



**Lane Cove
Council**

Minutes Ordinary Council Meeting 18 June 2026, 7:00 PM

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**Ordinary Council 18 June 2026
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Councillor Southwood (Mayor), Councillor Bennison, 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, Executive Officer to the GM and Minute Taker.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

2 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

APOLOGY

115 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Flood that the apology from Councillor Bryla be accepted.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

The Mayor gave an acknowledgement of Country.

4 MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR RELECTION OR PRAYER

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

5 NOTICE OF WEBCASTING OF MEETING

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

PROCEDURAL MOTION

116 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Flood that Item 13.3 Implications of the Disallowance of the Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice) Regulation 2025 be brought forward and considered as the next item.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 13.3 IMPLICATIONS OF THE DISALLOWANCE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) AMENDMENT (MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE) REGULATION 2025

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

1. note the NSW Legislative Council's disallowance of the Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting) Regulation 2025 on 26 May 2026 has the effect of reinstating the 2021 Model Code of Meeting Practice as the current prescribed Model Code.
2. rescind Resolution 293/2025 made at the 11 December 2025 Council Meeting.
3. confirm that the Code of Meeting Practice adopted on 21 August 2025 (Resolution 180/2025) is reinstated as Council's operative Code of Meeting Practice for the conduct of Council meetings under section 360 of the Local Government Act.
4. reaffirm Resolution 15/2026 of 19 February 2026 to hold Public Forum at 7pm on the Monday evening prior to the Ordinary Council meeting on Thursday.
5. in the event that the updated Code of Meeting Practice (2026) provides Councils with flexibility on the timing of the public forum, Council will undertake further consultation with the community on their preferred choice.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL - 21 MAY 2026

118 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Greenwell that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 21 May 2026 be received.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

119 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Bennison that the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on the 21 May 2026 be accepted.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

7 MAYORAL MINUTES

Item 7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - 2026 KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST

120 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood that Council:

- 1) acknowledge Lane Cove residents Professor William Rawlinson – AC; Rod Cooke OAM and John Devine OAM as recipients of 2026 King's Birthday Honours.
- 2) write to congratulate each of the three abovementioned recipients on this recognition and thank them for their contribution to our community and beyond.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item L.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - EXTENSION OF TERM OF MEMBERSHIP OF PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL TO UNDERTAKE MANAGEMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

121 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood that Council resolves to retain the composition of the General Manager's Performance Review Panel, established pursuant to Item 3 in Resolution **203/2025**, for the remainder of the Council term, subject to the right of Council to vary membership of the Panel after finalisation of the General Manager's Performance Agreement for the year ending 20 July 2027 if a vacancy naturally arises or if the full Council passes a formal resolution to reset the panel for the next annual cycle.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item L.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY REFORM

122 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Southwood that Council:

- 1) notes the NSW Treasury Options Paper on Emergency Services Levy reform.
- 2) supports reform of the Emergency Services Levy in principle, including the removal of the levy from insurance premiums and the removal of the current local government contribution.
- 3) notes Lane Cove Council's ESL contribution will increase by \$155,674 or approximately 12.9% in 2026/27.
- 4) notes concerns regarding the impacts of a land value-based levy on some Lane Cove property owners and supports transparent modelling of those impacts.
- 5) supports Revenue NSW administering any replacement levy.
- 6) opposes collection of the levy through council rate notices.
- 7) authorises the General Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, to lodge a submission to the Parliamentary Select Committee.
- 8) include a motion to this effect at the LGNSW Annual Conference in Wollongong in November 2026.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

8 PETITIONS

Item 8.1 PETITION: FUNDING DRAG QUEEN EVENTS IN LANE COVE

123 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council receive and note the petition.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

