



**Lane Cove  
Council**

# Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting 11 December 2025, 7:00 PM

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**Ordinary Council 11 December 2025  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Southwood (Mayor), Councillor Bennison, Councillor Bryla, Councillor Flood, Councillor Greenwell, Councillor Kennedy, 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, Manager Commercial Operations, Executive Officer to the GM and Minute Taker.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor Kennedy declared a significant conflict of interest in Item 12 – Councillor Representation on Centrehouse Inc Management Committee as she is currently President of that Committee. Councillor Kennedy will leave the Chamber and not vote on this item.

Councillor Greenwell declared a non-pecuniary, non-significant interest in Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove as she owns a local dog business. Councillor Greenwell does not consider that this matter will impact on her business so she will remain in the Chamber and vote.

**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**

1. Debbie Rich of Lane Cove North, in relation maintenance of Turrumburra Dog Park;
2. Evelyn Kerpiniotis of Riverview, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove

**In Person**

3. Barbara Helvadjian of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 13 – Response to Notice of Motion – Inclusive Communities Grant Program;
4. Lance Truong of Lane Cove North, in relation to Item 13 – Response to Notice of Motion – Inclusive Communities Grant Program;
5. Jacob Bicknell of Lane Cove North, in relation to Item 13 – Response to Notice of Motion – Inclusive Communities Grant Program;

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6. Gino De Martino of Greenwich, in relation to Item 18 – Local Transport Forum – No stopping zones;
7. James Roskov of Northwood in relation to enforceable standards regulating the height and impact of boundary vegetation including Leighton Green conifers and bamboo;
8. Chris Butcher of Riverview, in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion: Community Safety initiatives across the Lane Cove LGA;
9. Bernd and Kathleen Ruser of Riverview, in relation to Council using its legislated right to intervene in Land and Environment Court Orders regarding vegetation on borders, when not carried out as specified;
10. Simone Johnston of Riverview, in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion: Community Safety initiatives across the Lane Cove LGA;
11. Barry Johnston of Riverview, in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion: Community Safety initiatives across the Lane Cove LGA;
12. Jacky Barker of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 7 – Response to Notice of Motion: Ongoing failure and unreliability of vertical transport at Lane Cove Market Square, Item 19 – Council Snapshot specifically the requirement for users of Bluefit Creche to be BlueFit members; and Lane Cove Toy library;
13. Cristina Hawkins of Riverview, in relation to Item 2 – Notice of Motion: Community Safety initiatives across the Lane Cove LGA;
14. Jenny May of Riverview, President of Lane Cove Rotary, in relation to Item 14 - Rotary Peace Poles;
15. Isabel and Eaden Bate of Lane Cove North, regarding Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
16. Paul Bennett of unknown suburb, regarding Council's support for the Lane Cove Live Music Zone
17. Brandon Lees of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 13 – Response to Notice of Motion – Inclusive Communities Grant Program;
18. Paul Simpson of Lane Cove in relation to Item 18 – Local Transport forum – Car charging stations.

### **Written Submissions**

Fifty six (56) written submissions were received, those being from;

1. Ivan Bate of Lane Cove North/Chatswood West, representing Lane Cove AFL Club, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
2. Glenn Poynton of Riverview, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
3. Brent Mclauchlan of Lane Cove in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
4. Greg Banis of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
5. Stephanie Banis of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
6. Jock Gilchrist of Chatswood West, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;

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7. Andrew Lees of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
8. Simon Latus of Lane Cove North, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
9. Robert Langfield of Lane Cove North, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
10. Samuel Pyburn of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
11. Bianca Batista of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
12. Lara Hurrell of Lane Cove in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
13. Rick Mansfield of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
14. Isabel Bate of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
15. Lara Wehby of Riverview, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
16. Daniel Hynes of Longueville, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
17. Eaden Bate of suburb in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
18. Bruce Bealby of Chatswood, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
19. Samuel Poynton of Riverview, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
20. Amelia and Sam Harris of Riverview, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
21. Suzanne Poynton of Riverview in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
22. Felicity Buckley of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
23. Dave Groocoe of Lane Cove North in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
24. Paul Thomas of Mosman, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
25. Chris Walton of Mosman, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
26. Tim Fallet of Castle Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
27. Peter Beck of Cremorne Point, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
28. Jenny Latus of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
29. Dylan Hides of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;

