

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

- Present: The Mayor, Councillor Christine Kay (Chairperson)
Councillors M Devlin & J Pettett (Comenarra Ward)
Councillors I Balachandran & B Ward (Gordon Ward)
Councillors S Ngai & A Taylor (Roseville Ward)
Councillor M Smith (St Ives Ward)
Councillors C Spencer & K Wheatley (Wahroonga Ward)
- Staff Present: General Manager (David Marshall)
Director Community (Janice Bevan)
Director Corporate (Angela Apostol)
Director Development & Regulation (Michael Miocic)
Director Operations (Peter Lichaa)
Director Strategy & Environment (Andrew Watson)
Corporate Lawyer (Jamie Taylor)
Acting Manager Corporate Communications (Sally Williams)
Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy (Christopher M Jones)
Governance Support Officer (Eliza Gilbank-Heim)

The Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

The Mayor offered the Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer

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APOLOGIES

File: S02194

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor referred to the necessity for Councillors and staff to declare a Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest in any item on the Business Paper.

Councillor Taylor declared a non-significant, non-pecuniary interest in GB.8 as he is a member of the management committee of KYDS which is a potential grant recipient. Councillor Taylor will leave Chambers for this debate.

DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS

The Mayor referred to the documents circulated in the Councillors' papers and advised that the following matters would be dealt with at the appropriate time during the meeting:

Memorandums: **A Memorandum for QWN.5 from 19 August 2025 OMC Planning Proposal – Dual Occupancy Floor Space (FSR) Standard** from the Director Strategy & Environment was circulated to the Mayor and Councillors on 9 September 2025.

A Memorandum for GB.19 – PEERS 3 Electricity Contract Delegation – explanation from the Manager Environment & Sustainability was circulated to the Mayor and Councillors on 16 September 2025.

A Memorandum for MM.1 – Appointments to External Committees – OSH CMP Consultative Panel terms of reference from the Director Strategy & Environment was circulated to the Mayor and Councillors on 23 September 2025. MM.1 has since been updated to reflect the recommendation in this memorandum.

A Memorandum for GB.12 – Draft General and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 from the Director Corporate was circulated to the Mayor and Councillors on 23 September 2025.

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CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS AND ATTACHMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED MEETING

File: S02499/9

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Taylor/Wheatley)

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993, all officers' reports be released to the press and public, with the exception of:

C.1 RFT2-2025 Contract for Bus Shelter Advertising, Maintenance & Cleaning within Ku-ring-gai LGA

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993, all officers' reports be released to the press and public, with the exception of confidential attachments to the following General Business Reports:

GB.8 Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Grants Program

In accordance with 10A(2)(d)(i):

Attachment A1: Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Grant Applications

GB.13 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy – Post exhibition report

In accordance with 10A(2)(a):

Attachment A1: Submissions – Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

GB.15 RFT57-2024 Main Carpark Upgrade St Ives Showground

In accordance with 10A(2)(d)(i):

Attachment A2: RFT57-2024 Main Carpark Upgrade – St Ives Showground – List of Submitters

In accordance with 10A(2)(d)(iii):

Attachment A3: RFT57-2024 Main Carpark Upgrade – St Ives Showground - Tender

GB.17 Middle Harbour Northern Catchments Flood Study - Report Update

In accordance with 10A(2)(e):

Attachment A4: FRMC Presentation – BMT – 20 August

GB.20 RFT7-2025 – Cricket Net Upgrade Hassall Park St Ives

In accordance with 10A(2)(d)(ii):

Attachment A1: RFT7-2025 Cricket Net Upgrade Hassall Park St Ives – List of tenders received

Attachment A2: RFT7-2025 Cricket Net Upgrade Hassall Park St Ives – Tender Evaluation Report

C.1 RFT2-2025 Contract for Bus Shelter Advertising, Maintenance & Cleaning within Ku-ring-gai LGA

In accordance with 10A(2)(d)(ii):

Attachment A1: Tender Evaluation Committee Report RTF2-2025 Contract for Bus Shelter Advertising, Maintenance and Cleaning

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council

File: EM00046/7

Meeting held 19 August 2025

Minutes numbered 131 to 153

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Balachandran/Ward)

That Minutes numbered 131 to 153 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

159

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

File: EM00047/5

Meeting held 11 September 2025

Minutes numbered 154 to 155

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Balachandran/Ward)

That Minutes numbered 154 to 155 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES FROM THE MAYOR

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Appointments to external committees

File: EM00046/8

Vide: MM.1

[Updated on 23 September 2025 to reflect further advice from Director Strategy & Environment]

Council plays an important role in representing our community on a range of external committees, boards, and working groups. These bodies provide valuable opportunities for collaboration, advocacy, and information-sharing between Council and other levels of government, community organisations and regional bodies.

