



Ordinary Council

Monday, 28 July 2025
6:30 PM

Minutes



Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Ordinary Council held at the Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on 28 July 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Sarah Swan, ex-officio

Councillors: Alexander Andruska
James Ardouin
Sean Carmichael
Mary-Lou Jarvis
Jeanette Mitchell
Julian Parmegiani
Harriet Price
Lucinda Regan
Matthew Robertson
Mark Silcocks
Sarah Swan
Cr Torsten
Merrill Witt
Hugh Woodgate
Toni Zeltzer (via Zoom - joined during Item 7, left during Item 14.3)

Staff: Craig Swift-McNair - General Manager
Rosemary Bullmore - General Counsel
Jennifer Chenhall - Manager, Governance & Risk
Rhys Johnson - Governance Coordinator
Sue Meekin - Director, Corporate Performance
Carolyn Nurmi - Governance Officer
Tom O'Hanlon - Director, Infrastructure & Sustainability
Patricia Occelli - Director, Community & Customer Experience
Anne White - A/Director, Planning & Place

Also in Attendance: Nil

1. Opening

The Mayor declared the Ordinary Council of 28 July 2025 open and welcomed Councillors, staff and members of the public who are watching and listening to this evening's meeting.

2. Prayer

The Mayor read the Prayer:

Almighty God, you have given us a beautiful place to live in. We pray for your gift of wisdom that the decisions of this Council may benefit those we serve.

Be with us in our deliberations that this Municipality may know your blessing. Amen.

3. Acknowledgement of Country (Gadigal People and Birrabirragal People)

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Country:

I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Gadigal and Birrabirragal people, the traditional custodians of the land. On behalf of Woollahra Council, I acknowledge Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people attending today and I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

4. Acknowledgement of the Sovereign of the Day (King Charles III)

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of the Sovereign of the Day (King Charles III):

I also acknowledge the King of Australia, King Charles III.

5. Apologies and Applications for a Leave of Absence or Attendance by Audio-Visual Link by Councillors

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Jarvis)

388/2025 Resolved:

THAT in accordance with clause 5.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Council Meeting approves the following Councillor participation in the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 July 2025 via Audio-Visual Link:

- Councillor Zeltzer

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Regan

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Against the Motion

None

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1. Confirmation of Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting - 23 June 2025 (Councillor Torsten/Councillor Regan)

393/2025 Resolved:

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed, subject to a correction to the vote at Item 14.3 and confirmation of that correction by Governance staff.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Regan

14/0

Against the Motion

None

7. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 11.2, as the report contains evaluations conducted by Councillor Woodgate's employer, CBRE. Councillor Woodgate indicated that the department that provided certain reports functions as a separate business unit within CBRE from the one that employs Councillor Woodgate. Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Jarvis declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.2.6, as Councillor Jarvis has relatives who are members of the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club and who also took part in a recent club fund-raiser. Councillor Jarvis remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Councillor Ardouin disclosed a Significant, Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.2.4. Councillor Ardouin left the meeting at this item, and did not participate in debate or vote on the matter.

Councillor Parmegiani declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.2.6, as Councillor Parmegiani is a former member of the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club. Councillor Parmegiani remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

The Mayor, Councillor Swan declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 12.2.6, as Councillor Swan's father-in-law to be is the Auditor of the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club. Councillor Swan vacated the Chair at this item, left the meeting, and did not participate in debate or vote on the matter.

8. Petitions Tabled - by Councillor Merrill Witt - Safety Improvements at Old South Head Road & Robertson Place Roundabout Watsons Bay

From: Liz Blackman

Tabled by: Councillor Witt

The petition was in terms:

We, the undersigned residents, community members, and visitors to Watsons Bay, urgently request comprehensive safety improvements at the roundabout at the intersection of Old South Head Road and Robertson Place to address three critical safety concerns affecting our community.

We request:

- *Installation of a properly engineered steel-reinforced concrete barrier or a more substantial safety barrier system that meets current road safety standards.*
- *Implementation of traffic calming measures on all approaches to substantially reduce vehicle speeds before reaching the roundabout.*
- *Installation of surveillance cameras and noise-capturing technology to identify and penalise offenders.*
- *Additional traffic calming measures specifically designed to prevent the speeds and manoeuvres associated with antisocial driving.*
- *Implementation and enforcement of a strict No U-Turn" policy for vehicles exceeding a specified length.*

There are 94 signatures on the petition.

(Councillor Witt)

387/2025 Resolved:

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

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

9. Mayoral Minute

9.1. National Recognition of Council's General Counsel Rosemary Bullmore (Councillor Swan)

389/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council formally acknowledge and congratulate Council's General Counsel, Rosemary Bullmore on her recognition in Doyle's Guide 2025 as one of Australia's leading in-house Planning and Environment Lawyers.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

9.2. Cost Shifting onto Local Government (Councillor Swan)

390/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Note the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2023/2024 financial year.
- B. Request the General Manager cause a copy of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for 2023-2024 to be placed on Council's website.
- C. Note that as reported at the 10 February 2025 meeting of Woollahra Council, the estimated value of cost shifting from other levels of government impacting on Woollahra Council for 2023-2024 was \$16.16 million, an increase of \$1.7 million or 12% on the survey reported in 2022-2023 (\$14.5 million).
- D. Request that the Mayor and General Manager write to the Premier, the NSW Treasurer and the NSW Minister for Local Government seeking that they urgently address these costs through a combination of regulatory reform and appropriate funding.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

10. Public Forum

11. General Manager and Officer's Report

**11.1. Response to the Request for Legal Advice Regarding Planning Reforms
Confidential Report**

Note: The Council amended Part B ahead of the vote.