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30. Karmen Karamanian representing Lane Cove Netball Club, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
31. Liam Madden of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
32. Arlo Madden of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
33. Liam A Madden of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
34. Sandra Allport of Lane Cove in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
35. Keeley Madden of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
36. Elenka Haigh of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
37. James Hole of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
38. Michael Stojanovic representing Lane Cove Football Club, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
39. Daniel Johnston of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
40. Evan Whale of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
41. Guy Hallows of Lane Cove North, in relation to Item 2 – Community Safety Initiatives across the Lane Cove Local Government Area;
42. Suzanne Varrall representing Stringybark Creek Residents Association, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove;
43. Victoria Stockdale of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
44. Andrew Killesteyn of Lane Cove West in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
45. Tino Batista of Lane Cove North, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
46. Michael Phillipou of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
47. Simon Obee of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
48. Catherine Bouvy of Linley Point, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove;
49. Georgia Newport of Lane Cove, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove;
50. Ronnie Clarence of unknown suburb, in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove;
51. Taylor Brook of Lane Cove in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove;

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52. Cristina Hawkins of Riverview, in relation to Item 2 – Community Safety Initiatives across the Lane Cove Local Government Area;
53. Steve and Leanne Weston of Riverview, in relation to Item 2 – Community Safety Initiatives across the Lane Cove Local Government Area;
54. Andrew Stewart of North Ryde, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs;
55. Graeme Priddy of Lane Cove, representing Lane Cove Old Ignatian's Rugby Club, in relation to Item 4 - Notice of Motion: Sports Field access to support growth of Lane Cove-associated Sports Clubs; and
56. Sarah Hancock of Lane Cove in relation to Item 3 – Notice of Motion: Enhancing infrastructure for dogs in Lane Cove.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL - 20 NOVEMBER 2025**

**274** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 20 November 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).

**275** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 20 November 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**

**276** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Bennison 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).

Councillor Bennison left the meeting, the time being 08:15 PM

**ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

**277** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that items 9, 10 and 16 be considered without debate and their recommendations adopted.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Councillor Bennison returned to the meeting, the time being 08:16 PM

## **MAYORAL MINUTES**

### **Item 1 MAYORAL MINUTE - LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

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

1.    congratulates all successful candidates in the election for the Board of LGNSW and looks forward to working with the Board in its advocacy for the interests of the local government sector; and
2.    notes, with pleasure, the election of Councillor Kathy Bryla to the Board of LGNSW.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

### **ORDER OF THE DAY – CONGRATULATIONS TO GREENWICH VILLAGE GAMES ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

Councillor Greenwell congratulated the Greenwich Village Games (GVG) Organising Committee on delivering a highly successful 2025 Games, and recognised the Committee's exceptional volunteer effort, leadership, and commitment to fostering inclusion and village spirit, which has ensured the continued success of this much-loved local tradition which brings together community members of all ages.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY – LANE COVE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDRAISING SUCCESS**

Councillor Little commended and congratulated the entire Lane Cove West Public School community for their incredible generosity and commitment to supporting vital health research. Council will write to the Acting Principal Roslyn Gee and student Charlotte Shanahan acknowledging their tremendous contribution to heart health and research.

## **PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**279**    **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Councillor Greenwell can supplement the Order of the Day on Greenwich Village Games.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

### **ORDER OF THE DAY – CONGRATULATIONS TO GREENWICH VILLAGE GAMES ORGANISING COMMITTEE (PART 2)**

Councillor Greenwell advised that the GoodSAM organisation was at the Greenwich Village Games to teach people CPR and register them on the GoodSAM app which identifies people who are CPR trained by location. There are now 600 people in Greenwich trained and registered - the highest of any location apart from London.

**ORDER OF THE DAY – LIGHTING OF THE LANE COVE CHRISTMAS TREE**

Councillor Bennison thanked the Council staff for preparing and delivering a great event in the evening heat on 5 December 2025.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION TO DEAL WITH AN ITEM AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

**280** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Southwood that Council consider the following late item as urgent, noting that the bus service cuts were announced by Busways after motions were due for consideration this month, and will take effect before our next Council meeting in February 2026.

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 Mayor, as Chair, indicated her support for the urgency of this motion, and the need for it to be considered at this time.

