

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

## AGENDA

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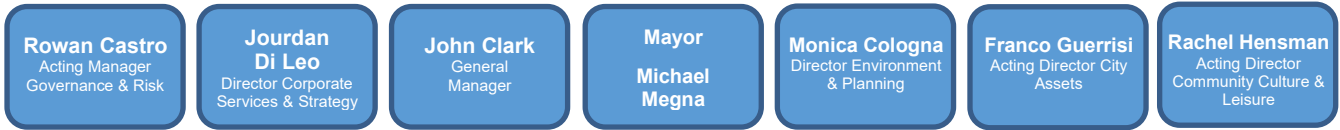
Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne

**Tuesday, 17 February 2026**

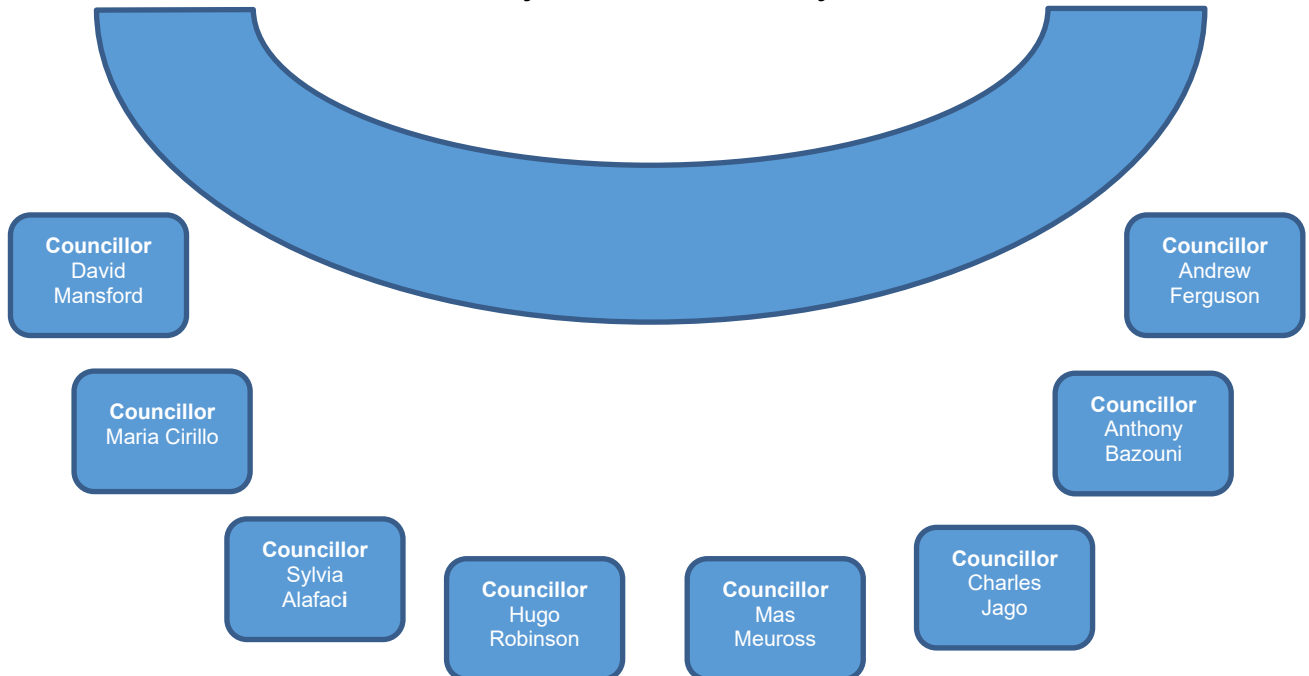
Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.



**John Clark**  
**General Manager**



**Councillors  
 City of Canada Bay**



**Statement of Ethical Obligations**

The Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Canada Bay and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

It is also a requirement that the Mayor and Councillors disclose conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

**Agenda for an Ordinary Council Meeting  
to be held on Tuesday 17 February 2026  
at the Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne  
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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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.

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## **2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS**

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In accordance with clauses 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, apologies must be received and accepted from absent Councillors and a leave of absence from the Council Meeting may be granted.

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## **3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **3.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2 DECEMBER 2025**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 December 2025 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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## **4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

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In accordance with Part 16 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, all Councillors must disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting.

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**5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)****ITEM 5.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - FEDERATION PAVILLION 125 YEARS**

Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

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**MOTION**

That Council receive and note the report.

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**BACKGROUND**

Last month marked 125 years since the Federation of Australia was formally proclaimed in a temporary pavilion in Centennial Park on 1 January 1901 – a pavilion which now stands in Cabarita Park, here in the City of Canada Bay.

The original Federation Pavilion was the focal point of the ceremony where Australia's first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, first Governor-General, John Hope, and the first Federal Cabinet were sworn in, legally bringing the Commonwealth of Australia into being.

Within just a few years, the ornate fibrous-plaster decoration had deteriorated and the Pavilion was put up for sale. In 1903, the then Municipality of Concord was allocated the shell of the structure to Mortlake Park, now Cabarita Park, where it was re-erected as a park pavilion.

Without this decision – and the care of our predecessor councils and local community over many decades – this nationally significant structure would almost certainly have been lost.

Since then, the Pavilion has become part of the fabric of local life.

Generations of residents have met there for picnics, band recitals, weddings and community events by the Parramatta River.

In 1951, as part of the Jubilee of Federation celebrations, a memorial tablet and plaque were unveiled in the Pavilion at Cabarita Park at a major civic event attended by thousands and representatives from councils around Sydney and again in 2001, I was in attendance at the Centenary celebrations at the Pavillion where we once again celebrated the Federation of our nation – and our area's special connection to the Federation story.

Today, the Pavilion is listed on the New South Wales State Heritage Register and is recognised as a rare surviving element of the original Federation ceremony.

Many residents may not know that the Pavilion appears in the translucent window of the current Australian five-dollar note, meaning a piece of our local heritage is carried in wallets and pockets across the country every day.

Council has recently shared this story with our community through the February edition of Canada Bay News, which was delivered to households across the LGA.

This anniversary is an opportunity to reinforce that message – to highlight the importance of Cabarita Park and the Pavilion, acknowledge the Wangal people as the traditional custodians of this place, and recognise the generations of residents, volunteers, historians and Council staff who have cared for this landmark.

As we mark 125 years since Federation was proclaimed in our Pavilion, it is fitting that Canada Bay share its story with current and future residents.

**ITEM 5.2****MAYORAL MINUTE - CR MEGNA - NSW GOVERNMENT LOW AND MID  
RISE HOUSING POLICY**

Submitted by:

Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

*To be distributed under separate cover*

**6 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION**

Nil

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In accordance with Part 13 of the Code of Meeting Practice, items that are dealt with by exception are items where the recommendations contained in the staff reports in the agenda are adopted without discussion.

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## 7 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### ITEM 7.1 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

**Reporting Manager** General Manager

**Attachments:**

1. **Code of Meeting Practice** (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)
2. **Public Forum Procedure** (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)

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### RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft City of Canada Bay Code of Meeting Practice as attached to this report.
  2. Adopt the draft City of Canada Bay Public Forum Procedures as attached to this report.
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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting the draft City of Canada Bay Code of Meeting Practice (draft Code) following the public exhibition period.

The report is also recommending that Council adopt the draft City of Canada Bay Public Forum Procedures (draft Procedures).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 4 December 2025 Council placed on public exhibition the draft Code, as required by the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act). The public exhibition period closed on 2 February 2026.

In response to the public exhibition one (1) submission was received. This report addresses the matters raised in the submission.

As a result of the submission, it is not intended to make any amendments to the draft Code, and it is recommended that the draft Code be adopted as placed on public exhibition.

The draft Procedures provides rules under which Public Forum is conducted. It recommended that Council adopt the draft Procedures to ensure compliance with the mandatory provisions in the Model Code of Meeting Practice (Model Code) as outlined by the Office of Local Government (OLG) and consider the non-mandatory best practice provisions as outlined in body of this report.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

Goal CL 4: The City of Canada Bay community is well informed and eager to engage in issues and decisions that impact them

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In September 2024 the OLG commenced a process of public consultation on, amongst other things, council meeting practices. Submissions closed on 15 November 2024.

Subsequently, on 29 August 2025, the OLG released the Model Code.

In accordance with clause 422 of the Local Government (General) Regulation councils are required to adopt a revised Code of Meeting Practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Code by 31 December 2025.

Prior to adoption Council must have exhibited the draft Code for a minimum of 28 days and allowed at least 42 days for submissions to be received in accordance with section 361 of the Act.

The draft Code and draft Procedures, as attached to this report have been prepared to comply with the provisions of the related legislation and Model Code.

The Model Code includes amendments, additions, deletions and variations to the former model code.

The draft Code incorporates the mandatory provisions of the Model Code, non-mandatory provisions of the Model Code and other supplementary provisions. It is noted that the draft Code does not contain provisions that are inconsistent with the mandatory provisions of the Model Code.

It is further noted that transitional provisions in the Local Government (General) Regulation provide that if Council does not adopt a code of meeting practice that incorporates the mandatory provisions of the 2025 Model Code by 31 December 2025, from 1 January 2026, any provisions of Council's draft Code that are inconsistent with a mandatory provision of the Model Code will be automatically overridden by the relevant mandatory provision of the Model Code.

Due to the limited timeframe from the release of the Model Code, the complexity of some of the changes from the former Model Code, and the provision of clarification on certain matters by the OLG, compliance with the timeframe was not practically possible.

At its meeting on 2 December 2025 Council considered a report which presented the draft Code based on the Model Code and resolved, in part, as follows:

*That:*

1. *The draft Code of Meeting Practice attached to the report be endorsed for public exhibition in accordance with section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993 and as detailed in the report with the following amendment:*
  - a. *Clause 15.15 in the draft Code of Meeting Practice being removed and replaced with the words in Clause 15.16 in the Model Code of Meeting Practice.*
2. *Following the public exhibition referred to in 1. above a further report be prepared and submitted to the Council Meeting in February 2026, including details of any submissions received.*

### **Public Exhibition and submissions**

In accordance with that resolution, the draft Code was placed on public exhibition on Thursday 4 December 2025 in accordance with section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993. Both the exhibition period and the period for the lodging of submissions ended on 2 February 2026.

One (1) submission was received suggesting the following:

- 1 *“and when addressing the meeting” be omitted from clause 7.1. The idea that everyone in the room should stand whenever the Chair speaks is both impractical and bizarre. Alternatively, those words should be replaced by “until the Chairperson is seated”*
- 2 *Clause 8.1.1 be omitted as “Acknowledgement of Country” is a partisan statement and does not fairly reflect the current views of a majority of ratepayers; and*
- 3 *Clauses 11.4 and 11.8 should provide that a failure/refusal to vote be recorded as an abstention rather than as a negative vote. There are many reasons why a Councillor might want to abstain from voting on a motion, or be required on probity grounds for example, to abstain from voting.*

In relation to points 1 and 3, clauses 7.1, 11.4 and 11.8 are prescribed in the Model Code. Irrespective of Council or individual Councillors views on these clauses, they are mandatory and cannot be removed or amended in the draft Code.

Council's most recent Code of Meeting Practice includes “Acknowledgement of Country” as a standing agenda item. The comments are submitted to Council for information and/or consideration.

It is recommended that the draft Code, as exhibited, be adopted.

### **Public Forum**

The Model Code provides that public forums are conducted separately from council meetings and that:

*4.2 The council may determine the rules under which public forums are to be conducted and when they are to be held*

To assist with this, in January 2026, the OLG released updated Model Public Forum Rules (Model Rules). The Model Rules provide guidance to councils on the conduct and operation of Public Forums. The draft Procedures have been developed to assist with providing clarity around the way public forum is to be conducted.

