

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council Meeting will be held at the:

Council Chambers, City of Canada Bay Civic Centre, Drummoyne

Tuesday, 15 September 2026

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



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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.

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

In accordance with Part 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice a Councillor should submit an apology for the meetings they are unable to attend, state the reasons for their absence from the meetings and request that Council grant them a leave of absence from the relevant meetings. In response to any apology submitted, Council must determine by resolution whether to grant the Councillor a leave of absence for the meeting. If Council resolves not to grant a leave of absence for the meeting, it must state the reasons for its decisions in its resolution.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18 AUGUST 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 August 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

3.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 8 September 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

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.

5 MAYORAL MINUTE(S)

6 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

Nil

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.

7 EXECUTIVE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 7.1 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Reporting Manager Manager Governance Risk and Strategy

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That Council:

1. Elect a Deputy Mayor to hold office through to September 2027.
 2. Note the procedure for the election of a Deputy Mayor by Councillors in accordance with Schedule 7 of the NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.
 3. Determines the method of voting for the election of a Deputy Mayor to be the open voting method, if more than one councillor is nominated.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to elect a Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2027.

REPORT

At its meeting on 16 September 2025 an election for the position of Deputy Mayor was conducted with Councillor Anthony Bazouni declared elected as Deputy Mayor through to September 2026.

Council is now required to conduct an election for the position of Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2027.

Before conducting an election, Council is required to determine the method of voting it wishes to use for the election. If more than one nomination is received, the method of voting can be either by open voting method (show of hands), ordinary ballot method or preferential ballot method.

This report recommends that the open voting method be used.

The procedure for election is as outlined in Schedule 7 of the NSW *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* and is summarised below.

1. The Returning Officer will announce the names of the candidates for whom nomination forms have been received.
2. The Returning Officer will then ask if there are any other nominations.
3. If there is only one (1) councillor nominated, the Returning Officer shall declare that councillor to be elected.
4. If there is more than one (1) councillor nominated, the Returning Officer shall conduct the election utilising the method of voting determined by Council, and in accordance with the procedures outlined in the schedule.

Copies of nomination forms will be circulated under separate cover.

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

Section 231 of the NSW *Local Government Act*, 1993 states the requirement for election for the position of Deputy Mayor. The procedure for this election is outlined in Schedule 7 of the NSW *Local Government (General) Regulation* 2021.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

8 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 8.1 DESIRED FUTURE CHARACTER AND PREPARATION OF ALTERNATIVE MASTER PLANS

Reporting Manager Manager Strategic Planning

Attachments:

1. Letter from Minister (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)
2. Draft DCP - Desired Future Character controls for Drummoyne (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [⇒](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That:

1. Council note advice from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that the Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMR) provisions are finalised, apply in full to mapped areas, and cannot be suspended, deactivated or replaced through local planning processes.
 2. Council note that no pathway exists for a locally led master planning approach to override or redistribute the development capacity permitted under the LMR provisions.
 3. Council not proceed with the preparation of alternative master plans for Burwood North or LMR-affected precincts and instead proceed with amendments to the Canada Bay Development Control Plan to guide future built form, landscape, heritage and amenity outcomes.
 4. Council endorse public exhibition of the draft amendments to the Canada Bay Development Control Plan, provided at Attachment 2.
 5. The outcome of the public exhibition referred to in 4 above be reported to Council.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to respond to a Council resolution on the preparation of alternative master plans and seek Council's endorsement to publicly exhibit proposed amendments to the Canada Bay Development Control Plan in response to the NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing Reforms.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NSW Government's Low and Mid-Rise Housing (LMR) reforms establish planning controls that override local provisions in identified areas of the City of Canada Bay. Community concerns have focused on the potential impacts of these reforms on neighbourhood character, heritage, infrastructure and amenity.

Council has sought clarification from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure regarding the potential for locally led master planning approaches to replace or modify the operation of the LMR provisions. Both have confirmed that the policy is finalised, applies in mapped areas and cannot be deactivated or replaced through local planning processes.

As a result, there is limited value in preparing alternative master plans for Burwood North or LMR-affected precincts. Instead, the most effective response is to strengthen Council's Development Control Plan through updated controls that complement the NSW Government's LMR provisions and articulate expectations for built form, landscape, heritage and amenity outcomes. Although Council cannot create local planning controls that override LMR provisions, it can develop locally responsive controls that assist in their application, including controls that inform the assessment of whether

development seeking the infill affordable housing bonus appropriately responds to the desired future character of the area.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

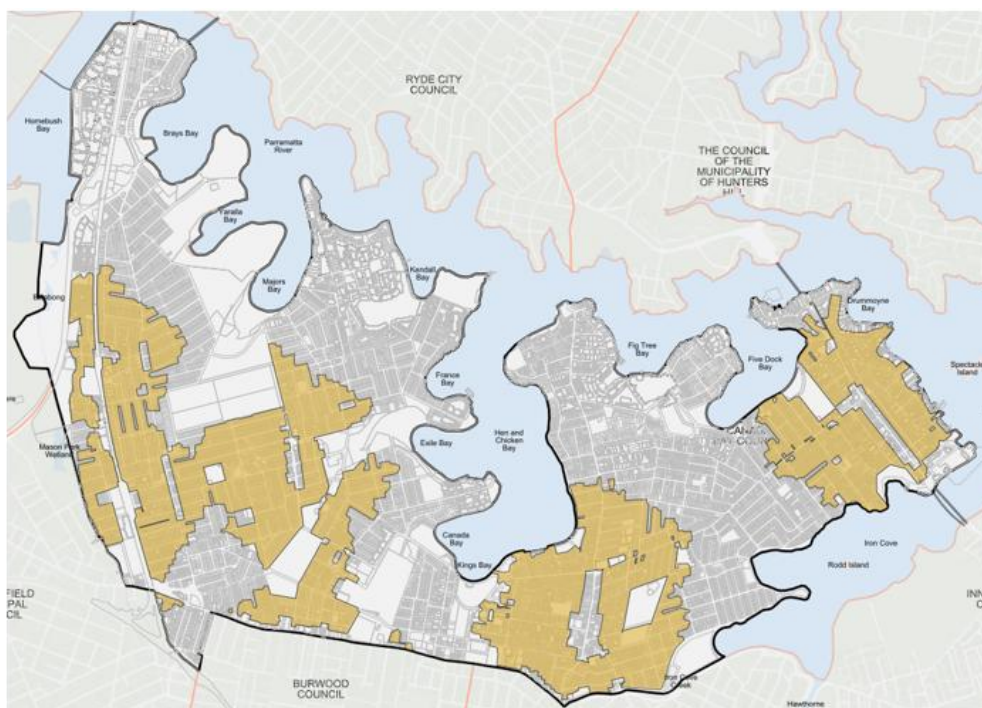
Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 4: Ensure the built environment respect the unique neighbourhood character and responds deftly to evolving community needs

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Low to Mid Rise Housing precincts

The NSW Government introduced the Low and Mid-Rise Housing reforms under the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021* in 2024/25 as part of a broader program to increase housing supply across New South Wales. The reforms are intended to support the delivery of additional homes in established urban areas, particularly in locations with access to transport and town centres. Precincts subject to LMR provisions in the City of Canada Bay are shown on the map below.



Indicative Low and Mid-Rise Precincts

The policy expands the types of housing that are permitted in residential zones. This includes a broader range of medium-density housing such as dual occupancies (duplexes), semi-detached dwellings, terraces and townhouses, as well as low-rise and mid-rise apartment buildings and shop-top housing.

A key feature of the reforms is the introduction of consistent, state-wide planning controls that override certain local environmental planning provisions. These controls include standardised requirements for building height, density and minimum lot size. The policy also incorporates non-discretionary development standards, where if a development proposal meets the prescribed criteria, those matters cannot be used as grounds for refusal of the development proposal.

Residents have raised concerns that the LMR provisions apply a broad, state-wide approach that does not adequately reflect local conditions, including existing neighbourhood character and heritage

areas. There are concerns that the reforms are resulting in development that is larger in scale and density than is appropriate, with impacts on visual amenity, particularly in foreshore and other sensitive areas, and the potential for cumulative impacts from ongoing redevelopment.

Residents have also raised concerns about housing outcomes, including the potential loss of existing affordable housing and its replacement with higher-priced dwellings, reducing housing diversity and accessibility. In addition, there is a perception that the reforms were implemented with limited community awareness or engagement, leading to frustration and a lack of confidence that local opinions have been properly considered.

Overall, the concerns relate to whether a uniform, state-led approach is appropriate in a constrained local context, and whether increased density can be supported while maintaining neighbourhood character, infrastructure capacity and liveability.

Advocacy to date

In response to community concerns, Council has undertaken the following advocacy actions.

Date	Action	Outcome
Feb 2024	Council lodged a submission on the NSW Government's <i>Explanation of Intended Effects: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing</i> . The submission supported a locally-led strategic planning approach to identify housing opportunities in preference to a metropolitan-wide SEPP.	The NSW Government proceeded with the reforms, with the Low and Mid-Rise Housing provisions commencing on 1 July 2024 and 28 February 2025.
Dec 2025	The Mayor wrote to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Paul Scully MP, outlining concerns raised by the Drummoyne community regarding the Low and Mid-Rise Housing provisions. The correspondence sought confirmation as to whether the provisions could be deactivated in Drummoyne and replaced with a design-led master planning approach focused on suitable, unconstrained sites and lower-scale development.	On 22 January 2026, the Minister advised that the Low and Mid-Rise Housing policy had been finalised and would continue to apply in all mapped areas, including Drummoyne. The Minister further confirmed that the provisions would not be paused or switched off while Council undertook any master planning or local planning work (Attachment 1).
Feb 2026	Council resolved to formally request that the NSW Government deactivate the Low and Mid-Rise Housing provisions across the City of Canada Bay, with particular regard to Drummoyne.	The Mayor wrote to the Premier of New South Wales on 17 March 2026. No response has been received.
Apr 2026	Council resolved to investigate and report on the preparation of alternative master plans for Drummoyne, North Strathfield/Concord West and the Burwood North Metro precinct.	This report has been prepared in response to that resolution.

Discussion

Advice from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) was sought on whether locally led master plans would be supported in lieu of the Low and Mid Rise (LMR) Housing policy. This would involve developing local planning controls and redistributing the housing capacity permitted under the LMR policy.

The Department advised that it has generally not supported this type of locally led approach as a substitute for the LMR policy in other local government areas. This includes, for example, the Mosman Masterplan, where DPHI has advised that no commitment has been made to replace the operation of the LMR provisions. The Department has consistently confirmed that the LMR policy is finalised, applies in full to mapped areas, and cannot be suspended or replaced through local planning processes. Councils are instead encouraged to pursue local planning initiatives that increase housing capacity in areas outside the LMR controls, such as town centres and employment zones. While the Department may consider refinements to how local controls interact with the policy, this would generally only occur where it supports improved overall housing outcomes.

It is important to note that the LMR policy is distinct from Transit Oriented Development (TOD) provisions. In the case of TOD areas, there is precedent for alternative, locally led approaches being accepted. For example, in Ku-ring-gai, TOD provisions applying to station precincts were able to be replaced with a Council-led master planning process, supported by the Department, which established bespoke local planning controls to guide development outcomes and housing delivery. This demonstrates that, while the Department maintains a consistent position on the application of the LMR policy, a greater degree of flexibility may be afforded in TOD precincts where a robust, strategic, and outcomes-based local planning framework is prepared.

At this stage, no pathway has been identified that would allow councils to replace or override the Low and Mid-Rise Housing provisions with a locally led strategic planning approach. As such, the LMR provisions continue to apply as a state-imposed framework, limiting the scope for locally driven substitution.

It is also noted that any alternative master plan prepared by Council would not have statutory effect and could not be afforded determinative weight in the assessment of development applications where State Environmental Planning Policy provisions prevail. This significantly constrains the practical value of undertaking such work, as it would not materially influence development outcomes. Accordingly, there is limited strategic or procedural benefit in preparing an alternative master plan, and it is unlikely that such an approach would achieve the intent of the Notice of Motion.

Dwelling Capacity and Alternative Master Planning Implications

An assessment was undertaken to determine the theoretical dwelling capacity within the Drummoyne LMR area under the LMR provisions. The assessment identified a potential yield of up to 7,450 additional dwellings across eligible sites, making Drummoyne the largest LMR growth area within the City of Canada Bay.

This outcome reflects the extensive LMR catchment, which extends up to 800 metres from Victoria Road, and the substantial amount of land zoned R3 Medium Density Residential. However, this yield is considered ambitious due to the high-level nature of the assessment, an assumption that all eligible sites will be redeveloped to maximum permissible capacity and questions around feasibility of development in heritage conservation areas. The identified capacity should therefore not be interpreted as a forecast of likely dwelling delivery.

Nevertheless, it provides an indication of the potential scale of housing growth enabled under the LMR framework and, importantly, a useful benchmark for developing alternative planning approaches.

If a future master plan sought to maintain a similar housing capacity while reducing development opportunities across the broader LMR area, a significant proportion of this growth would need to be concentrated on fewer sites. This would likely necessitate substantially taller and denser development, particularly along the Victoria Road corridor and on other unconstrained opportunity sites, potentially compounding impacts on adjoining residential areas and heritage conservation areas.

Burwood North – State led rezoning precinct

The Burwood North rezoning is a State-led project being progressed by the NSW Government to facilitate a major urban renewal precinct around the future Burwood North Metro Station. The Burwood North rezoning is being undertaken through a State-led rezoning process. The role of Council is limited to providing submissions and advocacy during the process, with final planning decisions remaining the responsibility of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

The rezoning covers approximately 113 hectares across the Burwood and Canada Bay local government areas. The proposal seeks to amend local environmental plans to enable higher-density residential and mixed-use development, with capacity for up to approximately 18,300 new dwellings.

The draft rezoning package was placed on public exhibition between March and April 2026, and Council has endorsed a submission on the draft plans. Submissions are currently being reviewed by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the rezoning is expected to be finalised later in 2026.

The proposal supersedes and effectively replaces Council's previous planning work for this part of the Parramatta Road Corridor. Any alternative master plan prepared by Council would have no statutory weight, would not influence the outcome of the State-led rezoning, and would duplicate work already undertaken by the NSW Government. Proceeding with a parallel planning process would therefore represent an inefficient use of Council resources, risk inconsistency with the State's adopted framework, and create confusion within the community and development industry regarding the applicable planning controls for the precinct.

Draft Development Control Plan

While Council cannot prevent, modify or replace the operation of the LMR provisions, the Housing SEPP identifies desired future character as a relevant assessment consideration in certain development assessment processes, including development seeking the infill affordable housing bonus.

While desired future character is a relevant assessment consideration under the Housing SEPP, it represents one matter for consideration among a broader range of planning, design and statutory issues. The extent to which it influences a particular development outcome will depend on the circumstances of each proposal and the applicable legislative framework.

Given pressure for LMR development in Drummoyne, a draft Desired Future Character Statement has been prepared for inclusion in the Canada Bay Development Control Plan (Attachment 2). The purpose of this work is to establish clear statements and controls for this LMR precinct.

Unlike an alternative master plan, which would have no statutory weight and could not override State planning controls, amendments to the Canada Bay Development Control Plan form part of Council's statutory planning framework and are considered in the assessment of local development applications.

The draft DCP provides guidance relating to:

- desired future neighbourhood character;
- built form, building scale, massing and transitions;
- integrated responses to steep topography and sloping sites;
- landscaping, deep-soil planting and tree canopy outcomes;
- heritage conservation and heritage-compatible design;
- streetscape character and public domain;
- view corridors from the public domain to the water; and
- building articulation and the reduction of visual bulk.

Public exhibition of the draft DCP will provide opportunity for the community to identify valued aspects of Drummoyne's local character and embed these into the draft DCP.

While the draft Desired Future Character Statement focuses on the Drummoyne precinct, Council may, where warranted by redevelopment activity, strategic planning priorities or emerging character issues, prepare additional Desired Future Character Statements for other areas affected by the LMR provisions. This would enable Council to proactively articulate preferred future character outcomes and ensure that development applications are assessed having regard to the planned evolution of these neighbourhoods.

It is important to note that a DCP cannot override the non-discretionary standards established under the Housing SEPP. Rather, it operates alongside the State framework by articulating expectations regarding the quality, character and design of future development. The purpose of the statement is not to prevent the housing outcomes envisaged by the Low and Mid-Rise Housing reforms, but to help ensure that development responding to those provisions is designed in a manner that reflects local character, heritage values, landscape setting and residential amenity considerations.

Conclusion

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure have confirmed that the LMR provisions are finalised and cannot be replaced or suspended through local planning processes. Consequently, the preparation of alternative master plans for LMR-affected precincts would have limited practical value and would not influence the operation of State planning controls.

The proposed Desired Future Character Statement and associated DCP controls are intended to complement, rather than replace, the Housing SEPP by providing locally specific guidance on the design and character outcomes sought by Council. While they cannot alter the development capacity or development standards enabled by State planning controls, they provide a practical mechanism to influence the design quality and integration of future growth within existing neighbourhoods.