The number of Council delegates currently appointed to these committees varies, with some having only a single delegate and no alternate. This may lead to situations where Council is unable to be represented at external meetings due to unforeseen absences or scheduling conflicts. At present, the following external committees have only a single Council delegate with no alternate:

- North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee (Lindfield–North Sydney) (Delegate: Councillor Ngai)
- North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee (Lindfield–Brooklyn) (Delegate: Councillor Wheatley)
- Eryldene Trust Committee (Delegate: Councillor Wheatley)

- NSW Public Libraries Association (Delegate: Councillor Kay)

In the interest of ensuring consistent and effective representation, I propose that Council appoint an alternate delegate to all external committees.

Council has also been asked to appoint a representative for the Consultative Panel on the Outer Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Plan (OSH CMP). The OSH CMP will provide a long-term program for the coordinated management of the coastal zone in outer Sydney Harbour (Port Jackson and Middle Harbour extending northwards to the tidal limit of Middle Harbour Creek). OSH CMP is being developed by the Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) alongside other participating councils including Ku-ring-gai Council and state agencies.

The Consultative Panel is comprised of one councillor (or their delegate) from each of the eight participating councils, and one member each from Sydney Institute of Marine Science and the Greater Sydney Regional Advisory Committee of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). The panel is an advisory group to the SCCG project team and project control group (comprising eight councils and three state agencies).

The purpose of the panel is to assist the SCCG project team and the PCG by helping guide how community engagement is undertaken, providing feedback on draft CMP deliverables and helping ensure the community's views are considered in the project.

The Consultative Panel will operate for the duration of CMP Stages 2-4 which is currently scheduled to be completed by December 2027. The term may be extended if the project continues past this time.

The draft Terms of Reference for the Consultative Panel are attached with this memorandum.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Taylor/Wheatley)

That Council:

- A. Appoint an alternate to each of the following external committees:
 1. North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee (Lindfield-North Sydney)
 2. North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee (Lindfield-Brooklyn)
 3. Eryldene Trust Committee
 4. NSW Public Libraries Association
- B. Inform the external committees and organisations of Council's nominated alternate delegate
- C. Appoint a delegate and an alternate to the Consultative Panel on the Outer

Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Plan.

**North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee
(Lindfield–North Sydney)**

Councillor Taylor nominated himself with Councillor Wheatley seconding this nomination for the position of alternate delegate. As there was only 1 nomination, Councillor Taylor was appointed as the alternate delegate for the North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee (Lindfield–North Sydney).

**North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee
(Lindfield–Brooklyn)**

Councillor Ward was nominated by Councillors Smith/Balachandran for the position of alternate delegate. As there was only 1 nomination, Councillor Ward was appointed as the alternate delegate for the North Shore Police Area Command Community Safety Precinct Committee (Lindfield–Brooklyn).

Eryldene Trust Committee

Councillor Balachandran was nominated by Councillors Wheatley/Ward for the position of alternate delegate. As there was only 1 nomination, Councillor Balachandran was appointed as the alternate delegate for the Eryldene Trust Committee.

NSW Public Libraries Association

Councillor Devlin was nominated by Councillors Taylor/Ward for the position of alternate delegate. As there was only 1 nomination, Councillor Devlin was appointed as the alternate delegate for the NSW Public Libraries Association.

Consultative Panel on the Outer Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Plan

Councillor Ngai was nominated by Councillors Balachandran/Taylor for the position of delegate. As there was only 1 nomination, Councillor Ngai was appointed as the delegate for the Consultative Panel on the Outer Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Plan.

Councillor Taylor was nominated by Councillors Ward/Balachandran for the position of alternate delegate. As there was only 1 nomination, Councillor Taylor was appointed as the alternate delegate for the Consultative Panel on the Outer Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Vale Jo Harris OAM

File: CY00455/13

Vide: MM.2

It is my sad duty to advise Councillors and our community of the passing of a much loved volunteer, Jo Harris OAM.