To comply with the Model Code mandatory provision, it is proposed that Public Forum be conducted from 5.30pm to 6.00pm, with the Council meeting commencing immediately thereafter.

The OLG states that public forums should operate as an input into councils' decision making at meetings. This means that they should be focused on the matters under consideration at a council meeting and not permit free ranging discussions of other matters that are not being dealt with at the meeting.

The Model Rules provide councils with the ability to limit the number of speakers permitted to speak in public forum on each item of business on the agenda for the meeting.

Considering the Model Rules as provided by the OLG, Council Officers also surveyed the adopted provisions of ten (10) metro councils to ascertain benchmarks. Most Council's surveyed had adopted provisions to limit speaking time to less than four (4) minutes and a varying range of capped speakers was considered from a maximum of 5 speakers for the entire public forum to uncapped. Most surveyed Councils also adopted provisions to cap the number of 'for' and 'against' with various combinations ranging capped numbers of one (1) through three (3).

It is recommended that Council consider allowing no more than two (2) speakers to speak 'for' and no more than two (2) speakers to speak against each item of business on the agenda for the meeting. This is also consistent with the Rules of debate as outlines in the draft Code.

If more than the permitted number of speakers apply to speak 'for' or 'against' any item of business, the General Manager or their delegate may, in consultation with the Mayor or the Mayor's nominated Chairperson, increase the number of speakers permitted to speak on an item of business, where they are satisfied that it is necessary to do so to allow the Council to hear a fuller range of views on the relevant item of business.

The Model Rules also provide for specifying the allowable time (minutes) to address public forum as well as provisions mandating the livestream requirements and the storing of public forum recordings for a minimum period of 12 months or the balance of the Council term, whichever is longer.

It is proposed that the draft Procedure be adopted alongside the draft Code and operate as a supporting procedural document.

### **TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Consultation occurred through the statutory public exhibition process with the periods provided for public exhibition and submissions exceeding the necessary 28 days and 42 days respectively.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

### **LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Adoption of the recommendation contained in this report will ensure compliance section 361 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Office of Local Government's Model Code of Meeting Practice.

## 8 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### ITEM 8.1 THE SYDNEY PLAN PLANNING PACKAGE - SUBMISSION BY CITY OF CANADA BAY

**Reporting Manager** Manager Strategic Planning

**Attachments:** 1. The Sydney Plan - City Of Canada Bay submission Feb 2026  
(*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)

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#### RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That the submission on *The Sydney Plan* planning package at Attachment 1, be endorsed and forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

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#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to brief Council on the NSW Government's exhibition of a package of State and regional planning documents to update planning policy across NSW (*A new approach to strategic planning: Discussion Paper, The Sydney Plan, and the draft Statewide Policy for Industrial Lands*). It tables a draft submission from the City of Canada Bay on the planning package and seeks endorsement to forward the submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Industry (DPHI).

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2025 the NSW Government placed a package of State and regional planning documents for NSW and the Sydney Region on public exhibition. The package provides three draft documents that, together, aim to overhaul NSW's planning system. Proposed changes include a new approach to strategic planning for the State; a new Region Plan for Sydney; and a Statewide policy for industrial land.

Council officers have reviewed the exhibition package and prepared a submission to NSW Government (Attachment 1). Relevant concerns include the lack of strong policy direction on key issues, a weakened strategic planning framework that leaves Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement largely unsupported, and a Region Plan that focuses too heavily on housing while overlooking other important priorities. A series of targeted recommendations have been included in the submission to address these gaps.

It is recommended that the draft submission be endorsed for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 3: Council works with partners to actively shape the City's future

## BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

### Background

In December 2025, the NSW Government placed a package of State and regional planning documents on public exhibition. The package provides three draft documents that, together, aim to overhaul NSW's planning system, moving to a simplified, three-tiered framework (State, Regional, Local), establishing protection of industrial land across the State and providing a new region plan for Greater Sydney. The changes aim to improve consistency and speed up development, deliver more housing, jobs, and infrastructure and build sustainable and vibrant communities.

### Exhibited Planning Package

The planning package includes:

1. *Discussion Paper: A new approach to strategic planning* – proposing a new statewide layer to strategic planning for NSW (State Plan), retention of regional planning that responds to the State Plan, removal of district level planning (District Plans) and retention of Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS) to translate regional direction into local priorities. The paper proposes seven statewide land use priorities to drive planning at every level.

The proposed new approach will remove targeted district level policy and priorities that Council often relies on to support contested planning decisions. This shifts significant responsibility onto Council's LSPS to provide clear, defensible and binding local strategy.

2. *Draft 'The Sydney Plan'* – A new region plan for Greater Sydney, this plan refreshes the *Sydney Region Plan 2018*. Key elements of the Plan include:
  - The Plan applies to thirty-three local government areas and organises the population into a distributed network of forty-three interconnected centres, anchored by the Sydney and Parramatta CBDs and the new Bradfield City Centre.
  - The strategy is intended to guide the city's growth of jobs and housing over the next two decades, by which time Sydney will need to accommodate an extra 1.2 million people. It includes five-year housing targets for each local government area and projected job 'ranges' for key centres like Rhodes.
  - There are seven core priorities of the Plan: Aboriginal outcomes, Housed, Prosperous, Connected, Resilient, Liveable and Coordinated. Priorities are supported by implementation Responses and Actions.
  - The Plan is largely focused on recent NSW Government housing policy aimed at addressing the housing crisis, including the transport-oriented development program, low-mid-rise housing reforms and refocusing growth to infill areas to leverage off existing infrastructure.
  - A new centres hierarchy: with a new typology of 'Retail centre' for larger localised service centres.
  - While broader priorities are also explored, these contain less nuanced discussion and integration than the housing priority and are not well supported by comprehensive and clear actions for implementation.
  - The strategy will replace the "Three Cities" vision and "Six Cities" planning framework established by the Greater Sydney Commission.

The new vision and strategy contained in the Plan sets the policy, priorities, and development and infrastructure outcomes for Sydney for years to come. It will become the foundation for Councils (and agencies) to build effective local strategy and negotiate for positive deliverables on the ground. Establishing strong, directive and integrated content is important in providing the City of Canada Bay with the underlying strategy to strengthen local outcomes.

3. *Draft Statewide Policy for Industrial Lands* - expands on the *Industrial Lands Action Plan*, January 2025 to create categories of industrial land (State, regional and locally significant), establish principles and metrics for categorisation and conversion of industrial land, define roles and responsibilities across levels of Government and for landowners, and embed current monitoring and development programs for industrial lands.

As the City of Canada Bay no longer holds industrially zoned land, this policy is less important for Council, except insofar as how changes might erode important industrial land holdings in adjoining LGAs.

A draft submission prepared on behalf of the City of Canada Bay is included at Attachment 1 and outlines an assessment of the proposed changes. The submission provides recommendations for changes to the package, with the goal of evolving the work to present strong, consistent and integrated policy direction for both State and local government.

### **Submission Summary**

The City of Canada Bay has consistently supported the preparation of bold and visionary plans for Sydney that establish an integrated, coordinated and long-term strategy for the region.

On review there are significant concerns with *The Sydney Plan* as it fails to build upon the achievements of the previous regional and district plans and does not provide the strength of vision, strategic clarity and implementation guidance required to underpin positive outcomes and support Council's decision making and delivery over the long term.

### General concerns

- *Housing* - The Plan primarily focuses on delivering housing supply to 2029, including a target of 5,000 new dwellings in the City of Canada Bay. However, it lacks clear actions to secure a medium to long-term housing pipeline to 2045. The Plan supports missing-middle housing and, positively, proposes a housing diversity monitoring framework. Housing typologies to be monitored are not stated but should include apartment size mix and missing-middle housing. A key gap remains the shortage of affordable family housing, particularly in eastern Sydney.
- *A framework needing stronger evidence and ambition* – Sydney requires an evidence-based region plan capable of guiding long term outcomes over a forty plus year horizon. The Plan in its current form sets out a 20-year vision for Sydney that is oversimplifies the challenges facing the city, and lacks the strategies and actions needed to support long term, interdependent outcomes. It does not articulate the evidence base underpinning its priorities and omits actions for several of those priorities. Implementation actions are primarily scheduled for delivery between 2027 and 2029, leaving significant gaps in forward prioritisation, decision making and funding.
- *The need for strong policy direction at the State level* - Weak policy direction at the State level forces councils to debate strategic intent at the delivery stage on a case-by-case basis. This approach is inefficient, creates uncertainty, and increases the likelihood of inconsistent or misaligned outcomes. Inclusion of clear and strong State level policy settings would remove the need for repeated negotiation, provide a consistent framework for decision-making, and support better coordination and delivery across all levels of government. The submission includes areas where strong policy direction should be added.
- *Loss of an integrated and sustainable approach* – the Plan's near exclusive focus on housing, at the expense of the broader elements that make a city successful and liveable, places Sydney at risk of poor long-term outcomes. This shift is reflected in the removal of previous

policy and implementation frameworks that promoted integrated land use and transport planning, the 30-minute city, design quality and great places, heritage protection, local character, healthy and socially connected communities, arts and culture, global economic competitiveness, innovation precincts, circular economy initiatives, and climate action.

- *Short-term decision-making driving strategy* - The Plan largely embeds recent government decisions and places heavy emphasis on actions already underway. This approach risks presenting isolated, short-term decisions as long term vision, and conflating political priorities with evidence-based policy. Such an approach leaves Sydney vulnerable to arbitrary and uncoordinated decision making. The intention to maintain the Plan as a “live” document, updated in response to unspecified “significant decisions” also raises concerns due risks of eroding the strategic vision over time, particularly when the initial vision and priorities are not clearly articulated. Further detail is required on the scope and criteria for these interim updates.
- *Leveraging existing policy and guidelines* - Over the past decade, the NSW Government has developed a substantial suite of integrated policies and guidelines to support the State’s strategic vision. Council has relied on these to confidently plan and uphold decisions at the local level. *The Sydney Plan* appears to disregard this body of work, failing to embed key frameworks such as *Better Placed*, *Greener Places*, *Planning for Country*, and *Movement and Place*. For these policies and guidelines to remain influential, the submission recommends the Plan explicitly reference and integrate this body of work.
- *Balancing jobs and housing in TOD areas* - There is an inherent tension between the Government’s ambition to concentrate employment within transit-accessible locations and its parallel emphasis on maximising housing supply around rail stations. Managing this tension will require clear strategic direction and explicit guidance on how competing priorities are to be balanced in practice.
- *Climate and resilience* - Clear standards are needed to align growth with NSW’s climate and resilience goals. The Plan should include enforceable standards for emissions, cooling, water resilience, biodiversity and coastal risk, and treat the Green Grid as essential metropolitan infrastructure. This should be coupled by an Environmental Gateway Test (EGT) at the rezoning stage.
- *Infrastructure coordination - Priority: Coordinated* largely ignores the significant challenges of augmenting the aging or at capacity infrastructure in high density infill areas such as the City of Canada Bay. Failure to consider infill areas and include planning and funding mechanisms beyond the Housing and Productivity Contribution is a fundamental flaw in the Plan. The submission notes Council’s ongoing requests to deliver transport and school upgrades to support the additional growth seen to date. Discussion and actions are needed to address this gap.
- *Research and innovation* – *The Sydney Plan* points to several complex challenges facing Sydney that have no clear solutions. For example,
  - accommodating displaced urban services across eastern Sydney
  - provision of meaningful new open space for dense, infill communities
  - provision of affordable family housing
  - balancing jobs growth and housing supply in transit-oriented development precincts

The Plan would benefit from the inclusion of policy positions in relation to these outcomes and actions to research innovative responses to these challenges.

### Matters directly relevant to the City Canada Bay

Within the planning package there are several changes directly relevant to Council. The submission requests clarification and strengthened content on these matters.