It is recommended that Council not proceed with alternative master plans and instead publicly exhibit the draft DCP amendments.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Timing

The State-led rezoning process for Burwood North is progressing, with finalisation anticipated in late 2026.

Consultation

The proposed DCP amendments will be publicly exhibited pursuant to Part 2, Division 2.6 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and clause 13 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*, and the *Statewide Community Participation Plan*. Public exhibition will be for a minimum of 28 days with notice published on Council's website and submissions invited during this period.

Risks

Proceeding with the preparation of alternative master plans for LMR areas in the City of Canada Bay would present a number of risks, including the inefficient use of Council resources on work that would have no statutory weight and would not influence the application of State planning controls. It may also create confusion within the community by suggesting that Council has the ability to amend or replace the LMR provisions or State-led rezoning outcomes when this is not the case.

Furthermore, if an alternative master planning process sought to identify additional redevelopment opportunities or increased development capacity within LMR-affected precincts, there is a risk that it could result in outcomes that exceed the density already permitted under the State's Low and Mid-Rise Housing provisions. While the LMR framework would continue to apply, any additional capacity identified through a local master plan could create pressure for further uplift in selected locations,

potentially increasing cumulative development impacts relating to built form, traffic, parking demand, infrastructure capacity, neighbourhood character and residential amenity in these locations. This may produce outcomes that are inconsistent with the original intent of the master planning exercise and contrary to community expectations regarding the management of growth.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The preparation of alternative master plans for the LMR precincts and the Burwood North area would require a significant allocation of Council resources, including internal staff time and the likely engagement of specialist consultants across urban design, transport, infrastructure and economic assessment disciplines.

Given there is no identified pathway for such master plans to influence or override the State Government's planning controls, this expenditure would not deliver a corresponding strategic or statutory outcome. As such, proceeding with this work would represent a poor allocation of limited Council resources and is not considered to provide value for money.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Provisions for Low and Mid-Rise Housing are contained within *State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021*. Where there is any inconsistency between a Development Control Plan and the provisions of the Housing SEPP, the provisions of the Housing SEPP prevail.

The Burwood North Rezoning is being progressed through the State Significant Rezoning pathway.

Development Control Plans are a consideration in the assessment of local development applications, however, do not apply to State Significant Development pursuant to *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021*.

ITEM 8.2 PLANNING PROPOSAL - PARKS SUN ACCESS PROTECTIONS**Reporting Manager** Manager Strategic Planning

- Attachments:**
1. CCB Open Spaces Overshadowing Study (2026) (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) ➡
 2. Planning Proposal - Parks sun access protections (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) ➡
 3. Proposed LEP Maps (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) ➡
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RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That:

1. The Planning Proposal for *Open Spaces Overshadowing Study (2026)* at Attachment 2 to the report and the Proposed LEP Maps at Attachment 3 to the report be endorsed for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.
 2. Delegation be requested from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to manage the plan making process.
 3. The General Manager be authorised to make minor variations to the Planning Proposal to correct any drafting errors or to ensure that it is consistent with the Gateway Determination.
 4. The Planning Proposal be placed on public exhibition in accordance with relevant conditions imposed under the Gateway Determination.
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PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the *City of Canada Bay Open Spaces Overshadowing Study (2026)* and the Planning Proposal (PP) to amend the *Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan 2013* to introduce Sun Access Protection Areas and associated development standards for identified public parks and open spaces; and forwarding of the PP to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2025, Council resolved to investigate the potential impacts of future development on sunlight access to major public open spaces across the City of Canada Bay. In response, Council commissioned the *Open Spaces Overshadowing Study (2026)*, which assessed 26 parks and concluded that Sun Access Protection Areas provide the most effective and defensible mechanism for protecting sun access while accommodating planned urban growth.

The Study found that, while most significant parks currently enjoy good sun access, planned development will increase overshadowing, especially around edges of parks, and that the parks should be protected from further impact that may occur over time. The Study identified a need for targeted planning controls to maintain the recreational, environmental and community value of important public open spaces over time.

To implement the Study's recommendations, a Planning Proposal has been prepared to amend the *Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan 2013* by extending existing sun access protections from seven parks in Rhodes to 23 additional parks across the local government area. The PP introduces additional Sun Access Protection Areas and supporting development standards to protect identified portions of significant parks and public places from additional overshadowing during specified periods on 21 June (mid-winter). Hours of protection vary across the spaces depending on orientation and context of the space.

The PP does not reduce housing capacity, change building heights or alter land use zoning. Instead, it seeks to ensure that important parks and public spaces continue to receive adequate sunlight and remain functional, attractive and accessible as population growth occurs across the City of Canada Bay.

The Local Planning Panel considered the Planning Proposal on 12 August 2026 and were of the view that it has strategic and site-specific merit. The Panel supported progressing the PP to Gateway, subject to several recommendations. These recommendations have been investigated, and the PP has been amended as appropriate. (Attachment 2).

The report recommends that Council endorse the Planning Proposal for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a Gateway Determination.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment

Goal STE 2: Increase urban tree canopy

Goal STE 4: Enhance and protect native flora and fauna to support local biodiversity

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 4: Ensure the built environment respect the unique neighbourhood character and responds deftly to evolving community needs

Direction 4: Infrastructure and Transport

Goal IT 1: Manage local assets to ensure they continue to meet community needs and address climate adaptation

Direction 1: Connected Community

Goal CC 5: Provide open space, facilities, and programs that promote active lifestyles

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

On 15 April 2025, Council considered the potential impact of future development on sunlight access to major public open spaces and resolved:

Council Staff undertake a review of parks with an area of 2 hectares or more in the City of Canada Bay to identify those parks that are at significant risk of being overshadowed by future development and that the outcome of the review be considered at a future Council workshop.

The City of Canada Bay is expected to accommodate substantial housing and population growth over the coming decades through a range of State and local planning initiatives. As more people live and work within the LGA, existing parks and public places will become increasingly important community assets, supporting recreation, physical activity, social interaction, biodiversity and community wellbeing.

At the same time, increasing building heights and development density have the potential to reduce access to sunlight within some parks and public spaces. Given limited opportunities to acquire or deliver substantial new public open space within an established urban area, it is important that existing public places retain their functionality, amenity and environmental value as demand for their use increases.

Access to sunlight is a fundamental component of the quality, functionality and usability of public places. Sunlight influences how parks and public spaces are used, supports vegetation and turf

health, and contributes to the environmental performance of biodiversity areas and other environmentally sensitive locations, particularly during winter when sunlight is most limited.

In response to Council's resolution of 15 April 2025, an *Open Spaces Overshadowing Study (2026)* was prepared to assess whether additional planning controls were required to protect sunlight access to significant public open spaces and ensure these important community assets continue to perform effectively as the City grows.

Open Spaces Overshadowing Study

The *Open Spaces Overshadowing Study (2026)* was prepared to assess the need for additional planning controls to protect sunlight access within significant public open spaces.

The Study assessed 26 parks and public places across the City of Canada Bay and considered:

- current overshadowing impacts;
- future overshadowing arising from existing planning controls;
- future overshadowing arising from the Low and Mid-Rise Housing reforms;
- future overshadowing associated with major State-led rezonings and precinct planning initiatives;
- biodiversity, environmental and heritage values; and
- park function, recreational use and community demand.

The Study found that most of the parks assessed currently enjoy good sunlight access, but that future development has the potential to progressively increase overshadowing in a number of locations. It also determined that Sun Protection Areas provide the most effective and practical mechanism for protecting access to sunlight in significant public places and recommended amendments to the *Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan 2013* to implement these protections.

Importantly, the Study did not seek to preserve existing shadow conditions (pre-development overshadowing). Instead, it tested the overshadowing that would result under current growth scenarios and identified the level of sunlight that would remain once permissible development had occurred. The recommended Sun Access Protection Areas (SPAs) were then developed to ensure important parks and public places are not subject to further impact, beyond what is currently permissible, facilitating continued access to sunlight while also accommodating planned growth.

Importantly, the proposed controls do not alter zoning, building height controls, floor space ratio controls or planned development capacity. The SPAs have been informed by testing of existing and future planning scenarios and accommodate housing and employment growth under current planning frameworks.

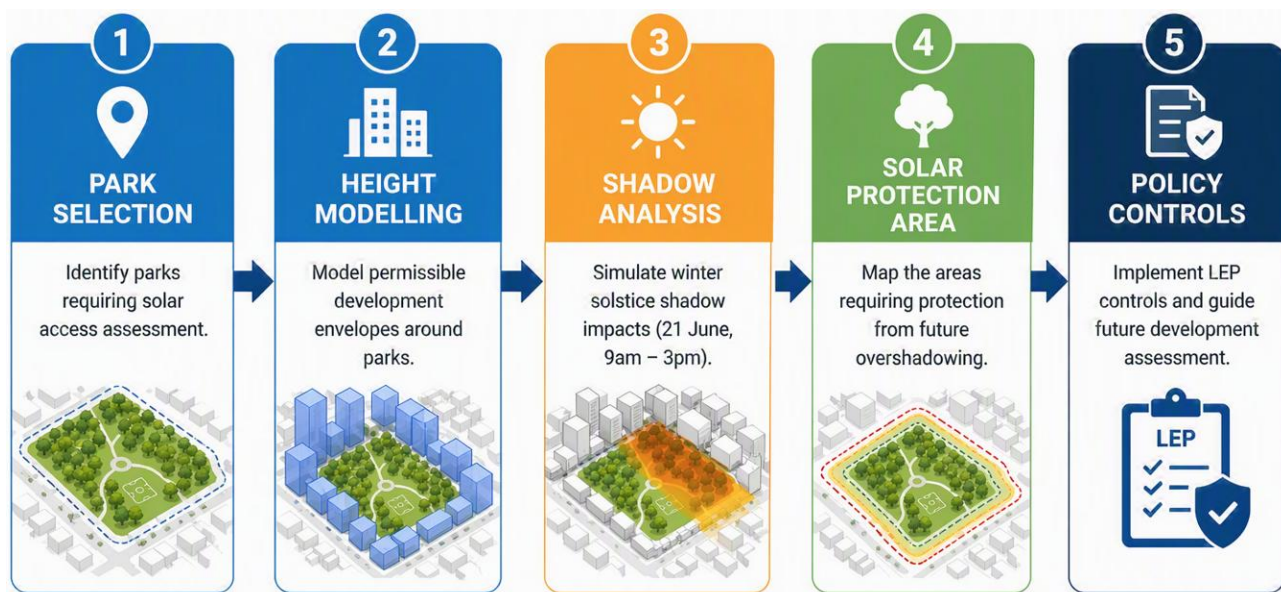


Figure 1: Steps followed in assessment of public open space by the Open Spaces Overshadowing Study (2026)

Key Elements of the Planning Proposal

The Planning Proposal (Attachment 2) seeks to:

- retain the existing sun access controls applying to parks and public places in Rhodes;
- extend similar protections to 23 additional parks and public places across the LGA;
- introduce additional mapped Sun Access Protection Areas (SPAs); and
- require future development to demonstrate that it will not create additional overshadowing of identified SPAs during nominated protection periods.
- ensure overshadowing provisions do not apply to overshadowing caused by buildings or structures located within the park boundary where works are undertaken by Council or the Crown.

Maps are provided in Figures 2 to 15 below and proposed provisions are included in the Planning Proposal attached to this report.



Figure 2: Five Dock Park current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1 & C2).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 3: Queen Elizabeth, Goddard & Rothwell Parks current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1 & C2).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 4: Cintra & St Lukes Parks current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 5: Timbrell Park current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 6: Edwards, Greenlees Parks & Massey Park Golf Course current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 7: Barnwell Park Golf Course current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 8: Campbell & Lysaght Parks current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 9: Halliday Park current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.



Figure 10: Drummoine Oval, Drummoyne Park & Taplin Park current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 10am-2pm.



Figure 11: Brett Park current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1 & C2).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 10am-2pm.

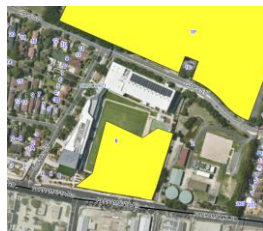


Figure 12: Concord Oval current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-2pm.

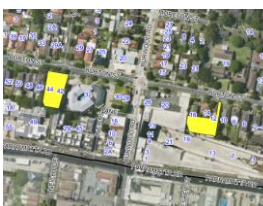


Figure 13: Burton Street Park & Burton Street Plaza current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and zone proposed by State-led Burwood North Metro rezoning (MU1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 11am-1pm. These provisions may be refined before finalisation of the LEP to reflect the final built form outcomes of the State-led rezoning process.



Figure 14: Central Park current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 9am-3pm.

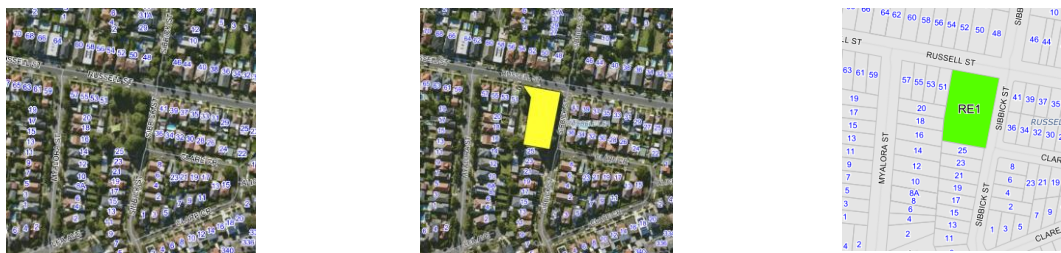


Figure 15: Sibbick Street Reserve current and proposed new Sun Access Protection Area and current zone (RE1).

Proposed Sun Access Protection Provisions are 10am-2pm.

Local Planning Panel advice

On 12 August 2026, the Local Planning Panel considered the planning proposal and provided the following advice:

The Local Planning Panel ('Panel') supports the draft Planning Proposal ('PP') and recommends progress to Gateway and is of the view the PP has strategic and site-specific merit.

The PP is an important initiative by the Council and the Council and its staff should be commended for both the initiative and the content of the draft PP and supporting Study. The PP is supported by a clear, comprehensive and logical Study, with sound aims and appropriate methodology.

Open and recreational space is a valuable asset for the community and will become more valuable with a growing population, noting significant growth planned in the Canada Bay LGA. Protecting key areas of open space, and its amenity for use and enjoyment is important, including for future populations. The approach taken in the Study and PP is consistent with other approaches elsewhere, is wholly defensible and has combined alignment with policy objectives, with a rational approach to solar access provisions, times and areas to be protected, while considering and accommodating existing and planned future growth in existing and pending planning controls. The 3-D modelling undertaken has adopted a 'worse-case' scenario of future development by assuming block development to all edges, which is a conservative approach and would not occur given other controls apart from height such as setbacks, FSR and amenity/urban design considerations. This has also led to some areas of parks being excluded from the proposed solar access protection measures. The Panel would support any review or refinement that may lead to greater areas of open space receiving solar access in the nominated times.

The Panel appreciates the strategic work conducted which aims to balance future development while preserving solar access to key areas of open space in a reasonable

manner. The Panel also acknowledges that the PP relates to 23 Parks with many others in the LGA excluded.

The Panel also recommended that “During the progress of the PP, Council consider the following comments and suggestions, at the appropriate time/stage”:

LPP Advice	Recommended response
(a) <i>Consider if any additional or revised assumptions regarding modelling can be reasonably and defensibly made to result in greater areas of open space receiving solar access in the nominated times (such as required front setbacks north of parks);</i>	The Overshadowing Study adopted a conservative approach to modelling proposed sun access protections, projecting the envelopes across the entirety of developable land up to the maximum permissible height under current planning controls. While this resulted in relatively unresolved building envelopes, it ensures the proposed provisions are flexible enough to protect the parks while also maintaining theoretical maximum development potential. This is an important consideration to ensure that the proposal does not diminish development potential or reduces housing supply. Importantly, this approach creates opportunity for a detailed design response to respond to site conditions while also meeting other relevant planning controls (setbacks, FSRs, landscaped areas, vehicular access etc). Of note, this approach is likely to result in small areas outside of the protection areas receiving more sun than modelled. The proposed modelling therefore finds the balance between ongoing protection of important parks and flexibility for positive design and development on a site by site basis.
(b) <i>Consider amendments to the planning framework to prevent reliance on Clause 4.6 exceptions to development standards in relation to the identified parks, consistent with comparable provisions applying in Rhodes precinct and within the City of Sydney and Blacktown Council;</i>	The PP has been amended to propose that the current clause 4.6 exclusion, which applies to the Rhodes sun protection provisions, will also apply to the proposed sun protection provisions. This is also consistent with the Sydney LEP 2012 that expressly excludes variation of solar access requirements under 4.6(8) of the Standard Instrument.
(c) <i>Simplify objectives of the proposed new overshadowing clause to focus on community, recreational and environmental outcomes (the first objective seems superfluous);</i>	The planning proposal has been amended to remove the first objective, as recommended.
(d) <i>Clarify that the provisions do not apply to overshadowing caused by buildings and structures located within a park boundary</i>	The intended outcome relating to structures within parks has been amended to exclude development located within a park boundary

LPP Advice	Recommended response
<i>managed or owned by or on behalf of a public authority or the Crown only;</i>	that is undertaken by or on behalf of a public authority. Other related commentary throughout the PP has also been amended to reflect this change.
(e) <i>The PP is to be expanded to provide greater clarity/explanation of why different times for solar access have been used in different parks;</i>	A new section has been added to the PP – “Explanation of Sun-Protection periods”.
(f) <i>Consider measures which may assist to identify and communicate the solar access provisions affecting land in the vicinity of identified parks, to improve transparency and awareness of provisions to potential land purchasers and to assist informed land use planning decisions;</i>	Council will explore how this can be achieved. Possible measures include adding a section into 10.7(5) planning certificates for land immediately adjacent relevant parks, and/or updating content on the ‘Development’ webpages on Council’s website.
(g) <i>During the consultation phase, consider, consulting key user groups of parks, including relevant sporting groups, community groups and the NSW Office of Sport.</i>	Key user and community groups may be notified of the public exhibition of the planning proposal.