Jo died peacefully on Saturday 30 August, aged 91 years.

Born in Killara, Jo Harris was educated at Ravenswood and after leaving school, studied a variety of courses in design and costume at East Sydney Technical College.

In her younger years Jo also experienced country life, working as a governess and jillaroo in Moree.

Nevertheless, Jo lived in Ku-ring-gai most of her life, raising her children with husband John. She was an active member of the local community and in 1999 joined the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society. Jo's lifelong passion for local history meant she was able to make a significant contribution to the Society in many ways.

Between 2001 and 2018 she held the position of Vice President and was Acting President in 2002-2003. Between 2001 and 2016 Jo was the Society's Family History Group Leader and was a local history tour convenor for many years.

Jo's interest in sharing local history with the public led her to create the highly successful Exploring Ku-ring-gai Tour. She also passed on her knowledge of local history by becoming the leader of the Society's genealogy training courses.

Through her proficiency with shortwave radio, Jo became a Historian of the Wireless Institute of Australia (NSW). Jo led the anniversary on 22 September each year at the Fisk Monument in Wahroonga, which commemorates the first international direct wireless message in 1918 from the UK to Australia.

In 2005 Jo was awarded the title of Ku-ring-gai Historical Society Historian of the Year and in 2009 honoured with a Royal Australian Historical Society Achievement Award.

She was further recognised for her service to local history by gaining life membership of the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society in 2018 and in 2021, was awarded the title of Ku-ring-gai's Woman of the Year.

Jo's other community roles included founding the Turramurra Stamp Club, the Ku-ring-gai Arts and Crafts Group and a local spinning group. She was also an Akela for the Killara Cubs.

In 2017 Jo was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for her outstanding service to the Ku-ring-gai community.

On behalf of Council and our community, I extend our deepest condolences to Jo's family and friends. She will be sadly missed.

Resolved:

(Moved: The Mayor, Councillor Kay)

- A. That the Mayoral Minute be received and noted.

- B. That we stand for a minute's silence to honour Jo Harris.
- C. That the Mayor write to Jo Harris' family and encloses a copy of the Mayoral Minute.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PETITIONS

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

162

Election of Deputy Mayor for the 2025 - 2026 Term

File: S14669

Vide: GB.1

To elect the Deputy Mayor for the September 2025 to September 2026 term.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Kay/Balachandran)

That Council:

- A. Determine whether the method of voting for the position of Deputy Mayor is to proceed by open voting.
- B. Elect the Deputy Mayor for the September 2025 to September 2026 Mayoral term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The General Manager assumed the Chair as Returning Officer.

The General Manager called for nominations and announced there was one (1) nomination for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Smith was nominated by Councillors Ward/Devlin. As there was only 1 nomination, Councillor Smith duly accepted the nomination and was elected to the position of Deputy Mayor for the September 2025 – September 2026 mayoral term.

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Arts and Culture Committee - Minutes of Meeting 18 August 2025

File: S14328

Vide: GB.2

To provide Council with the minutes from the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on 18 August 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council:

- A. Endorses the minutes of the Arts and Culture Committee meeting held on 18 August 2025.
- B. Endorses the proposal that two (2) Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee meetings be held each year, and that the committee's Terms of Reference be amended to reflect this change.
- C. Endorses the proposal that up to two (2) forums, or similar events, be held each year, and that the committee's Terms of Reference be amended to reflect this change.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**Multicultural Advisory Committee -
Minutes of Meeting 14 August 2025**

File: S04141

Vide: GB.3

To provide Council with the minutes from the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 August 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council:

- A. Endorses the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 August 2025.
- B. Join the Welcoming Cities network at the *Committed* level under the free membership tier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

165 **Status of Women's Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 5 August 2025**

File: S13683

Vide: GB.4

To provide Council with the minutes from the Status of Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 August 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council endorses the minutes of the Status of Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 August 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

166 **Youth Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting Wednesday 6 August 2025**

File: S04477

Vide: GB.5

To provide Council with the minutes from the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council endorses the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 6 August 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

167 **Environment Committee Minutes - August 2025**

File: S14696

Vide: GB.6

For Council to consider and note the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025, including the recommendations that:

- A. Council staff investigate opportunities to use tree survey data to flag properties containing trees greater than 8m height, and that staff investigate opportunities to support community reporting of breaches of tree replacement requirements on private lands.
- B. Council write to Australia's Climate Change Minister, Environment Minister and Prime Minister urging the adoption of science based and credible national emissions targets and policy, as outlined in this report, that are firmly aligned with the 1.50C objectives of the Paris Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

168 **Flood Risk Management Committee Meeting Minutes**

File: S10746

Vide: GB.7

For Council to consider and note the minutes of the Flood Risk Management Committee meeting held on 20 August 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Flood Risk Management Committee meetings held on 20 August 2025 **(Attachment A1)**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

169 **Compliance Policy**

File: S07151

Vide: GB.9

For Council to consider and readopt the Ku-ring-gai Compliance Policy.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That the Ku-ring-gai Compliance Policy, Version 5, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

170 **Local Approvals Policy**

File: S07151

Vide: GB.10

For Council to consider and readopt the Ku-ring-gai Local Approvals Policy.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council readopt the Ku-ring-gai Local Approvals Policy so as to facilitate the continuous assessment and determination of all applications made under Section 68 of the NSW Local Government Act, 1993 and other miscellaneous applications.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

171 **Investment Report as at 31 August 2025**

File: FY00623/8

Vide: GB.11

To present Council's investment portfolio performance for August 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That:

- A. The summary of investments and performance for August 2025 be received and noted.
- B. The Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

172 **Draft General and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025**

File: FY00259/17

Vide: GB.12

To present to Council the Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 for certification and referral to Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW and report on the budgetary position as at 30 June 2025.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

- A. That Council receive and certify the Draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.
- B. That the Draft Financial Statements be referred to Council's external auditor, the Audit Office of NSW to provide an opinion on the Financial Statements ended 30 June 2025 and to report to Council.
- C. That the Draft Financial Statements ended 30 June 2025 be certified by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or one other Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer in accordance with Section 413(2)(C) of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- D. That 21 October 2025 be fixed as the date for the meeting to adopt the audited Financial Statements and the audit reports for the year ended 30 June 2025 as required by Section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

173 **Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy - Post exhibition report**

File: CY00474/12

Vide: GB.13

For Council to adopt the updated and final version of the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy and expense limits for the second year of this Council term.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council adopt the updated Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy to come into effect on 1 October 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

174 **Delegation of Authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General**

Manager

File: CY00259/17

Vide: GB.14

For Council to review delegations of authority to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the General Manager.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council:

- A. adopt the attached *Roles and Delegations of Council and the General Manager* (see **Attachment A**), including the delegations to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager.
- B. Approve updated expense limits for Mayoral donations, artworks and civic receptions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

175

RFT57-2024 Main Carpark Upgrade St Ives Showground

File: RFT57-2024/R

Vide: GB.15

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the tenders received for RFT57-2024 Main Carpark Upgrade St Ives Showground.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

- A. That Council decline to accept any tenders and cancel the proposal for the contract.
- B. That the carpark requirements be revisited when completing the masterplan for the site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

176

Draft Site Specific Plans of Management - Echo Point Park and Swain Gardens

File: S06604/3

Vide: GB.16

To seek Council endorsement of the draft Site Specific Plans of Management (draft PoMs), for Echo Point Park and Swain Gardens for submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure – Crown Lands for approval to proceed to public exhibition.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council endorse the Site Specific Draft Plans of Management, as attached to this report, for public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

177 **Public EV Charging - NSW Kerbside Charging Grants Round 2**

File: S14682

Vide: GB.18

To notify Council of proceeding to community consultation on public EV charging for Round 2 of the NSW Kerbside EV Charging grants.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

- A. That this report is received and noted.
- B. That Council staff continue to progress the NSW Kerbside EV Charging Grant proposals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

178 **Delegation for Acceptance of the PEERS 3 Electricity Contract Extension**

File: S11710/2

Vide: GB.19

To seek General Manager delegation for acceptance of the preferred offer for the PEERS 3 electricity extension, facilitated by SSR0C.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That Council delegates to the General Manager, authority for the acceptance of the preferred offer for the PEERS 3 electricity extension facilitated by SSR0C, noting that SSR0C will soon request extension offers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