- **Removal of District Plans** - The reduced strategic direction in *The Sydney Plan*, combined with the removal of District Plans, shifts significant responsibility onto Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPSs) to provide clear, defensible and binding local strategy. Councils have historically relied on district plans and their actions to give statutory weight to desired outcomes and to support consistent decision making. If LSPSs are now expected to fulfil this role, they must be given comparable policy weight to ensure local planning decisions can reliably deliver the outcomes envisioned for each community.

Additionally, comprehensive policy settings normally required to support an LSPS have not been included in *The Sydney Plan*, leaving an LSPS with gaps in policy direction at the local level or policy that does not have a line of sight to regional policy, ultimately weakening Council's position when negotiating outcomes.

- **Affordable housing** – The plan removes clear targets for Affordable Housing (noting a 5-10% target was included in the 2018 Region Plan), a dilution of a previously strong position on this issue and removal of a clear base line to guide industry expectations and council negotiations. The submission calls for affordable housing targets to be reinstated.
- **Surplus Council Land for Affordable Housing** - Of significant concern is an action that requires councils to identify surplus Council owned land for Affordable Housing supply, noting there is no guidance on what this entails, and appears to have been included in the Plan without council engagement or an assessment of the financial and social implications for councils and their communities. The draft submission does not support this action and asks for its removal. If the action is retained by NSW Government, engagement with councils to discuss and negotiate the scope of requirements is needed.
- **Five Dock Centre** – Five Dock has been proposed as an 'Emerging Retail Centre'. The Plan defines 'Retail Centre' as a major service-oriented centre with a 50/50 split between employment and residential land uses. This role is considered appropriate given the new metro station and Five Dock's already strong service role. Further clarification is required of expectations for the centre in terms of the quantum of non-residential floorspace to be provided, the role of employment land versus housing supply, whether increased retail/employment floorspace can be filled in the short term and how the centre is future proofed for its function as a retail centre.
- **Rhodes Retail Centre** - Rhodes Centre is also designated as a 'Retail Centre' within *The Sydney Plan*, changed from a 'Strategic Centre' within the Region and District Plans 2018. Projected jobs growth shows a significant reduction from the 2036 targets of the District Plan. The Plan requires clear and binding statements on the role of Rhodes as a centre to ensure this valuable economic precinct is not subject to erosion through pressure to rezone employment land to residential.
- **Local Freight and Waste Servicing** - The Plan provides high-level statements requiring councils to plan for local urban freight functions and waste servicing. However, it fails to acknowledge the operational difficulties councils face when these issues are not considered at precinct planning, rezoning and building design stages. A request for more detailed consideration and implementation actions is included in the submission.

Review of the planning package raises concerns around how Sydney will evolve out to 2045. *The Sydney Plan* fails to provide the strength of vision, strategic clarity, clear and binding policy and implementation guidance that Council relies on to drive decision making, strong negotiation and consistent delivery of its planning responsibilities, both now and into the future. A series of changes are required to ensure the package fully meets its role in guiding the future of Sydney out to 2045.

**TIMING AND RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Submissions are due to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure by 27 February 2026.

There is a risk that with a weakened planning framework and lack of clear policy direction, Council will find it more difficult to negotiate for expected land use outcomes for the LGA, outcomes that to date have been well supported by binding State level policy. Alongside this, there is a risk that decisions become inconsistent and the City of Canada Bay experiences ad hoc development and negative environmental impacts. The targeted recommendations contained within the submission seek to mitigate these risks.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no direct financial considerations associated with this report.

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no legislative or policy considerations associated with this report.

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**ITEM 8.2 CITY OF CANADA BAY - ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES - 4 DECEMBER 2025****Reporting Manager** Manager Sustainability and Waste**Attachments:** 1. **Environment Advisory Committee - Minutes - 4 December 2025** [↓](#)

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**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

That the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held on 4 December 2025, attached to the report be noted.

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the report is to present the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 December 2025.

**REPORT**

This report provides Council with the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Environment Advisory Committee from the meeting held on 4 December 2025 (refer to Attachment 1).

The Committee's role is to advise and make recommendations on sustainability and waste issues as they relate to Council's operations, with a focus on the implementation of and achievement of targets in Council's Community Strategic Plan, Our Future 2036.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment

Goal STE 1: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Goal STE 2: Increase urban tree canopy

Goal STE 3: Reduce waste to landfill through avoidance and increased recycling and reuse

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 3: Council works with partners to actively shape the City's future

Goal CL 4: The City of Canada Bay community is well informed and eager to engage in issues and decisions that impact them

**TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no timing/consultation and/or risk considerations associated with this report.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Council has adopted an *Environmental Strategy* and *Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy*.



## Environment Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday 4 December 2025 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Drummoyne Civic Centre - Halliday Room

**Committee List:** Councillor Charles Jago (ClrJ), Councillor David Mansford (ClrM), Belinda Snape (BS), Mavis Clements (MC), Rolf Muller (RM), Sally Ash (SA), Thomas Lawson (TL)

**APOLOGIES:** Chanelle-Marie Nader (CN), Jansen Li (JL), Emma Pryor (EP), Alessio Maiese (AM), Tony Manning (TM), Edward O'Brien (EO),

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE STAFF:** Monica Cologna (MoC), Belinda Koytz (BK), Gabriella Love (GL), Liz Locksley (LL)

**CHAIR:** Councillor Charles Jago (ClrJ)

### ITEMS:

#### Announcements/Introductions

**Clr Jago**

- MoC announced Council's Environmental Stewardship Award at the Parks and Leisure Australia National Awards of Excellence for the Walk on Wangal Nature Trail project and the whole committee acknowledged and congratulated staff on the win.

#### Nicole Capanna membership

**Belinda Koytz**

- Nicole Capanna membership has been withdrawn from the committee due to being absent for more than 6 months of meetings in 2025.
- A replacement from the Council Adopted Reserve list will be appointed in writing after this meeting.
- Due to this position being vacant, the meeting quorum for tonight has been met.

#### Council Presentation – Emissions

**Liz Locksley**

BK briefed LL on the discussion from last meeting and the request from the committee to hear more about emissions and potential target scenarios.

LL presented to the committee on Council's Emissions Reduction Action Plan and progress towards targets.

The following comments were made by the committee

- RM commented that climate knowledge regarding the global warming has been around for over 200 years.
- ClrJ asked if Council emissions plan includes both corporate and community. LL confirmed Council has a council operations target and a community wide target.

#### Corporate emissions

- ClrJ commented that natural gas increased and then decreased. LL commented that this was likely was due to a gas boiler upgrade at Drummoyne pool causing an increase, and the decrease because Cabarita pool gas hot water heater was replaced with an electric heat pump.
- SA commented that when she is at the pool, many comment that it is too hot. LL informed the committee that there is a standard temperature for heated outdoor public swimming pools and that Canada Bay pools have unique features being seasonal and using water from



the Parramatta River. RM asked if pool blankets are used and LL informed that the pools have pool blankets.

- ClrJ asked if the 7 electric vehicles in Council's fleet are for council operations? Yes, i.e. ranger vehicles and pool vehicles.
- There was discussion about the different type of electric vehicles and hybrids
- ClrJ asked about non-residential construction emissions being quite a high proportion of scope 3 emissions. Asked if future construction projects council could look at low emission concrete? BK commented that trials could be considered.
- MC asked if scope 3 emissions are included in the next plan. BK answered Council is focusing on exploring where scope 3 emissions come from and how it could be implemented in the future.
- SA asked if construction also includes demolition. BK informed committee that construction industry is one of the highest recovery industries.
- BK informed committee that current emissions plan states that the corporate target is net zero by 2030, and any residual emissions left by 2030 Council would purchase carbon offset credits. The goal is to minimise what carbon offsets need to be purchased.

#### **Community emissions**

- MC asked what is decarbonisation in the community context? BK answered that removing carbon through types of energy consumption such as reducing gas.
- BS asked if Greenpower is considered in community electricity emissions. LL/BK commented that currently we don't have access to that data, however Council is advocating with Resilient Sydney to get access to that data.
- ClrJ proposed a survey could be undertaken about Greenpower. BK informed that Council has run a Greenpower campaign in the past and data was provided as part of this.
- MC commented on the influence of state government in a lot of the areas of emissions such as waste and transport.
- Committee discussion about FOGO implementation dates for SUDs and MUDs being adopted by Council. There was also discussion around Council learning from other Councils, and the Canada Bay FOGO trial.
- ClrM asked about the planning controls that were introduced to restrict new gas in residential developments yet still seeing new houses with gas. MoC informed that approvals via NSW Complying Development and State Significant Development are not covered by Council's LEP/DCP.
- Discussion around transport emissions including EVs, lower speed limits, and public transport such as busses and the new metro. Clr J commented that the committee should have a larger discussion around transport as a topic at a future meeting.
- ClrJ queried low proportion of emissions around residential building standards in a graph that was presented. LL commented that the projections were based on the previous State Government policies and therefore would be different now.

#### **Discussion**

Current target: net zero 2050, 54% lower than 2016-17 by 2035

Science-based target, 1.5 degrees = net zero 2030 or 2035, advocate for strong action in NSW, nationally, and internationally.

- Discussion about setting an ambitious science-based target even if difficult to meet. Clr J commented if a science-based target is not used, what is the target based on?
- BS asked if there has been a change in waste generation since the bulk household service change? BK said there has been little change in tonnage and explained the recovery method.
- ClrJ commented that a target shows you where you want to go and BS asked how will we get the community on board?



- ClrM commented that a lot of people are making changes for non-environmental reasons.
- ClrJ commented that Council is not the main agency responsible for reducing community emissions, however we want to advocate and partner to help our community get there.
- Discussion about whether or not the target should be achievable, with differing views from committee members. Council officers noted that policy settings have a significant influence on whether or not a target is achievable.
- MC asked what is Council going to do to engage businesses, shopping centres and large apartment buildings? BK explained how Council develops programs based on data and budgets. Currently residential is Council's focus based on the data.
- ClrJ proposed a motion for the committee to support a scientific target for community emissions. The committee unanimously voted in support of having a revised community emissions target that is science based.

**Council Update****Belinda Koytz**

- BK informed the committee of upcoming native wreath workshop, plant giveaway and availability of Home Energy Efficiency kits at the libraries.

**Committee administration****Gabriella Love**

- GL informed the committee of the importance of confirming attendance for quorum and catering purposes.
- GL reminded the committee of the membership responsibilities under the Environment Advisory Committee Charter.

**Meeting presentations for next year****Belinda Koytz**

- BK asked the committee what topic they would be interested in for the next meeting indicating that climate, water and waste were previously discussed.
- Committee indicated they would like water and stormwater at the next meeting
- Clr J is interested in energy from waste for a future topic
- Council staff will invite speaker on water with waste as the backup topic

**General Business****a ) Lack of bees and insects****Tony Manning**

- Tony was absent from the meeting and subsequently sent apologies

**b) 2026 Committee date change****Gabriella Love****Proposal to move 31 December 2026 date to Thursday 3 December 2026**

- Committee unanimously agreed

**1. Meeting dates for 2026**

Thursday 26 February 2026

Thursday 30 April 2026

Thursday 25 June 2026

Thursday 27 August 2026

Thursday 29 October 2026

Thursday 31 December 2026

**Standing Items**

There were no standing items.

**Next Meeting – Thursday 26 February 2026**

## 9 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### ITEM 9.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES - 04 DECEMBER 2025

**Reporting Manager** Manager Roads and Traffic

**Attachments:** 1. Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 4 December 2025 [↓](#)

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#### RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That the minutes and recommendations of the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 4 December 2025, attached to the report, be adopted.

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#### PURPOSE

To report the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee minutes of 4 December 2025 to Council.

#### REPORT

The report contains the minutes for the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee held on 4 December 2025 for Council's adoption.

#### STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 4: Infrastructure and Transport

Goal IT 2: Manage traffic and parking to minimise congestion and increase road safety

#### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with the report.

#### LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee meetings are held in line with Transport for NSW guidelines.

# **CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

The meeting was held offsite

**Thursday, 4 December 2025**



**Minutes of a City of Canada Bay Local Traffic  
Committee Meeting  
Held on Thursday 4 December 2025**

**Voting Members Present:**

Mayor Michael Megna - Chairperson  
Stephanie Di Pasqua - Local Member of Parliament

**Non-voting Members Present:**

M Pruss - State Transit Authority, Transit Systems  
J Villanueva - State Transit Authority, Transit Systems  
R Muller - BayBUG - Canada Bay Bicycle Users Group

**Officers in attendance:**

G Schuettrumpf - CCBC Council  
F Guerrisi - CCBC Council  
C Di Natale - CCBC Council  
H Huynh - CCBC Council  
L Huang - CCBC Council  
M Saini - CCBC Council  
S Tran - CCBC Council  
Y Fu - CCBC Council  
T Gamble - CCBC Council

**NOTES**

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 1.15pm.



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**1 WELCOME/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****APOLOGIES**

Councillor H Robinson - Chairperson  
Sergeant Tohme - NSW Police  
K Hawkins - Transport for NSW  
D Martin - BayBUG - Canada Bay Bicycle Users Group  
G Ashton - BayBUG - Canada Bay Bicycle Users Group  
B Cantor - Busways  
S Lumley - Busways  
R Ristevski - CCBC Council  
M Dizon - CCBC Council  
C Johnson - CCBC Council

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****4.1 Minutes of City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee Meeting held  
13 November 2025****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 13 November 2025 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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**5 REPORTS****ITEM 5.1 COURLAND STREET, LAVENDER STREET, YORK AVE, ARLINGTON STREET –  
3T LOAD LIMIT**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

THAT:

1. 'No Truck, Gross Load Limit 3T' is installed at the entrance to the following streets intersecting Parramatta Road and Queens Road:
  - (a) Courland Street, Five Dock
  - (b) Lavender Street, Five Dock
  - (c) York Avenue, Five Dock
  - (d) Arlington Street, Five Dock
2. The proposed detour route for heavy vehicles is to travel via existing signalised intersections at Parramatta Road, Harris Road, Queens Road and Great North Road, Five Dock.

**TfNSW Comments:**

Traffic Management plan (TMP) is to be submitted to TfNSW for approval as per TMP processes for permanent changes on the road network.

**Council Comments:**

Council notes the comments received.

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**ITEM 5.2 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the 2026 Local Transport Forum scheduled meeting dates are adopted and noted.

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**ITEM 5.3 ITEMS APPROVED UNDER TEMPORARY DELEGATION**

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the following items have been approved under temporary delegation.

1. Proposed Mobility Parking Space – Harrabrook Avenue, Five Dock  
**Recommendation:**  
That a 7m Mobility Parking Space (MPS) be installed on Harrabrook Avenue, Five Dock outside house No. 58, as shown on the plan in the memo.
  2. Parramatta to Sydney Foreshore Link – Final Design  
**Recommendation:**  
That the detailed designs for the proposed six raised pedestrian crossings be approved as part of the Parramatta to Sydney Foreshore Link project.
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1. Bechert Road
  2. Allison Park (Blackwall Point Road & Parkview Road)
  3. Bibby Street
  4. Timbrell Drive
  5. Nield Park
  6. Millar Street Reserve
3. 25 Leeds Street (Blaxland Road), Rhodes - Proposed Works Zone
- Recommendation:**
1. That's a 30m 'Works Zone, 7am to 5pm, Mon – Sat' at Blaxland Road, Rhodes be installed for a duration of 24 weeks commencing late November 2025, as per the plan in the memo.
  2. That a 40m 'Works Zone, 7am to 5pm, Mon – Sat' at 27 Leeds Street, Rhodes be installed for a duration of 24 weeks commencing late November 2025, as per the plan in the memo.
  3. That the parking restrictions be returned to their original status at the completion of the Works Zone.
4. 18 Pomeroy Street, North Strathfield - Proposed Works Zone
- Recommendation:**
1. That's a 12m 'Works Zone, 7am to 5pm, Mon – Sat' at 18 Pomeroy Street, North Strathfield be installed for a duration of 24 weeks commencing December 2025, as per the plan in the memo.
  2. That the parking restrictions be returned to their original status at the completion of the Works Zone.
5. George Street, North Strathfield - Proposed Timed Parking Restrictions
- Recommendation:**
- That 25m '1P, 8:30am - 6:00pm, Mon-Fri and 8:30am – 12:30pm, Sat' parking restrictions be installed on George Street, North Strathfield as per the plan in the memo.
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**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

No General Business Items

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CHAIRMAN

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**10 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS****ITEM 10.1 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP****Reporting Manager Acting Manager Place and Events****Attachments: Nil**

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**RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE**

That Council approves the nominees recommended for membership of the Arts and Culture Committee, circulated under separate cover.

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**PURPOSE**

This report provides a recommendation for the appointment of two new members to the Arts and Culture Committee to fill two recently created vacant positions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a summary of the nomination and selection process for the appointment of two new members to the Arts and Culture Committee to fill two current vacancies. The recommendation is for appointment with immediate effect for the remainder of the current Council term.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 2: Improve access to local art, culture and creative activities

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 4: The City of Canada Bay community is well informed and eager to engage in issues and decisions that impact them

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

On 18 February 2025, Council resolved to call for expressions of interest for the Arts and Culture Committee to fill the then vacant position on the committee created by the resignation of a committee member holding one of the *Community Organisation Representatives or Community Members* (unpaid) positions.

Following an assessment process aligned to the Charter, a nominee was recommended and endorsed by Council at its meeting on 15 April 2025. At the same meeting a reserve list of nominees was endorsed by Council to be utilised where a member of the Committee vacates their position.

The membership of the Arts and Culture Committee includes the following:

Representation	Committee members	Position
Councillors	2	Unpaid
First Nations Cultural Representatives or Art Professionals	2	Paid
Artists	2	Paid
Community Organisation Representatives or Community Members	4	Unpaid
Arts and Culture Citizen of the Year	1	Unpaid

In late 2025, a committee member holding one of the *First Nations Cultural Representatives or Art Professionals* (paid) positions resigned from the Arts and Culture Committee due to personal commitments and in early 2026 a committee member representing one of the *Artists* (paid) positions ceased to be a member of the Committee due to an absence of greater than six months.

This report recommends that the reserve list of nominees endorsed by Council in April 2025 be utilised to fill the vacant positions. Details of the recommended nominees have been circulated under separate cover.

#### **TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

New Committee members will be appointed with immediate effect for the remainder of the current Council term.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no legislative considerations with this report.

**ITEM 10.2 CITY OF CANADA BAY ACCESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 20 NOVEMBER 2025****Reporting Manager** Manager Library and Community Services**Attachments:** 1. **City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes - 20 November 2025** [↓](#)

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**RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE**

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee held on 20 November 2025, attached to the report, be noted.

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**PURPOSE**

To present the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee, so that they may be noted.

**REPORT**

This report provides Council with the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee meeting held on 20 November 2025.

The Committee's role is to advise and make recommendations on access and inclusion issues as they relate to Council's operations, with a focus on the implementation and achievement of targets in Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 1: Connected Community

Goal CC 1: Foster an inclusive community where diversity is welcomed and celebrated

**TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no timing, consultation or risk considerations associated with this report.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

The City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Charter was endorsed by Council at the ordinary meeting held on 12 November 2024.

# **CITY OF CANADA BAY ACCESS AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

Held at Concord Library, Concord.

**Thursday, 20 November 2025**



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**Minutes of City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting  
Held on Thursday, 20 November 2025  
At the Concord Library, Concord.  
Commencing at 2:00pm**

**Present:**

Mayor Michael Megna	Chairperson
Coral Arnold	Community Member
Nicole Bradshaw	Community Member
Michelle Cullen	Community Member
Jennifer Koutoulas	Community Member
Tailoi Ling	Community Member
Joanna Najdzion	Community Member
Robyn Ryan	Community Member.
Jennifer Smith	Community Member (Teams)

**Officers in attendance:**

Mary Ciantar	Community Development Officer
Philip Edney	Manager, Library and Community Services
Tania Gamble	Community Development Manager
Rachael Jones	Community Development Support Officer

**NOTES**

The meeting commenced at 2pm and concluded at 4pm.



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## 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canada Bay acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, in particular the Wangal people, as the first inhabitants and traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

The City's Council pays respect to elders past present and emerging and extends this respect to all first nations people here today, and all Indigenous people around the world.

## 2 APOLOGIES

### APOLOGIES

Maria Cirillo	Councillor
Jeanette O'Hara	Life Member
Rachel Hensman	A/Director Community, Culture and Leisure
Jill Hodder	Community Member

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## 3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PERCUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### ITEM 4.1 Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting held on 2 October 2025.

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### RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee Meeting of 2 October 2025, copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

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*Note: The minutes were acknowledged and adopted.*

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**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**6 REPORTS**

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**ITEM 6.1 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (DIAP) OVERVIEW****RESOLVED**

1. That the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee members note the presentation.

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*Note: A presentation about current DIAP 2021–2025 achievements was delivered by Mary Ciantar, Community Development Officer.*

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**ITEM 6.2 DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (DIAP) CONSULTATION****RESOLVED**

1. That the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee members participate in a consultation with Urbis.

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*Note: Members were led through a series of activities by Urbis Consultants, contributing ideas that will help shape the next iteration of the DIAP–2026-2030.*

*The community engagement for the DIAP-2026-2030 will conclude on 7 December 2025.*

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**ITEM 7.1 CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

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*Note: The meetings of the City of Canada Bay Access and Inclusion Committee for 2026 will be held at Concord Library from 2-4pm on the following dates:*

- 29 January
- 16 April
- 16 July
- 8 October.

## 11 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS

### ITEM 11.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2026

**Reporting Manager** Director Corporate Services and Strategy

**Attachments:** Nil

#### RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That the ordinary Council Meeting schedule for March through to December 2026 be adopted following the adoption of Council's new Code of Meeting Practice.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting the schedule of ordinary Council Meetings for March through December 2026.

#### REPORT

Council is required to adopt a schedule of its ordinary Council Meetings under Clause 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act). This requirement is typically undertaken for the following calendar year, on an annual basis, prior to the conclusion of the previous year. However, due to changes to the Model Code of Meeting Practice (Model Code) for local councils in NSW, the annual schedule was unable to be determined until the conclusion of the public exhibition period for Council's new draft Code of Meeting Practice (draft Code) and its subsequent adoption. The exhibition period for the draft Code closed on 2 February 2026.

This report recommends that Council adopt a meeting schedule for 2026 whereby ordinary meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, with some exceptions as per the table below, commencing at 6pm unless otherwise advertised.

In addition, the draft Code proposes that Council will also meet at 6.00pm on the first Tuesday of the months February to November if the General Manager determines, following consultation with the Mayor, and there is sufficient business to warrant two meetings in any one month.

The proposed schedule of ordinary Council meetings is as follows:

Meeting Type	Meeting Day	Meeting Date (2026)	Meeting Time	Location
Ordinary	Tuesday	17 March	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	21 April	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	19 May	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	16 June	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	21 July	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	18 August	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	15 September	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	20 October	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	17 November	6.00pm	Drummoyne
Ordinary	Tuesday	1 December (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday)	6.00pm	Drummoyne

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 4: The City of Canada Bay community is well informed and eager to engage in issues and decisions that impact them

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Under the Office of Local Government's Model Code of Meeting Practice, Clause 3.1 requires Council to adopt a schedule of its council meetings as follows.

*"The council shall, by resolution, set the frequency, time, date and place of its ordinary meetings."*

**ITEM 11.2                   SIX-MONTHLY REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL'S DELIVERY PROGRAM 2025-2029 FOR THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 2025.**

**Reporting Manager**   Corporate Planning and Business Performance Officer

**Attachments:**       1.   **Six monthly report on progress towards implementation of Council's Delivery Program 2025-2029 for the period July to December 2025 (Provided in Attachment Booklet) [⇒](#)**

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**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY**

That the six-monthly report on progress for the period July to December 2025 be received and noted.

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**PURPOSE**

To submit to Council the six-monthly report on progress towards implementation of the Delivery Program 2025-2029 for the period July to December 2025. This report is made in accordance with section 4.9 of the Integrated Planning and Reporting Guidelines provided by the NSW government under section 406 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).

**REPORT**

The Act requires that the General Manager provide a progress report to Council, 'with respect to the principal activities detailed in the Delivery Program, at least every six months.' The report on progress informs Council and the community of the activities undertaken to deliver Council's commitment towards achieving the community's aspirations, as articulated in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), Our Future 2036.

The six-monthly report on progress for July to December 2025 is attached to this report. It documents the status of the capital infrastructure projects and operational deliverables for 2025-2026 that are listed in the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5:       Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1:       Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

Goal CL 4:       The City of Canada Bay community is well informed and eager to engage in issues and decisions that impact them

**TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

The six-monthly report on progress is made to fulfil the Integrated Planning and Reporting requirements of the Local Government Act 1993.

**ITEM 11.3                    SECOND QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW - JULY TO DECEMBER 2025****Reporting Manager    Chief Financial Officer****Attachments:**

- 1.    QBR2 Statement - December 2025 (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)**
- 2.    Capital Works Program as at 31 December 2025 (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)**

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**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY**

That the second quarter Budget Review for 2025/26, including the variations as identified in the report and attachments be adopted.

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**PURPOSE**

To inform Council on the results of the second quarter budget review and what material changes to the annual budget have occurred from October 2025 to December 2025. Revised year end forecasts are based on financial performance and trends over the period 1 July 2025 to 31 December 2025.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBR2) comprises standardised reporting templates that are presented to Councillors, the community and to the Office of Local Government.

The QBR2 is in the prescribed format and included as Attachment 1 to this report and comprises:

- A QBR2 Overview -providing a one-page snapshot of how Council is performing at the end of the quarter
- Income and Expenses Budget Review Statements for the General Fund (incorporating the Domestic Waste Fund)
- Capital Budget Review Statement
- Cash and investments Budget Review Statement
- Summary of Developer Contributions and
- A report from the Responsible Accounting Officer (RAO) stating whether the RAO believes Council's financial position is satisfactory, and if not, what recommendations should be implemented.

As at the end of Quarter 2, Council is forecasting an operating budget surplus of \$2,662k which includes net gain from disposal of assets of \$2,013k.

Budget adjustments proposed in this review have reduced the quarter one forecast operating result (excluding capital items) by \$49k. Operating income has been revised up by \$429k with increased Operating Expenditure of \$478k being brought to account. Details relating to material revisions are provided in the report attachments.

The Quarterly Budget Review Statement provides a summary of Council's financial position at the end of each quarter and highlights progress against both the original Operational Plan and the last revised budget, in addition to any recommended revisions identified as part of the budget review process.

The Operating Budget result has improved from the original adopted budget surplus of \$88k to a surplus of \$2,711k, in quarter 1, and in quarter 2, a surplus of \$2,662k excluding capital income and reserves movements. Overall, the consolidated budget position incorporating the Capital Budget has not changed from a balanced budget.

Material Operational Plan revisions detailed in the December 2025 QBRs forecasts are as follows:

**Increase in Income: \$429k (Excluding Capital Grants and Contributions)**

- Forecast reduction in User Fees and Charges DOWN \$157k. This decrease is attributable to removal of re-zoning fees, DOWN \$200k, Hall Hire income anticipated from the Rhodes Connection, UP \$26k, Health and building Inspection fees UP \$21k.
- Forecast reduction in Other Revenue DOWN \$9k. This decrease is attributable to increase on health and building fines of \$17k, and reduction in income from venue hire. DOWN \$26k.
- Forecast increase in operating grants and contributions of \$185k. This increase is attributable to grants relating to the Childcare centres, for the work retention scheme UP \$240k, Annual education grants and Childcare subsidy payments from NSW Department of Education, UP \$44k, Fresh Start Program DOWN \$65k, Community Development plan -S7.12 funding DOWN \$50k.
- Forecast increase in interest and investment revenue of \$300k, resulting from favourable market conditions and more funds available to invest than anticipated. The investment portfolio comprised of \$194.7m at the end of December 2025. Average investment returns on the portfolio of 4.25% are being achieved.
- Forecast increase in Other Income UP \$110k. This relates to additional rents from newly acquired affordable housing units, UP \$65k and greater than anticipated income from Footpath dining, UP \$45k.

**Increase in Expenditure: \$478k**

- Forecast increase in employee benefits and on-costs of \$230k. This result is attributable to the worker retention payment to Childcare staff of \$240k, additional Customer Experience staff costs for parking permit processing, UP \$80k, a reduction in staff from the Fresh Start Program, DOWN \$65k, vacancies in the Street Cleansing team, DOWN \$43k.
- Forecast increase in materials and services of \$260k, are in the main funded from increased grants and contributions, salary savings, and transfers from the capital budget. These include a, transfer of capital budgets to cover Drainage maintenance of \$200k, and Rhodes Recreation Centre operational costs of \$150k. Other changes include,: Library Priority Program expenditure funded from prior year grants, UP \$31k, Legal costs relating to property services UP \$115k, Bulky household collection costs (funded from waste levy savings identified below) UP \$123k, Statutory Planning assessment consultant DOWN \$39k, Local Strategic Planning Statement Background studies, DOWN \$155k, IT savings of \$150k, transferred to IT Capital projects.
- Forecast Decrease in Other Expenses DOWN \$123k, anticipated reduction in the cost of waste levy, DOWN \$123k.
- Forecast increase in Loss from Disposal of Assets of \$110k. This relates to a write-off of infrastructure assets replaced as part of the renewal / upgrade capital works program.

**Increase in Capital Grants and Contributions: \$7,693k**

- Non-cash contribution for 6 Gauthorpe St, Rhodes (Operational Land) UP \$8,277k
- Timbrell Park Sportsfield – funding brought forward, UP \$113k
- Community Sports Facility Upgrade – St Lukes Oval – project re-phased and funds transferred to future year in line with adjusted project schedule, DOWN \$708k.

## **STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

## **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The quarterly review of the 2025/26 Budget for the period July 2025 to December 2025 has been completed. Actual results for the second quarter are assessed to determine the need for revisions to the original budget. Explanations are included for recommended changes and any impact on Council's original Operational Plan, Delivery Program or Long-Term Financial Plan.

The Budget is comprised of two components:

- Continuing Operations Budget
- Capital Budget

A copy of the Quarterly Report is attached to this report.

Council's Original Budget for 2025/26, provided for an Operational surplus of \$88k.

The first quarter Review of Council's 2025/26 Budget forecasts a projected year end result of a surplus of \$2,711k, including an adjustment for the Net gain from disposal of Assets of \$2,124k.

The second quarter Review of Council's 2025/26 Budget forecasts a projected year end result of a surplus of \$2,662k, including an adjustment for the Net gain from disposal of Assets of \$2,013k.

A summary of the Budget along with variations associated with the "Proposed December Variations" recommended as part of this review are included in the report attachment.

## **TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Not later than 2 months after the end of each quarter, the responsible accounting officer of a council must prepare and submit to the council a budget review statement that shows, by reference to the estimate of income and expenditure set out in the management plan that the council has adopted for the relevant year, a revised estimate of the income and expenditure for that year.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The consolidated budget summarised below incorporates the Operational Budget and Capital Budgets. The Funding movements section details transfers to and from Cash Reserves.

		Original Budget	Quarter 1 Revised Budget	Quarter 1 Movement	Proposed Quarter 2 Movement	Proposed Budget
<b>Operational</b>						
<b>Income</b>	<i>Rates and Annual Charges</i>	75,689,149	75,689,149	0	0	75,689,149
	<i>User Fees and Charges</i>	24,135,558	24,200,568	65,010	(157,296)	24,043,272
	<i>Other Revenue</i>	7,563,909	7,820,810	256,901	(9,073)	7,811,737
	<i>Grants and Contributions-Operational</i>	9,252,864	11,949,945	2,697,080	185,163	12,135,107
	<i>Interest</i>	7,500,000	7,900,000	400,000	300,000	8,200,000
	<i>Other Income/Rental Income</i>	4,986,035	4,986,035	0	109,719	5,095,754
	<i>Net Gain from disposal of assets</i>	0	2,525,000	2,525,000	0	2,525,000
	<b>Total operating income</b>	129,127,515	135,071,506	5,943,991	428,513	135,500,019
<b>Expense</b>	<i>Employee Costs</i>	56,257,897	55,963,027	(294,870)	230,112	56,193,139
	<i>Materials &amp; Services</i>	44,429,799	47,657,589	3,227,790	259,543	47,917,133
	<i>Borrowings</i>	552,424	552,424	0	0	552,424
	<i>Other Expenses</i>	7,336,440	7,323,379	(13,061)	(123,444)	7,199,935
	<i>Net Loss from disposal of assets</i>	0	400,806	400,806	111,600	512,406
	<i>Depreciation</i>	20,463,000	20,463,000	0	0	20,463,000
	<b>Total operating expenditure</b>	129,039,560	132,360,225	3,320,665	477,811	132,838,037
<b>Operational result - surplus/(deficit)</b>		87,955	2,711,281	2,623,326	(49,298)	2,661,982
<b>Capital</b>						
<b>Income</b>	<i>Grants And Contributions-Capital</i>	21,580,852	22,147,379	566,527	7,693,034	29,840,412
	<i>New Loans</i>	0	0	0	0	0
	<i>Proceeds From The Disposal Of Assets</i>	501,000	26,101,000	25,600,000	0	26,101,000
	<b>Total Capital Income</b>	22,081,852	48,248,379	26,166,527	7,693,034	55,941,412
<b>Expense</b>	<i>Capital Expenditure</i>	52,265,744	93,757,202	41,491,458	5,548,519	99,305,720
	<i>Capital Expenditure - Principal Loan</i>	826,456	826,456	0	0	826,456
	<i>Capital Expenditure - Other</i>	1,805,000	2,640,196	835,196	(59,172)	2,581,024
	<b>Total capital expenditure</b>	54,897,200	97,223,854	42,326,654	5,489,347	102,713,201
<b>Capital result - surplus/(deficit)</b>		(32,815,348)	(48,975,476)	(16,160,127)	2,203,687	(46,771,789)
<b>Funding Movements</b>						
	<i>Add Back Depreciation &amp; Amortisation -</i>	20,463,000	20,463,000	0	0	20,463,000
	<i>Gain/Loss from disposal of assets</i>	0	(2,124,194)	(2,124,194)	111,600	(2,012,594)
	<i>Transfer From Reserve</i>	27,711,518	69,421,469	41,709,950	(1,251,295)	68,170,174
	<i>Transfer To Reserve</i>	(15,447,125)	(41,496,080)	(26,048,955)	(1,014,694)	(42,510,774)
<b>Total Funding Movements</b>		32,727,393	46,264,195	13,536,801	(2,154,389)	44,109,806
Net result - surplus/(deficit)		0	0	0	0	0

This review recommends a number of changes to the Continuing Operations Budget and provides revised estimates for the full year. In some cases, the recommended changes to the budget are movements of funds across functions or activities of Council. The overall consolidated budget movement over the second quarter is zero, which maintains unrestricted cash reserves at budget forecast balances.

Material variations highlighted during the quarter are detailed in the Quarterly Budget Review Statement attachment.

### Capital Works Program

The Capital Budget includes the Capital Works Program comprising new and renewal infrastructure projects, planned purchases and disposals of major equipment, loan repayments and allocations to reserves. The capital expenditure program is funded from developer contributions, grants, funds drawn down from reserves and specific purpose income such as the Stormwater Management Charge.

The following table summarises variances to the original budget for Capital Expenditure:

Type	Original Budget \$'000	September Variations \$'000	Proposed December Variations \$'000	Proposed Budget \$'000
Capital Expenditure	52,266	41,492	5,548	99,306
Intangible Assets	1,805	835	-59	2,581
Loans	826	0	0	826
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>54,897</b>	<b>42,327</b>	<b>5,489</b>	<b>102,713</b>

The above table shows the net movement in the Capital Expenditure Program, increasing by \$5.5m. The capital budget includes the transfer of stratum for Rhodes Recreation Centre valued by the Valuer General at \$8.27m

Full details of the recommended variations to forecast budgets are shown in the second quarter Budget Review Capital Works Program in Attachment 2 to the report.

### Cash & Investments

The Statement of Investments as at 31 December 2025 will be presented at the Council Meeting of 17 February 2026. At the end of the second quarter, Council's Cash and Investments amounted to \$194,715,847.49. By comparison, at the end of the second quarter in December 2024, Cash and Investments amounted to \$193,868,874.54. These funds are invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

A detailed Statement of Cash and Investments is incorporated in Attachment 1 to the report.

Cash flows from rate collections over the six months of the 2025/26 financial year amount to approximately \$45 million of the \$78 million rate debtor. This represents 58% of the total collectible compared to 59% for the same period last year.

### Financial Assistance Grant

The budget also accounts for the ongoing payment in advance of the Financial Assistance Grant. The advance payment of Financial Assistance Grant would usually be paid in June.

Failure to receive this grant will result in the forecast result being unachievable.

### Financial Impact

The second quarter review forecasts a revised operating budget surplus of \$2,662k, including \$2,013k in net gain from disposal of assets.

The capital program has been updated to reflect current budget phasing, with an increase of \$5.6m in expenditure. The impact of these combined funding movements results in the revised capital works program being adjusted up from \$97.2m to \$102.7m.

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for City of Canada Bay Council for the quarter ended 31/12/2025 indicates that Council's projected financial position as at 30 June 2026 will be satisfactory at the year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure. This opinion focuses on Council's projected short-term liquidity position at year end. It does not extend to an opinion relating to Council's long-term financial position.

Jourdan Di Leo - Responsible Accounting Officer.

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 requires that at the end of each quarter, a Budget Review Statement be prepared and submitted to Council that provides the latest estimate of Income and Expenditure for the current financial year.

**ITEM 11.4 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - NOVEMBER 2025**
**Reporting Manager** Chief Financial Officer

**Attachments:** 1. **Investment Report November 2025** (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)
**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY**

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

**PURPOSE**

To present Council's Investment portfolio performance for November 2025.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

This report incorporates the November 2025 Cash and Investments Reports, for Council's consideration.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer

Jourdan Di Leo as the Responsible Accounting Officer have certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government General Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

**TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**
**Summary position as of 30 November 2025**

The Cash at Bank and Cash Investments are summarised below:

Month	Cash At Bank	Cash Investments	Total Cash
30 November 2025	\$3,091,338.06	\$199,401,005.11	\$202,492,343.17

The detailed Schedule of Investments held, for November are also provided over the next page.

STATEMENT OF CASH INVESTMENTS							
Maturity Date	Bank/Issuer	Long Term Rating	Fair Value	Term	Interest	Issue Date	Investment Type
03/12/25	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	139	4.15%	17/07/25	Term Deposits
04/12/25	ANZ	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	301	4.78%	06/02/25	Term Deposits
10/12/25	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$2,500,000.00	145	4.50%	18/07/25	Term Deposits
18/12/25	ANZ	AA-	\$4,000,000.00	239	4.64%	23/04/25	Term Deposits
07/01/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	134	4.10%	26/08/25	Term Deposits
14/01/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	132	4.13%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
22/01/26	ANZ	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	378	4.88%	09/01/25	Term Deposits
29/01/26	ANZ	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	281	4.53%	23/04/25	Term Deposits
04/02/26	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	195	4.35%	24/07/25	Term Deposits
05/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	366	4.72%	04/02/25	Term Deposits
12/02/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$4,000,000.00	287	4.30%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
16/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	364	1.04%	16/02/21	Term Deposits
04/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	202	4.12%	14/08/25	Term Deposits
12/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	260	4.23%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
18/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.13%	22/08/25	Term Deposits
19/03/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	265	4.27%	27/06/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	240	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.10%	29/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.15%	01/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	209	4.13%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
08/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.20%	08/08/25	Term Deposits
15/04/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	216	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
22/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	268	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
30/04/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	307	4.20%	27/06/25	Term Deposits
07/05/26	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	371	4.18%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	251	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
27/05/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	252	4.15%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
03/06/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$2,500,000.00	196	4.33%	19/11/25	Term Deposits
24/06/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.39%	28/11/25	Term Deposits
25/06/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	365	4.15%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
01/07/26	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	258	4.30%	16/10/25	Term Deposits
31/08/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	367	4.58%	29/08/24	Term Deposits
10/09/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	374	4.63%	30/08/24	Term Deposits
17/09/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.16%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
28/10/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	372	4.74%	21/10/24	Term Deposits
05/11/26	ING	A	\$16,500,000.00	372	4.94%	29/10/24	Term Deposits
04/02/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	644	4.10%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
18/03/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	678	4.09%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
01/04/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	700	4.08%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
06/05/27	ING	A	\$2,500,000.00	728	4.03%	08/05/25	Term Deposits
12/05/27	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	730	4.22%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	741	4.07%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
29/10/27	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	729	4.25%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
11/05/28	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	1095	4.37%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
30/10/28	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	1096	4.33%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
17/02/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	183	2.24%	18/02/22	Tailored Deposit
24/02/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	91	2.31%	25/02/22	Tailored Deposit
03/03/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	181	2.22%	04/03/22	Tailored Deposit
30/10/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.30%	30/10/25	Tailored Deposit
09/12/25	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$2,000,000.00	91	4.06%	02/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	92	4.48%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
24/02/26	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,300,000.00	92	5.15%	24/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/05/26	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$1,000,000.00	179	4.90%	15/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/06/26	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	\$850,000.00	272	4.24%	16/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
19/08/26	ING Bank Covered	AAA	\$500,000.00	273	4.05%	19/08/21	Floating Rate Notes
14/09/26	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,600,000.00	364	4.43%	14/09/23	Floating Rate Notes
23/12/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	456	3.97%	23/09/21	Floating Rate Notes
22/03/27	ING	A	\$1,000,000.00	546	4.50%	22/03/24	Floating Rate Notes
14/05/27	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$800,000.00	546	4.65%	14/05/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/08/27	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,100,000.00	638	4.67%	18/08/22	Floating Rate Notes
13/09/27	AMP	BBB+	\$1,300,000.00	728	4.85%	13/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
01/11/27	Great Southern Bank	BBB+	\$1,150,000.00	728	4.67%	01/11/24	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	822	4.73%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
19/01/28	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	821	4.67%	19/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
16/02/28	Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	820	4.63%	16/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
09/05/28	Bank of Queensland Covered	AAA	\$1,250,000.00	911	4.84%	09/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
17/08/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,250,000.00	1004	4.60%	17/08/23	Floating Rate Notes
03/10/28	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	1096	4.54%	03/10/25	Floating Rate Notes
20/11/28	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$1,500,000.00	1096	4.41%	20/11/25	Floating Rate Notes
20/08/29	ING	A	\$1,800,000.00	1369	4.66%	20/08/24	Floating Rate Notes
27/09/29	ANZ	AA-	\$2,100,000.00	1459	4.51%	27/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/03/30	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$1,600,000.00	1642	4.39%	18/03/25	Floating Rate Notes
21/05/30	ANZ	AA-	\$700,000.00	1642	4.58%	21/05/25	Floating Rate Notes
19/06/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,200,000.00	1734	4.38%	19/06/25	Floating Rate Notes
10/07/30	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1734	4.45%	10/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,100,000.00	1734	4.32%	17/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1732	4.43%	15/08/25	Floating Rate Notes
24/08/26	Suncorp Covered	AAA	\$2,000,000.00	364	3.25%	20/04/22	Fixed Rate Bond
21/01/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,800,000.00	1645	4.95%	21/01/25	Fixed Rate Bond
21/05/30	ANZ	AA-	\$500,000.00	1642	4.60%	21/05/25	Fixed Rate Bond
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1826	4.37%	17/07/25	Fixed Rate Bond
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1826	4.28%	15/08/25	Fixed Rate Bond
	AMP	BBB+	\$15,000,000.00		4.25%		AMP
	AMP	BBB+	\$500.00		2.00%		AMP
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$505.11		3.90%		Macquarie Bank
	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$6,500,000.00		3.60%		CBA BOS
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$0.00		3.40%		Macquarie Bank
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$0.00		2.25%		Macquarie Bank
	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$0.00		0.25%		Commonwealth Bank
	<b>30/11/25</b>		<b>\$199,401,005.11</b>		<b>4.259%</b>		
Item	TOTAL INVESTMENTS at 31/10/2025		\$197,901,003.71		4.250%		
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Investments		\$1,500,001.40				

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Council's adopted budget for 2025-26 forecasts interest earnings of \$7.225M. The Budget was revised up by \$400,000 to \$7.625M in the September Quarter Review. Investment income earned for November 2025 amounted to \$684,206.65 which is in line with the monthly phased budget

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Council's investments are made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy. Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 states:

- (1) The responsible accounting officer of a council:
  - (a) must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented;
    - (i) if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting, or
    - (ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and
  - (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies.
- (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

**ITEM 11.5 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - DECEMBER 2025**
**Reporting Manager Chief Financial Officer**
**Attachments:** 1. **Investment Report December 2025 (Provided in Attachment Booklet)** [⇒](#)
**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY**

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

**PURPOSE**

To present Council's Investment portfolio performance for December 2025.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

This report incorporates the December 2025 Cash and Investments Reports, for Council's consideration.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer

Jourdan Di Leo as the Responsible Accounting Officer have certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government General Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

**TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**
**Summary position as of 31 December 2025**

The Cash at Bank and Cash Investments are summarised below:

Month	Cash At Bank	Cash Investments	Total Cash
31 December 2025	\$3,314,946.08	\$191,400,901.41	\$194,715,847.49

The detailed Schedule of Investments held, for December are also provided over the next page.

