messaging on Christmas Banners

#### (Councillor Mitchell/Councillor Jarvis)

#### 143/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council requests the General Manager implement alternate messaging on the Woollahra Council Christmas street banners that are flown from late November to early January each year (in the commercial centres across the local government area), so that alternate banners include the words 'Merry Christmas' and the other 'Seasons Greetings' '.

#### 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 Against the Motion

Councillor Swan, Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Andruska, Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani, \*Councillor Silcocks Councillor Torsten, Councillor Woodgate,

Councillor Zeltzer

9/6 Councillor Silcocks abstained.

Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson, Councillor Witt, \*Councillor Ardouin, \*Councillor Regan,

Note: Councillor Ardouin, Councillor Regan and

# 14.4. Proposal for Timed Parking on Cooper Park Road

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Swan)

#### 122/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council requests the General Manager prepare a report to be presented to the Traffic Committee to assess whether timed parking should be introduced near the Cooper Park Community Hall, on Cooper Park Road.

#### 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 Zeltzer

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,

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#### Against the Motion

None

### 15. Questions With Notice

#### 16. Supplementary Responses to Previous Questions with Notice

#### 17. Confidential Matters

#### 18. Councillor Reports/Councillor Updates (Section 8.4)

#### The Mayor, Councillor Swan:

- Japanese Consul General Emperor's Birthday Celebrations
- Launch of Women in Numbers
- Waverley Council Float for the Mardi Gras
- Council's Clean Up Australia Day at Rose Bay Beach
- Council's Event Opening of Festival of Fun
- International Women's Day / Art Making Workshop
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Holdsworth Event The Great Gatsby Themed High Tea
- Woollahra Preschool Parent Welcome Event
- Woollahra Golf Club Awards Evening
- Shabbat Service and Dinner at Emanuel Synagogue
- Opening of the Lyne Park Playground
- Woollahra 2025 Festival

The Mayor, Councillor Swan advised that on 27 February 2025 she attended the Japanese Consul General - Emperor's birthday celebrations. The Mayor stated that it was a wonderful occasion for the Emperor joined by many dignitaries and friends of Japan, and supporters of the Australian-Japanese relationship.

On 28 February 2025 the Mayor attended the launch of 'Women in Numbers'. The Mayor gave special recognition Kristina Granberg on the initiative to promote financial literacy for women.

On 1 March 2025 the Mayor participated in the Waverley Council float for the 2025 Mardi Gras. The Mayor thanked Waverley Mayor, Will Nemesh for the invitation to join Waverley Council on what was a fun evening.

On 2 March 2025 the Mayor participated in Clean Up Australia Day at Rose Bay Beach. The Mayor thanked staff and all the volunteers for their hard work.

On 4 March 2025 the Mayor celebrated Council's opening of the 'Festival of Fun'. The Mayor extended her congratulations to staff for another fun and engaging event. The Mayor indicated that the feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive and the evening was beautiful.

On 8 March 2025 the Mayor attended Council's International Women's Day event. The Mayor thanked Patricia Occelli (Director - Community & Customer Experience) and staff for such a rewarding day, getting to use her yoga-teaching skills, enjoying lunch with some incredible women as well as the art class hosted by Melanie Booth and Bridget Stehli.

On 13 March 2025 the Mayor hosted a Citizenship Ceremony at Council Chambers. The Mayor extended her congratulations to our newest Citizens describing the ceremony as a moving evening welcoming our newest Australians.

On 14 March 2025 the Mayor attended the Holdsworth Event 'The Great Gatsby-Themed High Tea'. The Mayor indicated that Council supported this event through its Grant's program and thanked Councillor Silcocks and Councillor Zeltzer for helping get into the spirit with a 1920's theme. The Mayor described the event as a great success with attendees dressing up, enjoying the refurbished Cooper Park Community Hall and dancing.

On 14 March 2025 the Mayor also attended the Woollahra Preschool 'Parent Welcome' event. The Mayor enjoyed meeting the new and returning parents for 2025, noting that Council is lucky to have such a great facility supporting families.

On 14 March 2025 the Mayor attended the Woollahra Golf Club Awards Evening. The Mayor enjoyed the evening in her roll as Patron and had the honour of presenting the Patron's Cup. The Mayor congratulated all the winners.

On 21 March 2025 the Mayor attended the Shabbat Service and Dinner at Emanuel Synagogue. The Mayor joined the congregation for dinner with the Mayor of Waverley Council, Will Nemesh speaking on Social Cohesion. Also in attendance were Mayor of Liverpool City Council, Ned Mannoun and the Mayor of Randwick, Dylan Parker.

On 22 March 2025 the Mayor attended the official opening of the Lyne Park Playground. The Mayor congratulated Paul Fraser (Manager - Open Space & Trees) and Justine Henderson (Manager - Communications & Engagement) and their teams on the park's official opening. The Mayor extended a special congratulations to Vince Caccavo (Landscape Project Officer) and Roger Faulkner (Team Leader - Open Space & Recreational Planning), as well as Harry Barnett (Project Manager) on the upgrades.

The Mayor reminded everyone about the upcoming Woollahra Festival 2025 Weekend, encouraging all to join in the celebrations as it's not too late to participate.

