



**Lane Cove
Council**

Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting 18 September 2025, 7:00 PM

All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent meeting and may be amended by resolution at that meeting.

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MINUTES**

PRESENT: Councillor Southwood (Mayor), Councillor Bennison, Councillor Bryla (online), Councillor Flood, Councillor Greenwell, Councillor Kennedy, Councillor Little, Councillor Roenfeldt and Councillor Taylor.

ALSO PRESENT: Director - Corporate Services and Strategy, Acting Director - Planning and Sustainability, Director - Community and Culture, Director - Open Spaces and Infrastructure, Executive Officer to the General Manager, Manager Governance and Risk, Manager – Commercial Operations, and Minute Taker.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

190 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that the request by Councillor Bryla to attend the meeting via audio visual link be granted.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).
Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

APOLOGIES

Nil

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor gave an acknowledgement of Country.

MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION OR PRAYER

The Mayor gave notice of a minute of silence for reflection or prayer.

WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor advised those present that the Meeting was being webcast.

PUBLIC FORUM

Online

Nil

In Person

1. Hannah Fisher of Lane Cove North, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion – Extend Lane Cove Library Opening Hours – specifically Library 24 hours;
2. Jacky Barker of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion – Extend Lane Cove Library Opening Hours;
3. Anita Thommesen of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 2 - Notice of Motion – Lane Cove Camp: Drag Community Grant for Pride and Mardi Gras.

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Written Submissions

Two (2) written submissions were received, those being from;

1. Alasdair Stuart of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion – Extend Lane Cove Library Opening Hours; and
2. Sarah O'Donnell of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion – Extend Lane Cove Library Opening Hours.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL - 21 AUGUST 2025

191 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Kennedy that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 21 August 2025 be received.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

192 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 21 August 2025 be accepted.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

PROCEDURAL MOTION

193 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council consider appropriate items by exception.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

194 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Items 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15 be considered without debate and their recommendations adopted.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

MAYORAL MINUTES

Item 1 MAYORAL MINUTE - VALE WILLIAM ARTHUR (BILL) HENNINGHAM JR. PSM

195 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood that Council:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. notes, with sadness, the passing of former Mayor, Councillor and active community member, William (Bill) Henningham PSM;
3. acknowledges the outstanding commitment and contribution of Bill to the community of Lane Cove and to the local government sector more generally; and
4. extends its condolences to Bill's wife, Wendy, and to his children and grandchildren.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

NOTICES OF MOTION

Item 2 NOTICE OF MOTION - LANE COVE CAMP: DRAG COMMUNITY GRANT FOR PRIDE AND MARDI GRAS

196 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council:

1. establish a pilot community grant program of up to \$5,000 for Lane Cove hospitality venues to apply for funding to engage professional drag performers in ways that complement their establishments;
2. source the funding for this community grant program from Council's Social Inclusion Operating Budget;
3. make the grant available for use during Pride Month (June 2026);
4. in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act requirements, give 28 days' public notice before providing financial assistance to businesses as detailed in the motion;
5. receives in the report to Council on the community consultation in 4. above, a recommendation by staff as to how best to support the LGBTQIA+ community within the context of staff resources and available funding for the 2025/26 financial year;
6. if approved, promote the program widely to encourage a variety of venues to participate, ensuring events are safe, inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQIA+ community members and allies; and
7. note that professional drag artists are not limited by gender and that Kings are equally welcome.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bryla, Flood, Kennedy, Little and Roenfeldt (Total 6).

Against the Motion were Councillors Bennison and Taylor (Total 2).

Abstained from the Motion was Councillor Greenwell (Total 1).

EXTENSION OF TIME

- 197** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Flood that Councillor Little be granted an additional minute to speak on Item 2.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 3 NOTICE OF MOTION - EXTEND LANE COVE LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

- 198** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Flood that Council consider the initiative of extending library opening hours and Council owned community facility opening hours at the next Corporate Planning Weekend and as part of the 2026/27 Budget preparation process, including exploring 24/7 access options (such as at 24/7 Libraries | Northern Beaches Council).

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

OFFICER REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

Item 4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

- 199** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council:

1. elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with section 231 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and for a term ending September 2026;
2. conduct this election by the method of open voting (show of hands); and
3. conduct this election of the Deputy Mayor in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Election of Deputy Mayor

Council received three valid nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the term ending September 2026 from Councillor Katie Little, Councillor Rochelle Flood and Councillor Caleb Taylor.

The Local Government Regulation requires that there be a final vote between two candidates, thus the first round of voting was to determine these two candidates.

The results for the first round of voting were:

- votes for Councillor Little - Councillor Roenfeldt and Councillor Little (2)
- votes for Councillor Taylor – Councillor Bennison and Councillor Taylor (2)
- votes for Councillor Flood – Councillor Southwood, Councillor Kennedy, Councillor Bryla, Councillor Greenwell and Councillor Flood (5).

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As two Councillors tied, both their names were returned to the ballot box, with the first one to be drawn to be excluded from the election. Councillor Taylor's name was drawn first.

The results for the second round of voting were:

- votes for Councillor Flood – Councillor Southwood, Councillor Kennedy, Councillor Bryla, Councillor Greenwell and Councillor Flood (5)
- votes for Councillor Little – Councillor Roenfeldt and Councillor Little (2)
- Councillor Taylor and Councillor Bennison abstained from this vote.

Councillor Flood was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Flood thanked her fellow Councillors for their support in electing her to the role of Deputy Mayor and expressed that this was a great opportunity for her as a second term Councillor. Councillor Flood also congratulated the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Kennedy.

