



**Lane Cove
Council**

Minutes Public Forum Meeting 16 March 2026, 7:00 PM

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MINUTES**

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

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

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kennedy declared a non-pecuniary, significant conflict of interest in relation to Item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove, as she is the President of Centrehouse Inc.

ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Bennison attended remotely and came on-line at 7.06pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor gave an acknowledgement of Country.

WEBCASTING OF COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM MEETING

The Mayor advised those present that the Public Forum meeting was being webcast.

PUBLIC FORUM SEGMENT

REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Online

1. Louise Wilson of Riverview regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.

In Person

2. David Searson of Lane Cove North, regarding item 16.2 – Revised scope for Lane Cove North speed reduction proposal (Local Transport Forum), - Karilla Avenue cul-de-sac end line marking.
3. Jacky Barker of Lane Cove, regarding item 11.3 – Urgent Change of Building Manager – Lane Cove Market Square, and item 15.2 – Draft Submission to NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into Data Centre in NSW.
4. Troy Delmarge of Lane Cove, regarding item 14.2 – Inclusive Communities Grant and item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Criminalisation of the burning of the Australian National Flag.
5. Dan Keary representing Winten Property Group, regarding item 12.1 – Proposed Planning Agreement at 177 – 183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich.

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6. Cristina Renner representing the Winten Property Group, regarding item 12.1 – Proposed Planning Agreement at 177 – 183 Greenwich Road, Greenwich.
7. Glenn Poynton, Treasurer of Centrehouse Inc, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
8. Shaunagh Ashby of Lane Cove, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
9. Laura Matthew of Darlinghurst, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
10. Gary Gregg of Northwood, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
11. Jann Dark of Greenwich, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
12. Mavis Chan, representing Centrehouse Inc management committee, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
13. Julieanne Ashworth representing the Lane Cove Art Society, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
14. Caroline Kuruvilla of Lane Cove, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
15. Abby Chambers of Hunters Hill (Creative studios tutor), regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
16. Amanda Doctor representing Gallery Lane Cove and Studios (Creative studios tutor), regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
17. Miguel Olmo, Centre Director representing Centrehouse Inc (trading as Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios), regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
18. Ann Proudfoot of Rose Bay, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.
19. Robert Webb of Lane Cove North, regarding item 14.2 – Inclusive Communities Grant and item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Criminalisation of the burning of the Australian National Flag.
20. Catherine Briggs of Greenwich, regarding item 11.7 – Notice of Motion – The Gallery Lane Cove + Creative Studios – Sustaining our Arts Provision in Lane Cove.

COMMUNITY FORUM SEGMENT

Nil

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SEGMENT

Councillor Roenfeldt asked what is the priority and thus sequence of each of the four studies proposed for the Lane Cove North Shops (item 15.1)?

All the studies are required and are intended to be dealt with in unison, not in isolation, in order to get an adequate result.

Councillor Roenfeldt asked why is it not possible to be given more specific costs of the studies, rather than the ranges given in the report?

The report includes indicative costs based on past studies that Council has procured. Final costs are not known until Council goes out for requests for quotation or tender.

Councillor Southwood began to ask a question regarding compulsory acquisition provisions in the proposed Greenwich Road planning agreement (item 12.1). It was agreed that as this was about technical/legal content, it was better submitted in writing so the information could be provided subject to review.

Councillor Southwood asked, regarding the appointment of an expert planning member to the Local Planning Panel (item 15.4), whether the expert planning members are drawn from a panel or can we choose our own?

Council is required to choose from the NSW State Government list of approved experts, but it is open to Council to choose any member on that list.

Councillor Bryla asked how old is the Market Square building and have the vertical transport systems been replaced since it was built? (item 11.3)

The building is approximately 15 years old and the vertical transport systems have never been fully replaced since the original build.

Councillor Flood asked regarding the revised Lane Cove North Traffic Plan and Karilla Avenue (item 16.2), have any conversations been had with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) challenging their recommendation to add side markings and centre line to the cul-de-sac end given they are unlikely to have much of an impact due to there being no through traffic?

Council has consulted with TfNSW numerous times but they are adamant about the need for the line markings.

Councillor Flood asked are there any other options that would still achieve the 40km/hr speed limit, without having the line markings?

Speed cushions were considered west of Kurri Street but it was thought that these would be received negatively, with line markings being the less intrusive solution.

Councillor Flood asked, given the amount of objections from local residents, do we have time to consult on the other option and defer the line markings until this occurs?

The project needs to be completed by the end of the financial year and further consultation will mean that this cannot be achieved. The \$1m in grant funding needs to be expended by the end of the financial year. The funding timeline has already been extended.

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Councillor Roenfeldt asked whether there were other line marking materials available that are more environmentally friendly?

Water-based line marking is available but will not last as long as the polymer line marking product.

Councillor Southwood asked whether there were time/funding issues with the Northwood Road intersection project?

Council has received a Blackspot funding grant for this construction project. It does not expire at the end of this financial year - it possibly expires in August 2026.

Councillor Bryla asked regarding the suggested appointment of the planning panel member (item 15.4), how many other panel members were considered

There are 15 expert members on the panel and includes a very diverse mix with legal, architecture, urban design, heritage and planning expertise. The recommended applicant (Mr Kirk) reflects the skill and experience mix of the exiting panel member (Ms Swan). There are several hundred in the accredited pool and Mr Kirk had a very strong CV in a range of relevant areas.

Councillor Southwood asked, with the elimination of the Regional Planning Panel and the devolution of a lot of those responsibilities to the Local Planning Panel, are we considering expanding the number of members?

There is no proposal to expand the number of members. We have 15 members and only two are required at each meeting and there is rotation that provides diversity in decision making.

The Public Forum meeting closed at 8.28pm.

******* END OF PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES *******