



**Lane Cove
Council**

Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting 23 October 2025, 7:00 PM

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MINUTES**

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Kennedy

PROCEDURAL MOTION

211 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Flood that Councillor Kennedy's apology be accepted.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

1. Lelin Zhang of Lane Cove North in relation to the Lane Cove North Karilla Ave rumble strip construction; and

In Person

2. Ruth Neuman of Lane Cove representing Council's Bushland Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the spread of Spanish Moss;
3. Nazy and Rahman Naghsh of Lane Cove North in relation to the Rumble strip at Karilla Ave;
4. Jon Johannsen of Lane Cove North in relation to Lane Cove North Traffic Masterplan progress;
5. Dr Liz Gill of Greenwich in relation to Item 18 - Lane Cove Aquatic Operational Assessment;
6. Don Murchison of Greenwich in relation to Centre lines on shared user pathways, and access to Sport and Recreation Centre and Golf Club;

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7. Shauna Forrest on behalf of Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society in relation to Item 10 - Notice of Motion - Advocacy on the proposed Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025;
8. Rachael Labruyere of Lane Cove North in relation to the Karilla Ave rumble strip;
9. Tracey Ellis of St Leonards in relation to Item 4 – Notice of Motion – Development consent conditions and other measures to monitor dust and noise associated with construction sites and to address congestion caused by worker parking adjacent to construction sites;
10. Susan Robinson of Greenwich in relation to Item 18 – Lane Cove Aquatic Centre Operational Assessment;
11. Norma Stuart representing LC Bushland & Conservation Society and BMAC regarding in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the spread of Spanish Moss; of

Written Submissions

Nine (9) written submissions were received, those being from;

1. Darvan Sinnetamby of Lane Cove in relation to Item 11 – General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025;
2. Jann Dark of Greenwich in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the Spread of Spanish Moss;
3. Susan Bottrill of Lane Cove North in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the Spread of Spanish Moss;
4. Linda Falardeau of Longueville in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the Spread of Spanish Moss;
5. Elizabeth Hamilton of suburb unknown in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the Spread of Spanish Moss;
6. Kate Moppett of Lane Cove North in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the Spread of Spanish Moss;
7. Robyn Brooks of Longueville in relation to Item 11 – General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025;
8. Simon Collins of suburb unknown in relation to Item 11 – General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025; and
9. Lynne McLoughlin of Lane Cove in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion - Tackling the spread of Spanish Moss, and Item 10 - Notice of Motion - Advocacy on the proposed Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL - 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

212 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bryla and seconded by Councillor Taylor that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 18 September 2025 be received.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

213 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 18 September 2025 be accepted.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

215 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Items 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 be considered without debate and their recommendations adopted.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

MAYORAL MINUTES

Supplementary item 1 MAYORAL MINUTE - GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

216 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council receive and note this report.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 1 MAYORAL MINUTE - OSBORNE PARK PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS AND COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

217 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council congratulates the Osborne Park Progress Association on its centenary and acknowledges the outstanding contribution of generations of members to the life of the Lane Cove community.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

NOTICES OF MOTION

Item 2 NOTICE OF MOTION - TACKLING THE SPREAD OF SPANISH MOSS

218 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. recognises and supports the existing work of council staff in increasing the education and awareness within our community regarding the risks associated with Spanish Moss;
2. re-confirms that Spanish Moss is a problem weed that particularly threatens Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest and Blue Gum High Forest populations – which are key to local Endangered Ecological Communities in Lane Cove;
3. considers the availability of dedicated funding in the 2026-2027 financial year budget for:
 - a) identification and mapping of Spanish Moss festoons on street trees that adjoin or are within close proximity to bushland within the Local Government Area and develop a removal plan with indicative timeline and cost;
 - b) accelerated removal of Spanish Moss on street trees, with a particular focus on street trees adjoining or in close proximity to bushland - per plan in item 3(a); and
4. writes to The Hon. Jerome Laxale Member for Bennelong, and The Hon. Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, to advocate for Spanish Moss to be classified as a priority weed to allow enforcement under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Councillor Bennison left the meeting, the time being at 8:04PM

Councillor Bennison returned to the meeting, the time being 8:06PM

Item 3 NOTICE OF MOTION - DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF RIVER ROAD CROSSING TO ALLOW SAFE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FROM THE ST LEONARDS SOUTH PRECINCT TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER ROAD

219 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council:

1. notes that:
 - a) the only traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings on River Road are at the intersections with Greenwich Road and with Shirley Road;
 - b) it is important to have in place for future St Leonards South residents, and other community members, a pedestrian safe north-south crossing of River Road to provide a level and easily accessible route to Wollstonecraft Station, Greenwich Infants School and Smoothery Park;
 - c) it is expected that there will be several thousands of residents in the St Leonards South precinct by mid-2027; and
 - d) the Supplementary Transport Technical Note for the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development Precinct October 2024 identifies a pedestrian crossing at Canberra Avenue /River Road as a Medium priority and designates its status (Responsible Agency) as Planned (Council/TfNSW);