179 **RFT7-2025 – Cricket Net Upgrade Hassall Park St Ives**

File: RFT7-2025/R

Vide: GB.20

To consider the tenders received for RFT7-2025 Cricket Net Upgrade Hassall Park St Ives and to appoint the preferred tenderer.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

That:

- A. Council accepts the tender submission from Tenderer A to carry out the Cricket Net Upgrade at Hassall Park St Ives.
- B. The Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to execute all tender documents on Council's behalf in relation to the contract.
- C. The Seal of Council be affixed to all necessary documents.
- D. All tenderers be advised of Council's decision in accordance with Clause 178 of the Local Government Tendering Regulation 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

180 **RFT2-2025 Contract for Bus Shelter Advertising, Maintenance & Cleaning within Ku-ring-gai LGA**

File: CY00853/2

Vide: C.1

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2)(d)(ii), of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the public.

Section 10A(2)(d) of the Act permits the meeting to be closed to the public for

business relating to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:

- (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
- (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of Council, or
- (iii) reveal a trade secret.

This matter is classified confidential under section 10A(2)(d)(ii) because it would confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council.

Report by Director Strategy & Environment dated 5 September 2025

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Taylor)

- A. That Council resolve to award the Bus Shelter Advertising, Maintenance and Cleaning Contract as set out in this report; and
- B. That the General Manager or delegate be authorised to negotiate and execute any contract or other documentation required to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

After having declared an interest in GB.8, Councillor Taylor left Chambers for the following debate.

181 **Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Grants Program**

File: FY00432/16

Vide: GB.8

For Council to consider applications and approve total funding of \$91,780 to five (5) organisations for the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Grants program.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Wheatley/Ngai)

That Council approves the following amounts for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Grants Program:

- Learning Links – \$19,780
- Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills and Cherrybrook – \$20,000
- KYDS Youth Development Service Incorporated – \$20,000
- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter – \$20,000
- Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College – \$12,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Taylor returned to Chambers.

182 **Middle Harbour Northern Catchments Flood Study - Report Update**

File: S10746

Vide: GB.17

To re-present the *Middle Harbour Northern Catchments Flood Study* for Council endorsement.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Taylor/Balachandran)

- A. That Council endorse the Middle Harbour – Northern Catchments Flood Study Final Report.
- B. That a copy of the Middle Harbour – Northern Catchments Flood Study Final Report is placed on Council's website.
- C. That Section 10.7 Planning Certificates and Council's Flood Certificate Reports are updated to include relevant information.
- D. That all owners of properties identified on the Mainstream and Overland Flow Flood Planning Area Map are directly notified about the finalisation.
- E. That all owners of properties identified on the Probable Maximum Flood Tagging Map are directly notified about the finalisation.

*For the Resolution: The Mayor, Councillor Kay, Councillors
Balachandran, Ngai, Pettett, Smith,
Spencer, Taylor and Wheatley*

Against the Resolution: Councillors Devlin and Ward

CARRIED

MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

183 **Notice of motion: Resumption of master planning for St Ives Showground including best-practice stormwater management**

File: CY00422/13

Vide: NM.2

Notice of Motion from Councillors Taylor and Smith dated 5 September 2025

Council has received several tenders to formalise the main carpark near the

entrance of St Ives Showground. The project would protect existing trees by defining buffer and exclusion areas and help to control stormwater flow with a new bio-retention basin.

However, the project has highlighted some inadequacies of the current stormwater management for surrounding assets, and the opportunity to resume broader master-planning for the entire site.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Taylor/Smith)

That Council resumes master-planning for St Ives Showground this financial year, including comprehensive and integrated plans for drainage to Water Sensitive Urban Design standard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

184

Proposal to perform a traffic study for the Lindfield town centre, leveraging previous foundational work and in line with the other TOD stations

File: S14427/2

Vide: NM.1

Notice of Motion from Councillors Taylor and Ngai dated 5 September 2025

In early June 2025 Ku-ring-gai Council submitted its alternative Transport Oriented Development (TOD) plan to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, and is now awaiting its gazettal. The plan was developed through a compressed and comprehensive process of design and community engagement and reflects overall community concerns and preferences. The plan enables the creation of approximately 24,500 new dwellings across the four TOD stations in lower Ku-ring-gai, including 9,400 in Lindfield. TOD planning across the state will also enable thousands of new dwellings 'up-stream' of Lindfield. The State Government has signalled their support for an alternative TOD plan prior to gazettal later in the year.