**MATTER OF URGENCY – BUSWAYS CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUSES IN OUR REGION**

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

1. write to Busways, Transport for NSW, the NSW Minister for Transport and the State MP for Lane Cove:
  - a) expressing concern about the proposed cuts to school bus services in our region including 640w, 642w, 644w, 646w, 648w, 650w (am), 652w (am), 653w, 662w, 776w, and 792w,
  - b) seeking further information on the data to support the proposed changes and information on what, if any, consultation has been undertaken with impacted school communities,
  - c) asking that the proposed cuts be delayed pending the release of data on the use of these services and appropriate consultation with impacted school communities;
2. reiterate our earlier calls for the Region 7 bus network to be brought back into public hands when the Busways lease expires in 2030, or earlier if feasible; and
3. write to the Member for Lane Cove, Mr Anthony Roberts, MP, noting that the privatisation of Region 7 buses was undertaken by the previous NSW Government during his tenure and seeks his advice on how he proposes to support the community and address the problems arising from this privatisation including service cuts.

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 - COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES ACROSS THE LANE COVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA**

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

1. affirm its strong commitment to supporting a safe, welcoming and connected community, and to prioritising community safety through proactive initiatives, partnerships and education programs;
2. request that Council staff coordinate the development of a Community Safety Mapping Project to assist NSW Police in identifying the location of safety cameras (CCTV) across the LGA. This includes CCTV installed in Council facilities as well as private systems voluntarily registered by residents and businesses, to support crime prevention, detection and incident resolution;
3. note that there is an existing CCTV register - NSW Police Force CCTV Register - on the NSW Police website, and promote this register for use by residents and businesses on Council's website and through other communication channels; and
3. request that Council staff develop a program of community-safety initiatives in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch Australia, the NSW Police Area Command and other relevant organisations. The program should focus on locally relevant, innovative and collaborative approaches that build community awareness, resilience and safer neighbourhoods. This may include further community education, neighbourhood-level engagement, safety-focused events and opportunities for residents to connect with Police and Council on local issues and prevention strategies. Programming and funding is to be considered as part of the Operational Plan and Budget for the 2026/27 financial year.

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 - ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DOGS IN LANE COVE**

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

1. receive a report for consideration ahead of the finalisation of the 2026/27 budget on the indicative cost to improve dog parks in Lane Cove including:
  - a) improving drainage at the Blackman dog park to bring it to the same or similar quality of drainage as the adjacent field;
  - b) fixing twisted wire, broken latches etc that may cause injuries to people and their dogs at dog parks across the LGA;
  - c) increasing routine mowing/weed maintenance within dog park areas across Lane Cove LGA;
  - d) installing improved ground surfacing options, such as turf reinforcement mesh or mulch in high-traffic areas within dog park areas across Lane Cove LGA;
  - e) removing broken glass, building debris and other dumped material within Turrumburra dog park; and

2. as an interim measure, investigate options to safely store a shovel to allow dog park users at Blackman to fill in holes as they see them; including inquiring with the Puppy Tail Cafe about the potential of storing a shovel.

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 Roenfeldt left the meeting, the time being 09:15 PM

Councillor Roenfeldt returned to the meeting, the time being 09:16 PM

Councillor Katie Little left the meeting, the time being 09:17 PM

Councillor Katie Little returned to the meeting, the time being 09:18 PM

#### **Item 4 NOTICE OF MOTION - SPORTS FIELD ACCESS TO SUPPORT GROWTH OF LANE COVE-ASSOCIATED SPORTS CLUBS**

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

1. a review of Council's existing Management Directive for Sportsground Hire be carried out to explore ways of enhancing the utilisation of Lane Cove sports fields by clubs associated with the Lane Cove community. This should include:
  - a) a review of sportsground hire for the past 24 months to determine the percentage of bookings that are made by groups and associations not associated with the Lane Cove Community;
  - b) discussions with Lane Cove-associated sporting clubs to understand their user needs for access to local sportsgrounds and understand unmet demand that currently exists;
  - c) a review of other LGA's policies and practices that are best practice which could inform a revised Management Directive; and
2. following the review, a report be presented back to Council outlining any recommended changes to the Management Directive.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**285** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council adjourn for 5 minutes.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

#### **RESUMPTION**

**286** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that the Council meeting resume at 9.44pm

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 5 NOTICE OF MOTION - DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A LANE COVE COUNCIL DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE STRATEGY**