(Councillor Witt/Councillor Carmichael)

Resolved:

THAT Council, in accordance with clause 14.1(d) of the Code of Meeting Practice, resolve to enter into Closed Session with the press and public excluded to consider the Confidential attachments. These matters are to be considered as per section 10A(2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1993, as the report contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

Adopted

In Closed Session

Note: The Council discussed the Confidential Report, the time being 6:42pm

(Councillor Silcocks/Councillor Jarvis)

Resolved:

THAT Council move into Open Session, the time being 7:22pm

Adopted

In Open Session

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Parmegiani)

392/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

A. Note the confidential legal advice included in this report.

- B. Will continue to pursue the GIPA Act Applications made to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI), in respect of the decision-making process, noting that the briefing package in relation to the LMR Reforms that went before the Minister and Executive Council is yet to be provided.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

11.2. Council land at 203-233 New South Head Road, Edgecliff

Note: Councillor Woodgate declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item, as the report contains evaluations conducted by Councillor Woodgate's employer, CBRE. Councillor Woodgate indicated that the department that provided certain reports functions as a separate business unit within CBRE from the one that employs Councillor Woodgate. Councillor Woodgate remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Carmichael)

394/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Authorises the General Manager (or delegate) to undertake discussions and explore opportunities for the Council owned land at 203-233 New South Head Road, Edgecliff.
- B. Notes that Council will receive further reports as options for the site progress.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

11.3. 2025 Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism.

(Councillor Carmichael/Councillor Parmegiani)

395/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Authorise the attendance of the following Councillors to the 2025 Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism, being:
1. Mayor Sarah Swan
 2. Councillor Sean Carmichael
 3. Councillor Julian Parmegiani
 4. Councillor Jeanette Mitchell
 5. Councillor Mary-Lou Jarvis
 6. Councillor Hugh Woodgate to act as the first alternate representative in the absence of any one of the other appointed Councillors.
 7. Councillor Alexander Andruska to act as the second alternate representative in the absence of any one of the other appointed Councillors.
- B. Notes that the costs associated with the Mayor and Councillors attendance at the 2025 Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism, will be paid for by Council in accordance with Council's 'Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Policy'.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12. Reports of the Committees

12.1. Environmental Planning Committee

12.1.1. Considerations for Establishing a Woollahra Design Review Panel

(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Jarvis)

396/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the report to the Environmental Planning Committee meeting of 7 July 2025 identifying considerations for establishing a design review panel, for referred DAs:

- i. On key sites identified on the Key Sites map to the WLEP 2014
 - ii. For regionally significant DAs with a capital value greater than \$30m, and
 - iii. Referred at the discretion of the Manager of Development Assessment or Director of Planning and Place
- B. For the reasons set out in the report, does not proceed with the constitution of a design review panel under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2021.
- C. Resolves to establish Woollahra Site Specific Design Review Panels from a pool of external design consultants with a range of specialist skills and expertise, which may include the following:
- i. Urban Design
 - ii. Apartment Design Guide (ADG)
 - iii. Public domain/commercial centre
 - iv. Landscaping
 - v. Heritage
 - vi. Sustainability
 - vii. Architecture
 - viii. Design excellence
- D. Requests the General Manager to bring a report back to Council in December 2026 updating Council on the operation of the Woollahra Design Review Panel, subject to there having been meetings held during this period.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

**12.1.2.Update on the progress of the studies identified in the Heritage Gap Analysis 2021
(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Jarvis)**

399/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council notes the progress on the studies contained in the Council endorsed Heritage Gap Analysis 2021.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

**12.1.3. Investigations into Opportunities for Council to Acquire Boarding Houses
(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Jarvis)**

400/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the report into opportunities for Council to acquire boarding houses.
- B. Requests staff continue to collaborate with Homes NSW in the appropriate allocation of monetary contributions held in Trust by the Department of Communities and Justice towards new affordable housing opportunities including, where appropriate, boarding houses.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

**12.1.4. Compliance with Housing SEPP in respect of Independent Living Units for Seniors Housing
(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Jarvis)**

403/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the report on compliance with the Housing SEPP in respect of independent living unit requirements for Seniors Housing whiting the Woollahra LGA.