Exhibition of Planning Proposal

In accordance with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* and the *Canada Bay Community Participation Plan*, the Planning Proposal is required to be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days to enable community feedback. It is proposed that, at a minimum, exhibition involve:

- notification on the City of Canada Bay website;
- notification in Council’s City of Canada Bay News and social media platforms;
- notification on the NSW Planning Portal; and
- individual notification letters sent to affected landowners.

It is further recommended that key user groups, including relevant sporting groups, community groups and the NSW Office of Sport, be directly notified.

Conclusion

The *Open Spaces Overshadowing Study* found that the parks assessed currently enjoy good sunlight access, that planned development will increase this overshadowing, especially around the edges of the parks and, importantly, that the parks should be protected from any additional overshadowing that may occur over time.

The Study recommends Sun Access Protection Areas as a practical and evidence-based mechanism to protect the recreational, environmental and community value of these spaces while accommodating planned growth.

The Planning Proposal will establish a consistent LGA-wide framework for managing future overshadowing impacts. Importantly, it does not alter zoning, building heights, floor space ratios or planned development capacity.

The proposal will help ensure that important public places continue to function as valuable community infrastructure as population growth occurs while maintaining the recreational, environmental and community benefits they provide.

It is recommended that Council endorse the Overshadowing Study and the Planning Proposal for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for Gateway determination.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Timing and Consultation

Should the planning proposal proceed to Gateway Determination, it will be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with the *Statewide Community Participation Plan*. The timing of the Gateway Determination is dependent on the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and any requirements specified in the Gateway determination. The proposal may also be amended following agency consultation and consideration of submissions received during public exhibition. These will be reported back to Council prior to finalisation.

Risk Considerations

If the proposal does not proceed, future development may further reduce sunlight access to important public open spaces, diminishing their recreational, environmental and social value and increasing maintenance costs associated with turf, vegetation and biodiversity management.

Risks associated with progressing the Planning Proposal are limited to potential objections through the exhibition process and any amendments required by a Gateway Determination. These risks are considered manageable through the statutory plan-making process.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Protecting key open spaces within the City of Canada Bay will reduce park maintenance costs over the long-term.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The planning proposal is consistent with relevant legislation, including the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* and has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Plan Making Guideline 2026*.

It is also consistent with the *Greater Sydney Region Plan*, *Eastern City District Plan* and the *Sydney Plan*, that recognise the importance of protecting and enhancing public open space and social infrastructure to support future growth.

The proposal has also been prepared having regard to applicable Section 9.1 Ministerial Directions and state planning policies as addressed in the Planning Proposal.

The Planning Proposal will be assessed by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure through the Gateway determination process under section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

ITEM 8.3 PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPACITY AND POPULATION GROWTH**Reporting Manager** Manager Strategic Planning**Attachments:** 1. **Response from NSW Department of Education 20 May 2026** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That Council:

1. Notes the response received from the NSW Department of Education, provided as Attachment 1, regarding public school capacity planning within and surrounding the City of Canada Bay.
 2. Notes the outcomes of the officer briefing held with representatives of School Infrastructure NSW concerning planning for public education infrastructure.
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PURPOSE

To report on the outcome of Council's advocacy regarding public school capacity and population growth and provide information received from the NSW Department of Education and School Infrastructure NSW following Council's resolution of 11 March 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following Council's resolution of 11 March 2026, Council sought information from the NSW Department of Education and School Infrastructure NSW regarding public school capacity and future education infrastructure planning to serve ongoing population growth within the City of Canada Bay.

The Department advised current projections indicate that all mainstream public schools within the City of Canada Bay have short-term enrolment capacity and that that school planning is coordinated with broader land use planning and population growth forecasting. Recent investments in education infrastructure were also highlighted, including the upgrade of Concord High School, the opening of Wentworth Point High School and more recently a NSW Government funding commitment to deliver a new primary school at Rhodes.

Council officers subsequently met with School Infrastructure NSW, who advised that strategic planning is underway for the Concord/Burwood and Drummoyne/Orange Grove catchments. While the NSW Government's preferred approach is to maximise the capacity of existing schools before considering new sites, they also recognised the need to plan for the significant housing growth anticipated for the region. However, no new schools are currently confirmed for the City Canada Bay local government area. Accordingly, a targeted approach to advocacy by Council for the timely delivery of education infrastructure remains important to ensure future communities are adequately supported.

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Background

At its meeting of 11 March 2026, Council considered a Notice of Motion regarding public school capacity and population growth.

Council resolved to seek updated information from the NSW Government regarding projected public school capacity, planned school infrastructure, coordination between education and land use planning agencies, and opportunities to provide additional school capacity within growing precincts.

In accordance with Council's resolution, correspondence was sent to the NSW Department of Education, School Infrastructure NSW and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure requesting information and a briefing on these matters.

Department of Education Response

The NSW Department of Education responded on behalf of the Secretary of the Department acknowledging the significant population growth occurring within the City of Canada Bay and the importance of education infrastructure in supporting growing communities.

The Department advised that it works closely with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to align school planning with broader population projections and associated land use planning. This includes monitoring enrolment trends, demographic data, precinct rezonings and development activity to inform the timing and location of new and upgraded school infrastructure.

The Department further advised that school planning is undertaken on a whole-of-network basis to ensure infrastructure is provided where it is needed most and referenced the statewide Enrolment Growth Audit undertaken during 2023-2024 to support long-term planning.

The response highlighted recent investment in public education infrastructure relevant to the local area, including:

- The major upgrade of Concord High School, completed in early 2026, which delivered additional permanent classroom capacity, specialist learning spaces, a new hall, upgraded library and administration facilities and the removal of demountable classrooms.
- The opening of Wentworth Point High School in 2025, which contributes to accommodating enrolment growth across the broader network and reducing pressure on nearby schools, including Concord High School.

Since the Department's response, the NSW Government has also committed funds to construct a new primary school at Rhodes, with capacity to accommodate approximately 900 students. This will reduce pressure on nearby Concord West Public School.

School Infrastructure NSW briefing

Following receipt of the Department's response, Council officers met with representatives from School Infrastructure NSW - Strategic Infrastructure Services.

The briefing provided an overview of School Infrastructure NSW's strategic planning framework and approach to planning future education infrastructure. School Infrastructure NSW representatives advised they are aware of the significant growth facing the City of Canada Bay, and the need to respond as the population grows. To inform their planning, School Infrastructure NSW closely monitors projected growth, delivery of new dwellings and market trends to support regular updates to their Strategic Infrastructure Plans.

While it is beneficial to understand School Infrastructure's strategic planning approach, officers could not confirm targeted planning or commitments for increased school capacity in the City of Canada Bay. This is concerning given the number of Housing Delivery Authority SSDAs across the LGA and long lead times for delivery of additional school infrastructure.

Current School Capacity

The NSW Government's School Finder website indicates that all mainstream public schools within the City of Canada Bay currently have capacity to accommodate both local enrolments and non-local enrolments in the short term.

School	Local enrolment availability	Non-local enrolment availability
Abbotsford Public School (Abbotsford)	Yes	Yes
Concord Public School (Concord)	Yes	Yes
Concord West Public School (Concord West)	Yes	Yes
Drummoyne Public School (Drummoyne)	Yes	Yes
Five Dock Public School (Five Dock)	Yes	Yes
Russell Lea Public School (Russell Lea)	Yes	Yes
Lucas Gardens School (Canada Bay)	School for specific purposes	School for specific purposes
Rivendell School (Concord West)	School for specific purposes	School for specific purposes
Concord High School	Yes	Yes

While current capacity is available across the existing public school network, School Infrastructure NSW advised Council officers that ongoing population growth and enrolment trends are continually monitored to inform future education infrastructure planning. As a result, planning is currently underway for both the Concord/Burwood and Drummoyne/Orange Grove catchments to identify longer-term infrastructure requirements.

Strategic Infrastructure Planning

Strategic Infrastructure Plans are prepared by School Infrastructure NSW to plan for both short and long-term needs. In undertaking this work, School Infrastructure NSW considers:

- Community needs;
- Population and enrolment projections;
- Planning system changes and land use planning proposals;
- Economic conditions; and
- Government priorities.

Strategic Infrastructure Plans are currently being prepared for:

- The Concord/Burwood catchment; and
- The Drummoyne/Orange Grove catchment.

Council officers were advised that these plans are primarily intended for internal government use, although a public-facing version may be released in the future.

School Infrastructure NSW advised that the NSW Government is generally reluctant to reserve land for future schools significantly in advance of demonstrated demand.

It was explained that new schools are typically delivered when population growth reaches a level that generates sufficient demand to justify the investment. School Infrastructure NSW noted that reserving land too early may create unacceptable risks for Government around potential hardship claims under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

Capacity Planning and Demand Management

School Infrastructure NSW advised that its preferred approach is to maximise the use of existing school assets before considering new school sites.

Measures that may be used to manage growth include:

- Temporary classrooms;
- Catchment boundary reviews;
- School upgrades and building additions;
- Expansion of existing school sites; and
- Redevelopment works that increase student capacity.

School Infrastructure NSW indicated that where growth exceeds the capacity of the existing education network, investigations into new school sites may be undertaken, particularly within major growth precincts.

Discussion

The information provided by the NSW Department of Education and School Infrastructure NSW confirms that education infrastructure planning is being considered as part of broader strategic planning processes and population growth forecasting.

While School Infrastructure NSW did not provide detailed public data regarding future school capacity, officers were advised that strategic planning work is underway for catchments that include substantial portions of the City of Canada Bay. This work is yet to identify augmented school infrastructure to meet expected demand.

The briefing also highlighted the NSW Government's preference to maximise existing school infrastructure before pursuing new school sites. While this approach may improve utilisation of existing assets, it reinforces the importance of ensuring education infrastructure planning occurs early in the precinct planning process, particularly in areas expected to accommodate significant future population growth.

Council's advocacy remains relevant given ongoing State-led precinct planning initiatives, including the Burwood North Metro Precinct, Homebush TOD Precinct, the Parramatta Road Corridor and other housing growth initiatives that are expected to generate substantial additional demand for public education infrastructure.

Conclusion

Council's advocacy has resulted in engagement with the NSW Department of Education and School Infrastructure NSW and provided greater insight into the State Government's approach to planning future school infrastructure.

While strategic planning work is underway for school catchments covering the City of Canada Bay, the timing, location and scale of any future education infrastructure investment has not been confirmed by School Infrastructure NSW.

Given the significant growth anticipated across the local government area and surrounding precincts, it is appropriate that Council continue targeted advocacy to support the timely delivery of education infrastructure and its integration with major rezoning and precinct planning initiatives. In this regard, Council Officers will continue to collaborate with School Infrastructure.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

The NSW Department of Education and School Infrastructure NSW have provided information in response to Council's advocacy and participated in a briefing with Council officers. Continued engagement with relevant State agencies will assist Council in advocating for the timely provision of school infrastructure within major growth precincts.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The provision and planning of public school infrastructure is a State Government responsibility. This report relates to Council's advocacy regarding the integration of education infrastructure planning with population growth and land use planning processes.



NSW Department of Education

Ref: DGL26/333

20 May 2026

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Dear Ms Cologna

I write in response to your letter of 24 April 2026, to Mr Murat Dizdar, Secretary, NSW Department of Education, regarding new school infrastructure in the City of Canada Bay Local Government Area (LGA). The Secretary has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Thank you for your correspondence regarding planning for public school infrastructure in the City of Canada Bay Council. The Department of Education acknowledges the significant population growth occurring across your LGA and the important role that well-planned education infrastructure plays in supporting growing communities.

The department works closely with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) to align school planning with broader land use planning and population growth. This includes ongoing monitoring of enrolment trends, demographic data and development activity to inform the timing and location of new and upgraded school infrastructure.

Planning for new and expanded schools is undertaken on a whole-of-network basis to ensure that infrastructure is delivered where and when it is needed most. This approach allows the department to respond to changing growth patterns while making best use of available resources and supported by system-wide analysis. This includes the Enrolment Growth Audit, which was undertaken in 2023-2024 and examined student population trends across the state to strengthen long-term planning and ensure school infrastructure is delivered where it is needed most. This evidence-based approach is reflected in current and planned projects within the local area.

The NSW Government has continued to invest significantly in public education infrastructure to support growing communities within the City of Canada Bay local government area with recent projects such as:

- The major upgrade of Concord High School in early 2026 that has delivered a significant increase in capacity and modernised learning facilities. The project included new and upgraded permanent classrooms across three new buildings, comprising of 32 classrooms and specialist learning spaces. The upgrade also included a new school hall, upgraded library and administration facilities, improved student support spaces, and the removal of demountable classrooms, resulting in a more permanent and contemporary learning environment.
- The delivery of Wentworth Point High School in 2025 has also been supporting capacity across the broader network. While located outside your Local Government Area, the school contributes by accommodating enrolment growth and reducing pressure on nearby high schools, including Concord High School.

The department notes your request for further information regarding projected school capacity, planned infrastructure and coordination with major precinct planning initiatives. A briefing can be arranged with Council officers to discuss these matters in more detail, including current planning approaches and considerations relevant to the City of Canada Bay.

The department will liaise with Council and DPHI to arrange a suitable time for this briefing.

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Should you have any questions, or require further clarification regarding the matter, please contact Mr Lincoln Lawler, A/Director, Technical Advisory Services via email at lincoln.lawler@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of your community.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,



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School Infrastructure

ITEM 8.4 COMMUNITY GARDENS POLICY - SCHEDULED REVIEW**Reporting Manager** Manager Sustainability and Waste**Attachments:** 1. **DRAFT Community Gardens Policy (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)** [⇒](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That:

1. Council note the findings of staff review of the Community Garden Policy, adopted in 2021.
 2. Council endorses the draft Community Garden Policy (2026), attached to the report, for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
 3. Following the public exhibition period referred to in 2 above, a report be prepared and submitted to Council on any submissions received, and any subsequently proposed amendments to the Community Garden Policy.
 4. The General Manager be authorised to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Policy.
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PURPOSE

The report seeks Council endorsement to place the updated draft Community Garden Policy (Policy), attached to the report, for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Community Gardens Policy is due for scheduled review. A Community Gardens Policy has been operating since 2012. It provides a framework for residents to establish community gardens on Council land under licence agreements issued under the Local Government Act.

The 2026 review considered the existing 2021 Policy, stakeholder perspectives, alignment with Council's strategic priorities, current legislative and governance requirements, benchmarking against other councils and public land management practice.

Engagement with stakeholders included community garden committees and relevant Council teams, including Property Strategy and Leasing, Building Assets and Fleet, Community Development, Open Space, Events and Place, and Sustainability and Waste. Feedback from workshops, one-to-one meetings and written comments informed the revised policy framework.

The review found that while the 2021 Policy provided a sound framework for establishing community gardens, it could better articulate their broader community, environmental and strategic benefits. Opportunities were identified to strengthen governance, improve consistency in decision-making, and better align community gardens with Council priorities. The review also highlighted the need for a stronger lifecycle management approach to ensure gardens continue to deliver benefits over time through clear requirements for licensing, monitoring, stewardship and renewal. This will help maximise the value of community gardens for the wider community, not only garden members and plot holders.

The 2026 draft Policy responds by positioning community gardens as community-led public assets. It strengthens the focus on community benefit outcomes, inclusion, sustainability, governance and accountability, supported by a lifecycle approach covering establishment, operation, monitoring, renewal and, where necessary, transition or closure.

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

Goal CC 3: Provide the community with equitable access to a range of programs, services, and facilities

Goal CC 5: Provide open space, facilities, and programs that promote active lifestyles

Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment

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

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 1: Creative vibrant local village centres and community hubs

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council has been operating a Community Gardens Policy since 2012 (14 years).