2. seeks urgent discussions with TfNSW and other relevant authorities to progress the funding of the design and construction of a safe pedestrian crossing of River Road;
3. receives a report on the outcome of these discussions no later than the February 2026 meeting of Council; and
4. requests that the Supplementary Transport Technical Note for the Crows Nest Transport Oriented Development Precinct October 2024 (2024 TOD Transport Note) be listed as an agenda item for the next meeting of the St Leonards Crows Nest Working Group (comprising Lane Cove, North Sydney and Willoughby Councils) with a view to a joint approach to TfNSW and other relevant authorities to accelerate delivery of the transport initiatives detailed in the 2024 TOD Transport Note.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 4 NOTICE OF MOTION - DEVELOPMENT CONSENT CONDITIONS AND OTHER MEASURES TO MONITOR DUST AND NOISE ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION SITES AND TO ADDRESS CONGESTION CAUSED BY WORKER PARKING ADJACENT TO CONSTRUCTION SITES

220 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Greenwell and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council:

1. develops and implements a set of development consent conditions to require the installation of dust and noise monitors at appropriate locations on or adjacent to construction sites to record the levels of noise and the levels and composition of dust coming from the sites and to require the recording and reporting to Council and the community of data derived from this monitoring;
2. investigates the cost of acquiring equipment to be provided to compliance officers to assist in the monitoring of potential risks to public health through the generation of dust and noise on construction sites and to report back to Council with a view to inclusion of the cost of this equipment in the 2026/27 budget;
3. requires that a parking plan for construction workers be lodged with any Development Application for a major development and that this be endorsed by a suitable condition of consent; and
4. seeks to have similar conditions to the conditions outlined in 1 and 3 above included in any consent conditions for State Significant Developments where such developments may generate dust and/or noise and/or may impact the amenity of nearby residents through worker parking.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 5 NOTICE OF MOTION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNCIL STAFF FOR LANE COVE'S LIVEABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS – 2021 TO 2025

221 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council acknowledges the outstanding efforts of all Council staff in achieving Australia's highest liveability ranking in 2025 and maintaining top-tier performance since 2021.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 6 NOTICE OF MOTION - REFORM OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE ELIGIBILITY: ALIGNING NSW LAND TAX EXEMPTIONS WITH ATO TAX RESIDENCY STANDARDS

222 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Bryla that Council:

1. endorse the submission of this matter as a Motion to be considered at the 2025 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference.
2. write to the NSW Premier, Treasurer, and Minister for Finance, calling for urgent reform to the definition of "residency" for the purpose of land tax exemptions, including the Principal Place of Residence (PPR) exemption and application of foreign owner surcharge thresholds.
3. recommend that the NSW Government adopt the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) tax residency assessment framework as the basis for determining land tax residency eligibility, specifically incorporating:
 - a) the "resides test" (habitual place of residence),
 - b) the "domicile test" (intention to permanently reside),
 - c) the 183-day presence test, and
 - d) the exclusion of individuals with a permanent place of abode outside Australia.
4. advocate that access to the PPR exemption and related land tax thresholds be limited to individuals who meet Australian tax residency criteria, rather than eligibility based solely on citizenship, nominal ownership, or short-term, strategically timed occupancy.
5. request that Revenue NSW undertake a targeted review into potential misuse of the PPR exemption, focusing on cases where individuals:
 - a) spend the majority of the year living overseas,
 - b) maintain no habitual residence or economic ties to NSW or Australia; and
 - c) briefly occupy the property around the taxing date in an apparent attempt to claim the exemption.
6. support the development of a consistent, fair, and enforceable land tax residency standard that:
 - a) prevents avoidance by absentee and foreign-based owners,
 - b) aligns NSW residency criteria with established federal ATO residency rules; and
 - c) ensures land tax exemptions reflect a genuine and ongoing connection to the local community.

7. confirm that any proposed reform should not affect the existing six-year concession under Clause 6 of Schedule 1A of the Land Tax Management Act 1956, but that it recommends it be strengthened to include:
 - a) an annual declaration of intent to return,
 - b) measures to prevent its misuse by long-term overseas residents with no real or continued connection to NSW.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 7 NOTICE OF MOTION - ABANDONING NET ZERO - A CALL TO THE FEDERAL AND NSW GOVERNMENTS TO PROTECT REGIONAL COMMUNITIES

MOTION moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that given the scale of regional NSW impacted by the Federal and NSW Governments' net-zero policies — including economic loss, environmental damage, and social division — this motion (as given below) should be formally debated at the LGNSW Annual Conference to ensure all regional councils have an equal opportunity to represent their communities and contribute to state-wide policy direction.