B. Undertake the actions specified in the report including:

- i. The creation of a new entry in Council's record system incorporating a register in readiness for the submission of future positive covenants for development in accordance with the condition of consent, such register to contain information regarding the location, type and number of independent living units within the development;
- ii. Maintaining all certified copies of the restrictive covenants in such developments once issued;
- iii. To ensure that all development consents for such development are notified to the Strategic Planning and Place team so that this information is incorporated into the relevant property attributes to ensure that any planning certificates advise of the seniors housing conditions
- iv. Requesting yearly verification statements from the site manager or strata manager of the development confirming compliance with the senior housing occupation requirements and add this information to the Legal Register report to a meeting of Council the following year; and
- v. To undertake such action as Council deems appropriate regarding non complying properties subsequent to the yearly compliance check referred to above.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2. Finance, Community & Services Committee

12.2.1. Draft Public Art Policy for Public Exhibition

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Jarvis)

404/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Endorse the draft Public Art Policy for the purpose of placing the draft policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.
- B. Note that a further report will be presented to a future meeting of Council on submissions received on the draft Public Art Policy following the public exhibition period.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

**12.2.2.Watsons Bay Library - Access Hours Project - Conclusion of Trial and Next Steps
(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Jarvis)**

405/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Note the successful outcome of the Watsons Bay Member Access Trial completed between November 2024 and May 2025 and agree for this operational model to be implemented on an ongoing basis.
- B. Agree for Officers to proceed with the submission of a s4.55 Modification Application so that access to the Watsons Bay Library can be increased to 68 hours per week to align with the opening hours at Woollahra Library at Double Bay.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

**12.2.3.Monthly Financial Report - 31 May 2025
Investments held as at 30 June 2025
(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Jarvis)**

406/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Receive and note the Monthly Financial Report – May 2025.
- B. Note that the Council's 12-month weighted average return for May 2025 on its direct investment portfolio of 4.87% (LM: 4.92%, LY: 5.26%) exceeds the benchmark 90-day AusBond Bank Bill Index of 4.22%.
- C. Note that the interest revenue for the year to date May 2025 is \$5.30M, exceeding our revised budget of \$4.28M for the same period.
- D. Receive and note the list of Council's investments held as of 30 June 2025.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

12.2.4. Leasing of vacant commercial tenancy in Kiaora Place shopping Centre - Level 1, 1 Kiaora Road Double Bay

Note: Councillor Ardouin disclosed a Significant, Pecuniary interest in this item. Councillor Ardouin left the meeting at this item, and did not participate in debate or vote on the matter.

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Jarvis)

407/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Enters into a lease agreement with Fitness First Australia Pty Limited (ACN 65 094 778 622) for a initial term of twelve (12) years plus further two, five (5) year option terms, at a commencement rent noted in the confidential attachment, with nominated annual increases and a review to market upon exercise of the option.
- B. Ensures the lease agreement includes the significant capital commitment proposed by Fitness First over the first term of the lease term, subject to any necessary development approval.
- C. Authorises the General Manager to execute all legal agreements required to enter into a lease agreement with Fitness First Pty Limited.
- D. Explores alternative opportunities if an agreement with Fitness First cannot be reached within a reasonable time frame.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Carmichael, None
Councillor Jarvis, Councillor Mitchell,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Robertson, Councillor Silcocks,
Councillor Swan, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer, Councillor Regan

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12.2.5. Deed of Agreement for Easement and Grant of Easement for Ausgrid Substation at 1 Kiaora Road, Double Bay (SC9142)

(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Jarvis)

408/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council:

- A. Approves execution of the Deed of Agreement for Easement with the Ausgrid Operator Partnership (ABN 78 508 211 731) trading as Ausgrid and consents to a grant to Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation (ABN 67 505 337 385) of the Easement over land, Lot 2 in Deposited Plan 1197762 known as 1 Kiaora Road, Double Bay.
- B. Approves execution and registration of an Easement instrument benefitting Alpha Distribution Ministerial Holding Corporation for an estimated 17.5 sqm area of Lot 2, in Deposited Plan 1197762 for the purpose of Ausgrid's installation of an additional Substation for the electricity supply to the Electric Vehicle charger stations and associated purposes at 1 Kiaora Road, Double Bay.
- C. Authorises the General Manager to do all things necessary to give effect to the Ausgrid Deed of Agreement for Easement, and the grant of Easement to Ausgrid and to finalise the legal documentation.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Against the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

None

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12.2.6. Request for Fee Waiver for Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club Inc. for Temporary Storage of Water Fleet at Gibsons Beach Reserve - 2025/26 Season

Note: Councillor Jarvis declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item, as Councillor Jarvis has relatives who are members of the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club and who also took part in a recent club fund-raiser. Councillor Jarvis remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Note: Councillor Parmegiani declared a Non-Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item, as Councillor Parmegiani is a former member of the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club. Councillor Parmegiani remained in the meeting, participated in debate and voted on the matter.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Swan declared a Significant, Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item, as Councillor Swan's father-in-law to be is the Auditor of the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club. Councillor Swan vacated the Chair at this item, left the meeting, and did not participate in debate or vote on the matter.

Note: The Mayor, Councillor Swan, vacated the Chair. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Carmichael, assumed the Chair for this item.

Note: The Council added new Part C ahead of the vote.