There are currently four (4) approved community gardens established under the Policy.

Community garden	Location / notes
Concord Community Garden	Behind Concord Community Centre
Chiswick Community Garden	Blackwall Point Reserve
Rhodes Community Garden	Hoskins Reserve
Rhodes Park Five Senses Garden	Joint initiative between the City of Canada Bay and Inner West Neighbour Aid

Proposed changes compared to the 2021 Policy

The 2026 draft builds on the foundations of the 2021 Policy by updating it to reflect the maturity of Council's community garden program and contemporary practice. While the 2021 Policy focused primarily on the establishment and operational management of community gardens, the revised Policy adopts a more strategic, lifecycle approach. It recognises community gardens as community-led public assets and places greater emphasis on governance, accountability, inclusion, sustainability, stewardship of public land, and the delivery of community benefit outcomes.

As part of this review, it is proposed that the existing *Community Gardens Guidelines* be retired as a standalone Council-adopted document and replaced with concise, user-friendly information on Council's website. This will enable more timely updates, better integration with related initiatives, such as *Grow Our Green Spaces*, and relevant external resources, including Community Gardens Australia's handbook and other recognised guidance materials.

The Sustainability and Waste team will develop and apply practical tools and resources to help community garden groups and Council staff consistently implement the Policy. These may include planning and reporting templates, a simple evaluation framework, role and responsibility guidance, a maintenance request process, an annual check-in agenda, and a governance and safety checklist.

This approach supports consistency, transparency and shared stewardship across the community garden network, while remaining appropriate to its volunteer-led nature. It recognises community gardens as valuable community initiatives that contribute to Council outcomes, with Council's support aligned to a complementary, community-led program rather than a core service.

Theme	2021 Policy	2026 Draft Policy
Policy focus	Focused on the establishment of new community gardens.	Positions community gardens as community assets and community infrastructure that deliver public benefit over their lifetime.
Strategic role and Council alignment	Limited connection to broader Council strategies and priorities.	Explicitly links community gardens to Council's Community Strategic Plan, Environmental Strategy and community outcomes.
Governance and accountability	Basic governance requirements and licence arrangements.	Strengthens expectations for incorporation, governance, insurance, financial management, risk management, monitoring and reporting.
Community benefit and inclusion	Focused primarily on participation by garden members.	Emphasises wider community benefit, inclusion, accessibility, education, volunteering, partnerships and broader community participation. Establishes a pathway for alignment with Council's Rental Assessment & Subsidy Guidelines.
Environmental outcomes	All community gardens are chemical-free, water efficient and sustainable.	Clear expectations around biodiversity, climate resilience, composting, resource recovery, water efficiency and minimising synthetic chemical use.
Council stewardship and lifecycle management	Focused on establishment.	Introduces a lifecycle approach covering approval, operation, monitoring, renewal, improvement, transition and closure where required.
Funding, tenure and support	Primarily addressed granting access to Council land.	Links subsidised access, licence renewal and Council support to demonstrated public benefit, governance and responsibility. Establishes a pathway for alignment with Council's Rental Assessment & Subsidy Guidelines.

Table 1: Summary of changes made to the Community Gardens Policy

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

This report seeks Council endorsement to place the updated draft Community Garden Policy, attached to the report, for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.

The revised Community Gardens Policy will provide a clearer and more risk-aware framework for the establishment, use and management of community gardens on Council land.

Implementation risks are considered manageable. These include potential concerns from community garden groups regarding the community benefit, lifecycle governance and reporting expectations. These risks will be managed through clear communication with garden groups, updated website information, and practical implementation tools such as templates, checklists and annual review processes.

Key considerations include ensuring licence agreements, management plan templates, internal procedures and clear referral pathways are in place before the policy is fully applied; allowing a reasonable transition period for existing community garden groups to meet any new governance, insurance, reporting or compliance requirements; and communicating clearly that the policy is intended to support safe, inclusive and sustainable community-led gardens rather than create automatic changes to tenure, fees or site access.

Timing risks include finalising supporting documents and resourcing to ensure licence renewal occurs shortly after the Policy is adopted. These risks can be managed through staged implementation, early engagement with affected groups, site-by-site review, and proportionate compliance and support arrangements.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial implications.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Laws and Standards

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with applicable legislation, including:

- Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)
- Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW)
- Environmental planning legislation and development controls
- Any other relevant legislation applying from time to time

Related City of Canada Bay Policies and Procedures

- Community Strategic Plan – Our Future 2036
- Environmental Strategy 2025
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Rental Assessment & Subsidy Guidelines (internal use only)
- Nature Strip Policy and Nature Strip Planting Guidelines
- Fees and Charges
- Enterprise Risk Management Policy
- Any applicable asset management, leasing or open space policies.

ITEM 8.5 UPDATED EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACTION PLAN**Reporting Manager Manager Sustainability and Waste****Attachments:** 1. **Draft Net Zero Pathway Plan (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)** [⇒](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That:

1. Council notes the findings of the review of the Emissions Reduction Action Plan, including the updated community emissions reduction target adopted at the June 2026 Council Meeting.
 2. Council endorses the updated draft Net Zero Pathway Plan: Community and Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan (2026), attached to the report, for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.
 3. Following the public exhibition period referred to in 2 above, a report be prepared and submitted to Council outlining any submissions received, and any proposed amendments to the draft Net Zero Pathway Plan: Community and Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan.
 4. The General Manager be authorised to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Policy.
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PURPOSE

This report seeks Council endorsement to place the updated draft Net Zero Pathway: Community and Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan (Net Zero Pathway Plan), attached to the report, for public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Emissions Reduction Action Plan was first adopted in 2020 and established both corporate emissions reduction targets for Council operations and community-wide emissions reduction targets, supported by actions across both areas.

In 2025, a comprehensive review of the Plan commenced to assess progress towards these targets, and to ensure alignment with State and Federal policy and Council's Environment Strategy 2025.

Since Council adopted its Emissions Reduction Action Plan in 2020, government policy, energy markets and technology have advanced significantly. Stronger state and national emissions reduction targets increased renewable energy investment, electric vehicle policies and planning reforms have improved opportunities to reduce emissions. Together with rising energy and fuel costs, these changes have strengthened the business case for electrification, renewable energy and energy efficiency, enabling Council and the community to reduce emissions while improving resilience to future energy price increases.

Following this review, a refreshed Net Zero Pathway Plan, has been prepared including the Council resolution to align its community emissions reduction pathway with a science-based, equity-led approach consistent with the C40 Cities methodology and the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

For a high-income community such as Canada Bay, this approach recommends achieving net zero emissions by around 2040, with a strong focus on delivering deep and rapid emissions reductions during this decade. Key milestones include:

- Approximately 70–75% reduction in community emissions by 2030 from a 2016–17 baseline.
- Five-yearly reviews and interim milestones aligned with the Paris Agreement's "ratchet" mechanism.

- Ongoing monitoring and adaptive governance to respond to emerging science, policy and technology developments.

This represents an acceleration of Council's previous community target of net zero emissions by 2050.

The updated draft Net Zero Pathway Plan attached to this document incorporates the following key changes for community:

- stronger advocacy across all action areas
- business focused engagement and programs
- more ambitious transport initiatives including active travel and EV transition
- water efficiency programs
- improved consideration of equity and inclusivity across all action areas.

The updated draft Net Zero Pathway Plan attached to this report incorporates the following key changes for corporate:

- Strengthened fleet and energy transition actions by prioritising low and zero-emissions vehicles, electrification of operations, renewable electricity and expanded solar generation.
- Expanded energy management measures to include energy performance monitoring, asset optimisation, LED upgrades, solar and storage investigations, and environmentally sustainable design requirements.
- Added a dedicated Scope 1 emissions program to improve carbon accounting and phase out high-emissions refrigerants from HVACR systems.
- Introduced Scope 3 emissions and supply chain management actions, including sustainable procurement, embodied carbon tracking, circular economy initiatives and climate-informed asset decisions.
- Enhanced community leadership and engagement commitments through emissions data sharing and programs that support renewable energy, sustainable transport, FOGO and waste diversion.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

This report supports Our Future 2036 outcome area:

Direction 2: Sustainable and Thriving Environment

Goal STE 1: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Direction 5: Civic Leadership

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Council's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Action Plan, first adopted in 2020, commenced a comprehensive review in 2025 to assess progress towards both corporate and community emissions targets and to ensure alignment with Council's Environment Strategy 2025.

Since Council adopted its Emissions Reduction Action Plan in 2020, the policy and market environment for emissions reduction has changed significantly. NSW has legislated emissions reduction targets of 50% by 2030, 70% by 2035 and net zero by 2050, while the Australian Government has legislated national targets of 43% by 2030 and net zero by 2050. Since 2020, substantial investment has also been committed through the NSW Electricity Infrastructure

Roadmap, AEMO's Integrated System Plan and the national objective of achieving 82% renewable electricity by 2030, accelerating the decarbonisation of the electricity grid and improving the business case for electrification.

Transport policy has similarly advanced through the NSW and National Electric Vehicle Strategies and the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard, supporting greater uptake of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. Recent planning reforms promoting higher-density development around public transport hubs are also expected to support increased use of public and active transport, particularly in locations such as Canada Bay. Together with higher fuel and energy costs in recent years, these changes have improved the economics of electric vehicles, renewable energy, building electrification and energy efficiency, creating new opportunities for Council and the community to reduce emissions while improving resilience to future energy price shocks.

A refreshed Net Zero Pathway was drafted in early 2026 following a review of existing actions. After Council requested consideration of a revised science-based community emissions target in March 2026 and subsequently resolved in June 2026 to adopt a science-based, equity-led pathway targeting net zero emissions by around 2040, the draft was updated to include a gap analysis and revised community emissions modelling.

Review of Corporate and Community

Emissions Modelling

Council previously developed detailed emissions reduction modelling as part of the 2020 Emissions Reduction Action Plan. The corporate target remains as per the Emissions Reduction Action Plan adopted in 2020, of net zero by 2030 from a 2017-18 baseline of 7,579 tonnes CO₂-e for energy related emissions (gas, electricity and fleet fuel and their upstream emissions). The pathway also remains as per the adopted 2020 Emissions Reduction Action Plan.

Following Council's adoption of an updated community emissions target in June 2026, an indicative pathway to net zero was modelled using a proportional top-down emissions reduction approach. This pathway is broadly aligned with the C40 Cities framework and its emphasis on achieving deep emissions reductions during this decade.

The current indicative pathway retains a small number of residual greenhouse gas emissions in 2040, as expected under current policy settings. The approach to addressing these residual emissions and achieving net zero will be considered as part of the 2035 review, including assessment of offset opportunities, their associated costs, alternative abatement measures, and any relevant State and Federal Government policies or pathways.

Future five-yearly reviews of the Plan will update the emissions pathway, assess progress towards targets, and refine modelling assumptions to ensure Council's approach remains evidence-based and aligned with best practice.

Community Action Plan Review

The gap analysis included consultation with teams across Council, including Roads and Traffic, Strategic Planning, Community Development, Place, Communications and Engagement, Property and Leasing, and Sustainability and Waste. Written feedback was sought on potential new actions identified through the analysis.

The assessment identified several areas requiring further action to align with the C40 Cities framework and support more substantial emissions reductions this decade, including:

- stronger advocacy across all action areas
- business focused engagement and programs
- more ambitious transport initiatives including active travel and EV transition
- water efficiency programs
- improved consideration of equity and inclusivity across all action areas.

	Summary of Actions
Stronger Advocacy Across All Areas	Advocate with regional and local government partners for improved building standards, planning controls, climate resilience, active transport infrastructure, EV charging networks, and equitable decarbonisation policies.
Business-Focused Engagement Programs	Engage local businesses to understand barriers to decarbonisation, expand existing sustainability programs and networks, and develop partnerships that support energy efficiency, renewable energy uptake and emissions reduction.
More Ambitious Active Travel and EV Transition	Promote car sharing, develop sustainable transport information resources, investigate and adopt a Local Active Movement Plan, deliver active transport behaviour change programs, and advocate for walking, cycling and EV infrastructure.
Water Efficiency Programs	Deliver water conservation education and awareness programs, integrating water-saving actions into existing sustainability initiatives where appropriate.
Improved Equity and Inclusivity Across All Action Areas	Embed sustainability initiatives into community engagement programs, support vulnerable and marginalised communities, provide accessible climate information, improve affordable housing energy efficiency, and explore grants and financial support for priority communities and small businesses.

Table 1: Summary of community-powered actions added or amended in the updated Draft Net Zero Pathway Plan, following the new community emissions target

Corporate Action Plan Review

Our 2020 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Action Plan set a strong foundation for action. This review provided an opportunity to ensure we are on track, consider any risks and adjust our actions moving forward.

Since 2017-18, Council has cut operational emissions by 84%, beating the interim target of 77% reduction by 2025. Total energy use is also down 27%, due to energy efficiency upgrades and increase in the proportion of hybrid and electric vehicles in the fleet. Since July 2022, every Council site and all streetlights (including Ausgrid owned streetlights) have been powered through a 100% renewable electricity purchasing agreement. Council also generates renewables at 11 council sites with rooftop solar electricity.

Fleet fuel and gas still need attention and to be tackled to hit net zero by 2030.

To achieve our 2030 net zero target, Council will continue to follow a clear emissions reduction hierarchy: avoid emissions where possible, improve energy efficiency, replace fossil fuels with low-carbon alternatives, and offset only those emissions that cannot be eliminated. This includes removing gas from Council operations, electrifying the fleet, improving refrigerant management, expanding solar and battery storage, continuing energy efficiency upgrades, and purchasing certified offsets for any remaining emissions. Council will also continue to empower the community to reduce emissions, as described above.

Program	Summary of corporate actions
1. Implement all feasible emission reduction measures	Transition Council fleet to low and zero-emissions vehicles; phase out gas in Council operations; maintain 100% renewable electricity and rooftop solar generation.
2. Manage energy to reach net zero cost effectively	Monitor energy use, cost and emissions; optimise buildings, HVACR and pool performance; complete LED lighting upgrades; track solar performance; investigate solar/storage, smart lighting and local energy sharing; embed environmentally sensitive design in new and upgraded assets.
3. Address high risk emissions	Establish carbon accounting for refrigerant gases and develop a high-emissions refrigerant inventory and phase-out program for HVACR systems.
4. Manage supply chain risk	Track high embodied-emissions materials; commence Scope 3 accounting; implement sustainable procurement and circular economy actions; consider carbon costs and climate risks in major asset decisions; support leased facilities and residual offset planning.
5. Empower the community	Share community emissions data and deliver programs supporting solar uptake, energy efficiency, sustainable transport, FOGO and landfill diversion.

Table 2: Summary of key updated corporate actions

TIMING

If endorsed by Council, the Draft Net Zero Pathway Plan, attached to this report will be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days. Following the exhibition period, the outcomes of the consultation will be reported back to Council, and any amendments will be made for consideration. Subsequent to Council adoption of the final Net Zero Pathway Plan, the Emission Reduction Plan will be retired and the Net Zero Pathway Plan will be implemented immediately and placed on Council's website.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

As one of Sydney's fastest-growing urban areas, the City of Canada Bay is expected to accommodate significant population growth over the coming decades. Achieving Council's updated emissions reduction target will therefore depend not only on local action, but also on coordinated leadership from the State and Federal Governments.

Many of the key drivers of community emissions, including long-term decisions relating to land use, energy and transport, sit largely outside the direct control of local government. As a result, achieving Council's updated emissions reduction target will require complementary policies and action at the State and Federal levels, including:

- Energy: Grid decarbonisation and fuel switching.
- Land use: Coordinated infrastructure planning.
- Transport: Vehicle efficiency, public transport and mode shift.
- Circular economy: Waste-to-energy, FOGO, e-waste and packaging initiatives.

This reliance on action by other levels of government is reflected in the updated Plan, which includes an expanded focus on advocacy across all focus areas to help influence the policy, investment and regulatory changes required to achieve Council's emissions reduction target.

In this way, Council will demonstrate leadership, with Leading by Example identified as one of the five key themes of Council's Environment Strategy 2025. Council will demonstrate this leadership through the three spheres of control pathways outlined in the Strategy:

Pathway	Description
Pathway 1: Control	Council will lead by example as a local role model for environmentally sustainable practices through its facilities, services, events and governance.
Pathway 2: Influence	Council will use its civic leadership to influence action within the local community and beyond. This will be achieved through behaviour change programs, strategic partnerships, and advocacy to drive changes in policies, systems and markets.
Pathway 3: Concern	Council will think globally and act locally by incorporating broader environmental challenges, targets and goals into its strategic vision and advocacy agenda. Council will monitor, respond to, adapt to, and report on the local impacts of issues of regional, national and international significance.