That Local Government NSW (LGNSW):

1. formally acknowledge the adverse economic, social, and environmental impacts caused by large-scale solar and wind energy projects being driven by Federal and NSW Government net-zero policies.
2. call on the Federal Government and the NSW State Government to abandon their legislated and policy commitments to net-zero emissions by 2050, and to suspend further approvals of large-scale renewable projects until a comprehensive, independent review of their cumulative impacts is completed.
3. request both governments to establish a Regional Impact and Compensation Framework that ensures proper consultation with councils, transparent land-use assessment, and fair compensation to affected landholders and LGAs.
4. support regional councils' rights to maintain full planning control and veto powers over major renewable energy and transmission infrastructure projects within their Local Government Areas (LGAs).

For the Motion was Councillor Bennison (Total 1).

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

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

The Motion was lost.

Councillor Taylor left the meeting, the time being 8.49 PM

Councillor Taylor returned to the meeting, the time being 8.50 PM

Item 8 NOTICE OF MOTION - ELECTRIFICATION TO HEATING OF THE LANE COVE AQUATIC CENTRE

223 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bryla and seconded by Councillor Flood that Council:

1. notes the submission of a grant application for the CEUF Round 2 funding to electrify the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre;
2. notes that a report for electrification of the pool was submitted to council in May 2024 which outlined the hard work already undertaken by the council team;
3. notes that the current internal pools and spa are heated by gas and that this equipment is nearing the “end of operational life”;
4. requests that a workshop be held in December 2025 or February 2026 with the governing body to present a road map to electrification of the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre and to include, but not limited to, the following information:
 - a) capital and operational cost implications, for the electrification of the internal and external pool/s and spa;
 - b) the potential emission reductions and alignment with Council’s strategic targets;
 - c) a proposed timeline for implementation; and
5. following the workshop, information to be brought back to council for consideration of inclusion in the 2026/2027 budget and Long Term Financial Plan updates.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 7).

Against the Motion was Councillor Bennison (Total 1).

Item 9 NOTICE OF MOTION - ONGOING FAILURE AND UNRELIABILITY OF VERTICAL TRANSPORT AT LANE COVE MARKET SQUARE

224 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. notes with concern the continued and consistent failures of vertical transport infrastructure namely lifts, escalators, and travelators at Lane Cove Market Square, which have caused significant disruption, reduced accessibility, and raised safety concerns for community members, particularly older residents, people with disabilities, and families with young children;
2. acknowledges that this is a long-standing issue, with ongoing breakdowns and service outages reported over an extended period, often with minimal communication and delayed repairs, despite the importance of this infrastructure for access to essential retail and services;
3. notes that an audit of the vertical transport systems has recently been completed by Frank Knight on behalf of Region Group (head lessee) and the Building Management Committee (BMC), but that the results and subsequent action plans have not been made available;
4. calls on the Council General Manager to urgently engage with Region Group and Knight Frank (building and facilities management), and any other relevant senior stakeholders to:
 - a) obtain the audit findings.
 - b) clarify the causes of repeated failures and current maintenance procedures.
 - c) request a formal plan and timeline for improvements to ensure the reliability and safety of all vertical transport systems at Market Square;

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5. requests that Councillors be updated on the outcomes of the discussions by the December 2025 Council Meeting detailing:
 - a) the outcomes of these discussions;
 - b) any commitments made by Region Group, Knight Frank, or responsible parties to address the ongoing issues;
 - c) recommendations on further advocacy or action Council can take to ensure the issue is resolved in the community's interest;
6. further requests that Council advocate for improved communication and signage during outages at Lane Cove Market Square, including estimated repair times, points of contact, and alternative access arrangements to reduce inconvenience and frustration for the public.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 10 NOTICE OF MOTION - ADVOCACY ON THE PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT AMENDMENT (PLANNING SYSTEM REFORMS) BILL 2025

225 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that Council:

1. notes with concern that the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Planning System Reforms) Bill 2025 reduces local planning control and transparency, increases risk of corruption in planning processes, and will decrease community input and confidence in planning decisions;
2. notes concern about the expansion of Complying Development that takes away the involvement of local communities in how their areas are developed into the future;
3. seeks clarity in how developments will be determined with the removal of the Regional Panels;
4. writes to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister and Shadow Ministers for Planning and Public Spaces, and the Member for Lane Cove the Hon. Anthony Roberts MP opposing the passage of the bill in its current form and requesting the opportunity for formal public consultation on these reforms; and
5. writes to the President of Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) to express our concern that the statement issued by LGNSW on 18 September¹ welcoming these reforms is not consistent with the LGNSW policy platform².
6. writes to the NSW Premier to express concern regarding his comments quoted in the SMH on 20 October 2025 that:

"The secret here, though, is that local government is just an act of the state parliament. We effectively have eminent domain over their decisions. And they can be a pain, yeah, they can. But we've been rolling over the top of them for the last two years, and now we're about to formalise it with the bill."