**287** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Little and seconded by Councillor Bryla that Council:

1. confirms its commitment to building a community where all people can live free from violence and discrimination;
2. appreciates the initiatives that service providers continue to offer in support of those affected by family and domestic violence;
3. notes the valuable input from groups represented at the DFV roundtable discussions;
4. notes that Local Government NSW (LGNSW) is partnering with the state government to support councils in addressing the root causes of domestic, family, and sexual violence. The initiative is part of the NSW Government's Pathways to Prevention Strategy (NSW Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence 2024-2028), which aims to address the drivers of violence. This partnership has resulted in LGNSW obtaining grant funding;
5. contacts LGNSW (specifically Denise Anderson, Strategy Manager Social and Community) to understand the support that may be available to Lane Cove Council for implementation of prevention strategies under the partnership scheme;
6. staff report back to a meeting of Council, in Q1, 2026, with details on:
  - a) how Lane Cove Council can implement the "Framework for action 2024–2028" outlined in the NSW Government's Pathways to Prevention Strategy, including a plan to address the Priorities outlined in the Strategy and what support and resources can be obtained from the LGNSW and other NSW state agencies,
  - b) a budget to develop an organisational training framework for Council staff in for handling domestic violence disclosures or enquiring phone calls, and
  - c) a budget to produce a Domestic and Family Violence Resource Publication (online media and paper) as an easy to access, helpful document to the Lane Cove community in times of crisis and need.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

**288** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Councillor Little could speak for a further minute on Item 5.

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 6 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - SILVER POND INVESTMENTS PTY LTD VPA - VARIATION TO CANBERRA AVENUE SCOPE OF WORKS AND VPA - PROGRESS UPDATE  
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**289** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Flood that Council:

1. receive and note the report;
2. delegate authority to the General Manager to finalise discussions with Silver Pond Investments Pty Ltd ATF Silver Pond Unit Trust to reduce the scope of the Canberra Works and the Holdsworth Works as set out in the Planning Agreement and require the developer to pay in full the section 7.11 monetary contributions noting that the offset amount for the delivery of the works in-kind will now be paid to Council;
3. delegate authority to the General Manager to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to the variation to the scope of Canberra Works and Holdsworth Works under clauses 8.8 and 9.8 of the Planning Agreement; and
4. in the event that all necessary documentation is executed in accordance with 3 above and the offset amount is paid to Council, retains the full amount of the offset amount to be applied to the Holdsworth Works and to the Canberra Scope of Works (not including the demolition of Canberra Avenue and the removal of the road to its natural subgrade); and
5. be provided with an update on the status of the discussions with the landowner of Areas 18, 19 and 20 regarding delivery of the Holdsworth Pocket Park in the weekly Councillor Bulletin in February 2026.

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

Against the Motion were Councillors Bennison, Little and Roenfeldt (Total 3).

**Item 7 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - ONGOING FAILURE AND UNRELIABILITY OF VERTICAL TRANSPORT AT LANE COVE MARKET SQUARE**

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

1. receive and note the report; and
2. note the ongoing issues with air-conditioning and toilets are currently being addressed and will be reported to Councillors in the weekly bulletin.

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 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION REVIEW - SUBMISSION TO OLG**

**291** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council: endorse a submission (**AT-2**) related to the Local Government (General) Regulation Review and forward a copy of the final submission to the Office of Local Government, subject to the inclusion of a continuity safeguard clause ensuring that the existing Regulation remains in force until all stages of the proposed review are completed.

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**

**292** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Flood that Item 9 be recommitted, as action is required on the Draft Code of Meeting Practice

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 POST EXHIBITION - NEW MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

**293** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Southwood that Council:

1. adopt the Draft Code of Meeting Practice, subject to the deletion of clause 15.16 regarding expulsion from Council meetings; and
2. publish the adopted Code of Meeting Practice on the Council website, noting the Code will commence on 1 January 2026.

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 AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES - 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**294** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council note:

1. the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 30 September 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 11 NSW ALGWA CONFERENCE - COUNCILLOR CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE INTEREST**

**295 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Bryla that Council endorse the following Councillors – Councillors Southwood, Little, Flood, Kennedy, Greenwell, and Bryla – to attend the NSW ALGWA Conference 2026 hosted by Blacktown City Council, noting that those Councillors will advise the General Manager of their preferred days of attendance.