9 RECISSION MOTION

Nil

10 ITEMS OF BUSINESS BY EXCEPTION

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

125 RESOLVED on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that items L3, 13.4, 14.1, 14.2, 15.1, 16.1, 16.2 and 18.2 be determined without debate and their recommendations adopted.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Item 11.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - MAINTENANCE OF VACANT DEVELOPMENT SITES TO MANAGE SEDIMENT RUN-OFF AND TO ADDRESS VISUAL AMENITY OF PRECINCTS ADJACENT TO VACANT DEVELOPMENT SITES

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

1. investigates its powers to enforce:
 - a) maintenance of improvements and vegetation on development sites until commencement of construction, and
 - b) revegetation of sites that have been cleared and installation of appropriate sediment control measures until commencement of construction,and to recover from property owners these costs, if carried out by Council.
2. investigates the possibility of including in new development consent conditions provisions that require the grantee of a development consent to:
 - (a) maintain improvements and vegetation on the subject site or, in the event that improvements on the site have been demolished, to revegetate the site and to install appropriate sediment controls, until construction commences, and
 - (b) pay to Council a bond to secure compliance with the above provisions.
3. receives a report on items 1 and 2 at the September 2026 meeting of Council.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 11.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - DATA CENTRE COMPLIANCE AND REGULATION

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

1. notes that NSW planning and environment laws have not kept pace with the rapid rise of data centre developments and this has left NSW with inadequate compliance monitoring for the operation of data centres.
2. calls for improved regulation of data centres to ensure compliance across all aspects including development, day-to-day operations such as noise reports, fire safety standards etc, as well as water use and emissions targets.
3. writes to the Minister for Planning and the NSW Premier advocating for:
 - a) an interim boost in funding and resourcing to ensure NSW Planning can fulfil their regulatory role overseeing data centre compliance.
 - b) a further review into regulatory oversight of data centres with a view to establishing a single regulatory authority to oversee all matters relating to data centres including development compliance, operating standards such as noise reporting, fire safety requirements etc, emissions and water use targets.
 - c) an investigation into regulatory models that make it easier for communities to raise valid complaints and to have transparent oversight of data centre compliance..
 - d) the establishment of a State-funded program to assist local government areas hosting significant concentrations of State Significant data centre.

developments to undertake independent research into the cumulative impacts of data centres, including operational noise, low-frequency noise, generator emissions, water consumption, electricity demand, environmental impacts and community amenity.

- e) ensuring that the findings of such research are publicly available and considered as part of any future review of the planning, environmental or regulatory framework applying to data centres.
4. includes the above points in the council submission to the federal inquiry into AI and data centres and makes a request to the NSW Inquiry seeking to raise additional concerns about regulatory compliance.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 11.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - REVIEW OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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

1. reviews its current advisory committee structures and charters including:
 - a) investigation of structures used by other Councils that serve the same or similar purpose as Council's advisory committees, and
 - b) undertaking consultation with stakeholders including current advisory committees.

to develop suggested structures and charters for advisory committees or other structures to facilitate two-way communication, engagement, and understanding between the community and Council consistent with Council's Community Strategic Plan.
2. receives a report by the June 2027 meeting of Council on draft recommended advisory committee structures (or similar structures) and charters, following which extensive community consultation of the draft structure and charters will be conducted with a report back on consultation feedback no later than the June 2028 meeting of Council.
3. retains the current advisory committee structures and charters until the end of the current term of Council, with the intention that any structures approved pursuant to the review will be in place for the commencement of the next term of Council.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 11.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - E-BIKE SAFETY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