Table 3: Spheres of control

Through the implementation of these actions across the three spheres of control, support for community emissions reduction, and collaboration with other local councils, the City of Canada Bay will demonstrate leadership. In doing so, Council will show that substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are both achievable and cost-effective, while advocating for broader change.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council already has operational budget, from which the programs identified in the plan will be funded. Any additional funding requests for specific programs will form part of a Council report. Grants will also be sought where appropriate to accelerate the implementation.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- Local Government Act 1993 approval and compliance context.
- City of Canada Bay Development Control Plan (DCP) and other planning controls.
- City of Canada Bay Environment Strategy 2025
- City of Canada Bay Climate Resilience Framework
- Canada Bay Emissions Reduction Action Plan 2020
- City of Canada Bay Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy

ITEM 8.6 CITY OF CANADA BAY - ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES - 03 SEPTEMBER 2026**Reporting Manager** Manager Sustainability and Waste**Attachments:** 1. Minutes - Environment Advisory Committee - 03 September 2026

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

That the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held on 03 September 2026, attached to the report, be noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to present the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 03 September 2026.

REPORT

This report provides Council with the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Environment Advisory Committee from the meeting held on 03 September 2026 (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 3: Reduce waste to landfill through avoidance and increased recycling and reuse

Goal STE 4: Enhance and protect native flora and fauna to support local biodiversity

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*, *Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy* and *Emissions Reduction Action Plan*.



Environment Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday 03 September 2026 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Drummoyne Civic Centre - Halliday Room

Committee List: Councillor Charles Jago (ClrJ), Councillor David Mansford (ClrM), Alessio Maiese (AM), Belinda Snape (BS), Eleanor Padman (EIP), Mavis Clements (MC), Rolf Muller (RM), Sally Ash (SA), Tony Manning (TM), Deanne Smith (DS)

APOLOGIES: Chanelle-Marie Nader (CN), Emma Pryor (EP), Jansen Li (JL), Thomas Lawson (TL)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE STAFF: Harjeet Spence (HS), Belinda Koytz (BK), Ju'eta Amir (JA), Elsie O'Gorman (EOG)

CHAIR: Councillor Charles Jago (ClrJ)

ITEMS:

Acknowledgement of Country

Clr Jago

ClrJ opened the meeting with Acknowledgement of Country.

Announcements (10 mins)

Clr Jago

ClrJ initiated introductions. HS was introduced as new Director of Environment and Planning. BK noted that EOG will support the Committee meetings moving forward. EIP was introduced as a new Committee member.

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

Clr Jago

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared by the Committee.

Presentation – FOGO (60 mins)

Ju'eta Amir

JA presented on the roll out of the FOGO service across the City of Canada Bay. The presentation included the legislative context, upcoming changes, contamination risks, roll-out phases, education and behaviour change.

The following comments were made by the Committee:

- DS noted that her address was not showing in the FOGO address lookup tool. JA advised that she could assist with investigating the issue after the meeting.
- The Committee discussed concerns that some residents still not receiving direct mail communications and the challenges of reaching all members of the community.
- JA asked committee for feedback on the FOGO caddy and bags.
- DS noted that white caddies may be difficult to keep clean.
- EIP suggested Council consider the recyclability of the caddy, noting that darker caddies often contain higher recycled content and are recyclable. EIP commented that the narrower caddy design may make it harder to empty food waste into.
- BS suggested reusing food containers as an alternative and asked whether residents could opt out of receiving a caddy. BK confirmed that caddies would still be delivered to all households.
- The Committee discussed the benefits and drawbacks of providing bags. BK advised that participation rates are significantly lower where bags are not provided.



- DS asked whether residents may mistakenly place the caddy in the green bin or on the kerb. JA advised that an education pack would be provided to address these issues.
- BK and JA noted that Committee members had no difficulty opening the compostable bags, although this has been raised as an issue by other councils. RM observed that the bags may present challenges for residents with arthritis or reduced dexterity.
- DS enquired about the thickness and integrity of the bags. JA confirmed that the selected bags are the thickest within the required specification. JA noted that the bags can deteriorate if exposed to sunlight for too long, which is why they are distributed in batches of 75.
- The Committee agreed that bags with handles were the preferred option.
- TM asked whether educational videos and translated resources would be available. JA confirmed that resources would be available in multiple languages and formats.
- JA distributed sample education packs and sought feedback from the Committee.
- RM suggested educational materials should be kept simple and easy to understand and recommended incorporating FOGO education into school programs.
- SA suggested the committee engage directly with residents who may struggle to follow procedures to better understand barriers to participation. JA welcomed additional community feedback to inform communication approaches.
- The Committee discussed financial incentives to motivate behaviour change. BK advised that information about FOGO will be included with rates notices, although enforcement and fines are challenging.
- DS commented that removing alternative disposal options may encourage behavioural change, as some residents may continue placing food waste in their general waste bin.
- BK advised that Council investigated reducing general waste collection frequency to fortnightly. Feedback from other Councils suggested this approach was not well received, and the EPA has since revised its previous advice regarding waste collection frequency. BK noted that extensive modelling informed the proposed service model and that a range of issues had been considered.
- ClrJ suggested that reducing general waste collection frequency could be considered in future once FOGO has been established for a few years.
- TM asked whether additional bags could be purchased if required. JA confirmed they could be, but cautioned residents to ensure bags meet the required compostable specifications and avoid greenwashing. BK advised that Council is continuing to investigate options for ongoing bag supply, including top-up provisions and purchasing options.
- BS noted that some households may give excess bags away. BK advised this would be monitored.
- RM suggested using social media as part of the engagement strategy. BK and JA confirmed that social media would form part of engagement. JA noted that social media engagement has reduced in recent years, reinforcing the need for a multi-channel communications approach.
- BK advised that residents may receive letters or bin stickers where contamination is identified. Similar interventions are already used for recycling contamination and can be more challenging in multi-unit dwellings.
- DS suggested providing compost as a giveaway so residents can see the end-product created from their food waste. JA confirmed that Council is considering this initiative. BK advised that future contract reviews could consider alternative processing methods and suppliers to ensure high-quality compost outcomes.



- BK noted that metropolitan Sydney has historically lacked a coordinated waste infrastructure plan, although this is now being considered by the NSW Government.
- RM asked how often waste quality and contamination are reported on. BK advised that audits form part of Council's contract arrangements and inform both performance monitoring and pricing. RM noted that audits provide useful information beyond Council staff inspecting bins. BK advised that waste management is a highly regulated sector with extensive data collection.
- BS asked whether the bags include a batch number. BK confirmed that, similar to the red (general) bin, each bag carries a batch number for identification.
- JA asked for feedback on the proposed FOGO Community Champions Program.
- The Committee noted that many apartment blocks and streets have WhatsApp groups which could be used to help share information. BK advised that the model works particularly well in apartment buildings where bins are shared.
- ClrJ supported the concept and suggested providing champions with scripts, tools and resources. RM recommended champions receive training, skills and coaching, with a focus on support rather than enforcement. JA suggested posters in apartment buildings could provide a useful starting point for conversations and could be supported with guidance for champions.
- BS suggested engaging local businesses to help distribute information. SA suggested involving Love Your Place volunteers. RM suggested Bushcare volunteers could help share information.
- ELP recommended facility tours and school-based education activities as part of the FOGO engagement program.

Council Update (15mins)**Belinda Koytz**

BK provided a Ferragosto debrief and welcomed suggestions for next year.

BK informed the committee about upcoming sustainability workshops and events:

- Spring Clean, 20th September
- Repair Day, 31st October

BK noted that there are volunteering opportunities available for the Spring Clean event, and the Committee can contact EOG if interested in participating.

General Business (15mins)**ALL****• New meeting topics****Belinda Koytz**

BK outlined the previous topics and the Committee voted on potential new meeting topics. The Committee agreed the following topics for the next three meetings:

- Planning
- EVs
- Circular Economy

BK noted that the order would be decided based on speaker availability.

• Update on upcoming CABCB Events**Mavis Clements**

MC highlighted upcoming Climate Action Burwood / Canada Bay events including Stitch it Don't Ditch It and Pop-up Home Energy Consultations.

Standing Items / Action Items from Previous Minutes

No standing items

Next Meeting – Thursday 29th October

9 CITY ASSETS DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 9.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM UNCONFIRMED MINUTES - 13 AUGUST 2026

Reporting Manager Manager Roads and Traffic

Attachments:

1. Local Transport Forum - 13 August 2026 - Agenda [↓](#)
2. Local Transport Forum - 13 August 2026 - Unconfirmed Minutes [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That the unconfirmed minutes and recommendations of the City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting held 13 August 2026 attached to the report be adopted.

PURPOSE

To report the City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum unconfirmed minutes of 13 August 2026 to Council.

REPORT

The report contains the unconfirmed minutes for the City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum held on 13 August 2026 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 Transport Forum meetings are held in line with Transport for NSW guidelines.

CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting will be held:

Electronically, via email

Thursday, 13 August 2026

Beginning at 10:00 AM for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

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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

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.

3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 MINUTES OF CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM
MEETING HELD 9 JULY 2026**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting of 9 July 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5 REPORTS

Nil

6 GENERAL BUSINESS**ITEM 6.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****Author** Coordinator Traffic and Transport**Attachments:** Nil**ITEM 1: Local Transport Forum – Speaker Session****SUMMARY**

The Local Transport Forum (LTF) is a technical advisory committee of Council to discuss the use of prescribed traffic control devices that are enforceable through the Road Rules 2014. The forum provides advice, technical review and coordination of works and events. It does not vote, issue approvals or make decisions.

Council has adopted the new framework outlining key changes to the LTF at the Council Meeting on 21 October 2025. Council will be presenting an updated report to the Council Meeting in August 2026 outlining the key inclusion of a 'Speaker Session' to allow the community additional opportunity to discuss specific matters that are presented to the LTF.

Further information on the 'Speaker Session' can be obtained within the August Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes.

ITEM 2: ITEMS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION**SUMMARY**

To facilitate more efficient and localised decision making, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has issued delegation of specific powers to Council. At the Council Meeting on 21 October 2025, Council resolved to give the General Manager and relevant staff the power to approve works covered under the Delegation.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The following items were approved under Delegation granted to Council from TfNSW.

1. Gale Street, Watkin Street, Brays Road - Parking restrictionsRecommendation

THAT:

1. Time restricted parking between '8:30am–6pm Monday–Friday and 8:30am–12:30pm Saturday' be installed on Gale Street (15 min Parking – 1 space; 30 min Parking – 2 spaces) and Watkin Street (1 hour Parking – 3 spaces) as per the plan in the memo.
2. 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the corner of Watkin Street, and Brays Road, and a 'No Stopping' (double arrow) repeater sign be installed on Brays Road as per the plan in the memo.

2. Mena Street, North Strathfield – Proposed ‘No Stopping’ RestrictionRecommendation

That 10m ‘No Stopping’ restrictions are installed on Mena Street, North Strathfield adjacent to George Street, per the plan in the memo.

3. Renwick Street and Lyons Road, Drummoyne – Proposed 1-Hour Timed Parking RestrictionRecommendation

THAT:

1. ‘1P, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, permit holders excepted’ be installed on Lyons Road, Drummoyne between Ferry Lane and Renwick Street.
2. ‘1P, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, permit holders excepted’ be installed on Renwick Street, Drummoyne from Lyons Road to property No. 79.
3. ‘1P, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, permit holders excepted’ be installed on Renwick Street, Drummoyne from Lyons Road to property No. 80.

4. 49 Formosa Street, Drummoyne – Proposed ‘Works Zone’Recommendation

That:

1. A 9m ‘Works Zone, 7am to 5pm, Monday – Saturday’ at 49 Formosa Street, Drummoyne be installed for a duration of 12 weeks commencing end of July 2026, as per the plan in the memo.
2. That the parking restrictions be returned to their original status at the completion of the Work Zone.

5. Burwood Road, Concord – Mobility Parking Space RemovalRecommendation

That the existing Mobility Parking Space (MPS) outside 127 Burwood Road, Concord be removed as per the signage plan, in the memo.

6. Various Locations – Proposed carshare spacesRecommendation

THAT:

1. The following existing ‘No Parking, Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted, GoGet’ be made permanent with updated signage and line marking:

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- a. Shoreline Drive, Rhodes (adjacent to Sevier Avenue)
 - b. Shoreline Drive, Rhodes (adjacent to Mill Park Street)
 - c. Blaxland Road, Rhodes
 - d. Raglan Street, Drummoyne
 - e. College Street, Drummoyne
 2. 'No Parking, Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted, GoGet' signage and line marking be installed at the following new locations:
 - a. Northcote Street, Mortlake
 - b. Edwin Street, Mortlake
 - c. Manson Road, Strathfield
 - d. Harris Road, Five Dock
 - e. Bibby Street, Chiswick
 - f. Brewer Street, Concord
 3. 'No Parking, Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted, GoGet' be removed from the following locations:
 - a. Marlborough Street, Drummoyne
 - b. Wrights Road, Drummoyne
 - c. George Street, North Strathfield
 - d. Rider Boulevard, Rhodes (adjacent to Shoreline Drive)
 - e. Rider Boulevard, Rhodes (adjacent to Sevier Avenue)
 - f. Hilts Road, Strathfield
 7. **5 Henricks Avenue, Drummoyne – Proposed 'Works Zone'**
Recommendation
THAT:
 1. An 11m 'Works Zone, 7am to 5pm, Mon – Sat' at 5 Henricks Avenue, Drummoyne be installed for a duration of 24 weeks commencing mid-July 2026, as per the plan in the memo.
 2. That the parking restrictions be returned to their original status at the completion of the Work Zone.
 8. **Northcote Street, Mortlake – Proposed Extension to Timed 'No Parking' Restriction, Pram Ramp and footpath installation**
Recommendation
THAT:
 1. 'No Parking, 6.00am to 12.30pm, Friday, Authorised Waste Collection Vehicles Excepted' restriction will be extended by 6 metres on Northcote Street, Mortlake.

2. Pram Ramps be installed on the northern and southern side of Northcote Street, Mortlake.
3. 16.5m2 of footpath widening is undertaken on the southern side of Northcote Street adjacent to the proposed pram ramp.

CITY OF CANADA BAY LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM MEETING

MINUTES

The meeting was held electronically via email.

Thursday, 13 August 2026



Minutes of a City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting Held on Thursday 13 August 2026

Voting Members Present:

Councillor Hugo Robinson - Chairperson
Sergeant Tohme - NSW Police
Kathryn Hawkins - Transport for NSW
Taskira Islam - Transport for NSW
Stephanie Di Pasqua - Local Member of Parliament

Non-voting Members Present:

Ben Cantor – Busways
Julius Villanueva - Transit Systems
David Martin - BayBUG - Canada Bay Bicycle Users Group
Tania Gamble - Community Development Manager (CCB Council) on behalf of the Access Committee

Officers in attendance:

F Guerrisi - CCBC Council
H Huynh - CCBC Council
M Dizon - CCBC Council
S Tran - CCBC Council
M Saini - CCBC Council
Y Fu - CCB Council
G Sheng - CCB Council
C Grassi - CCBC Council

NOTES

The meeting was held electronically via email.

Refer to the City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting Agenda papers in the attached booklet.

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1 WELCOME/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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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**

R Ristevski - CCBC Council

L Huang - CCBC Council

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

C Johnson - CCB Council

3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 Minutes of City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting held 9 July 2026**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Local Transport Forum Meeting of 9 July 2026 copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5 REPORTS

Nil

6 GENERAL BUSINESS**ITEM 6.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****ITEM 1: Local Transport Forum – Speaker Session****SUMMARY**

The Local Transport Forum (LTF) is a technical advisory committee of Council to discuss the use of prescribed traffic control devices that are enforceable through the Road Rules 2014. The forum provides advice, technical review and coordination of works and events. It does not vote, issue approvals or make decisions.

Council has adopted the new framework outlining key changes to the LTF at the Council Meeting on 21 October 2025. Council will be presenting an updated report to the Council Meeting in August 2026 outlining the key inclusion of a 'Speaker Session' to allow the community additional opportunity to discuss specific matters that are presented to the LTF.

Further information on the 'Speaker Session' can be obtained within the August Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes.

ITEM 2: ITEMS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION**SUMMARY**

To facilitate more efficient and localised decision making, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) has issued delegation of specific powers to Council. At the Council Meeting on 21 October 2025, Council resolved to give the General Manager and relevant staff the power to approve works covered under the Delegation.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The following items were approved under Delegation granted to Council from TfNSW.

1. Gale Street, Watkin Street, Brays Road - Parking restrictionsRecommendation**THAT:**

1. Time restricted parking between '8:30am–6pm Monday–Friday and 8:30am–12:30pm Saturday' be installed on Gale Street (15 min Parking – 1 space; 30 min Parking – 2 spaces) and Watkin Street (1 hour Parking – 3 spaces) as per the plan in the memo.
2. 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the corner of Watkin Street, and Brays Road, and a 'No Stopping' (double arrow) repeater sign be installed on Brays Road as per the plan in the memo.

