

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Held in the Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne

Tuesday, 18 August 2026

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 18 August 2026

At the Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne

Commencing at 6:00 PM

Present:

Cr Megna	Mayor
Cr Alafaci	Councillor
Cr Bazouni	Councillor
Cr Cirillo	Councillor
Cr Ferguson	Councillor
Cr Jago	Councillor
Cr Mansford	Councillor
Cr Meuross	Councillor
Cr Robinson	Councillor

Officers in attendance:

Mr G Schuettrumpf	Acting General Manager
Ms H Spence	Director Environment and Planning
Ms R Hensman	Director Community Culture and Leisure
Mr F Guerrisi	Acting Director City Assets
Mr J Di Leo	Director Corporate Services and Strategy
Ms R Winn	Manager Governance Risk and Strategy
Ms K Fleming	Minute Taker

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm with the above Councillors and Officers in attendance present. The Mayor, as Chairperson, adjourned the meeting for 20 minutes without any items being considered.

The meeting reconvened at 6:20pm on Tuesday, 18 August 2026 with Councillors present and officers in attendance unchanged. The meeting went into Closed Session at 8:16pm, resumed in Open Session at 8:24pm and concluded at 8:28pm.

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canada Bay acknowledges the Wangal clan, one of the 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of this land.

The City's Council pays respect to Elders past and present and extends this respect to all Aboriginal people living in or visiting the City of Canada Bay.

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 July 2026

RESOLVED 141/26

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 July 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

3.2 Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting held 4 August 2026

RESOLVED 142/26

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 4 August 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Clr Alafaci disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to:

- Item 8.1 – Planning Proposal – Post Exhibition Report – 131P Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne

“For the reason that I have been involved in my voluntary capacity with the Australian Business Summit Council Inc (ABSC) in organising events held at Aqua Luna”

Clr Mansford disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to:

- Item 8.1 – Planning Proposal – Post Exhibition Report – 131P Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne

“For the reason that I made a submission during the consultation period, sent in error from my Council email. Mine was one of 90 plus submissions and the views I expressed were not supported in the recommendation”

Clr Meuross disclosed a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in relation to:

- Item 8.1 – Planning Proposal – Post Exhibition Report – 131P Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne

“For the reason that I attended an event at Aqua Luna in the last 12 months”

5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - VALE REG CHARD OAM

RESOLVED 143/26

Moved: Cr Megna

That Council acknowledge the life and service of Reginald James Chard OAM, Australia’s last surviving veteran of the Kokoda campaign, and his contribution to preserving the history and legacy of Kokoda through his work at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway.

CARRIED

6 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Nil.

7 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil.

8 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Note: At 6.25pm Councillor Alafaci left the Chamber having disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.1.

ITEM 8.1 PLANNING PROPOSAL - POST EXHIBITION REPORT - 131P HENLEY MARINE DRIVE, DRUMMOYNE

The following persons addressed Council in Public Forum in relation to Item 8.1.

- 1) *Stephen Burke (representing Drummoyne Rowing Club)*
- 2) *John Douglas (representing Drummoyne Rowing Club)*
- 3) *Peter Lufi (representing Jonatori Pty Ltd)*
- 4) *Diana Springford*
- 5) *Phyllis Blennerhassett*
- 6) *Jo Buckman*
- 7) *Dennis Mentzines*

MOTION

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That:

1. Council notes the outcome of the public exhibition, including the issues raised in submissions at Attachments 7 and 8.
2. The Planning Proposal at Attachment 1 be amended so that the additional permitted use be applied only to the upper level of the building, being the level with street entry to Henley Marine Drive.
3. Subject to amendment of the Planning Proposal as outlined in (2) above, the Planning Proposal proceed to finalisation as an amendment to the *Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan 2013*.
4. Council authorises the General Manager to make minor amendments to the Planning Proposal to correct any minor errors prior to finalisation.
5. Persons who made a submission be advised of Council's decision.