(Councillor Jarvis/Councillor Parmegiani)

397/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Notes the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club Inc request for a fee waiver of park hire fees to facilitate temporary boat storage at Gibsons Beach Reserve.
- B. Waive the park hire fees of up to \$17,500 (for 6 months or until the construction is finalised) to the Vaucluse Amateur 12 Foot Sailing Club Inc to facilitate temporary boat storage at Gibsons Beach Reserve for the upcoming sailing season, noting that this income has not been budgeted for.
- C. Supports the club in its endeavours to obtain the consent of Transport4NSW to temporarily occupy the Watsons Bay Pilot Station for the 2025/26 sailing season and requests the General Manager to convey Council's support to Transport's Property Manager, noting the Vaucluse Amateur 12 foot Sailing Club is a respected community organisation with a 99-year history and wishes to continue to offer programs to foster maritime skills and community engagement, while working to make the existing club rooms fit for that purpose.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Zeltzer, Councillor Regan

14/0

Against the Motion

None

**12.2.7. Seeking Owners Consent by Council for a Development Application for modifications to the Steyne Park Double Bay staff work shed entry
(Councillor Andruska/Councillor Jarvis)**

409/2025 Resolved without debate:

THAT Council in its capacity as landowner of Steyne Park Double Bay, retrospectively grants owners consent for the lodgement of a Development Application to enlarge the opening of the Steyne Park staff work shed, to accommodate an electric works vehicle.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

13. Rescission Motion

14. Notices of Motion

14.1. Oxford Street - Street Tree Planting - Audit, Review, Replacement and Master Planning for Section Between James Street and Wallis Street Woollahra

Note: In accordance with clause 10.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Mitchell withdrew the Notice of Motion.

14.2. Old South Head Road - Street Tree Planting - Master Planning and Planting for Section Between Syd Einfeld Drive and Edgecliff Road Woollahra

Note: In accordance with clause 10.3 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Mitchell withdrew the Notice of Motion.

14.3. Low and Mid Rise Housing Hydrological Study

Note: This item was considered after Item 14.4

Note: Late correspondence was tabled by Ed Adamek, Jerry Adler, Gita Alder, Carol Alexander, John Polland & Patricia Armati, Simone Arnott, Double Bay Residents Association, David Balkin, Beverley Baychek, Diana Bell, John Bence, Ted Bennett, Edward Brogan, Judith Brogan, Christine Campbell, Daniel Chan, Anne Chartens, Georgina Clark, Jacqueline Comino, Ruth Cromer, A Chareris & P Darveniza., Amy Denmeade, Ian Duncan, Sylvia Enfield, Sasha Ettinger Epstein, Mark Falkenstein, Q Fan, Lea & William Ferris, Kim Foltz, Sheena & Stephen Frenkel, John Gaskell, S Gelbard, Clive Gibbon, Cathrine De Giorgio, Kay

Gladstone, Joanne Glanz, Kathleen Goldberg, Dean Gomel, Sydney Goodman, Robert Goot, Tom Goudiosi & Isabella Zito Goudiosi, William Graves, Christopher Grubb, Jennifer Isele & John Gunton, Riva Haimovitch, David Hardy, Diana Harley, Jason Harley, Esther Hayter, David Helfgott, Jacquie Hilmer, Michael Holtzman, Sheridan Hopkins, Alice Ilich, Gary Inberg, Juliet Ingham, Ron Isaacs, David Jacobs, Avril Jacobson, Steve & Michael Jarvin, Ian Kern, Peter King, Sol & Linda Lebovic, India Leveton, Ben Livni, Suzanne & Shabtay Livni, Talia Livni, Karen Lopis, Anne Lynch, Angela MacGibbon, Margaret Mahony, Christopher Malouf, Christine Malouf, Miranda Marshall, Lewis Marton, Darlene Mayer, Robbie Mayer, Dana McChesney-Clark, Carmen McLaughlin, Cheryl Meyerson, Gerogina Mitchell, Chris Mosser, Roger Muller, Kathryn Nelson, Arthur & Rosalyn Neumann, Tracey Newfield, Terry & Anne Newman, Reina Nicholls, Victoria O'Neil, Anita Pajor, Susan Park, Glen Rosen, Linda & Sebastian Roussos, & Virginia Rundle, Aldo Santamaria, Eva Santo, Carolyn Savage, Emily Scarf, Pauline Scarf, Rachael Scharrer, Julie Sciberras, Debbie Seidler, Benita Senes, Marina Shev, Julie Singleton, David Slessar, Kay Smith, D Spence, Robin Spiro, Joseph Spiteri, J & S Stoch, Stephen & Leoni Symonds, Geoff Tasker, Madeline Tasker, Michell Toblib, Viet Dung Tran, Anthony Tregoning, Adrienne Tuart, M Vam, Peter Vickery, Rivka Robyn Weinberg, Evelyn Weltlinger, Paul Williams, James Wilson, Daniel Freund, Daniel Weletlinger, V Woodhouse, and Malcolm Young.

Note: Late correspondence was tabled by Tom O'Hanlon – Director, Infrastructure & Sustainability.

Note: The Resolution was amended ahead of the vote.

(Councillor Silcocks/Councillor Jarvis)

401/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council requests the General Manager to report back to the next meeting of Council on possible funding sources for a hydrological study into the cumulative environmental impact of two storeys of excavation and tanked basement construction throughout the entire Double Bay and Rose Bay Low Rise LMR precincts.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Parmegiani, Councillor Price,
Councillor Robertson, Councillor Silcocks,
Councillor Swan, Councillor Torsten,
Councillor Witt, Councillor Woodgate,
Councillor Regan

11/3

Against the Motion

Councillor Mitchell, *Councillor Ardouin,
*Councillor Carmichael

Note: Councillor Ardouin and Councillor Carmichael abstained from voting and are recorded as being against the Motion.

14.4. Urban Forest Strategy & Street Tree Masterplan Review Implementation

Note: This item was considered ahead of Item 14.3

Note: Part 2(d) was amended, and new (e), (f), and (g) added to Part 2 ahead of the vote.

(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Mitchell)

398/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

1. Notes:

- a. Its unanimous adoption of the Woollahra Urban Forest Strategy on 27 November 2023.
- b. Its resolution of 10 July 2022 at Part B: Request staff to prioritise a review of the Street Tree Master Plan as identified in the UFS Action Plan, 'Review species list within Street Tree Master Plan with consideration to climate risk and increased diversity based on current best practice and research'.
- c. Its resolution of 27 November 2022 in Part B 3: Requests the General Manager: Give urgent consideration to remedying the high proportion of vacant street tree pits or dead trees in the Cooper Ward, and along Old South Head Road and New South Head Road.
- d. The priority given to implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy in Council's adopted Community Strategic Plan at pages 8, 9 & 15; its adopted Delivery Program under Item 2.1.2; and whilst not specifically listed in the Operational Plan, the plantings associated with the UFS are part of our day-to-day business that the UFS team and the Open Space & Trees team manage.
- e. Its recently adopted Long Term Financial Plan than includes provision of \$21.5 million over 10 years for the Urban Forest Strategy planting program and related staff.

2. Requests the General Manager to facilitate a briefing as soon as practicable for Councillors on the Urban Forest Strategy, including but not limited to:

- a. Strategic overview including aims and objectives and tree canopy targets.
- b. Budget provision for the Urban Forest Strategy and planting program 2025-2029 in Council's Long Term Financial Plan, including any specific budget provisions relating to implementation of the planting program and funding for additional staff roles.
- c. Progress to date on implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy, including the review of the Street Tree Masterplan, tree planting program and next steps.
- d. Background on work undertaken by staff in consultation with local residents and business owners in the 2021-2024 term of Council to enhance the Edgecliff Rd 'gateway entrance' to Woollahra at Old South Head Rd and options for additional street tree pits south of this location along Old South Head Rd.
- e. Update on progress achieved towards Council's resolution of 28 November 2011 regarding a comprehensive masterplan for Council infrastructure and the public streetscape for Queen St and surrounding precincts, in particular options to beautify the heavily pedestrian trafficked section of Oxford Street between James St and Wallis St including street trees, understorey and hedge plantings, footpath treatment and any other relevant matters.
- f. Requests the General Manager provide a report at a future Councillor briefing session on the staff resources and any financial resources required to convene a working group comprising Councillors, relevant Council staff, community representatives (and if deemed appropriate, relevant arboricultural and urban design experts), to guide the future phases of the Street Tree Masterplan review as well as implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy.
- g. Further to the community engagement activities outlined in the Urban Forest Strategy, update on the development of the program of 'Community Tree Champions', as per the Council resolution of 27 November 2023.

3. Requests the General Manager provide a quarterly report to Council via the Environmental Planning Committee across all relevant matters relating to the Urban Forest Strategy to ensure Councillors are kept updated on its continuing implementation, in particular the tree planting scheme.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Zeltzer,
Councillor Regan

15/0

Against the Motion

None

14.5. Mapping Coastal Vulnerability Area in Double Bay and Rose Bay under the Resilience and Hazards SEPP

Note: Late correspondence was tabled by Ed Adamek, Jerry Adler, Gita Alder, Carol Alexander, John Polland & Patricia Armati, Simone Arnott, Double Bay Residents Association, David Balkin, Beverley Baychek, Diana Bell, John Bence, Ted Bennett, Edward Brogan, Judith Brogan, Christine Campbell, Daniel Chan, Anne Chartens, Georgina Clark, Jacqueline Comino, Ruth Cromer, A Chareris & P Darveniza., Amy Denmeade, Ian Duncan, Sylvia Enfield, Sasha Ettinger Epstein, Mark Falkenstein, Q Fan, Lea & William Ferris, Kim Foltz, Sheena & Stephen Frenkel, John Gaskell, S Gelbard, Clive Gibbon, Cathrine De Giorgio, Kay Gladstone, Joanne Glanz, Kathleen Goldberg, Dean Gomel, Sydney Goodman, Robert Goot, Tom Goudiosi & Isabella Zito Goudiosi, William Graves, Christopher Grubb, Jennifer Isele & John Gunton, Riva Haimovitch, David Hardy, Diana Harley, Jason Harley, Esther Hayter, David Helfgott, Jacquie Hilmer, Michael Holtzman, Sheridan Hopkins, Alice Ilich, Gary Inberg, Juliet Ingham, Ron Isaacs, David Jacobs, Avril Jacobson, Steve & Michael Jarvin, Ian Kern, Peter King, Sol & Linda Lebovic, India Leveton, Ben Livni, Suzanne & Shabtay Livni, Talia Livni, Karen Lopis, Anne Lynch, Angela MacGibbon, Margaret Mahony, Christopher Malouf, Christine Malouf, Miranda Marshall, Lewis Marton, Darlene Mayer, Robbie Mayer, Dana McChesney-Clark, Carmen McLaughlin, Cheryl Meyerson, Gerogina Mitchell, Chris Mosser, Roger Muller, Kathryn Nelson, Arthur & Rosalyn Neumann, Tracey Newfield, Terry & Anne Newman, Reina Nicholls, Victoria O'Neil, Anita Pajor, Susan Park, Glen Rosen, Linda & Sebastian Roussos, & Virginia Rundle, Aldo Santamaria, Eva Santo, Carolyn Savage, Emily Scarf, Pauline Scarf, Rachael Scharrer, Julie Sciberras, Debbie Seidler, Benita Senes, Marina Shev, Julie Singleton, David Slessar, Kay Smith, D Spence, Robin Spiro, Joseph Spiteri, J & S Stoch, Stephen & Leoni Symonds, Geoff Tasker, Madeline Tasker, Michell Toblib, Viet Dung Tran, Anthony Tregoning, Adrienne Tuart, M Vam, Peter Vickery, Rivka Robyn Weinberg, Evelyn Weltlinger, Paul Williams, James Wilson, Daniel Freund, Daniel Weletlinger, V Woodhouse, and Malcolm Young.