2. Mena Street, North Strathfield – Proposed ‘No Stopping’ RestrictionRecommendation

That 10m ‘No Stopping’ restrictions are installed on Mena Street, North Strathfield adjacent to George Street, per the plan in the memo.

3. Renwick Street and Lyons Road, Drummoyne – Proposed 1-Hour Timed Parking RestrictionRecommendation

THAT:

1. ‘1P, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, permit holders excepted’ be installed on Lyons Road, Drummoyne between Ferry Lane and Renwick Street.
2. ‘1P, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, permit holders excepted’ be installed on Renwick Street, Drummoyne from Lyons Road to property No. 79.
3. ‘1P, 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, permit holders excepted’ be installed on Renwick Street, Drummoyne from Lyons Road to property No. 80.

4. 49 Formosa Street, Drummoyne – Proposed ‘Works Zone’Recommendation

That:

1. A 9m ‘Works Zone, 7am to 5pm, Monday – Saturday’ at 49 Formosa Street, Drummoyne be installed for a duration of 12 weeks commencing end of July 2026, as per the plan in the memo.
2. That the parking restrictions be returned to their original status at the completion of the Work Zone.

5. Burwood Road, Concord – Mobility Parking Space RemovalRecommendation

That the existing Mobility Parking Space (MPS) outside 127 Burwood Road, Concord be removed as per the signage plan, in the memo.

6. Various Locations – Proposed carshare spacesRecommendation

THAT:

1. The following existing ‘No Parking, Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted, GoGet’ be made permanent with updated signage and line marking:
 - a. Shoreline Drive, Rhodes (adjacent to Sevier Avenue)

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- b. Shoreline Drive, Rhodes (adjacent to Mill Park Street)
 - c. Blaxland Road, Rhodes
 - d. Raglan Street, Drummoyne
 - e. College Street, Drummoyne
2. 'No Parking, Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted, GoGet' signage and line marking be installed at the following new locations:
- a. Northcote Street, Mortlake
 - b. Edwin Street, Mortlake
 - c. Manson Road, Strathfield
 - d. Harris Road, Five Dock
 - e. Bibby Street, Chiswick
 - f. Brewer Street, Concord
3. 'No Parking, Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted, GoGet' be removed from the following locations:
- a. Marlborough Street, Drummoyne
 - b. Wrights Road, Drummoyne
 - c. George Street, North Strathfield
 - d. Rider Boulevard, Rhodes (adjacent to Shoreline Drive)
 - e. Rider Boulevard, Rhodes (adjacent to Sevier Avenue)
 - f. Hilts Road, Strathfield
7. **5 Henricks Avenue, Drummoyne – Proposed 'Works Zone'**
- Recommendation
- THAT:
- 1. An 11m 'Works Zone, 7am to 5pm, Mon – Sat' at 5 Henricks Avenue, Drummoyne be installed for a duration of 24 weeks commencing mid-July 2026, as per the plan in the memo.
 - 2. That the parking restrictions be returned to their original status at the completion of the Work Zone.
8. **Northcote Street, Mortlake – Proposed Extension to Timed 'No Parking' Restriction, Pram Ramp and footpath installation**
- Recommendation
- THAT:
- 1. 'No Parking, 6.00am to 12.30pm, Friday, Authorised Waste Collection Vehicles Excepted' restriction will be extended by 6 metres on Northcote Street, Mortlake.
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2. Pram Ramps be installed on the northern and southern side of Northcote Street, Mortlake.
3. 16.5m² of footpath widening is undertaken on the southern side of Northcote Street adjacent to the proposed pram ramp.

TfNSW Comments:

Please ensure that the design and installation of the pram ramps comply with all relevant Australian Standards and applicable guidelines.

Council Comments:

Council notes the comments made and will ensure all technical aspects are followed.

CHAIRPERSON

ITEM 9.2 GUM TREES AND TREE VANDALISM**Reporting Manager Manager Open Space****Attachments: Nil**

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING DIRECTOR CITY ASSETS

That the report on gum trees and tree vandalism be noted.

PURPOSE

This report provides a response to a resolution from the meeting of Council held on 17 March 2026. The report provides information supporting the actions currently undertaken.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Many Eucalypt species, including the closely related *Corymbia* and *Angophora*, are well suited to use as street trees in Sydney, across a range of soils and climates when the appropriate species is selected for the site. For example, the species in the road median strip along Majors Bay Rd Concord is the *Corymbia citriodora* (Lemon-scented Gum).

Like all trees, they naturally shed leaves, bark, and occasionally branches as part of their normal ecological processes. This is supported by peer reviewed arboricultural studies and research. Branch failure can occur in any tree species, typically during storms, and there is no evidence to support the common misconception that Eucalypts, or certain types of Eucalypts, are inherently more prone to dropping branches or pose a greater safety risk than other tree species.

Eucalypts and related species make up 10% of the street tree population in CCBC. The Brushbox, another close relative to Eucalypts, makes up 18% of the street tree population and is the most common street tree in the City of Canada Bay LGA.

Like many Councils in Sydney, the City of Canada Bay has seen a rise in tree vandalism in recent years for both mature trees and newly planted trees on both private and public land. Council records indicate 415 (9%) cases of vandalism of young trees planted since 2019 and 816 cases of mature tree vandalism since 2016.

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 5: Improve access to, and enhance the quality of, the City's foreshore and waterways

Goal STE 4: Enhance and protect native flora and fauna to support local biodiversity

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At its meeting held on 17 March 2026, in consideration of a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor Mansford, Council resolved:

That:

1. *Council Officers prepare and submit a report to Council on the suitability of eucalypt trees as street plantings and the supposition that eucalypts are more likely to shed large branches than other species.*
2. *The report referred to in 1 above includes data on the extent of vandalism, pruning and damage to trees in the Canada Bay LGA.*
3. *The report referred to in 1 above include:*
 - a. *data relating to any injury or damage caused by the large eucalypts on Majors Bay Road, Concord.*

Suitability of Eucalypt Trees:

Eucalypts and their close relatives (*Corymbia* and *Angophora*) are widely and successfully used as street and park trees across Australia when the appropriate species is matched to the available space, soil, and climate. Their success depends on selecting the right tree for the right location, using healthy planting stock, and providing ongoing maintenance.

- The City of Canada Bay has more than 1,800 Eucalypt and related species as street trees, with historical plantings considered appropriate for local conditions.
- Despite the serious outcomes that have resulted on occasions, published research indicates that the risk of injury or death from falling tree branches is extremely low and is often overstated. Most tree failures occur during extreme weather events (when people are indoors, safe and away from trees).

Leading Australian arborists and researchers support the use of Eucalypts in urban environments noting that many species are well suited to streetscapes, with over 400 Eucalypt species considered suitable for urban planting.

- The *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) is recognised as an excellent urban tree due to its structure, resilience, and adaptability with many Spotted Gums growing across the LGA, particularly around Rhodes and Wareemba.

Key benefits of Eucalypts include that they:

- Are suited to areas near waterways and scenic outlooks because their open canopy provides shade while preserving views.
- Contribute significantly to urban sustainability, biodiversity, and community wellbeing.
- Provide environmental and urban cooling benefits.

Majors Bay Road Concord Analysis:

The species planted in the median strip down Majors Bay Road Concord are *Corymbia citriodora* (Lemon Scented Gum), a widely cultivated and commonly planted tree throughout Australia in the private and public domain. There are 52 trees planted in the median along the road.

- A total of 8 different claims relating to damage from trees along the road have been made since 2016. Several of these claims were denied and the remaining claims related to minor damage to vehicles and property from small to medium sized falling branches, or root systems. The section of Majors Bay Road hosts a mixture of species, including large Brushbox, Fraxinus and Crepe myrtles.

- There are no records of personal injury from any trees in the area.

Tree Vandalism:

Tree vandalism is a widespread issue in the City of Canada Bay and across Australia, affecting both public and private trees.

The following are considered to be factors driving vandalism:

- Increased development, financial incentives from open views and properties without large trees, misconceptions about tree safety, preserving views, neighbour disputes, nuisance concerns (such as leaf litter or blocked sunlight), lack of awareness of regulations, an unregulated arborist industry, and disproportionate penalties relative to the offence.
- It should be acknowledged however that not all damage is intentional. Construction activities, vehicles, lawn maintenance equipment, and inappropriate pruning can also cause significant harm to trees.
- Most of the deliberate vandalism is attributed to nearby residents and developers who bypass legal approval processes to remove perceived nuisances or improve views. Arboriculture industry associations, researchers and certain media outlets are endeavouring to address the largely unregulated industry and attempt to control unqualified or unethical arborists who undertake unauthorised work.

Mature Tree Vandalism

Data on the actual number of mature street and park trees being illegally pruned, poisoned or lopped by residents will be captured in Councils tree inventory when the trees are inspected in 2027-2028. The following table provides the number of reported cases of vandalism for both mature public and private trees since 2016.

Timeframe	Vandalism cases reported (mature public and private trees)
2016-2019	86
2020-2024	462
2024-2026	265

Young tree vandalism:

Since 2019 Council has planted 4,500 trees, the following table summarises the recorded vandalism cases of young trees during this period.

Timeframe	Vandalism cases recorded - 415
2019-2026	• 220 removed, damaged or poisoned • 170 shaped, topiarised to reduce size. • 25 replaced by residents with different species such as olives or shrubs

The 415 cases of vandalism equate to 9% of newly planted trees being vandalised since 2019.

Council has recently completed an objective audit by qualified arborists of the 4500 young trees planted, and most failures and replacements are due to vandalism. Specifically, there are 170 (4%) recorded cases of young trees are being shaped, lopped or topiarised to reduce and contain their size. Council have been using educational material since 2021 in an effort to address these issues. This has consisted of videos posted to social media and Council websites, letterbox drops near trees being shaped to inform residents not to prune and signage near affected trees.

Loss of current and future canopy cover from young and mature tree vandalism removes the multiple benefits that healthy trees provide to the community and environment and adversely affects Council's canopy cover goals. This has flow-on effects that decrease habitat, biodiversity, and shade, and contributes to increases the urban heat island effect.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

There are no risk considerations associated with this report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost of tree vandalism to Council is multifaceted, encompassing staff resources required for investigation, replacement planting costs, establishment and maintenance expenses, and the loss of tree value. For mature trees, this loss can be substantial, as their environmental, aesthetic and community benefits cannot be immediately replaced.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

City of Canada Bay Tree Vandalism Policy

City of Canada Bay Development Control Plan

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

References

Dean Nicholls – Australia's eminent Eucalypt expert: [website](#)

Greg Moore – Highly regarded Australian arborist. Gum tree article [Moore, 2023](#). Arborist industry [Moore, 2025](#)

Mark Hartley – Peer reviewed tree risk study [a review of deaths in Australia from accidental tree failures](#).

Vandalism data: Forestree, P&R records, staff and resident feedback, media releases.

10 COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE DIRECTORATE REPORTS**ITEM 10.1 CITY OF CANADA BAY RHODES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 13 AUGUST 2026****Reporting Manager** Manager Place and Events**Attachments:** 1. City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee Meeting Minutes - 13 August 2026 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR COMMUNITY CULTURE AND LEISURE

That:

1. The minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee meeting held on 13 August 2026, attached to the report, be noted.
 2. Council approves the new nominee recommended for membership of the Rhodes Community Committee, circulated under separate cover.
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PURPOSE

To present the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee (RCC) meeting and to provide a recommendation for the appointment of a new committee member to the RCC to fill a recently created vacant position.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides Council with the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee meeting held on 13 August 2026, together with a summary of the nomination and selection process undertaken to fill committee vacancies during the current Council term.

The Committee's role is to facilitate community representation, provide a forum for two-way communication between Council and the community, and provide community input into strategic matters affecting the Rhodes Peninsula.

The report also recommends the appointment of an endorsed candidate on the RCC reserve list, with immediate effect, for the remainder of the current Council term.

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The key focus of the Rhodes Community Committee (RCC) meeting held on 13 August 2026 was on presentations relating to trolley management, litter management and prevention, and safety and security measures in Rhodes. The minutes attached to this Council report provide an overview of all matters discussed by the RCC.

At the same RCC meeting, the committee accepted a member's request to formally resign from the committee following their move out of the Rhodes area.

To fill the resulting vacancy, the RCC reserve list was referred to, with the next eligible candidate in line approached to take up the position. The candidate confirmed their availability prior to the RCC

meeting, and the committee acknowledged their availability and recommended that they be appointed to the Committee.

By way of background, at the commencement of each Council term, membership of Council Committees is renewed following the local government election. On 12 November 2024, Council resolved to call for expressions of interest for membership of the Rhodes Community Committee for the 2025–2028 term.

Following an assessment process undertaken in accordance with the Rhodes Community Committee selection criteria, nominees were considered based on their demonstrated interest in the Committee's objectives, as well as the need to achieve a diverse representation of advocacy interests and areas across Rhodes. A list of recommended nominees was endorsed by Council at its meeting on 18 March 2025.

At the same meeting, Council also endorsed a reserve list of nominees to be considered for appointments where vacancies arise during the Committee's term.

The membership of the Rhodes Community Committee includes the following:

Representation	Committee members
Councillors	2
Community Members	12

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 Rhodes Community Committee Charter was endorsed by Council at the ordinary meeting held on 12 November 2024.

CITY OF CANADA BAY RHODES COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Held in the Canvas, Rhodes Recreation Centre

Thursday, 13 August 2026

**Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee
Meeting****Held on Thursday, 13 August 2026****At the Canvas, Rhodes Recreation Centre****Commencing at 6:00 PM****Present:**

Mayor Michael Megna	Chair
Cr Sylvia Alafaci	Councillor
Sarah Davidson	Community Member
Robert Eastham	Community Member
Glenn Helyer	Community Member
Jing Hong	Community Member
Denise McGarry	Community Member
Nicole Thio	Community Member
Dominic Wong	Community Member
Chiral Yadava	Community Member

Officers in attendance:

Franco Guerrisi	Manager Roads & Traffic
Rachel Hensman	Director Community, Culture & Leisure
Belinda Koytz	Manager Sustainability & Waste
Harjeet Spence	Director Planning & Environment
Saskia Vromans	Place Manager Rhodes

NOTES

The meeting commenced at 6:00pm and concluded at 7:18pm

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2 APOLOGIES

Geoff Coffill Community Member

Chloe Zhang Community Member

Leave of Absence

Nil

3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**ITEM 4.1 Minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2026**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee Meeting of 14 May 2026, copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Note: The minutes were acknowledged and adopted.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

6 REPORTS

ITEM 6.1 TROLLEY & LITTER MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee members note the presentation.
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Note: Belinda Koytz, Manager Sustainability & Waste provided an update on trolley management, litter management and prevention, including:

- Legislative changes impacting the management of trolleys within the City of Canada Bay
- Education campaign
- Rhodes enforcement actions and Infringement data
- An overview of Council's Litter Management and Prevention Plan 2025-2029
- Rhodes Cleansing and Parks team
- Litter management audit recommendations and implementation plan progress to date

Action: Committee members requested a comparison of infringement data against previous years.

ITEM 6.2 SAFETY & SECURITY MEASURES IN RHODES

RESOLVED

1. That the City of Canada Bay Rhodes Community Committee members note the update.
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Note: Franco Guerrisi, Manager Roads & Traffic provided an update on safety and security measures in Rhodes including:

- Planned CCTV installation at key locations in Rhodes
- Feedback received from Bayside Council regarding a trial of noise cameras in their area in partnership with the EPA
- The use of mobile CCTV at locations in Rhodes to assist in identifying and managing anti-social behaviour, including illegal dumping
- Council review and actions relating to school zone safety at Concord West Public School

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM 7.1 CHILD DEVELOPMENT DATA

Note: Committee member Jing Hong presented to the committee her concerns relating to child development data and service gaps, referencing findings from the Australian Early Development Census.

Action: Council officers will discuss feedback with relevant teams at Council and provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting.

ITEM 7.2 RHODES COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Note: Community members provided feedback on a number of items including:

- *Update on the proposed Rhodes Fire Station and the proposal to close Concord Fire Station.*
- *The previous experience of the downgrading and closure of the Ambulance Station at Concord Hospital and its subsequent reopening four years ago to support the needs of the area were noted.*

ITEM 7.3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Note: Committee member David Nguyen has resigned due to moving out of the area. Reserve member Christine Gordon will now be formally invited to join the committee.

ITEM 7.4 COUNCIL UPDATE

Note: Saskia Vromans, Place Manager Rhodes provided a general update on a number of Council matters including:

- *An overview of the Make Music: Sounds in the Lounge activation pilot held in the Rhodes Recreation Centre from 21 June to 30 July 2026.*
- *Response to Rhodes community requests to aid connection with Council's iconic Italian Street Festival event, Ferragosto. Outline given of the introduction of a Ferragosto Shuttle Bus service from Blaxland Road, Rhodes to festival in Five Dock on Sunday 16 August 2026.*
- *Good Living Rhodes (Winter edition), printed publication shared.*

ITEM 7.5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Note: 6-7.30pm – Thursday, 12 November 2026 at the Canvas, Rhodes Recreation Centre.