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 Bennison left the meeting, the time being 10:38 PM

Councillor Bennison returned to the meeting, the time being 10:40 PM

Councillor Kennedy left the meeting, the time being 10:41 PM

**Item 12 COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON CENTREHOUSE INC. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**296 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Southwood that Council: determine the primary Councillor representative on the Centrehouse Inc Management Committee to be Councillor Little, during the time that Councillor Kennedy is Committee President or until September 2026.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Councillor Kennedy returned to the meeting, the time being 10:44 PM

**Item 13 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM**

**MOTION** moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council:

1. receive and note the findings of this report and community consultation; and
2. not proceed with the grant program currently, as the consultation results indicate insufficient uptake within the hospitality sector to justify implementation.

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

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

The Motion was declared lost.

During debate on Item 13, and following a Point of Order, Councillor Bennison withdrew his comment at the Mayor's request.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**297 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Bennison that the Council meeting be extended until 11.30pm.

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 Flood foreshadowed the Motion below. Following the loss of the original Item 13 Motion, the foreshadowed Motion became the Motion for Council's consideration.

**Item 13 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM**

**298** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Little that Council:

1. receive and note the findings of this report and community consultation;
2. proceed with the pilot grant program noting there was positive public response to the survey and extend the grant program so that it is available to all Lane Cove businesses and not-for-profit organisations for Pride celebrations;
3. in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act, give 28 days' public notice of the extended grant program, and seek grant applications from Lane Cove businesses and not-for-profit organisations to host public-facing events under the program, the results of which are to be reported back to Council for a final decision; and
4. recognise that for Lane Cove to be a truly inclusive and connected community where everyone belongs, more work needs to be done to address homophobia and transphobia.

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).

**Item 14 ROTARY PEACE POLES PROPOSAL**

**299** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Bryla that Council:

1. endorse in principle the Rotary Lane Cove Peace Poles project;
2. approve the community consultation plan outlined in this report to seek feedback about location options and design opportunities;
3. approve the proposed installation of five (5) Peace Pole at a suitable location, subject to the outcomes of community consultation; and
4. authorise the General Manager (or delegate) to liaise with Rotary Lane Cove, and other stakeholders to progress the design and delivery of the project.

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**

**300** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that the Council meeting be extended until midnight.

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

Against the Motion were Councillors Southwood and Bryla (Total 2).

**Item 15 VENTEMANS REACH BOARDWALK AND REMEDIATION TENDER UPDATE**

**301** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that Council:

1. decline to accept all tender submissions as all tenders substantially exceeded the available budget for the project;
2. not call for fresh tenders pursuant to section 178(3)(e) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 (Regulations), and “enter into negotiations with any person (whether or not the person was a tenderer) with a view to entering into a contract in relation to the subject matter of the tender”. Under s178(4) of the Regulations:
  - a) decline to call fresh tenders because a field of suitably capable and experienced track construction and remediation of contaminated lands contractors were identified in the selective Tender, and
  - b) delegate authority to the General Manager to enter negotiations with preferred tenderers from Council's Request for Tender – Boardwalk Construction and Remediation works due to their demonstrated experience and, proposed method(s) to undertake the project (remediation only) or any other person.

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 16 MANAGING ABANDONED WATERCRAFT IN DUNOIS RESERVE, LONGUEVILLE - STAGE 2**

**302** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council:

1. adopt the proposed concept design (Attachment – AT-3);
2. move to commence development of an LGA wide strategy regarding watercraft management; and
3. implement the construction of the Dunois Reserve Watercraft Storage design alongside the development of the Lane Cove Council Watercraft Management Strategy.

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 17 DRAINAGE WORKS FOR POTTERY GREEN OVAL**

**303** **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council consider the Pottery Green Oval drainage works as part of the preparation of the 2026/27 Operational Plan and Budget.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).



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**304 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Roenfeldt and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Item 18 – Local Transport Forum, be considered in seriatim.

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 18 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - 18 NOVEMBER 2025**

**305 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Bennison that Council adopt the recommendations of the Lane Cove Local Transport Forum held on Tuesday 18 November 2025, with the exception of Item 2 and Item 4.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

**LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM – 18 NOVEMBER 2025 – ITEM 2**

**306 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council defer Item 2 of the Lane Cove Local Transport Forum, for further consultation with residents

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

**LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM – 18 NOVEMBER 2025 – ITEM 4**

**307 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council adopt the recommendation of Item 4 of the Lane Cove Local Transport Forum.

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

Against the Motion was Councillor Bennison (Total 1).

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**Item 19 COUNCIL SNAPSHOT NOVEMBER 2025**

**308 RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Flood and seconded by Councillor Southwood 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 11.40pm

Confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 19 February 2026, at which meeting the signature herein is subscribed.

**MAYOR**

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