Note: The Council removed Parts E, F and G ahead of the vote.

(Councillor Witt/Councillor Regan)

402/2025 Resolved:

THAT Council:

- A. Requests the General Manager table a report at the August 2025 Council meeting on the estimated costs to commission a study to determine the extent to which land in Double Bay and Rose Bay should be identified as a "Coastal Vulnerability Area" (CVA) within the meaning of the Chapter 2 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 (Resilience and Housing SEPP), and be mapped accordingly on the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards 2021 Coastal Vulnerability Area Map or its equivalent.
- B. Notes that the Resilience and Hazards SEPP applies to the Woollahra Local Government Area (LGA) and requires councils to prepare and implement Coastal Management Programs (CMPs).
- C. Notes that the Resilience and Hazards SEPP provides a framework for councils to prepare CMPs that align with the objectives of the NSW Coastal Management Act 2016. This includes mapping CVA and implementing planning controls for the assessment of development proposals in or near these areas.
- D. Notes that Section 164(1)(b) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 (Housing SEPP) excludes "land identified as a Coastal Vulnerability Area...within the meaning of the Resilience and Hazards SEPP" from the application of the 2025 Low and Mid-Rise (LMR) housing policy provisions recently inserted into that SEPP.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,
Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Regan

14/0

Against the Motion

None

15. Questions With Notice

(Councillor Robertson/Councillor Parmegiani)

410/2025 Resolved:

THAT the Questions with Notice be received and noted.

The Motion was put and Carried.

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

For the Motion

Councillor Andruska, Councillor Ardouin,
Councillor Carmichael, Councillor Jarvis,
Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani,
Councillor Price, Councillor Robertson,
Councillor Silcocks, Councillor Swan,

Against the Motion

None

Councillor Torsten, Councillor Witt,
Councillor Woodgate, Councillor Regan
14/0

15.1. Building Information Certificates (BIC's)

Councillor Merrill Witt Asking:

Acting Manager Compliance & Enforcement Responses in Italics.

1. The Agenda of the Council meeting of 11 September 2023 included the following table in Item 12.1 General Manager and Officer's Report - Building Information Certificates (BICs):

Over the past five (5) years, Council has processed the BIC applications set out in the table below:

Year	Approved	Refused	Rejected	Withdrawn/Cancelled
2019	44	1	1	3
2020	38	1	1	2
2021	29	2	1	7
2022	40	0	1	2
2023	18	1	2	1

Could Staff provide an update on the number of applications for BICs that were received in 2024?

65 Applications

2. Could Staff provide a summary of the nature of the work for which the BIC applications were received in 2024, noting that a recent Sydney Morning Herald, [Fury as Sydneysiders build their mansions, then 'ask forgiveness later'](#) by Carrie Fellner (11 June 2025), said that some applicants were using BICs to "game the system."

They are generally for unauthorised works and/or works that do not accord with the development consent. Further details would require a review of the register, noting this would have significant resource implications.

3. Does the Council have reason to complain to the state government about the abuse of the BIC process in our municipality, noting that the above article said that a Herald investigation has revealed that 128 local councils are grappling with surging numbers of applications for BICs to address works that were never approved. It also cited the following complaints about BICs from councils and the general public:

- Frustration that BICs are increasingly being sought as a kind of quasi-approval for completely unauthorised building or renovation projects, or where substantial changes are made to council-approved plans without permission.
- Council's obligation to approve them, unless they intend to issue an order to demolish the works or commence court proceedings.
- Potential legal liability if works that receive a BIC are later found to be non-compliant with building codes, especially in relation to apartment towers.
- The assessment of BIC applications is resource intensive and council officers are often tied up dealing with these applications when they could be attending to other cases for their local community.

- The need for additional assessment criteria for BICs, including amenity and impact considerations.
- The need for mandatory notification to neighbours when a BIC relates to unauthorised works.

A Building Information Certificate (BIC) application needs to be assessed and determined by Council staff. Under Section 6.25 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Council is required to issue a BIC unless Council would be entitled to issue an order or take proceedings. These applications are often referred internally eg. to Development Assessment/Heritage staff to consider amenity and impact considerations.

4. Advice from Lindsay Taylor Lawyers (LTL), as referenced in Item 12.1 of the Agenda for the 11 September 2023 Council meeting, confirmed that a Notice of Motion is required to have a specific BIC application considered and determined by the Council. Given that LTL highlighted a number of consequences for Councillors calling up BIC applications, can Staff advise that they are using their discretion to bring problematic BICs to the Mayor's attention?

Staff have been assessing and determining BICs internally, and will continue to use their discretion on this matter.

5. Can Staff confirm whether a Council resolution is necessary to commence legal proceedings if a BIC application is refused or rejected?

A Council resolution is not needed to commence legal proceedings if a BIC application is refused.

16. Supplementary Responses to Previous Questions with Notice

17. Confidential Matters

18. Councillor Reports/Councillor Updates (Section 8.4)

Councillor Torsten

- Congratulations to the Mayor
- 68th World Press Photo Contest
- Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2025

Councillor Torsten congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Swan, on her upcoming nuptials.

Councillor Torsten advised that she attended the 68th World Press Photo Contest at the State Library as well as attending the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2025.

Councillor Price

- Congratulations to the Mayor
- Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Board Meeting
- Legally Blonde Musical Mustsee Production

Councillor Price congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Swan, on her upcoming nuptials.

Councillor Price advised that she attended the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust board meeting on behalf of Councillor Zeltzer and Council. She highlighted the public exhibition of the Moore Park South Master Plan and noted the upcoming public consultation, including engagement with Council staff regarding the plans. Councillor Price thanked Councillor Zeltzer for the opportunity to represent her and Council at the meeting.

Councillor Price further advised that on behalf of the Mayor, she along with Councillor Regan attended the 'Mustsee Production of Legally Blonde the Musical'. Councillor Price acknowledged that the production is the first community-based theatre group that the Eastern Suburbs has had produced in the last 15 years. Councillor Price praised the talent shown in the production and congratulated the crew and performers at 'Mustsee Productions' on a fantastic event.

Councillor Regan

- Congratulations to the Mayor
- Legally Blonde Musical Mustsee Production
- National General Assembly of Local Government Conference

Councillor Regan congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Swan, on her upcoming nuptials.

Councillor Regan added to Councillor Price's remarks on the 'Mustsee Production of Legally Blonde the Musical', and recognised that some of the younger performers were students at some of Woollahra's local schools, such as Kambala, and appreciated that the production provided an outlet for them to express their talents.

Councillor Regan further advised that she was proud to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government (the Assembly) in Canberra between 24- 27 June as the voting representative for Woollahra Council, along with fellow Councillors Councillor Witt, Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Parmegiani and Councillor Andruska, as well as Council's General Manager Mr Craig Swift-McNair. Councillor Regan noted that, as usual it was an enlightening event to hear the views and issues raised by many of the 537 Local Government bodies that exist across Australia. Councillor Regan stated that whilst there may be significant differences in issues arising between rural, remote and urban Councils there is often much common ground, and a desire amongst all to represent local communities in the wider federal system.

Whilst at the Assembly, they received interesting presentations on AI, geopolitical risks, council funding, environmental preparedness, and housing and community services. The issues facing our communities seem to be growing and we are operating in difficult and changing times. Councillor Regan reported that all motions put forward to the Assembly by Woollahra Council were accepted unanimously and that we were able to contribute to the debate and raise matters of concern that have arisen in our area.

Councillor Woodgate

- National Tree Day

Councillor Woodgate advised that he attended National Tree Day at Christison Park along with the Mayor, Councillor Jarvis and Councillor Parmegiani. Councillor Woodgate thanked staff for coordinating the Bushcare Volunteers who participated on the day, and also expressed his appreciation to the Council contractors currently planting street trees across the Municipality. He acknowledged their efforts in both assisting and educating the public on the day.

Councillor Carmichael

- Memorial at Emanuel Synagogue and on Queen Street

Councillor Carmichael advised that he had the privilege of representing the Mayor at the Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Oration at Emanuel Synagogue and the subsequent memorial site on Queen Street, Woollahra. Councillor Carmichael was moved by an author who spoke at the

service about how her father was saved by Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese Consul who rescued 6,000 Jews during his posting in Lithuania. Councillor Carmichael also spoke about Raoul Wallenberg, highlighting his role in saving 100,000 Jewish lives by issuing passports.

Councillor Carmichael thanked Councillor Parmegiani for filling in for him as the Chair of the Environmental Planning Committee. Councillor Carmichael advised that whilst on leave he visited the Dachau concentration camp in Bavaria. Councillor Carmichael reflected on seeing busloads of school children visiting the site to learn the significance of the message of why it must be "Never Again".

Councillor Witt

- Congratulations to the Mayor
- NAIDOC Celebrations
- Rotary Club Rose Bay Awards
- Queen Street & West Woollahra Annual Dinner

Councillor Witt congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Swan, on her upcoming nuptials.