STATEMENT OF CASH INVESTMENTS							
Maturity Date	Bank/Issuer	Long Term Rating	Fair Value	Term	Interest	Issue Date	Investment Type
07/01/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	134	4.10%	26/08/25	Term Deposits
14/01/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	132	4.13%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
22/01/26	ANZ	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	378	4.88%	09/01/25	Term Deposits
29/01/26	ANZ	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	281	4.53%	23/04/25	Term Deposits
04/02/26	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	195	4.35%	24/07/25	Term Deposits
05/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	366	4.72%	04/02/25	Term Deposits
12/02/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$4,000,000.00	287	4.30%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
16/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	364	1.04%	16/02/21	Term Deposits
04/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	202	4.12%	14/08/25	Term Deposits
12/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	260	4.23%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
18/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.13%	22/08/25	Term Deposits
19/03/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	265	4.27%	27/06/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	240	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.10%	29/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.15%	01/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	209	4.13%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
08/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.20%	08/08/25	Term Deposits
15/04/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	216	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
22/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	268	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
30/04/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	307	4.20%	27/06/25	Term Deposits
07/05/26	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	371	4.18%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/26	ANZ	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	251	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
27/05/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	252	4.15%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
03/06/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$2,500,000.00	196	4.33%	19/11/25	Term Deposits
24/06/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.39%	28/11/25	Term Deposits
25/06/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	365	4.15%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
01/07/26	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	258	4.30%	16/10/25	Term Deposits
01/07/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$3,000,000.00	210	4.39%	03/12/25	Term Deposits
31/08/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	367	4.58%	29/08/24	Term Deposits
10/09/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	374	4.63%	30/08/24	Term Deposits
17/09/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.16%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
28/10/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	372	4.74%	21/10/24	Term Deposits
05/11/26	ING	A	\$16,500,000.00	372	4.94%	29/10/24	Term Deposits
04/02/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	644	4.10%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
18/03/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	678	4.09%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
01/04/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	700	4.08%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
06/05/27	ING	A	\$2,500,000.00	728	4.03%	08/05/25	Term Deposits
12/05/27	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	730	4.22%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	741	4.07%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
29/10/27	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	729	4.25%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
11/05/28	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	1095	4.37%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
30/10/28	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	1096	4.33%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
17/02/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	183	2.24%	18/02/22	Tailored Deposit
24/02/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	91	2.31%	25/02/22	Tailored Deposit
03/03/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	90	2.22%	04/03/22	Tailored Deposit
30/10/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.30%	30/10/25	Tailored Deposit
13/01/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	92	4.48%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
24/02/26	RACQ Bank	BBB+	\$2,300,000.00	92	5.15%	24/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/05/26	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$1,000,000.00	179	4.90%	15/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
15/06/26	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	\$850,000.00	181	4.39%	16/06/21	Floating Rate Notes
19/08/26	ING Bank Covered	AAA	\$500,000.00	273	4.05%	19/08/21	Floating Rate Notes
14/09/26	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,600,000.00	273	4.56%	14/09/23	Floating Rate Notes
23/12/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.14%	23/09/21	Floating Rate Notes
22/03/27	ING	A	\$1,000,000.00	455	4.68%	22/03/24	Floating Rate Notes
14/05/27	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$800,000.00	546	4.65%	14/05/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/08/27	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,100,000.00	638	4.67%	18/08/22	Floating Rate Notes
13/09/27	AMP	BBB+	\$1,300,000.00	637	4.98%	13/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
01/11/27	Great Southern Bank	BBB+	\$1,150,000.00	728	4.67%	01/11/24	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	822	4.73%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
19/01/28	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	821	4.67%	19/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
16/02/28	Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	820	4.63%	16/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
09/05/28	Bank of Queensland Covered	AAA	\$1,250,000.00	911	4.84%	09/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
17/08/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,250,000.00	1004	4.60%	17/08/23	Floating Rate Notes
03/10/28	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	1096	4.54%	03/10/25	Floating Rate Notes
20/11/28	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$1,500,000.00	1096	4.41%	20/11/25	Floating Rate Notes
20/08/29	ING	A	\$1,800,000.00	1369	4.66%	20/08/24	Floating Rate Notes
27/09/29	ANZ	AA-	\$2,100,000.00	1368	4.65%	27/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/03/30	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$1,600,000.00	1551	4.55%	18/03/25	Floating Rate Notes
21/05/30	ANZ	AA-	\$700,000.00	1642	4.58%	21/05/25	Floating Rate Notes
19/06/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,200,000.00	1643	4.56%	19/06/25	Floating Rate Notes
10/07/30	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1734	4.45%	10/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,100,000.00	1734	4.32%	17/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1732	4.43%	15/08/25	Floating Rate Notes
24/08/26	Suncorp Covered	AAA	\$2,000,000.00	364	3.25%	20/04/22	Fixed Rate Bond
21/01/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,800,000.00	1645	4.95%	21/01/25	Fixed Rate Bond
21/05/30	ANZ	AA-	\$500,000.00	1642	4.60%	21/05/25	Fixed Rate Bond
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1826	4.37%	17/07/25	Fixed Rate Bond
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1826	4.28%	15/08/25	Fixed Rate Bond
	AMP	BBB+	\$15,000,000.00		4.25%		AMP
	AMP	BBB+	\$500.00		2.00%		AMP
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$401.41		3.90%		Macquarie Bank
	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$9,000,000.00		3.60%		CBA BOS
	<b>31/12/25</b>		<b>\$191,400,901.41</b>		<b>4.2495%</b>		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS at 30/11/2025		\$199,401,005.11		<b>4.2594%</b>		
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Investments		(\$8,000,103.70)				

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Council's adopted budget for 2025-26 forecasts interest earnings of \$7.225M. The Budget was revised up by \$400,000 to \$7.625M in the September Quarter Review. Investment income earned for December 2025 amounted to \$691,765.77 which is in line with the monthly phased budget.

**LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Council's investments are made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy. Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 states:

- (1) The responsible accounting officer of a council:
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    - (ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and
  - (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies.
- (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

**ITEM 11.6 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - JANUARY 2026**
**Reporting Manager Chief Financial Officer**
**Attachments:** 1. **Cash and Investment Report - January 2026 (Provided in Attachment Booklet)** [⇒](#)
**RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY**

That the Cash and Investments Report for January 2026, attached to the report, be received and noted.

**PURPOSE**

To present Council's Investment portfolio performance for January 2026.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's investments are reported monthly to Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

Goal CL 1: Council is accountable, efficient, and ready to meet future challenges

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

This report incorporates the January 2026 Cash and Investments Reports, for Council's consideration.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer

Jourdan Di Leo as the Responsible Accounting Officer have certified that the investments listed in the attached report have been made in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, clause 212 of the Local Government General Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy.

**TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS**
**Summary position as of 31 January 2026**

The Cash at Bank and Cash Investments are summarised below:

Month	Cash At Bank	Cash Investments	Total Cash
31 January 2026	\$1,660,292.40	\$189,200,902.61	\$190,861,195.01

The detailed Schedule of Investments held, for January are also provided over the next page.

STATEMENT OF CASH INVESTMENTS							
Maturity Date	Bank/Issuer	Long Term Rating	Fair Value	Term	Interest	Issue Date	Investment Type
04/02/26	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	195	4.35%	24/07/25	Term Deposits
05/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	366	4.72%	04/02/25	Term Deposits
12/02/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$4,000,000.00	287	4.30%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
16/02/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	364	1.04%	16/02/21	Term Deposits
04/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	202	4.12%	14/08/25	Term Deposits
12/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	260	4.23%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
18/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.13%	22/08/25	Term Deposits
19/03/26	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	265	4.27%	27/06/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	240	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
25/03/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.10%	29/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.15%	01/08/25	Term Deposits
01/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	209	4.13%	04/09/25	Term Deposits
08/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	243	4.20%	08/08/25	Term Deposits
15/04/26	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$2,500,000.00	216	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
22/04/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	268	4.20%	28/07/25	Term Deposits
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07/05/26	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	371	4.18%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/26	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	251	4.19%	11/09/25	Term Deposits
27/05/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	252	4.15%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
03/06/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$2,500,000.00	196	4.33%	19/11/25	Term Deposits
10/06/26	MyState Bank	BBB	\$3,000,000.00	152	4.50%	09/01/26	Term Deposits
17/06/26	MyState Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	146	4.40%	22/01/26	Term Deposits
24/06/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$3,000,000.00	208	4.39%	28/11/25	Term Deposits
25/06/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	365	4.15%	25/06/25	Term Deposits
01/07/26	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	258	4.30%	16/10/25	Term Deposits
01/07/26	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$3,000,000.00	210	4.39%	03/12/25	Term Deposits
08/07/26	Australian Military Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	182	4.61%	07/01/26	Term Deposits
31/08/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	367	4.58%	29/08/24	Term Deposits
10/09/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	374	4.63%	30/08/24	Term Deposits
17/09/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.16%	17/09/25	Term Deposits
28/10/26	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	372	4.74%	21/10/24	Term Deposits
05/11/26	ING	A	\$16,500,000.00	372	4.94%	29/10/24	Term Deposits
16/12/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	328	4.55%	22/01/26	Term Deposits
27/01/27	ING	A	\$3,000,000.00	362	4.78%	30/01/26	Term Deposits
04/02/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	644	4.10%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
18/03/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	678	4.09%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
01/04/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	700	4.08%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
06/05/27	ING	A	\$2,500,000.00	728	4.03%	08/05/25	Term Deposits
12/05/27	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	730	4.22%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	741	4.07%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
29/10/27	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	729	4.25%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
11/05/28	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	1095	4.37%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
30/10/28	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	1096	4.33%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
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24/02/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	91	2.31%	25/02/22	Tailored Deposit
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15/05/26	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$1,000,000.00	179	4.90%	15/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
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14/05/27	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$800,000.00	546	4.65%	14/05/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/08/27	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,100,000.00	638	4.67%	18/08/22	Floating Rate Notes
13/09/27	AMP	BBB+	\$1,300,000.00	637	4.98%	13/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
01/11/27	Great Southern Bank	BBB+	\$1,150,000.00	728	4.67%	01/11/24	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	730	4.89%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
19/01/28	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	730	4.91%	19/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
16/02/28	Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	820	4.63%	16/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
09/05/28	Bank of Queensland Covered	AAA	\$1,250,000.00	911	4.84%	09/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
17/08/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,250,000.00	1004	4.60%	17/08/23	Floating Rate Notes
03/10/28	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	1002	4.69%	03/10/25	Floating Rate Notes
20/11/28	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$1,500,000.00	1096	4.41%	20/11/25	Floating Rate Notes
20/08/29	ING	A	\$1,800,000.00	1369	4.66%	20/08/24	Floating Rate Notes
27/09/29	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$2,100,000.00	1368	4.65%	27/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/03/30	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$1,600,000.00	1551	4.55%	18/03/25	Floating Rate Notes
21/05/30	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$700,000.00	1642	4.58%	21/05/25	Floating Rate Notes
19/06/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,200,000.00	1643	4.56%	19/06/25	Floating Rate Notes
10/07/30	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1640	4.60%	10/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,100,000.00	1640	4.55%	17/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1732	4.43%	15/08/25	Floating Rate Notes
15/01/31	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1826	4.47%	15/01/26	Floating Rate Notes
24/08/26	Suncorp Covered	AAA	\$2,000,000.00	364	3.25%	20/04/22	Fixed Rate Bond
21/01/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,800,000.00	1461	4.95%	21/01/25	Fixed Rate Bond
21/05/30	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$500,000.00	1642	4.60%	21/05/25	Fixed Rate Bond
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1640	4.37%	17/07/25	Fixed Rate Bond
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1826	4.28%	15/08/25	Fixed Rate Bond
15/01/31	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$800,000.00	1826	5.03%	15/01/26	Fixed Rate Bond
	AMP	BBB+	\$15,000,000.00		4.25%		AMP
	AMP	BBB+	\$500.00		2.00%		AMP
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$402.61		3.90%		Macquarie Bank
	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$4,000,000.00		3.60%		CBA BOS
	<b>31/01/26</b>		<b>\$189,200,902.61</b>		<b>4.2856%</b>		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS at 31/12/2025		\$191,400,901.41		<b>4.2495%</b>		
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Investments		(\$2,199,998.80)		<b>0.0361%</b>		

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council's adopted budget for 2025-26 forecasts interest earnings of \$7.225M. The Budget was revised up by \$400,000 to \$7.625M in the September Quarter Review. In addition, a further \$300,000 has been recommended in the December Quarter Review, increasing the forecast interest earnings to \$7.925M. Investment income earned for December 2025 amounted to \$709,820.06 which is in line with the monthly phased budget.