¹ Local Government NSW, *Planning Reforms Welcomed, But Infrastructure and Local Input Still Key* (Media Release, September 2025) <https://lgnsw.org.au/Public/Public/Media-Releases/2025/0918-Planning-reforms.aspx>

² Local Government NSW, *Policy Platform* (April 2025) https://lgnsw.org.au/common/Uploaded%20files/Policy/LGNSW_Policy_Platform_2025.pdf. See esp. pp 16-22 on planning, housing and homelessness, building regulation and certification, and climate change.

7. submit a motion to the LG NSW conference in terms of part 1 above.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell and Taylor (Total 6).

Against the Motion were Councillors Little and Roenfeldt (Total 2).

EXTENSION OF TIME

- 226 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Bryla that Councillor Flood be granted an additional 1.5 minutes to speak on item 10.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

OFFICER REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION

PROCEDURAL MOTION

- 227 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Supplementary Item 2 - Special Schedules - General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 be considered following Item 11 – General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 11 GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

- 228 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Southwood that Council:

1. adopt the General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 (**AT-1**);
2. in accordance with Section 413(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, authorise the Mayor, one other Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer to sign the 'Statement by Councillors and Management' (**AT-2**) for the General Purpose Financial Statements and lodge them, together with the Auditor's Reports, with the Office of Local Government by 31 October 2025;
3. note that the General Purpose Financial Statements will be placed on Council's website for public comment; and
4. invite the Audit Office of NSW to attend the Council meeting of 20 November 2025 to present the Auditor's Reports.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Supplementary item 2 SPECIAL SCHEDULES - GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025 (RELATES TO ITEM 11 IN MAIN AGENDA)

229 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Flood that Council receive and note the Special Schedules in relation to Council's Annual General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 12 AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - FOUR YEAR INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN - 2025/26 TO 2028/29

230 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council adopt the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee four-year Internal Audit Plan for 2025/26 to 2028/29 (inclusive), as attached to this report.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 13 AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFIRMED MINUTES - 24 JUNE 2025

231 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council note:

1. the confirmed minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 24 June 2025; and
2. the minutes do not seek action from Council.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 14 PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS 2025

232 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council note the report and tabling of Annual Pecuniary Interest Returns of Designated Staff and Councillors for the return period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 15 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

233 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council adopt the recommendations of the Lane Cove Local Transport Forum held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 16 ROAD NAMING PROPOSAL - ST LEONARDS SOUTH

234 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that:

1. Council seeks ideas from the community to name a new road being delivered as part of the St Leonards South Precinct (between Berry Road and Park Road) for a period of 6-weeks; and
2. the outcome of the community engagement be reported back to Council.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 17 2025 AUSTRALIAN LIVEABILITY CENSUS RESULTS

235 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. note the results of the 2025 Australian Liveability Census, in which Lane Cove achieved first place nationally; and
2. use insights from the Liveability Census to inform the 2026/27 Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOP).

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

PROCEDURAL MOTION

236 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Flood that Supplementary item 3 - Lane Cove Aquatic Centre Operational Assessment - Additional Information be considered following Item 18 - Lane Cove Aquatic Centre Operational Assessment.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 18 LANE COVE AQUATIC CENTRE OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT

237 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bryla and seconded by Councillor Southwood that Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. commit to communicating with the community and councillors regarding the opportunity areas identified in the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre BlueFit Contract Performance Review prepared by Sport and Leisure Solutions.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

**Supplementary item 3 LANE COVE AQUATIC CENTRE OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT -
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (RELATES TO ITEM 18 IN MAIN AGENDA)**

238 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that Council receive and note the report prepared by Sport and Leisure Solutions.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 19 CIVIC CENTRE CONCERT GRAND PIANO HIRE

239 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council:

1. adopt the proposed fees and charges for piano hire, in accordance with Section 608 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), as follows:
 - \$40 per hour - Commercial hire
 - \$10 per hour – Community/Individual hire.
2. place the proposed fees on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with Section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), and invite public submissions during this period; and
3. receive a further report following the public exhibition period to consider any submissions received.

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

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Item 20 COUNCIL SNAPSHOT SEPTEMBER 2025

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

For the Motion were Councillors Southwood, Bennison, Bryla, Flood, Greenwell, Little, Roenfeldt and Taylor (Total 8).

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

The meeting closed at 9.31pm.

Confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 20 November 2025, at which meeting the signature herein is subscribed.

MAYOR

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

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