Councillor Witt thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to represent her at the opening of Council's NAIDOC Week celebrations. She described it as a wonderful event and expressed her appreciation to staff for their contributions. Councillor Witt highlighted the current exhibition by the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative at Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf.

Councillor Witt further advised that she represented the Mayor at the Rotary Club Rose Bay Changeover Dinner, noting the attendance of Kellie Sloane MP. Councillor Witt congratulated Geordie Cozens (Council's Street Cleaning Team Leader) for being awarded the Rotary Club's 'Pride of Workmanship Award'. Councillor Witt congratulated New South Wales Police Officer, Sergeant Brad Walsh on receiving the award for 'Police Officer of the Year' for his leadership. Councillor Witt thanked the Rotary Club for their continuous support within the community.

Councillor Witt also advised that she attended the Queen Street & West Woollahra Annual Dinner, and passed on the Association's thanks and gratitude towards Council for supporting their grants and all the important work they are doing.

Councillor Parmegiani

- National General Assembly of Local Government Conference
- Double Bay Business Networking
- Vacluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club
- National Tree Day

Councillor Parmegiani congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Swan, on her upcoming nuptials.

Councillor Parmegiani advised that he attended the National General Assembly of Local Government Conference held in Canberra. Councillor Parmegiani provided a brief report on one of the matters addressed at the Assembly, being the 30,000 Development Applications approved across Sydney and noted several contributing factors, such as financial considerations, for the high volume of building applications in the Woollahra LGA.

Councillor Parmegiani also shared that he recently attended the Double Bay Business Networking event, where he engaged with several active community members to discuss and exchange business ideas.

Councillor Parmegiani further advised that he attended the Vacluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club and commended the club for their service to children and adolescents learning to sail.

Councillor Parmegiani reported that he, along with the Mayor, Councillor Jarvis and Councillor Woodgate took part in National Tree Day activities at Christison Park.

Councillor Jarvis

- International Womens Day
- Doing Business in Woollahra
- Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club
- Congratulations to the Mayor
- National Tree Day

Councillor Jarvis reported on the celebration of International Womens Day held at the Vaucluse Bowling Club. Councillor Jarvis commended the collaborative efforts of many women in the community who created a large textile artwork, which was subsequently auctioned to support the Women's Housing Company, raising \$2,500.

Councillor Jarvis further advised that she recently attended the 'Doing Business in Woollahra' networking night. Councillor Jarvis was pleased to engage with a number of local business owners, including those in her own Ward such as Georgina from the Watsons Bay Milk Bar, and to learn that there is a Heritage Association soon to be running some talks on the Wilkinson Awards.

Councillor Jarvis congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Swan, on her upcoming nuptials.

Councillor Jarvis reported on the Vaucluse Amateur 12ft Sailing Club's fundraising event, highlighting the successful collection of much-needed funds for the club.

Councillor Jarvis attended the National Tree Day activities held in Christison Park and thanked Council staff Micaela Hopkins (Team Leader Environment & Sustainability), Rudi Adlmayer (Bush Care Liaison Officer) and Michelle Rose (Environmental Education Officer) for their work.

Councillor Silcocks

- Congratulations to the Mayor
- Double Bay Business Networking Event

Councillor Silcocks congratulated the Mayor, Councillor Swan, on her upcoming nuptials.

Councillor Silcocks thanked staff for organising the recent Business Networking event in Double Bay and congratulated them on securing a State Government grant to support three annual fairs in Double Bay featuring local businesses.

Councillor Ardouin

- Double Bay Business Networking Event

Councillor Ardouin echoed Councillor Silcocks' congratulations to staff for securing a State Government grant which will support local businesses in Double Bay. Councillor Ardouin emphasised the importance of cutting red tape and supporting local business, not only locally but right across the Nation.

Councillor Mitchell

- National General Assembly of Local Government Conference

Councillor Mitchell advised that she attended the National General Assembly of Local Government Conference held in Canberra.

The Mayor, Councillor Swan

- Small Business Networking Event
- Council Ward Meetings
- National Tree Day
- Darling Point Society Dinner

The Mayor, Councillor Swan, thanked Anne White (Manager Strategic Planning & Place), James Granter (Coordinator Economic Development), and Jody Rodas (Manager Libraries) for their efforts in organising the Small Business Networking Night, and expressed her appreciation to the business owners who attended.

The Mayor thanked staff for their extensive work on all of Council's Ward meetings and extended her gratitude to all the community members who attended those meetings.

The Mayor echoed Councillor Jarvis in thanking staff for their efforts on National Tree Day and extended her appreciation to community members, especially the children for their enthusiastic participation in planting so many trees on the day. The Mayor added that a similar tree-planting event took place at Royal Sydney Golf Club, where she attended alongside students from Cranbrook School, women from Kambala School, and young men and women from Rose Bay Public School. Together, they contributed to the planting of trees on the golf course as part of National Tree Day.

The Mayor informed Councillors that the Darling Point Society Dinner will be held on Tuesday, 30 July 2025, and encouraged them to attend if possible.

19. Conclusion of the Meeting

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8:51pm.

We certify that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council held on 28/07/2025 and confirmed by the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25/08/2025 as correct.

General Manager

Mayor