AMENDMENT 1

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That:

1. Council notes the outcome of the public exhibition and the overwhelming community opposition to the proposal, including the issues raised in submissions at Attachments 7 and 8.
 2. That Council write to the Minister and Shadow Minister expressing councils concerns about the protection of the Drummoyne rowing club's interests in the site and the importance of public recreation.
 3. That Council defer the matter for a future Council Meeting.
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In Favour: Nil

Against: Crs Megna, Bazouni, Cirillo, Ferguson, Jago, Mansford, Meuross and Robinson

THE AMENDMENT WAS LOST.

AMENDMENT 2

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Mansford

1. Council notes the outcome of the public exhibition and the overwhelming community opposition to the proposal, including the issues raised in submissions at Attachments 7 and 8.
2. That the planning proposal be rejected and the use of only the upper level of the premises to be operated in accordance with the original DA consent.
3. That Council write to the Minister and Shadow Minister expressing council's concerns about the protection of the Drummoyne Rowing Club's interests in 131P Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne and the importance of public recreation at the site.
4. That Council resolved contrary to the recommendation contained in the Council Officer's report for the following reasons:
 - the overwhelming community opposition to the proposal
 - the objective of maintaining and protecting the foreshore for public recreational use.
 - the resolution still enables a restaurant to operate on the upper level only, with associated ancillary functions as appropriate.

In Favour: Crs Megna, Bazouni, Cirillo, Ferguson, Jago, Mansford, Meuross and Robinson

Against: Nil

AMENDMENT 2 WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION.

RESOLVED 144/26

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Mansford

1. Council notes the outcome of the public exhibition and the overwhelming community opposition to the proposal, including the issues raised in submissions at Attachments 7 and 8.
 2. That the planning proposal be rejected and the use of only the upper level of the premises to be operated in accordance with the original DA consent.
 3. That Council write to the Minister and Shadow Minister expressing council's concerns about the protection of the Drummoyne Rowing Club's interests in 131P Henley Marine Drive, Drummoyne and the importance of public recreation at the site.
 4. That Council resolved contrary to the recommendation contained in the Council Officer's report for the following reasons:
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 - the resolution still enables a restaurant to operate on the upper level only, with associated ancillary functions as appropriate.

In Favour: Crs Megna, Bazouni, Cirillo, Ferguson, Jago, Mansford, Meuross and Robinson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Note: At 7.48pm Cr Alafaci returned to the meeting.

ITEM 8.2 NATURE STRIP POLICY REVIEW AND UPDATE

RESOLVED 145/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That:

1. Council notes the findings of the review of the Nature Strip Planting Policy, adopted in 2021.
2. Council endorses the draft Nature Strip Planting Policy (2026), attached to the report, for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
3. Council notes the supporting Nature Strip Gardening Guidelines attached to the report.
4. Following the public exhibition period, a report be prepared and submitted to Council outlining any submissions received, and any proposed amendments to the Nature Strip Garden Policy and Guide.
5. The General Manager be authorised to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Policy.

CARRIED

9 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MINUTES - 9 JULY 2026

RESOLVED 146/26

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That the minutes and recommendations of the City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting held 9 July 2026 attached to the report be adopted.

CARRIED

ITEM 9.2 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - SPEAKER SESSION

RESOLVED 147/26

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That Council approve the incorporation of a formal 'Speaker Session' into the Local Transport Forum Meeting Procedure, utilising Council's established Public Forum Procedure as attached to the report.

CARRIED

ITEM 9.3 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - YARALLA BAY & RHODES FLOOD STUDY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED 148/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That:

1. Richard Low and Anthony Gelonesi (residents) be appointed as community representatives on the Canada Bay Floodplain Risk Management Committee for the Yaralla Bay and Rhodes Flood Study Catchment.
2. The other applicant be advised of the outcome of the Expression of Interest process and thanked for applying to be a voting community representative on the Floodplain Risk Management Committee for the Yaralla Bay and Rhodes Flood Study Catchment.

CARRIED

ITEM 9.4 URBAN CANOPY STRATEGY SIX MONTHLY UPDATE - JANUARY TO JUNE 2026

RESOLVED 149/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy Six Monthly Update report for the period January to June 2026 be noted.

CARRIED

10 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 10.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE - 9 JULY 2026**

RESOLVED 150/26

Moved: Cr Megna

Seconded: Cr Jago

That the update regarding the Arts & Culture Committee be noted.

CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 CITY OF CANADA BAY ACCESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 16 JULY 2026

RESOLVED 151/26

Moved: Cr Megna

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee held on 16 July 2026, attached to the report, be noted.

CARRIED

11 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 11.1 OPERATIONAL LAND CLASSIFICATION - NULLAWARRA AVENUE, CONCORD WEST**

RESOLVED 152/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That Council:

1. Notes that no submissions were received relating to the statutory advertising of an intention to classify two (2) parcels of land in Nullawarra Avenue, Concord West being Lot 12, Section L in DP 11871 and Lot 60, Section K in DP 11871 as Operational Land.
2. Resolves to classify the land in Nullawarra Avenue, Concord West being Lot 12, Section L in DP 11871 and Lot 60, Section K in in DP 11871 as Operational Land in accordance with Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

ITEM 11.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - JULY 2026

RESOLVED 153/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Meuross

That the July 2026 Cash and Investments Report as attached to the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

ITEM 11.3 SIX MONTHLY REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL'S DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025-2029 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2026

RESOLVED 154/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That the six-monthly report on progress towards implementation of Council's Delivery Program 2025-2029 for the period January 2026 to June 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

ITEM 11.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE 2026 - REGISTRATION AND VOTING DELEGATES

RESOLVED 155/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That Council nominate five (5) voting delegates including the Mayor and four (4) Councillors to accompany the Acting General Manager and the Director Corporate Services and Strategy to the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) annual conference to be held from Sunday 22 to Tuesday, 24 November 2026, at WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.

The following Councillors were nominated to attend the Conference: Cr Bazouni, Cr Jago and Cr Ferguson

CARRIED

ITEM 11.5 PROPOSED FRIENDSHIP CITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANADA BAY AND SEONGDONG-GU, SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

RESOLVED 156/26

Moved: Cr Alafaci

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That:

1. Council approve the establishment of a Friendship City Agreement with Seongdong-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea for an initial period of two (2) years.
2. Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Friendship City Agreement as attached to this report, on behalf of Council.
3. Council Officers prepare and submit a report to Council on the activities and outcomes of the Friendship City Agreement prior to the expiry of the two (2) year period referred to in (1) above.
4. A further report be prepared and submitted to a future meeting of Council detailing the outcome of investigations into a proposed Korean Garden in or nearby Rhodes, as outlined in the report

CARRIED

12 NOTICES OF MOTION**ITEM 12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JAGO - BIRD NESTING SITES**

RESOLVED 157/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That Council Officers:

1. Undertake an assessment of Council-managed areas that currently contain diverse nature planting, tree hollows and/or nest boxes to identify suitable locations for a targeted trial to increase bird habitats.
2. Establish partnerships with BirdLife Australia, universities and community organisations to strengthen bird monitoring across the City of Canada Bay.
3. Prepare and submit a report to a future meeting of Council with recommendations for a future habitat enhancement trial, informed by the findings of habitat assessments and bird monitoring activities.

CARRIED

ITEM 12.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR ALAFACI - RHODES FERRY WHARF - RENEWED INVESTIGATION AND STATE GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY

RESOLVED 158/26

Moved: Cr Alafaci

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That Council:

1. Reaffirms its support for improved ferry access and integrated public transport services for Rhodes, having regard to existing and planned housing, population and employment growth.
2. Write to the NSW Minister for Transport requesting:
 - a) an update on delivery of the pedestrian link to the site of the proposed Leeds Street ferry wharf now that the affected site is subject to an SSDA process, including consideration of an easement, land acquisition, an alternative pedestrian access route or other appropriate arrangements;
 - b) advice on whether the ferry wharf project can now be reassessed, with particular consideration for Leeds Street or any other feasible location considering current and forecast housing growth, population growth and public transport demand in Rhodes; and
 - c) consideration, as part of any updated assessment, of:
 - i. pedestrian accessibility and connections to Rhodes Station and local bus services;
 - ii. land ownership and access requirements;
 - iii. ferry navigation and operational requirements;
 - iv. environmental and foreshore impacts;
 - v. impacts on rowing, recreational boating and other existing river users;
 - vi. construction and ongoing operational costs;
 - vii. opportunities for integration with the wider Parramatta River ferry network; and
 - viii. Potential additional passenger movements that a ferry wharf would provide.
3. Requests a meeting with the NSW Minister for Transport and relevant Transport for NSW representatives, involving the Mayor, interested Councillors and appropriate Council Officers, to discuss the future of the Rhodes Ferry Wharf proposal and improved public transport options for Rhodes.
4. Write to the Local State Member seeking support for renewed investigation of the Rhodes Ferry Wharf proposal and associated transport improvements.
5. Officers prepare and submit a report to Council on any response received from the NSW Government together with advice on further advocacy options available to Council.