One of the key community concerns raised through the planning process was the likely impact on traffic and pedestrian safety. Council has commenced new transport impact assessments (TIAs) in Gordon, Killara and Roseville, but is relying on a 2019 TIA for Lindfield performed during assessment of the previous scope of the Lindfield Village Hub Planning Proposal. That study led to planning and in-principle approvals from Transport for NSW for vital 'baseline' infrastructure upgrades on the Pacific Highway between Balfour Street and Grosvenor Road.

A number of other significant changes have impacted traffic in Lindfield since the 2019 study, including the opening of the Chatswood-Sydenham Sydney Metro line, post-COVID business travel practices and delivery of the Lindfield Village Green.

We are recommending a full transport impact assessment for Lindfield, leveraging previous work and particularly the baseline optimisation of the Pacific Highway between Balfour Street and Grosvenor Road.

Lindfield will experience extraordinary growth

New dwellings in Council's alternative TOD plan are concentrated in Lindfield (around 9,400) and Gordon (around 9,000). The new dwellings planned for Lindfield extend across both sides of the train line and Pacific Highway, with some of the highest densities on the western side of the Highway, requiring pedestrian crossing to the station.



Source: Ku-ring-gai Council TOD update 5 June 2025 https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/v1/hprtrim/information-management-publications-public-website-ku-ring-gai-council-website-planning-and-development/tod-sepp_lep_maps_250612-lindfield.pdf

Previous traffic studies have created a solid foundation.

The business paper for the March meeting on Council's alternative TOD plan referred to a previous 2019 study in Lindfield:

"During the development of the Lindfield Village Hub (LVH) Planning Proposal, a Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) was prepared which incorporated study area extents not dissimilar to the Lindfield TOD precinct. The TIA also included a 10-year growth scenario that factored in background growth".

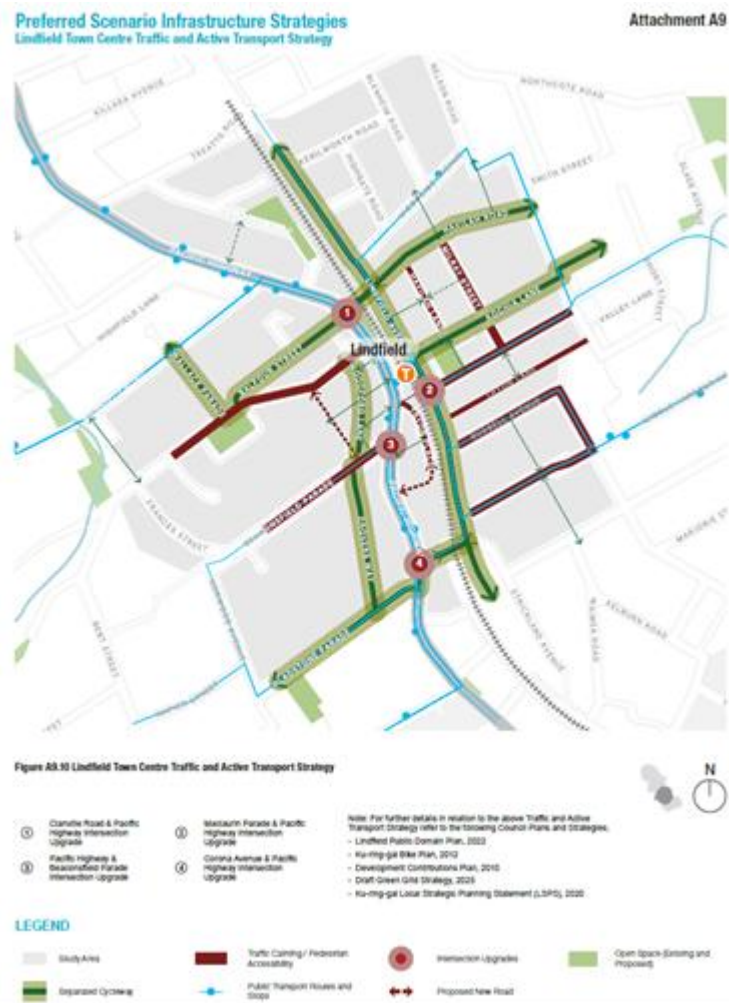
The LVH TIA was completed in 2019, prior to the completion of the Lindfield Village Green, the Sydney Metro extension from Chatswood to the City, COVID-19, and the State Government's Transport Oriented Development (TOD) program.