## **Councillor Woodgate:**

# Clean Up Australia Day

Councillor Woodgate advised that on 2 March 2025 he, along with the Mayor, Councillor Jarvis and Councillor Parmegiani participated in Clean Up Australia Day. During the event Councillor Woodgate discovered that cigarette butts commonly found on the beach were not actually discarded from boats, but were left by residents repeatedly smoking in the same areas on the beach. Councillor Woodgate thanked staff for facilitating a great event.

# **Councillor Regan:**

#### Mayoral Minute - Thanks and Farewell to Lyn Ainsworth

Councillor Regan thanked the Mayor for tabling the Mayoral Minute on Lyn Ainsworth. Councillor Regan personally thanked Ms Ainsworth during her time on the Holdsworth Board, acknowledging her as an amazing mentor and a very hard worker. Councillor Regan wishes Ms Ainsworth all the best for the future.

#### **Councillor Robertson:**

- Mayoral Minute Thanks and Farewell to Lyn Ainsworth
- Mayoral Minute Vale Peter Poland OAM

Councillor Robertson echoed the remarks of Councillor Regan in relation to the Mayoral Minute on Lyn Ainsworth. As a new member of the Holdsworth Board, Councillor Robertson acknowledged Ms Ainsworth's vital role over many years, particularly of late during a difficult transition period, and emphasized the significance of her contributions.

Councillor Robertson advised that after attending the memorial service for Peter Poland OAM he will provide comments to Council reflecting on Mr Poland's contribution to the community.

#### **Councillor Torsten:**

- Seniors Week Festival of Fun
- Clean Up Australia Day

Councillor Torsten thanked and congratulated staff and the Mayor for a wonderful launch of Seniors Week, now-by known as the 'Festival of Fun'. Councillor Torsten acknowledged the importance of keeping the senior members of our community engaged and the Festival of Fun is an important event for the community.

Councillor Torsten further advised that Clean Up Australia Day in Cooper Park was a success, highlighting the significant amount of rubbish removed from Double Bay Creek (also known as Cooper Creek). Councillor Torsten thanked those who participated and contributed to the clean up.

#### **Councillor Witt:**

#### Mayoral Minute - Vale Peter Poland OAM

Councillor Witt thanked the Mayor for tabling the Mayoral Minute on Peter Poland OAM and the contribution of his wife, June in protecting heritage in the LGA. Councillor Witt encouraged everyone to read the tribute, stating that Mr and Mrs Poland were responsible for saving Strickland House thanks to their relentless focus on heritage conservation. Councillor Witt shared memories of Mr Poland's time as President of the Woollahra History & Heritage Society, and acknowledged Peter King as the new President of the Woollahra History & Heritage Society, noting the important role the Society plays in our community.

# **Councillor Parmegiani:**

- Clean Up Australia Day
- Event at Parliament House 'The Future of Micro Mobility'
- Suicide Prevention

Councillor Parmegiani supported the remarks of Councillor Woodgate on Clean Up Australia Day, stating it was a very fulfilling exercise.

On 19 March 2025, Councillor Parmegiani attended NSW Parliament House for the event 'The Future of Micro Mobility'. In attendance were Jo Haylen MP and the NSW Minister for Police, Yasmin Catley MP. Councillor Parmegiani shared that the event addressed the types and usage of e-bikes and commended Councillor Witt for her recent motion (Better regulation for the import, manufacture and classification of electronic powered cycle bikes (e-bikes) and other electronic mobility devices.) submitted to the Australian Local Government Assembly (ALGA).

Councillor Parmegiani further advised that on 24 March 2025 he, along with Councillor Jarvis met with Darrell Gale (Churchill Fellow and Director of Public Health East Sussex County UK) to discuss suicide prevention at Gap Park. Councillor Parmegiani stated that one of the outcomes of the meeting was to allow Mr Gale to take some of the insights gained from his research at Gap Park back with him to the UK.

#### **Councillor Jarvis:**

- Suicide Prevention
- Save Parsley Bay and Meeting with Sydney Water
- Opening of Lyne Park Playground

Councillor Jarvis supported Councillor Parmegiani's address on suicide prevention and added to the recognition of Darrell Gale. Councillor Jarvis thanked Tom O'Hanlon (Director - Infrastructure & Sustainability) and his team for the presentation they provided to Mr Gale to support his research. She also extended her thanks to Inspector Greg Highfield (Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command) for attending the meeting at Gap Park on such short notice. Councillor Jarvis noted that the day's discussions raised several points regarding what Council can do to address suicide prevention at Gap Park.

Councillor Jarvis further advised that she had recently been snorkeling with members from the group, 'Save Parsley Bay' as well as former Mayor of Woollahra, Richard Shields. Councillor Jarvis shared her experience of seeing a large number of small stingrays in the bay and noted that further research is expected to result from the group's ongoing assessment of the park.

Councillor Jarvis further advised that on 22 March 2025 she and Councillor Parmegiani met with staff from Sydney Water at Parsley Bay and discussed ways to ameliorate the impact of the project and works being conducted in and around the park.

On 22 March 2025, Councillor Jarvis attended the official opening of the Lyne Park Playgroun
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#### **Councillor Mitchell:**

Woollahra History & Heritage Society

Councillor Mitchell advised that on 12 March 2025 she, along with Councillor Torsten attended an event hosted by the Woollahra History & Heritage Society.

# 19. Conclusion of the Meeting

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 09:29pm.

We certify that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council held on 24/03/2025 and confirmed by the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28/04/2025 as correct.

General Manager	Mayor	