CARRIED

13 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

Nil.

14 MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil.

15 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil.

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED 159/26

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That

1. Council moves into closed session to deal with the matters listed below, which are classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act, 1993* for the reasons specified:

ITEM 16.1 EV CHARGING ON PUBLIC LAND TENDER (2026/EP1)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

ITEM 16.2 BARNWELL PARK GOLF COURSE AND PRO SHOP TENDER (2026/CSS2)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d) (i) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

Further it is considered that discussions of this matter in open Council would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it would prejudice Council's ability to secure the optimum outcome for the community.

2. Pursuant to section 10A(1), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the Local Government Act, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act.
 3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from the media and public as provided by section 11(2) of the Local Government Act.
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4. The resolutions made by the Council in Closed Session be made public after the conclusion of the closed session and such resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

CARRIED

Note: At 8.16pm the Council moved into Closed Session.

ITEM 16.1 EV CHARGING ON PUBLIC LAND TENDER (2026/EP1)

RESOLVED 160/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That:

1. Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is:
 - (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Pursuant to clause 178 (1)(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council decline to accept any tenders for 2026/EP1 End-to-end Turnkey Deployments of Public Electric Vehicle Charging on Council Car Parks and Road Reserve.
3. In view of (2) above, and in accordance with clause 178 (3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council enter negotiations with the tenderers and any other person with a view to entering a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender.
4. In determining to enter negotiations as referred to in (3) above, in accordance with clause 178 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, Council:
 - (a) is declining to invite fresh tenders as it is considered that no better procurement result would be achieved by doing so; and
 - (b) is of the view that entering negotiations with the tenderers, as referred to in (3) above, is more likely to result in the securing of a suitable licensee subject to terms and conditions that benefit the Community and Council.
5. All respondents to Tender 2026/EP1 be advised of Council's resolution and advised of the next steps in the process.
6. Council authorise the General Manager to finalise all matters pertaining to the negotiations and execute the relevant commercial agreements.

CARRIED

ITEM 16.2 BARNWELL PARK GOLF COURSE AND PRO SHOP TENDER (2026/CSS2)

RESOLVED 161/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That:

1. Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is:
 - (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Council grants a ten (10) year Lease to Elite Golf NSW Pty Ltd for the management and operation of Barnwell Park Golf Course and Pro Shop in Five Dock (Tender 2026/CSS2), in accordance with the terms and conditions contained within the body of the report, subject to compliance with the public notification provisions of s47 of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. In the event that no submissions are received in response to the public notice process referred to in (2) above, the General Manager be authorised to finalise any matters contained within the body of the report and execute the lease on behalf of Council.
4. In the event of submission(s) being received in response to the public notice process referred to in (2) above, a further report, including details of such submissions, be prepared and submitted to a future meeting of Council.
5. All respondents to the Tender be advised of Council's resolution and thanked for their involvement in the Tender process

.CARRIED

RESUMPTION OF OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED 162/26

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That the Council resume in Open Session.

CARRIED

At 8.24pm, the Council in Closed Session returned to Open Session.

17 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice clauses 14.21 and 14.22 the resolutions passed in closed session (including resolutions of confidential reports resolved by exception earlier in the meeting) were made public by the chairperson, displayed on the public screens and livestreamed during a part of the meeting that was webcast.

The meeting concluded at 8.28pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 18 pages numbered 1 to 18 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 August 2026 and confirmed on Tuesday 15 September 2026.

Mayor

General Manager