CHAIRPERSON

11 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIRECTORATE REPORTS

ITEM 11.1 OPERATIONAL LAND CLASSIFICATION - PART 2 GIPPS STREET, CONCORD (RESERVE 10418540)

Reporting Manager Manager, Property Strategy and Leasing

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That:

1. Council notes that no submissions were received relating to the statutory advertising of an intention to classify Part Lot 30 and Whole Lot 32 in Deposited Plan 1282364 (Reserve 1041854), 2 Gipps Street, Concord as Operational Land.
 2. Council resolves to classify the land, being Part Lot 30 and Whole Lot 32 in Deposited Plan 1282364 (Reserve 1041854), 2 Gipps Street, Concord as Operational Land in accordance with Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.
 3. The General Manager be authorised to write to the NSW Minister for Lands and Property seeking to formalise consent for Council's classification of Operational Land for Part Lot 30 and Whole Lot 32 in Deposited Plan 1282364 (Reserve 1041854), 2 Gipps Street, Concord as required by the Crown Lands Management Act 2016.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to classify land identified as Part Lot 30 and Whole Lot 32 in Deposited Plan 1282364 (Reserve 1041854), 2 Gipps Street, Concord (the Site) as Operational Land under the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 25 of the Act requires all public land to be classified, the classification of which are prescribed by Section 26 of the Act, namely being either Community Land or Operational Land.

Council at its meeting of 21 July 2026 resolved to commence the public notification process for the proposed Operational Land classification for the Site.

This report advises the outcome of the public notification period, where no submissions were received. To this end, this report seeks to formally classify, by way of a resolution pursuant to Section 31(2) of the Act, to classify this land as Operational Land.

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

Direction 3: Vibrant Urban Living

Goal VUL 4: Ensure the built environment respect the unique neighbourhood character and responds deftly to evolving community needs

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Site is located adjacent to Concord Oval and has been identified as the preferred location to transfer Council's existing Depot from Regatta Road, Five Dock.

The Act requires all Council owned land to be classified as either Operational Land or Community Land and due to the proposed future use of the Site, an Operational Land classification is required.

If a newly acquired lot is to be classified as Operational Land (as the first classification), Council can resolve to do this within three (3) months of receipt of the parcel and any time prior to its receipt. If a resolution of Council is not achieved within three (3) months of ownership, the land automatically reverts to a Community Land classification.

On 29 June 2026, Council was appointed as Crown Land Managers of the site by NSW Crown Lands.

Statutory advertisement, publicly notifying of the proposed classification is required before this resolution can occur, and at its meeting on 21 July 2026, Council resolved to commence this notification.

The required public notice was made on Council's website, and a physical notice was placed at the property. The public notification commenced on 4 August 2026 and closed on 1 September 2026. No submissions were received.

It is noted that an Operational Land classification for Crown Land requires Ministerial consent, following Council's resolution considering Operational Land classification. Subject to Council resolving to classify the site as Operational Land, it is proposed that the General Manager write to the Minister for Lands and Property seeking this consent to finalise the process.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Section 31(2) of the Act permits Council to resolve to classify land prior to or within three months after its acquisition of the land.

Section 34 of the Act requires public notice to be given of classification or reclassification by Council resolution, including:

- Terms of proposed resolution and description of the land concerned; and
- A period of not less than 28 days during which submissions can be made by Council.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

No financial considerations are associated with this report.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Local Government Act 1993

Crown Land Management Act 2016

Guideline – Classification of Crown Land managed by Council Crown Land Managers

ITEM 11.2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS REPORT - AUGUST 2026

Reporting Manager Chief Financial Officer

Attachments: 1. Investment Report August 2026 (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*)
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RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council's Investment portfolio performance for August 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 August 2026 Cash and Investments Reports, for Council's consideration.

Certification - Responsible Accounting Officer

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

As at 31 August 2026, the portfolio comprised of the following investment ratings:

Compliant	LT Ratings	Invested(\$)	% Invested per category	Minimum Limit %	% Maximum Limit per category	% Maximum Limit Accumulated
✓	AAA, AA-	\$65,800,000.10	35.44%	30%	100%	100%
✓	A+, A, A-	\$58,800,433.61	31.67%	0%	70%	70%
✓	BBB+, BBB, BBB-	\$61,065,768.73	32.89%	0%	40%	
✓	Unrated	\$0.00	0.00%	0%	0%	0%
Total Portfolio and Bank		\$185,666,202.44	100.00%			

Investments are compliant with Council's Investment Policy.

Summary position as of 31 August 2026

The Cash at Bank and Cash Investments are summarised below:

MONTH	CASH AT BANK	CASH INVESTMENTS	TOTAL CASH
31 AUGUST 2026	\$6,819,360.85	\$185,666,202.44	\$192,485,563.29

The detailed Schedule of Investments held as at 31 August 2026 is provided over the next page.

STATEMENT OF CASH INVESTMENTS							
Maturity Date	Bank/Issuer	Long Term Rating	Fair Value	Term	Interest	Issue Date	Investment Type
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
23/09/26	Heritage Bank	BBB+	\$2,500,000.00	222	4.81%	13/02/26	Term Deposits
30/09/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	90	4.94%	02/07/26	Term Deposits
07/10/26	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,500,000.00	229	4.85%	20/02/26	Term Deposits
14/10/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	84	4.95%	22/07/26	Term Deposits
21/10/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	56	4.80%	26/08/26	Term Deposits
21/10/26	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	232	4.95%	03/03/26	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
02/12/26	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	124	5.20%	31/07/26	Term Deposits
09/12/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	160	5.04%	02/07/26	Term Deposits
16/12/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	328	4.55%	22/01/26	Term Deposits
16/12/26	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	140	5.22%	29/07/26	Term Deposits
13/01/27	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	334	4.84%	13/02/26	Term Deposits
20/01/27	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	348	4.79%	06/02/26	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	279	4.10%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
10/02/27	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	209	5.10%	16/07/26	Term Deposits
17/02/27	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	365	5.00%	17/02/26	Term Deposits
03/03/27	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,500,000.00	369	5.00%	27/02/26	Term Deposits
10/03/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	224	5.33%	29/07/26	Term Deposits
18/03/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	311	4.09%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
01/04/27	ING	A	\$4,000,000.00	335	4.08%	01/05/25	Term Deposits
07/04/27	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$3,000,000.00	252	5.40%	29/07/26	Term Deposits
14/04/27	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,500,000.00	411	5.05%	27/02/26	Term Deposits
21/04/27	Heartland Bank Australia	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	414	5.10%	03/03/26	Term Deposits
06/05/27	ING	A	\$2,500,000.00	363	4.03%	08/05/25	Term Deposits
12/05/27	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	365	4.22%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
20/05/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	374	4.07%	09/05/25	Term Deposits
26/05/27	Beyond Bank	BBB+	\$2,500,000.00	447	5.10%	05/03/26	Term Deposits
09/06/27	Queensland Police Credit Union	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	454	5.30%	12/03/26	Term Deposits
16/06/27	State Bank of India, Sydney Branch	BBB	\$3,000,000.00	322	5.40%	29/07/26	Term Deposits
23/06/27	Judo Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	462	5.37%	18/03/26	Term Deposits
30/06/27	Beyond Bank	BBB+	\$2,500,000.00	482	5.10%	05/03/26	Term Deposits
01/07/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$3,000,000.00	337	5.38%	29/07/26	Term Deposits
07/07/27	Judo Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	476	5.37%	18/03/26	Term Deposits
14/07/27	Judo Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	476	5.55%	25/03/26	Term Deposits
21/07/27	Unity Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	476	5.65%	01/04/26	Term Deposits
04/08/27	Unity Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	482	5.67%	09/04/26	Term Deposits
01/09/27	Unity Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	510	5.67%	09/04/26	Term Deposits
29/09/27	Unity Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	531	5.60%	16/04/26	Term Deposits
06/10/27	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	404	5.31%	28/08/26	Term Deposits
13/10/27	Credit Union SA	BBB+	\$2,500,000.00	531	5.70%	01/05/26	Term Deposits
29/10/27	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	729	4.25%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
17/11/27	Credit Union SA	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	566	5.70%	01/05/26	Term Deposits
01/12/27	Credit Union SA	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	580	5.70%	01/05/26	Term Deposits
15/12/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	471	5.47%	31/08/26	Term Deposits
22/12/27	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	504	5.34%	05/08/26	Term Deposits
08/03/28	Judo Bank	BBB	\$2,000,000.00	721	5.40%	18/03/26	Term Deposits
11/05/28	Rabobank Aus Limited	A	\$2,000,000.00	730	4.37%	12/05/25	Term Deposits
30/10/28	ING	A	\$2,000,000.00	1096	4.33%	30/10/25	Term Deposits
30/10/26	Westpac	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	183	4.30%	30/10/25	Tailored Deposit
14/09/26	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,600,000.00	91	5.32%	14/09/23	Floating Rate Notes
23/12/26	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$2,000,000.00	183	4.88%	23/09/21	Floating Rate Notes
22/03/27	ING	A	\$1,000,000.00	273	5.42%	22/03/24	Floating Rate Notes
14/05/27	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$800,000.00	273	5.51%	14/05/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/08/27	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,100,000.00	365	5.52%	18/08/22	Floating Rate Notes
13/09/27	AMP	BBB+	\$1,300,000.00	455	5.74%	13/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
01/11/27	Great Southern Bank	BBB+	\$1,150,000.00	454	5.54%	01/11/24	Floating Rate Notes
13/01/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	549	5.61%	13/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
19/01/28	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	548	5.65%	19/01/23	Floating Rate Notes
16/02/28	Westpac	AA-	\$1,000,000.00	548	5.49%	16/02/23	Floating Rate Notes
09/05/28	Bank of Queensland Covered	AAA	\$1,250,000.00	638	5.70%	09/05/23	Floating Rate Notes
17/08/28	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,250,000.00	731	5.46%	17/08/23	Floating Rate Notes
03/10/28	Teachers Mutual Bank	BBB+	\$2,000,000.00	823	5.41%	03/10/25	Floating Rate Notes
20/11/28	Bank of Queensland	A-	\$1,500,000.00	823	5.27%	20/11/25	Floating Rate Notes
23/04/29	Bendigo Adelaide Bank	A-	\$500,000.00	1005	5.31%	23/04/26	Floating Rate Notes
20/08/29	ING	A	\$1,800,000.00	1096	5.52%	20/08/24	Floating Rate Notes
27/09/29	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$2,100,000.00	1186	5.38%	27/09/24	Floating Rate Notes
18/03/30	National Australia Bank (NAB)	AA-	\$1,600,000.00	1369	5.30%	18/03/25	Floating Rate Notes
21/05/30	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$700,000.00	1369	5.42%	21/05/25	Floating Rate Notes
19/06/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,200,000.00	1461	5.30%	19/06/25	Floating Rate Notes
10/07/30	Rabobank Aus Branch	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1461	5.32%	10/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,100,000.00	1461	5.29%	17/07/25	Floating Rate Notes
15/08/30	ING Bank Covered	AAA	\$500,000.00	1459	5.29%	15/08/25	Floating Rate Notes
15/01/31	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1645	5.20%	15/01/26	Floating Rate Notes
09/07/31	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1826	5.14%	09/07/26	Floating Rate Notes
21/01/30	Westpac	AA-	\$1,800,000.00	1280	4.95%	21/01/25	Fixed Rate Bond
21/05/30	Suncorp Bank	AA-	\$500,000.00	1461	4.60%	21/05/25	Fixed Rate Bond
17/07/30	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,000,000.00	1461	4.37%	17/07/25	Fixed Rate Bond
15/08/30	ING	A	\$500,000.00	1459	4.28%	15/08/25	Fixed Rate Bond
15/01/31	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$800,000.00	1645	5.03%	15/01/26	Fixed Rate Bond
09/07/31	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$1,500,000.00	1826	5.15%	09/07/26	Fixed Rate Bond
	AMP	BBB+	\$3,115,105.11		5.00%		AMP
	AMP	BBB+	\$663.62		2.25%		AMP
	Macquarie Bank	A+	\$1,000,433.61		4.65%		Macquarie Bank
	Commonwealth Bank	AA-	\$9,000,000.10		4.35%		CBA BGS
Iter	31/08/26		\$185,666,202.44		4.9971%		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS at 31/07/2026		\$181,716,091.24		4.9529%		
	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Investments		\$3,950,111.20		0.0442%		

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council's adopted budget for 2026-27 forecast interest earnings of \$8.5M. Council earned \$809,093.10 in August 2026.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Monetary Policy Board met on 11 August 2026 and determined that the cash rate would remain unchanged as at 4.35%.

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 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 11.3 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2026**Reporting Manager Chief Financial Officer****Attachments: 1. Financial Statements 2025-26 (*Provided in Attachment Booklet*) [↗](#)**

RECOMMENDATION OF DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY

That:

1. Council confirms receipt, certification and referral of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 to Council's external auditor and the Audit Office of NSW, in accordance with section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993.
 2. The Statement by Councillors and Management for the General-Purpose Financial Statements be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer, in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.
 3. An electronic copy of the audited financial statements be forwarded to the NSW Office of Local Government no later than 31 October 2026.
 4. The General Manager be authorised to set the date for public presentation of the audited financial statements, and to give public notice of the public presentation in accordance with section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993
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PURPOSE

To seek Council's confirmation of its receipt, certification and referral of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026 to Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, in accordance with section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Section 413(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to prepare and refer its Annual Financial Statements for audit as soon as practicable after the end of the relevant financial year. In accordance with Section 413(2)(C) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must also prepare a statement on the General-Purpose Financial Reports as to its opinion on the reports prior to formally referring them to the auditor. This report is presented to satisfy those requirements. Analyses of the financial performance of the Council for the year ended 30 June 2026 are also provided in this report.

The Draft Financial Statements show an operating surplus of \$24.867 million including capital grants and contributions. Excluding capital grants and contributions, the operating result is a surplus of \$651,000.

The result reflects a positive result for Council compared to the original adopted budget which projected an operating surplus of \$88,000.

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

In accordance with Section 413(2)(C) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council must prepare a statement on the General-Purpose Financial Reports as to its opinion on the reports prior to referring them to audit.

The City of Canada Bay's Draft Annual Financial Reports for the period ended 30 June 2026 have been completed for external auditing.

The Director Corporate Services and Strategy, as the Responsible Accounting Officer has certified that the 2025/26 Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the Local Government Act 1993 and Regulation and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting 2025/26 (the Code).

The financial reports consist of the following General Purpose Financial Reports:

1. Income Statement
2. Balance Sheet
3. Statement of Changes in Equity
4. Cash Flow Statement
5. Notes to the financial report

and Special Schedules:

1. Permissible income for general rates
2. Report on infrastructure assets

Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW, will formally commence its Audit in the week beginning 21 September 2026. The draft financial reports were also presented to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 25 August 2026.

The following table summarises Council's Financial Performance and Position for the year end 30 June 2026.

Financial Performance and Position of Council as at 30 June 2026

Income Statement \$'000	Actual 2026	Actual 2025
Income from Continuing Operations	160,765	201,080
Expenses from Continuing Operations	135,898	131,002
Net Operating Result for the Year	24,867	70,078
Net Operating Result for the year before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	651	3,407
Statement of Financial Position \$'000	Actual 2026	Actual 2025
Current Assets	181,103	189,002
Non-Current Assets	2,958,662	2,854,810
Total Assets	3,139,765	3,043,812
Current Liabilities	50,811	53,834

Non-Current Liabilities	12,996	18,791
Total Liabilities	63,807	72,625
Net Assets	3,075,958	2,971,187
Total Equity	3,075,958	2,971,187
Statement of Cash Flows \$'000	Actual 2026	Actual 2025
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	32,595	95,053
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	(37,231)	(105,033)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	(852)	(811)
Net change in Cash	(5,488)	(10,791)
Plus: Cash at the beginning of the year	26,602	37,393
Cash at end of year	21,114	26,602
Plus: Investments on hand at end of year	166,550	182,300
Total Cash and Investments	187,664	208,902

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Operating Result

Council recorded an operating result from continuing operations of \$24.867 million, inclusive of depreciation, amortisation and impairment of non-financial assets expense of \$20.992 million.

The result was \$45.211 million lower than 2024/25, mainly due to a \$42.455 million (63.7%) reduction in capital grants and contributions revenue, which decreased from \$66.7 million in 2024/25 to \$24.2 million in 2025/26. The decrease was mainly attributable to affordable housing contributions which amounted to \$37.5 million in 2024/25 as compared to \$3.6 million of contributions received in 2025/26.

Other key movements. The year-on-year movement also reflected higher rates and annual charges (\$3.96 million), higher user charges and fees (\$974,000), lower interest and investment income (\$219,000), and lower other revenue (\$5.823 million). The reduction in other revenue was mainly due to a \$64,000 increase in the fair value of investment property in 2025/26, compared with a \$6.167 million increase in the previous year.

