



**Lane Cove
Council**

Late Agenda Ordinary Council Meeting 20 November 2025, 7:00 PM

Council will commence consideration of
all business paper agenda items at 7.00 pm.

Notice of Meeting

Dear Councillors,

Notice is given of the Ordinary Council Meeting, to be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 20 November 2025 commencing at 7:00 PM. The business to be transacted at the meeting is included in this business paper.

In accordance with clause 3.26 of the Code of Meeting Practice Councillors are reminded of their oath or affirmation of office made under section 233A of the Act, and of their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

Yours faithfully



Louise Kerr
General Manager

Council Meeting Procedures

The Council meeting is chaired by the Mayor, Councillor Merri Southwood. Councillors are entitled to one vote on a matter. If votes are equal, the Chairperson has a second or casting vote. When a majority of Councillors vote in favour of a Motion it becomes a decision of the Council. Minutes of Council and Committee meetings are published on Council's website www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au by 5.00 pm on the Tuesday following the meeting.

The Meeting is conducted in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. The order of business is listed in the Agenda on the next page. That order will be followed unless Council resolves to modify the order at the meeting. This may occur for example where the members of the public in attendance are interested in specific items on the agenda.

The Public Forum will hear registered speakers from the Public Gallery as well as online using the web platform Zoom. All speakers wishing to participate in the public forum must register by using the [online form](#) no later than midnight, on the day prior to the meeting (Wednesday, 19 November 2025) and a Zoom meeting link will be emailed to the provided email address of those registered as an online speaker. Please note that the time limit of three minutes per address still applies, so please make sure your submission meets this criteria. Alternatively, members of the public can still submit their written address via email to service@lanecove.nsw.gov.au. Written addresses are to be received by Council no later than midnight, on the day prior to the meeting. (500 words maximum).

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MAYORAL MINUTES

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MAYORAL MINUTE - SIGNIFICANT BOOST TO COUNCIL'S PLANS TO ELECTRIFY THE
AQUATIC CENTRE OPERATIONS

Item No: 1

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Subject: Mayoral Minute - Significant boost to Council's plans to electrify the Aquatic Centre operations
Record No: SU10937 - 83317/25
Division: Lane Cove Council
Author(s): Councillor Merri Southwood

Executive Summary

This motion discusses Council's commitment to reducing gas usage at the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre and the federal grant funding that Council has recently been awarded.

Background

Since July 2022, all Lane Cove Council facilities have been powered by 100% renewable electricity through a large-scale power purchase agreement. The Lane Cove Aquatic Centre already features 151kW of rooftop solar, LED lighting, efficient pool filters and pool blankets that reduce heat loss and water use.

But, despite these initiatives, the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre is one of the largest energy users in our local government area, accounting for around 99% of Council's gas use and 60% of Council's total energy usage.

In the Council meeting on 23 May 2024, Council considered a roadmap for upgrades to the Centre's heating and cooling systems. The roadmap includes modifications to the heating and cooling control systems to improve energy efficiency and restore humidity controls, the installation of equipment to implement passive heat recovery, a heat pump heat recovery system to replace gas boilers that heat the indoor pool water and air-conditioning, and a direct pool water heat pump for the outdoor pool.

These changes are projected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 740 tonnes and reduces gas usage by 3,470,000 kWh per annum.

In June 2025 Council applied for grant funding under the federal Community Energy Upgrades Fund to commence the process outlined in the Aquatic Centre electrification roadmap. Council has been successful in securing a grant of \$1,144,500 from the federal Community Energy Upgrades Fund.

This grant will be matched by a Council budget commitment of \$749,000 and \$400,000 from BlueFit, the operator of the Aquatic Centre.

These funds will allow Council to replace selected gas boilers and upgrade the efficiency of others, significantly reducing overall gas consumption. High-efficiency electric heat pumps will be installed in their place, marking a major step forward in Council's transition to Net Zero emissions.

I seek the support of my fellow Councillors to the Recommendation below.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1) notes the approval of a \$1,114,500 grant from the federal Community Energy Upgrades Fund to be applied to electrification works at the Aquatic Centre;
- 2) notes that these funds will be matched by \$749,000 already budgeted by Council and by the sum of \$400,000 from BlueFit;
- 3) applies the funds detailed above to carry out works to the Aquatic Centre to replace selected gas boilers and to upgrade the efficiency of others, significantly reducing overall gas consumption;
- 4) notes that the grant will provide a significant boost towards helping Council to transition to Net Zero emissions; and
- 5) congratulates Council officers for the development of a compelling grants application and for their commitment Council's Net Zero objective.

Councillor Merri Southwood
Councillor

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.