The study was based on considerably lower building heights for the Hub and included a limited and fairly broad-brush growth scenario of 2% p.a. vehicle movements through four intersections on the Pacific Highway. The planning led to key works approved in-principle by TfNSW that are in active planning phase:

- New traffic signals at intersection Pacific Highway and Strickland Avenue.

- New traffic signals at intersection Pacific Highway and Beaconsfield Parade and minor relocation of mid-block signals outside station.
- Modifications to existing traffic signals intersection Pacific Highway and Balfour Street/Havilah Road.
- New traffic signals at intersection Lindfield Avenue/Tryon Road.

These works represent vital baseline optimisation within extraordinary geographic constraints, and have been included in Council's alternative TOD plan:



Source: Ku-ring-gai Council TOD update 5 June 2025

https://kuringgai.infocouncil.biz/RedirectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2025/03/OMC_31032025_AGN_AT_EXTRA.PDF

Our community is concerned about traffic and pedestrian safety.

Early in 2025 Council commissioned a community survey on the TOD alternative preferred scenario as part of a comprehensive community engagement program. The results of the community survey highlighted community concerns regarding building heights, transitions, heritage conservation, the tree canopy and environmental considerations.

One of the key themes of the written submissions to Council through the planning process was:

"Traffic and Parking: Submissions noted the existing traffic congestion on roads and particular the Pacific Highway and raised concern that development arising from the alternative scenarios would result in further negative impacts to the road network, noting that people would drive and not just rely on public transport."

'Other issues' were raised by 517 respondents in written submissions:

..."with traffic congestion and safety being the predominant concern by a significant margin. These concerns were consistent across all suburbs and station proximities."

[These concerns] included comments along the following themes:

- "Increased traffic flows/congestion and impacts to pedestrian safety."
- "Additional demand for on-street parking from new dwellings, and impacts to vehicular access/circulation on local streets and on-street parking availability for existing residents; and"
- "Limited access to/from Pacific Highway."

Source: Taverner Community Survey Report, Extraordinary Meeting of Council 5 June 2025 business paper https://kuringgai.infocouncil.biz/RedirectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2025/06/OMC_05062025_AGN_AT_EXTRA.PDF

The extraordinary population increase associated with planned TOD development will undoubtedly increase traffic and pedestrian movements in lower Ku-ring-gai, well beyond the modelled assumptions in the LVH TIA study.

Resolved:

(Moved: Councillors Taylor/Ngai)

That Council:

- A. Commence a comprehensive Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) for the Lindfield town centre building on previous study outcomes, immediately upon gazettal of an alternative TOD plan, including but not limited to the impact of changed context and the alternative TOD plan on vehicle traffic, pedestrian/cycle movements, and parking for residents, commuters and retail customers.
- B. Complete and submit the TIAs to Council for consideration within 12 months of TOD gazettal.
- C. Consider the key recommendations from these studies when Ku-ring-gai seeks to update its development contributions plan.
- D. Complete implementation of the vital foundational improvements across all four TOD centres.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE – SUBJECT TO CLAUSE 9.3 OF CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Nil.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

At the OMC held on 19 August 2025 Councillor Balachandran raised the following Question which was taken on notice by the Director Strategy and Environment:

Page 665 agenda Under the DCP, why did we choose a higher number of small trees rather than a smaller number of large trees?

Answered by the Director Strategy & Environment

The Director Strategy & Environment advised that he would take that question on notice.

Further response

Large trees need at least 10m x 10m of soil, which most lot widths, configurations and without major design compromises. Smaller trees, however, can fit across a wider range of sites and still contribute meaningfully to the landscape. The DCP therefore proposes a higher number of small (3.5x3.5m) and medium (6x6m) sized trees, ensuring consistent canopy and greening outcomes across Ku-ring-gai, while still giving flexibility in how different lots achieve this.

INSPECTIONS– SETTING OF TIME, DATE AND RENDEZVOUS

Nil.

The Meeting closed at 7:31pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 23 September 2025 (Pages 1 - 23) were confirmed as a full and accurate record of proceedings on <Insert confirmation date ...>

General Manager

Mayor / Chairperson