Result before capital grants and contributions. The net operating result before capital grants and contributions of \$651,000 was \$2.756 million lower than the 2024–25 result. This reflected an increase in total expenses of \$4.9 million (3.7%), to \$135.9 million. The operating surplus indicates that Council's day-to-day operating expenditure, including depreciation, remained below operating income.

Operational Performance Ratio. After adjusting for the fair valuation increment and the net loss on disposal of assets, the result used to calculate the Operational Performance Ratio was a surplus of \$6.7 million, or 4.93%. This was above the target benchmark of >0% and an improvement on the previous year's result of 4.75%.

Key performance indicators. All key performance indicators are above benchmark. Although these ratios are no longer required to be reported as part of the General-Purpose Financial Statements and may be replaced with other measures in future, they are provided below for comparison purposes.

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Statement of performance measures (unaudited)

Statement of performance measures – consolidated results (unaudited)

\$ '000	Amounts 2026	Indicator 2026	2025	Indicators 2024	2023	Benchmark
1. Operating performance ratio						
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions less operating expenses ^{1, 2}	6,730	4.93%	4.75%	2.28%	(1.52)%	> 0.00%
Total continuing operating revenue excluding capital grants and contributions ¹	136,463					
2. Own source operating revenue ratio						
Total continuing operating revenue excluding all grants and contributions ¹	127,084	79.09%	62.45%	60.92%	66.13%	> 60.00%
Total continuing operating revenue	160,679					
3. Unrestricted current ratio						
Current assets less all external restrictions	121,377	4.02x	3.28x	4.02x	4.14x	> 1.50x
Current liabilities less specific purpose liabilities	30,188					
4. Debt service cover ratio						
Operating result before capital excluding interest and depreciation/impairment/amortisation ¹	28,277	20.10x	18.33x	11.44x	7.08x	> 2.00x
Principal repayments (Statement of Cash Flows) plus borrowing costs (Income Statement)	1,407					
5. Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage						
Rates and annual charges outstanding	2,914	3.70%	3.72%	3.99%	4.05%	< 5.00%
Rates and annual charges collectable	78,654					
6. Cash expense cover ratio						
Current year's cash and cash equivalents plus all term deposits	150,114	14.87 months	18.35 months	15.95 months	13.00 months	> 3.00 months
Monthly payments from cash flow of operating and financing activities	10,092					

⁽¹⁾ Excludes fair value increments on investment properties, reversal of revaluation decrements, reversal of impairment losses on receivables, net gain on sale of assets and net share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method and includes pensioner rate subsidies

⁽²⁾ Excludes impairment/revaluation decrements of IPPE, fair value decrements on investment properties, net loss on disposal of assets and net loss on share of interests in joint ventures and associates using the equity method

Further, the Report on Infrastructure Assets included in the Special Schedules within the Financial Statements also present positive results relating key asset performance indicators. An extract from the Special Schedules follows:

City of Canada Bay Council

Report on infrastructure assets as at 30 June 2026

Infrastructure asset performance indicators (consolidated) *

\$ '000	Amounts 2026	Indicator 2026	2025	Indicators 2024	2023	Benchmark
Buildings and infrastructure renewals ratio						
Asset renewals ¹	17,972					
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	18,005	99.82%	124.26%	85.12%	89.06%	> 100.00%
Infrastructure backlog ratio						
Estimated cost to bring assets to a satisfactory standard	24,504					
Net carrying amount of infrastructure assets	1,090,372	2.25%	2.19%	2.02%	2.35%	< 2.00%
Asset maintenance ratio						
Actual asset maintenance	24,490					
Required asset maintenance	23,491	104.25%	101.68%	97.19%	99.43%	> 100.00%
Cost to bring assets to agreed service level						
Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	24,504	1.59%	1.70%	1.55%	1.71%	
Gross replacement cost	1,545,010					

(*) All asset performance indicators are calculated using classes identified in the previous table.

(¹) Asset renewals represent the replacement and/or refurbishment of existing assets to an equivalent capacity/performance as opposed to the acquisition of new assets (or the refurbishment of old assets) that increases capacity/performance.

TIMING / CONSULTATION AND / OR RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW will formally commence its final phase of the audit focusing on the financial statements the week beginning 21 September 2026.

The Auditors will, amongst other things, form an opinion on the Financial Statements as to whether:

- the Council's accounting records have been kept in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 13-part 3 Division 2; and
- the Financial Statements:
 - have been presented in accordance with the requirements of this Division
 - are consistent with the Council's accounting records
 - present fairly the Council's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows; and
 - are in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.
- all information relevant to the conduct of the audit has been obtained; and

- there are no material deficiencies in the accounting records or financial statements that the auditors have become aware of during the audit.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Council's performance against historic performance measures and performance benchmarks previously forming part of the Audited Financial Statements are all better than benchmark.

There are no financial impacts associated with the recommendations contained in the report with the year end results supporting an assessment that Council remains in a sound financial position.

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Adoption of the recommendations contained in the report will achieve compliance with the Local Government Act 1993.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION**ITEM 12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR BAZOUNI - SUPPORT FOR CONCORD FIRE STATION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Submitted by: Councillor Anthony Bazouni

MOTION

That Council:

1. Notes the important role of Concord Fire Station in providing frontline emergency response services to the Concord, North Strathfield and surrounding communities and acknowledges its significant contribution to community safety.
 2. Notes that Concord Fire Station recorded 1,906 responses during 2024/2025 and has been identified as the 18th busiest Fire & Rescue NSW station in the State according to Fire & Rescue NSW data.
 3. Acknowledges concern regarding the uncertainty surrounding the future provision of fire and emergency response services in the Concord area, particularly in the context of substantial current and planned population and housing growth across Concord, North Strathfield, Rhodes and surrounding areas.
 4. Supports the efforts of the Member for Drummoyne, Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua MP, and local community members to ensure that the Concord area continues to have appropriate local fire and emergency response capability, including advocacy for the retention or provision of a fire station in Concord.
 5. Writes to Minister for Emergency Services seeking:
 - a) advice regarding the current and proposed future role of Concord Fire Station and the future provision of fire and emergency response services in the Concord area, including any proposed changes to station locations, staffing, operations or service areas;
 - b) confirmation of whether Fire & Rescue NSW or the State Government is considering any changes to the existing Concord Fire Station, including its future operation, relocation, redevelopment or replacement;
 - c) confirmation as to how Fire & Rescue NSW have assessed the impact of current and projected population growth, including major housing growth in Concord, North Strathfield, Rhodes and surrounding precincts, on future emergency service demand and the location and capacity of fire stations required to service the area;
 - d) details of any assessment undertaken regarding the future emergency response coverage across the City of Canada Bay, including the relationship between Concord Fire Station, the proposed new Rhodes Fire Station and any other current or proposed fire station infrastructure; and
 - e) written confirmation of the New South Wales Government's plans for ensuring that the Concord area has an appropriately located and adequately resourced fire station to meet the needs of the existing and future community.
 6. Requests that Council engage with Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua MP and relevant community representatives to support advocacy for the provision of appropriate local fire and
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emergency response capability in Concord and ensure that the community's concerns are communicated to the New South Wales Government.

7. Requests that Council Officers report back to Council on any response received from the New South Wales Government and Fire and Rescue New South Wales, together with advice on any further advocacy options available to Council.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANTHONY BAZOUNI

A local fire station is an important piece of emergency services infrastructure for the City of Canada Bay and the surrounding community. For generations, local residents have relied on firefighters based in the area to respond quickly when lives, homes and businesses are at risk.

The importance of maintaining appropriate local emergency response capability has become even more significant as the population of the City of Canada Bay continues to grow, and substantial additional housing is planned across Concord, North Strathfield, Rhodes and surrounding precincts.

In 2024/2025 Concord Fire Station recorded 1,906 responses, making it the 18th busiest fire station in New South Wales. These figures demonstrate the significant level of demand for emergency response services in the local area.

At the same time, there is currently uncertainty regarding the New South Wales Government's plans for the future provision of fire and emergency response services across the City of Canada Bay, particularly in the Concord area.

The Government has advised that Fire and Rescue New South Wales is in the planning stage for a new fire station at Rhodes. Previous parliamentary responses have also indicated that Fire and Rescue New South Wales has been considering the best long-term solution for servicing the City of Canada Bay.

While investment in a new Rhodes Fire Station is welcome, the community needs greater clarity regarding how the proposed station will fit within the broader network of emergency response infrastructure across the City of Canada Bay, including the future role of Concord Fire Station.

To date, there has been no clear public advice from the New South Wales Government or Fire and Rescue New South Wales regarding the future of Concord Fire Station or whether any changes are proposed to its location, operation, staffing or service area.

This uncertainty is particularly relevant in the context of the significant population and housing growth planned across Concord, North Strathfield, Rhodes and surrounding areas. The community should have confidence that emergency response infrastructure will be appropriately planned alongside this growth and that existing and future residents will have timely access to frontline emergency services.

The location of a fire station, together with its staffing and operational capacity, can influence the ability of firefighters to reach residents, workers and businesses when every second matters. Local emergency infrastructure also provides an important sense of security and reassurance to the community.

Concord Fire Station has also developed a strong connection with the local community beyond its emergency response role. Community open days and opportunities for residents, families and children to visit the station and meet local firefighters have helped build awareness of fire safety and strengthened the relationship between the station and the community it serves. These occasions demonstrate that a fire station in Concord is not simply an emergency response facility, but a valued and familiar part of the local community.

The community has responded by advocating for the continued provision of a fire station in Concord, including through a petition calling on the New South Wales Government to support the station. The Member for Drummoyne, Ms Stephanie Di Pasqua MP, has also advocated for the continued provision of fire and emergency response capability in Concord and within the Drummoyne Electorate.

Council should support these efforts and seek greater clarity from the New South Wales Government and Fire and Rescue New South Wales regarding their plans for emergency services infrastructure across the City of Canada Bay.

The purpose of this Motion is not to oppose the proposed new Rhodes Fire Station or to pre-empt any decision that may be made by Fire and Rescue New South Wales regarding the future configuration of its services.

Rather, the Motion seeks to ensure that the Concord community continues to have appropriate local fire and emergency response capability and that any future planning for fire station infrastructure takes into account existing demand, projected population growth and the needs of the broader community.

Given the demonstrated demand for Concord Fire Station, the scale of population growth occurring across the area, and the current lack of clarity regarding future plans, Council should advocate for the provision of an appropriately located and adequately resourced fire station serving Concord and seek clear information from the New South Wales Government and Fire and Rescue New South Wales regarding their plans.

ITEM 12.2 **NOTICE OF MOTION - CR BAZOUNI - CITY OF CANADA BAY GATEWAY SIGNAGE AND LOCAL PRIDE**

Submitted by: Councillor Anthony Bazouni

MOTION

That:

1. Council recognises the importance of prominent, attractive and welcoming gateway signage in creating a strong sense of identity and local pride across the City of Canada Bay.
 2. Council notes the presence of the current signage across the City of Canada Bay welcoming motorists and visitors, and that opportunities exist to improve the visibility, presentation and prominence of this signage.
 3. Council Officers investigate opportunities to introduce larger, distinctive and visually appealing gateway signs at key entry points to the City of Canada Bay, including consideration of illuminated signage and materials that reflect the character and identity of the local area, as well as Council's logo, branding and visual identity.
 4. The investigation referred to in (3) above also include consideration of the design, location, cost, planning requirements and potential funding options for upgraded gateway signage.
 5. Council Officers prepare and submit a report to a future meeting of Council detailing the outcome of investigations as referred to in (3) and (4) above.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANTHONY BAZOUNI

Gateway signage is one of the first points of identification residents, visitors and businesses see when entering a local government area. Well-designed and prominent signage can help establish a sense of arrival, reinforce local identity and contribute to community pride.

The City of Canada Bay is a diverse and distinctive community encompassing suburbs, town centres, foreshore areas and heritage precincts, something that Council's logo, branding and visual identity seeks to encapsulate. There is an opportunity to better reflect this identity through more prominent and contemporary gateway signage at key entry points into the LGA that showcases this diversity and strengthens Council's visual presence.

The City of Canada Bay currently has smaller signs welcoming people to the City of Canada Bay at various entry points. While these signs provide an important function, their relatively small size limits their visual impact, and many of these existing signs are prone to, and have been, damaged, knocked over and/or destroyed, including by vehicles. This provides an opportunity to consider whether the current approach to gateway signage remains fit for purpose.

Larger, more substantial and appropriately located gateway signs could provide a stronger sense of arrival while also providing a more prominent and visually effective presentation of the City of Canada Bay's existing logo, branding and visual identity, and what they represent. It would also allow Council to consider more robust designs and materials suited to their location. Neighbouring councils, including Strathfield, Burwood and Hunters Hill, have demonstrated the potential for attractive gateway signage to become a recognisable feature of their local areas, including through the use of premium materials such as sandstone, distinctive designs, illuminated features and prominent presentation of Council logos and branding.

This Motion seeks to investigate how the City of Canada Bay could similarly create welcoming and memorable entry points that reflect the character of our community, while remaining appropriate to the surrounding streetscape.

Strong civic branding is not simply about signage. It is about creating a sense of belonging and pride in the place that residents call home. Attractive gateway signage would be a relatively modest investment that could make a meaningful contribution to the identity and presentation of the City of Canada Bay.



ITEM 12.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - CR BAZOUNI - CELEBRATING JACK HUGHES AND SUPPORTING LIVE MUSIC

Submitted by: Councillor Anthony Bazouni

MOTION

That Council:

1. Recognises and congratulates Jack Hughes, a resident of Breakfast Point, on his achievements as a contestant on Season 15 of *The Voice Australia* and his success in showcasing his musical talent to audiences across Australia.
 2. Acknowledges Jack Hughes connection to the local community, including his regular musical performances at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Mortlake, and his contribution to the local music and community life in the City of Canada Bay.
 3. Recognises the talent, dedication and commitment demonstrated by Jack in pursuing his musical career and representing the City of Canada Bay on a national stage.
 4. Acknowledges the positive contribution that local musicians, performers and live music venues make to the vibrancy and community life of the City of Canada Bay.
 5. Investigates available NSW Government and Sound NSW grants, funding programs and other support opportunities that may assist Council, local musicians, venues, live music events and music programming within the City of Canada Bay.
 6. Officers prepare and submit a report to a future meeting of Council detailing the outcome of the investigations as outlined in (5) above
 7. Congratulates Jack Hughes and extends its best wishes for his continued success in his musical career and future performances in the City of Canada Bay and beyond.
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BACKGROUND FROM COUNCILLOR ANTHONY BAZOUNI

The City of Canada Bay is home to a diverse and talented community, and it is important that Council recognises and celebrates residents who achieve success and bring positive attention to our community.

Jack Hughes is a 30-year musician who was born in Liverpool, England and has called Sydney home for the past nine (9) years.

Now based in Breakfast Point, Jack is currently competing on Season 15 of *The Voice Australia*, having taken his musical talents to the national stage. His journey is an achievement worthy of recognition, particularly as he continues to pursue his passion for music in front both local and national audiences.

Jack also has strong connections to the local community through regular musical performances in and around the City of Canada Bay and at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Mortlake. Jack's involvement in the local community demonstrates the important role that local artists and performers play in bringing people together and contributing to the cultural life of the City of Canada Bay.

On his connection to local area, Jack said "I wasn't born here, but I belong here. I feel part of the community, and I can't see myself leaving any time soon".

Following his new-found recognition, Jack looks forward to continuing to perform locally and seeing more Canada Bay residents at his future shows.

Jack's journey is a positive example of the talent that exists within the City of Canada Bay and the contribution that local musicians and venues can make to the cultural life of the community. His appearance on The Voice Australia has provided an opportunity for a local resident to showcase his talent on a national stage while continuing to maintain strong connections with the community where he now lives and performs.

Live music also plays an important role in creating vibrant local communities. Performances can bring residents together, support local venues and businesses, provide opportunities for emerging artists and contribute to the cultural identity and amenity of local areas.

There are a range of funding and support programs available through the NSW Government and Sound NSW that are intended to support councils, musicians, local venues, the contemporary music sector, live music and audience development. Considering Jack's success, these programs provide an opportunity to consider how existing government support could potentially benefit musicians, performers, venues and live music activity within the City of Canada Bay.

There appears to be a benefit in Council investigating available grants, funding programs and other support opportunities, including those administered through Sound NSW, and consider whether there are opportunities for Council to support local musicians and strengthen live music opportunities and venues across the City of Canada Bay.

This Motion seeks to formally recognise Jack Hughes for his achievements, acknowledge his connection to and contribution to the local community, and wish him every success in his future musical endeavours.

It also seeks to ensure that Council considers the broader opportunity presented by the strength of local musical talent like Jack and investigate available government support that could contribute to a vibrant and sustainable live music culture within the City of Canada Bay

13 NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

Nil

14 MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

15 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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 LEASE - MASSEY PARK GOLF COURSE

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 PROPERTY ACQUISITION

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;
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- (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.

17 CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

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.
