

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

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

Tuesday, 21 October 2025

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 21 October 2025

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 M Cologna	Director Environment and Planning
Ms R Hensman	Acting Director Community Culture and Leisure
Mr F Guerrisi	Acting Director City Assets
Mr E Hutchings	Director Corporate Services and Strategy
Ms M Lee	Manager Governance and Risk
Ms K Fleming	Governance and Assurance Officer (minute taker)

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and went into Closed Session at 6.56pm, resumed in Open Session at 7.06pm and concluded at 7.09pm.

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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 16 September 2025

RESOLVED 191/25

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 16 September 2025 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

Councillor Ferguson disclosed a pecuniary interest in relation to Item 17.3 – Voluntary Planning Agreement for 25-27 Leeds Street, Rhodes for the reason that:

"I changed employment roles resulting in a Pecuniary/ Significant conflict of Interest "

5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)**ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - SANTINO GRIECO**

RESOLVED 192/25

Moved: Cr Megna

That Council congratulates Santino Grieco on being awarded the Vince & Val Laws Medal at Football Canterbury's 2025 Volunteer Awards.

CARRIED

6 PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor requested each speaker to acknowledge they had been informed that the meeting was to be webcast live and that Council accepts no responsibility for any defamatory comments made.

Note: The following people addressed Council on the respective items listed on the Agenda.

Item 12.1 Licence to The Scouts Association of Australia NSW Branch

- Geoffrey Brookes

Item 13.1 Notice of Motion – Cr Ferguson – Naming of Pomeroy Street Road Bridge

- Leonie Latimer (tabled document)

7 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Nil.

8 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 8.1 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES**

RESOLVED 193/25

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That Council adopt the Media and Social Media Policies attached to the report.

CARRIED

9 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 9.1 DA DETERMINATIONS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL AND STAFF UNDER DELEGATION**

RESOLUTION 194/25

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That Council receive and note the information contained in the report on development application determinations by the Local Planning Panel, and Staff, under delegation for the period 1 September 2025 to 30 September 2025.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 9/0

10 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 10.1 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED 195/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Jago

That:

1. Council accepts the 2025 Instrument of Authorisation and Delegation issued by Transport for NSW attached to the report, outlining the sub-delegation of authority to the General Manager or relevant Council staff.
2. Pursuant to 1 above, Council notes the change of governance arrangements from the Local Traffic Committee to the Local Transport Forum, as outlined in the report.
3. Council officers provide a report to a future Council Meeting on participation at the Local Transport Forum by community representatives on items relating to active transport, accessibility and other community interests.

CARRIED

ITEM 10.2 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 11 SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED 196/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Ferguson

That Council notes that no reports were submitted for the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee for the month of September 2025.

CARRIED

ITEM 10.3 FIVE DOCK PARK MASTERPLAN

RESOLVED 197/25

Moved: Cr Cirillo

Seconded: Cr Jago

That:

1. Council adopts the draft Masterplan for Five Dock Park attached to the report with the word “pedestrian” in the final dot point under “Short-term Goals (1-2 years)” being replaced with the words “active transport”.
2. All stakeholders who made a submission in relation to the master plan be notified of Council’s decision.

CARRIED

11 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS

Nil.

12 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 12.1 LICENCE TO THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH ABN 42 460434054 FOR UHRS POINT RESERVE, 484P CONCORD ROAD, RHODES.**

The following person addressed Council in relation to Item 12.1:

- Geoffrey Brookes
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RESOLVED 198/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That:

1. Pursuant to s47A of the Local Government Act 1993, Council enter a Licence agreement with the Scouts Association of Australia (NSW Branch) for a period of 5 years commencing 1 December 2025 including the terms and conditions contained in the body of the report and subject to compliance with the public notice provisions of s47 of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. In the event that no submissions are received in response to the public notice process referred to in (1) above, the General Manager be authorised to finalise any matters contained within the body of the report and execute the licence on behalf of Council.
3. In the event of submissions being received in response to the public notice process referred to in (1) above, a further report, including details of such submissions, be prepared, and submitted to a future meeting of Council.

CARRIED

ITEM 12.2 ANNUAL PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS FOR COUNCILLORS AND DESIGNATED PERSONS - 2024-2025

RESOLVED 199/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Bazouni

That the tabling of the annual pecuniary interest returns for Councillors and designated persons for 2024-2025 report be noted.

CARRIED

ITEM 12.3 OPTIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF RATES - BILL SMOOTHING

RESOLVED 200/25

Moved: Cr Robinson

Seconded: Cr Jago

That Council note the implementation of the bill smoothing initiative.

CARRIED

ITEM 12.4 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED 201/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Meuross

That the Cash and Investments Report for September 2025, attached to the report, be received and noted.

CARRIED

ITEM 12.5 PENSIONER CONCESSION POLICY - RATES AND DOMESTIC WASTE CHARGES

RESOLVED 202/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That:

1. The Pensioner Policy – Rates and Domestic Waste Charges adopted by Council in 2009 be rescinded.
2. The draft Pensioner Concession Policy – Rates and Domestic Waste Charges attached to the report be adopted.

CARRIED

13 NOTICES OF MOTION**ITEM 13.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR FERGUSON - NAMING OF POMEROY STREET ROAD BRIDGE**

The following person addressed Council in relation to Item 13.1:

- *Leonie Latimer*

RESOLVED 203/25

Moved: Cr Ferguson

Seconded: Cr Mansford

That:

1. Council notes the important history of the 'Cattle Bridge' and the merit in its celebration of posterity.
2. Council officers investigate the feasibility and process for the naming and sign posting of the 'Cattle Bridge', including consultation with the Canada Bay Heritage Society.
3. The outcomes of the investigation referred to in 2. above be presented to a Councillor Workshop.

CARRIED

ITEM 13.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MANSFORD - TRAFFIC LIGHTS

RESOLVED 204/25

Moved: Cr Mansford

Seconded: Cr Cirillo

That Council:

1. Recognises the importance of pedestrian safety and convenience in the LGA.
2. Council writes to TfNSW requesting pedestrian traffic signals within the City of Canada Bay be altered so that they display pedestrian green "walk" signals between the hours of 6am to 10pm without the requirement for a pedestrian to press a button.
3. Notes that similar traffic signalling referred to in (2) above is already in place in other parts of Sydney, including the CBD.

CARRIED

ITEM 13.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JAGO - RESPONSE TO THE NSW GOVERNMENT'S REGRESSIVE PLANNING BILL OF SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 205/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Megna

That Council:

1. Notes with concern that the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025 reduces local planning control and transparency, increases risk of corruption in planning processes, and will decrease community input and confidence in planning decisions.
2. Reaffirms that Canada Bay Council has already supported and continues to support new development in response to the housing crisis, including density in the Parramatta Road Corridor, Rhodes Peninsula, the Homebush TOD, the North Strathfield TOD, and the Burwood North Metro Precinct.
3. Undertakes an extensive public awareness campaign regarding the impacts of the Bill following the release of the related Regulations.
4. Writes to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister and Shadow Ministers for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Member for Drummoyne opposing the passage of the bill in its current form and requesting the opportunity for formal public consultation on these reforms.
5. Writes to the President and CEO of Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) to express Council's concern that the statement issued by LGNSW on 18 September 2025 welcoming these reforms.

In Favour: Crs Megna, Alafaci, Bazouni, Cirillo, Jago, Mansford, Meuross and RobinsonAgainst: Cr Ferguson**CARRIED 8/1**

ITEM 13.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JAGO - MOTION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FORTHCOMING LGNSW CONFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO THE NSW GOVERNMENT'S REGRESSIVE PLANNING BILL OF SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION 206/25

Moved: Cr Jago

Seconded: Cr Megna

That Council submit the following motion and background to the forthcoming LGNSW Conference:

That LGNSW conveys to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister and Shadow Ministers for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Minister for Local Government serious concerns with the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025, including that the Bill:

- a) Centralises power and reduces of the role of councils and community consultation through the formation the Development Coordination Authority
- b) Enshrines in legislation the Housing Delivery Authority as a means to circumvent the input of councils;
- c) Introduces a new “streamlined” assessment pathway known as “targeted assessment development” that is unconstrained and expressly prohibits consideration of environmental impacts, site suitability, and public interest;
- d) Undermines safeguards recommended by the Independent Commission Against Corruption regarding accountability, transparency and probity in the planning system;
- e) Diminishes environmental and bushfire risk considerations in decision making and limits the independence of Rural Fire Service advice;
- f) Removes considerations of cumulative impacts, especially dangerous in fire and flood affected communities;
- g) Purports to be focussed on delivery of housing but instead affects all types of development;
- h) Requires councils to assess variations to complying developments within 10 days, or 20 days if the council is also assessing the complying development certificate, after which time the variation will be deemed to be approved, an unreasonable expectation for most councils across NSW;
- i) Is not consistent with community expectations and will decrease community input and confidence in planning decisions;
- j) Places unreasonable strain on councils with no consideration of cost impacts.