The RBA increased the Cash rate to 3.85% on 03 February 2026, the last increase occurred in November 2023. The following is an extract from of the RBA's statement from 03/02/2026 –

*“The Board judged that inflation is likely to remain above target for some time and it was appropriate to increase the cash rate target.”*

The full statement can be found: <https://www.rba.gov.au/media-releases/2026/mr-26-03.html>

## LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council's investments are made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Council's Investment Policy. Section 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 states:

- (1) The responsible accounting officer of a council:
  - (a) must provide the council with a written report (setting out details of all money that the council has invested under section 625 of the Act) to be presented;
    - (i) if only one ordinary meeting of the council is held in a month, at that meeting, or
    - (ii) if more than one such meeting is held in a month, at whichever of those meetings the council by resolution determines, and
  - (b) must include in the report a certificate as to whether or not the investment has been made in accordance with the Act, the regulations and the council's investment policies.
- (2) The report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

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**12 NOTICES OF MOTION****ITEM 12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR FERGUSON - CABARITA PARK AND FRIENDS OF CABARITA PARK AND WHARF**

Submitted by: Councillor Andrew Ferguson

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**MOTION**

That:

1. Council acknowledges the dedication and contribution made by Friends of Cabarita Park and Wharf and commits to regularly consult and advise them in respect of park needs and challenges.
  2. Council officers investigate the following:
    - a) Feasibility of the gate at the western entrance to Memorial Drive being closed at sunset each night and potential improved signage at the entrance to advise park visitors.
    - b) Options to better utilise the Digital Screen Sign to provide information to park visitors re total fire bans, rubbish, gate closures, parking permit renewals, fines for dumping hot coals etc.
    - c) Installation of a water feature in the children's playground as children presently use the water bubbler which constantly is blocked with sand and becomes a drinking pond for bird life.
    - d) Upgrading of the road to and from the park to the ferry parking area and to ensure the pedestrian crossing over this road is compliant.
    - e) Replacement of the bedraggled Australian flag on top of the Pavillion in line with Australian National Flag protocols and its regular replacement.
    - f) Installation of lighting to illuminate the Australian Flag in line with Australian National Flag protocols.
    - g) Replacement of the dilapidated timber fencing on left-hand side of Cabarita Road leading to ferry with sandstone blocks to prevent unauthorised access after hours.
    - h) Formalisation of the naming of Memorial Drive and Ferry Road with the Geographic names board.
    - i) Provision of a baby change table in the toilet block adjacent to the Conservatory.
    - j) Upgrading of the old toilet block adjacent to Cabarita Road.
    - k) Revenue from licences, leases and fines recovered in Cabarita Park being reinvested in Cabarita Park to upgrade and maintain facilities.
  3. A report on the outcomes of the investigation referred to in 2. above be prepared and submitted to a future Council meeting.
  4. Council officers liaise with Transport for NSW to request signage on Cabarita Wharf to report illegal fishing being updated to the direct (24 hour number) for Marine Area Command 9320 7499.
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**BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW FERGUSON**

Cabarita Park is highly regarded by not just local residents but by Sydney more broadly.

The park itself is significant at national, state and local levels and referred to as “one of Canada Bay’s premier and showpiece parks” in Council’s Plan of Management.

It is not just a local park but a destination for many in Sydney in particular on weekends and in the summer months and end of year.

This patronage places great pressure on the park, council and local residents. In recent years there has been some important improvements in the park being most noticeably the installation of soft fall and fencing around the children's playground and some new picnic shelters.

We are particularly lucky that we have a dedicated community organisation being the Friends of Cabarita Park and Wharf who are great guardians and advocates for the park.

**ITEM 12.2                    NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MANSFORD - REGULATIONS FOR TOBACCONISTS AND VAPE STORES**Submitted by:                Councillor David Mansford

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**MOTION**

That Council

1. Calls on the NSW Government to amend planning regulations to require a development application for the establishment of tobacconists and vape stores,
  2. Calls on the NSW government to provide guidance around managing the location and concentration of these stores within local communities.
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**BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID MANSFORD**

Starting around 15 years ago, our young people have been exposed to a barely policed black market in cheap e-cigarettes / vapes. These products are a serious health hazard and are often marketed to children. They are already capturing a new generation of nicotine addicted teenagers, undoing decades of excellent planning and action by State and Federal Health departments.

Currently it is too easy for a business to change from one retail use to another – such as from a general retail shop to a tobacconist or vape store without the need for a development application.

If the NSW government acts on this motion, Council can help to protect citizens, especially children from this scourge.

**ITEM 12.3                      NOTICE OF MOTION - CR CIRILLO - RHODES RUBBISH AND TROLLEY MOTION**Submitted by:                      Councillor Maria Cirillo

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**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Investigates issues and concerns raised by residents, including the effectiveness of strategies currently being undertaken by council in relation to rubbish and abandoned shopping trolleys in the Rhodes area.
  2. A report on the outcomes of the investigation referred to in 1. above be prepared and submitted to a future council meeting.
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**BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR MARIA CIRILLO**

Residents in Rhodes have approached me regarding concerns with rubbish on council streets, unsightly rubbish on private property that faces or spills over onto public spaces and abandoned trolleys.

**ITEM 12.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR ALAFACI - HOUSING GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE SEQUENCING AND PLANNING INTEGRITY**Submitted by: Councillor Sylvia Alafaci

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**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the need for additional housing supply across New South Wales, and notes that the City of Canada Bay continues to experience significant residential growth pressure, particularly in high-density precincts including (but not limited to) Rhodes, Concord West, North Strathfield and Five Dock.
  2. Reaffirms Council's role as the level of government closest to the community and its responsibility to balance growth with liveability, environmental protection and long-term sustainability.
  3. Receive a report on the following:
    - a. current and projected dwelling growth within the City of Canada Bay over the next 5-10 years;
    - b. a report on funding gaps in Council's Contributions plans and risks to timing and delivery of local infrastructure; and
    - c. an update on Council's local social infrastructure strategy.
  4. Calls on the NSW Government to:
    - a. ensure that housing targets are accompanied by guaranteed, timely infrastructure funding; and
    - b. provide details in relation to demand for schools, hospital and transport infrastructure arising from planned population growth in the City of Canada Bay and proposed plans and timeframes to deliver the required infrastructure.
  5. Continue a public awareness campaign around State government planning reforms.
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**BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR SYLVIA ALAFACI**

The City of Canada Bay is experiencing increasing pressure to accommodate higher levels of residential growth, particularly within established centres and transport-influenced precincts such as Rhodes, Concord West, North Strathfield, Five Dock and Drummoyne.

Recent State-led planning reforms, including changes to low-to mid-rise density provisions and accelerated housing targets, are intended to address housing supply shortages across New South Wales. While Council acknowledges the importance of increasing housing supply, these changes have raised significant concerns within the community regarding the pace, scale and sequencing of development relative to the provision of supporting infrastructure.

Residents have expressed growing unease that residential density is being introduced ahead of confirmed delivery of essential infrastructure, including public transport capacity, local road upgrades, schools, health services, open space, drainage systems and urban tree canopy. These concerns are particularly acute in geographically constrained areas and established neighbourhoods where cumulative impacts on traffic, amenity, environmental resilience and community character are already being felt.

Council has also received feedback indicating that community consultation has not always occurred at a level residents consider meaningful or adequate, particularly where planning controls are altered

or overridden at the State level. This has contributed to a perceived erosion of confidence in the planning system and uncertainty about Council's role in protecting local liveability while responding to broader housing objectives.

As the level of government closest to the community, Council has a responsibility to ensure that growth within the City of Canada Bay is evidence-based, well-sequenced and supported by appropriate infrastructure and funding. Clear information on projected dwelling growth, infrastructure capacity, funding mechanisms and potential risks is essential to inform Council decision-making, advocacy to State agencies, and engagement with the community.

This Notice of Motion seeks to reaffirm Council's commitment to planning integrity and balanced growth, and to request a comprehensive update to Council's Housing Strategy, together with a strategic plan for local infrastructure be prepared and reported to Council to enable Council to respond constructively to housing pressures while protecting long-term liveability, environmental sustainability and community confidence. It also seeks details from the State government regarding the planning and delivery of State infrastructure, such as health, education and transport, to support the anticipated growth.

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**ITEM 12.5                    NOTICE OF MOTION - CR MANSFORD - GREENLEES PARK BOWLING CLUB AND BRIARS SPORTS**

Submitted by:                Councillor David Mansford

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**MOTION**

That Council acknowledges the ongoing contribution that Greenlees Park Bowling Club and Briars Sports have made to the local community over the past 75 years.

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**BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID MANSFORD**

Greenlees Park Bowling Club was formed 1950 as Cabarita Park Bowling Club. The Club changed its name to Greenlees Park Bowling Club and was operational in 1952. The Ladies Bowling Club was formed 1954 and joined Greenlees Park Men's in 1956.

Intra and Inter State Bowls events have been played at the Club from the 1960s until the present day.

Former Federal Member for Lowe and Australian Prime Minister Sir William McMahon played bowls at Greenlees Park and had a tournament named after him, The Right Hon William McMahon Fours which attracted up to 528 bowlers at one time.

The Club has a proud 40 year history as part of the State Pennants competition. Greenlees was admitted to Premier League in 2002 and has hosted State finals since 1996.

Greenlees' greens are admired state-wide due to particular couch grass which was bred and developed on-site and is regarded as the gold standard of bowling green coverage.

The Club currently has a Bowling membership approx. 104 men and 35 Women. The two remaining greens at Greenlees are also utilised by Burwood Diggers Bowling Club and City Tattersalls Bowling Club.

The wider community has access to the greens with social bowls offered five days per week.

Like most community sports clubs, Greenlees offers an important social hub and meeting place for many Canada Bay residents.

References.

<https://www.associatedturf.com.au/greenlees-park-couch-grass/>

**ITEM 12.6                      NOTICE OF MOTION - CR JAGO - DRUMMOYNE PLANNING**Submitted by:                      Councillor Charles Jago

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**MOTION**

That Council:

1. Notes the concerns of residents regarding proposed high density housing developments in and around Drummoyne.
  2. Officers will consider the merits of proceeding with any plan put forward by Drummoyne residents and report back to council.
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**BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLES JAGO**

The NSW government Low and Mid Rise program allows apartment blocks of up to 6 storeys in R3 medium density zones within 800m of designated stations and town centres. Previously this would usually have been about 2-3 storeys. Then, with the affordable housing bonus allowing a 30% height increase for just 15 years, this can potentially be 8 storeys, perhaps 9 storeys.

For large parts of Drummoyne, and specifically along St Georges Crescent, apartment blocks of up to 9 storeys are now permitted. In particular, two proposed large developments have recently triggered the emergence of the Drummoyne Responsible Development Action Group.

Representatives of this group have recently met with the NSW Dept of Planning, who may perhaps consider an alternative zoning plan subject to major limitations.

**13 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION**

Nil

**14 MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

**15 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE**

Nil

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**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

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 PROPERTY DISPOSAL**

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 16.2 WASTE COLLECTION TENDER**

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.

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.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In accordance with section 10A(2) of the Act, Council may close part of its meeting to deal with business of the following kind:

- (a) Personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).
- (b) Personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer.
- (c) Information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
- (d) Commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
  - (i) Prejudice the commercial position of a person who supplied it: or
  - (ii) Confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council;

- (iii) Reveal a trade secret.
- (e) Information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.
- (f) Matters affecting the security of Council, Councillors, Council staff and Council property.
- (g) Advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the grounds of legal professional privilege.
- (h) Information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.
  - (i) Alleged contraventions of any Code of Conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

It is considered that the business listed in the recommendation is of a kind referred to in section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 and, under the provisions of the Act and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, should be dealt with in a part of the meeting that is closed to members of the public and the media.

Pursuant to section 10A(4) of the Act and clauses 14.9–14.10 of the City of Canada Bay Code of Meeting Practice, members of the public may make representations to the meeting immediately after the motion to close part of the meeting is moved and seconded, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

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**17 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS**

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In accordance with Part 14 of the Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the chairperson as soon as practicable. The resolution must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.

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