The Mayor, Councillor Southwood, congratulated Councillor Flood on becoming Deputy Mayor and expressed that she was looking forward to them working together.

The Mayor also thanked Councillor Kennedy for her support during the Mayor's first term, particularly noting Councillor Kennedy's strategic thinking skills and her valued counsel on different approaches and views.

Item 5 SEP 2025 UPDATE - LANE COVE SPORT AND RECREATION PROJECT

200 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. reflect the necessary budget adjustments in the 2025/26 September Quarter Budget Review.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 6 PROPOSED VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR 2-4 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ST LEONARDS

201 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. place the draft Planning Agreement for 2-4 Pacific Highway, St Leonards and supporting documentation on public exhibition concurrently with the DA; and
2. receive a report on the outcomes of the public exhibition for the draft Planning Agreement.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 7 NEW MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE 2025

202 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that:

1. Council adopt, for the purpose of public exhibition, the Draft Code of Meeting Practice 2025 which includes both mandatory and non-mandatory provisions, consistent with the Office of Local Government's Model Code of Meeting Practice and 'supplementary provisions' as outlined in this report;
2. Council endorse the proposal to conduct Public Forums immediately prior to Ordinary Council Meetings with a commencement time of 6.30pm and a conclusion time of 7.30pm;
3. Council undertake community consultation for a period of six (6) weeks as per the consultation plan outlined in this report;
4. following the public exhibition period, the Draft Code of Meeting Practice, together with a report on any submissions received and any proposed amendments, be considered at the Council meeting to be held 20 November 2025, and
5. Council write to the Office of Local Government requesting that they provide training and development (and/or tools) to Mayors and other council officials in implementing the provisions of the new Model Code.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 8 ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL - GENERAL MANAGER

203 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Kennedy that for the remainder of the Council term, Council:

1. undertake performance management of the General Manager having regard to the *Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers 2022* issued by the Office of Local Government;
2. establish a Performance Review Panel to undertake the performance management of the General Manager;
3. resolve the composition of the General Manager's Performance Review Panel to consist of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Bryla and Taylor through to June 2026;
4. delegate the panel responsibility for performance management of the General Manager, including discussions about performance and performance reviews, any actions that should be taken, the determination of each new performance agreement, the reporting of performance findings and recommendations to Council, and the selection of a qualified external facilitator to assist with the performance review process, and the development of each performance agreement; and
5. agree to the involvement of an external facilitator to assist with the performance review process and the development of each new performance agreement.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 9 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE MOTIONS

204 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Southwood that Council endorse the draft motions contained in this report and seek their inclusion in the business paper of the LGNSW 2025 Annual Conference, noting that clause 7 of Motion 4 is to be amended to appear as follows:

7. Significantly increase Smart & Skilled Funding to TAFE NSW for early childhood education & care training.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 10 DRAFT - POLICY - COUNCIL POLICY FRAMEWORK

205 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council adopt the Draft - Policy - Council Policy Framework.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 11 AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFIRMED MINUTES - 25 MARCH 2025

206 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council note:

1. the confirmed minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 25 March 2025, and
2. the minutes do not seek action from Council.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 12 ASPHALT 2027 – NSROC TENDER FOR ROAD SURFACING, PATCHING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

207 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. accepts the successful/recommended tenders listed below for Panels A, B, and C for a two (2) years term:

Panel A: For road reconstruction/re-sheeting panel

NSW Building & Civil Pty Ltd, Fulton Hogan, Bitupave Ltd T/A NSW Boral Asphalt, Downer EDI, Convil Group, All Pavement Solutions/ Bernipave Road Solutions, Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd, NA Group, State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd, Resco Civil Pty Ltd, ANJ Asphalt;

Panel B: For patching and heavy patching panel

NSW Building & Civil Pty Ltd, Stateline Asphalt Pty Ltd, Fulton Hogan, Convil Group, All Pavement Solutions/ Bernipave Road Solutions, State Asphalt Services Pty Ltd, ANJ Asphalt, NA Group, Roadworx Group Pty Ltd, Downer EDI, JM Schembri, Planet Civil Pty Ltd, Bitupave Ltd T/A NSW Boral Asphalt, Optimal Civil,

Fenworx, Resco Civil Pty Ltd;

Panel C: For other surfacings, crack sealing and line marking panel

Panel A and Panel B where they had quoted for panel C services, RPQ Spray Seal Pty. Ltd., SuperSealing; and

2. delegates authority to the General Manager to enter into contracts with these companies.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 13 MANAGING ABANDONED WATERCRAFT IN DUNOIS RESERVE, LONGUEVILLE

208 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. prepare a draft design and layout of proposed boat racks for further community consultation;
2. amend the design following consultation as required; and
3. report the final proposal to Council for adoption.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Councillor Bryla left the meeting, the time being 8:25 PM.

Item 14 CAR SHARE POLICY 2025

209 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Southwood that Council:

1. receive and note the Car Share Policy 2025 Consultation Report;
2. adopt the Car Share Policy 2025 (attached at AT-1);
3. develop a new pricing structure for operators to remunerate Council for permission to utilise dedicated car share spaces;
4. issue an expression of interest for Car Share operators to work with Council on existing and new dedicated car share spaces, prioritising hybrid and EV vehicles; and
5. conduct the next review of the Car Share Policy by June 2027.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little and Roenfeldt (Total 6).

Against the Motion were Councillors Bennison and Taylor (Total 2).

Councillor Bryla was absent.

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Item 15 COUNCIL SNAPSHOT AUGUST 2025

210 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council receive and note the report.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Kennedy, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 9).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.

Confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 October 2025, at which meeting the signature herein is subscribed.

MAYOR

******* END OF MINUTES *******