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

Against: Cr Ferguson

CARRIED 8/1

14 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

Nil

15 MATTERS OF URGENCY

NIL

16 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

NIL

17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED 207/25

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Alafaci

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 17.1 LEASE TO CITY OF CANADA BAY MENS SHED INC - PART OF CONCORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1A GIPPS STREET, CONCORD NSW 2137

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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 17.2 LICENCE TO DRC ROWERS INCORPORATED ABN 41 675 109 769 FOR ROADS RESERVE ADJACENT TO 131P HENLEY MARINE DRIVE, DRUMMOYNE

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 17.3 VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR 25 - 27 LEEDS STREET, RHODES

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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 17.4 MAYORAL MINUTE - CR MEGNA - GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (a) of the Local Government Act, as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

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.
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 6.56pm the Council moved into Closed Session.

ITEM 17.1 LEASE TO CITY OF CANADA BAY MENS SHED INC - PART OF CONCORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1A GIPPS STREET, CONCORD NSW 2137

RESOLVED 208/25

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Alafaci

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:
 - (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
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2. Council enters a Lease agreement with the City of Canada Bay Men's Shed Incorporated, for part of the Concord Community Centre, located at 1A Gipps Street, Concord for a period of 5 years, including the terms and conditions contained in the body of the report and subject to compliance with the public notice 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 licence on behalf of Council.
4. In the event of submissions 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.

CARRIED

ITEM 17.2 LICENCE TO DRC ROWERS INCORPORATED ABN 41 675 109 769 FOR ROADS RESERVE ADJACENT TO 131P HENLEY MARINE DRIVE, DRUMMOYNE

RESOLVED 209/25

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 s153 of the Roads Act 1993, Council enter a lease agreement with the DRC Rowers Incorporated for a period of 5 years, including the terms and conditions contained in the body of the report and subject to compliance with the public notice provisions of s154 of the Roads 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 that submissions are received in response to the public notice process referred to in (2) above a further report, including the details of such submissions, be prepared and submitted to a future meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Note: Councillor Ferguson left the Chamber at 6.58pm having disclosed a pecuniary interest in this Item.

ITEM 17.3 VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR 25 - 27 LEEDS STREET, RHODES

RESOLUTION 210/25

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:
 - (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
2. Council approves the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for 25-27 Leeds Street Rhodes attached to the report (Attachment 2) being placed on public exhibition.
3. Council authorises the General Manager to make minor amendments to the Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement, as detailed in the report, prior to exhibition.
4. A further report be prepared and submitted to Council following public exhibition, including details of any submissions received.

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

Against: Nil

CARRIED 8/0

Note: At 6.59pm, Councillor Ferguson returned to the meeting.

Note: At 7.00pm, staff members left the Chambers with the exception of The Director, Corporate Services and Strategy who remained in the meeting during discussion on this Item.

ITEM 17.4 MAYORAL MINUTE - CR MEGNA - GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW

RESOLVED 211/25

Moved: Cr Megna

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:
 - (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).
2. The recommendations of the Performance Review Panel be adopted.

.CARRIED

Note: At 7.03pm, all staff members returned to the meeting.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN SESSION

RESOLVED 212/25

Moved: Cr Bazouni

Seconded: Cr Robinson

That the Council resume in Open Session.

CARRIED

Note: At 7.07pm, the Council in Closed Session returned to Open Session.

18 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice clauses 14.21 and 14.22 the resolutions passed in closed session 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 7.09pm.

This is the final page of the minutes comprising 17 pages numbered 1 to 17 of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 and confirmed on Tuesday 18 November 2025.



Mayor

General Manager