1. notes the increasing use of e-bikes and other personal mobility devices within the Lane Cove local government area and the associated community concerns regarding safety, compliance, and responsible use.
2. writes to the NSW Minister for Roads, the NSW Minister for Transport, and the NSW Minister for Youth seeking:
 - a) enhanced state-wide education campaigns on e-bike safety and road rules,
 - b) greater enforcement of existing regulations relating to illegal e-bikes and unsafe riding behaviour,
 - c) consideration of additional measures to improve rider, pedestrian and road user safety,
 - d) support for local government initiatives that promote e-bike safety education.
 - e) increased funding allocation for local government from share bike schemes to support delivery of infrastructure such as geofenced parking, separated cycleways etc. to help improve e-bike safety.
3. requests Council staff prepare and deliver a community education campaign on e-bike safety, including:
 - a) educational content distributed through Council's social media channels, website, newsletters and other communication platforms,
 - b) information materials outlining legal requirements, safe riding practices, and shared path etiquette,
 - c) collaboration with Council's Road Safety Team to develop and promote safety awareness initiatives,
 - d) engagement with local schools and community organisations where appropriate.
4. supports the establishment of community engagement opportunities, including pop-up information stalls attended by interested Councillors and Council staff at suitable community events and locations, to provide residents with information on e-bike safety and responsible use.
5. requests Council staff explore opportunities through Synergy Youth Centre and by partnering with other youth-focused organisations to deliver targeted education and engagement programs for young people regarding e-bike safety, road rules and responsible riding behaviour.
6. receives a report within six months outlining the actions undertaken, community engagement outcomes, and any further recommendations to improve e-bike safety within Lane Cove.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 11.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - FUTURE FUNDING OF BUSINESSES HOSTING DRAG QUEEN EVENTS

MOTION

The Motion was moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Taylor that Council:

1. acknowledge the petition lodged with Council opposing the use of ratepayer funds to support businesses hosting drag queen events in Lane Cove.
2. note the concerns raised by petitioners regarding the allocation of ratepayer funds and Council spending priorities.
3. resolve that Council will not provide future funding, grants, sponsorships, subsidies, or fee waivers to businesses for the purpose of hosting drag queen events.

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

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

The Motion was declared lost.

12 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

Item 12.1 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - URGENT CHANGE OF BUILDING MANAGER - LANE COVE MARKET SQUARE

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

1. note the report.
2. note that Region Group intend to continue to engage Knight Frank to manage its operations and facilities as part of its broader national facilities management framework.
3. as a member of the Building Management Committee (BMC) of Market Square in conjunction with the Region Group, commence the procurement for engaging a Centre Manager, responsible for the management and coordination of the base building, shared facilities, and common property on behalf of the BMC/Strata.
4. request the General Manager, in preparation of documents to engage a Centre Manager, prepare performance measures and appropriate termination clauses to be included in any contract. This information is to be provided to the Councillors via the Councillor Bulletin, prior to commencing procurement.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item L.3 RESPONSE TO NSW OMBUDSMAN SPECIAL REPORT - INVESTIGATION INTO ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE SAFETY OBLIGATIONS AT A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN LANE COVE

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

1. notes and accepts the findings and recommendations of the NSW Ombudsman's Final Report on the "Investigation into Enforcement of Fire Safety Obligations at a Residential Building in Lane Cove" which was tabled in the NSW Parliament on 29 May 2026.
2. formally apologises to the Owners of SP91522 for acting contrary to law and the unreasonableness of Council's actions as an owner within the premises known as 1-5 Pottery Lane, Lane Cove ("the Premises") in respect of:
 - (a) failure to take enforcement against the Premises' owners (including itself and the Owners of SP95211) under the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021, contrary to its usual Enforcement Policy approach; and
 - (b) failure as an owner of lots 1-5, and majority owner and member of the Building Management Committee, to provide annual fire safety statements for the Premises for the years 2018-2025 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021.
3. endorse the attached Response to the NSW Ombudsman and the Implementation and Action Plan.
4. receive a further report when the Implementation and Action Plan has been completed to the satisfaction of the NSW Ombudsman.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

13 CORPORATE SERVICES AND STRATEGY DIVISION REPORTS

Item 13.1 POST EXHIBITION - DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM & 2026/27 OPERATIONAL PLAN, INCLUDING 2026/27 BUDGET, FEES AND CHARGES, RESOURCING STRATEGY AND ASSOCIATED RESOURCE PLANS

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

1. note the submissions received from the community, together with responses to the matters raised in the submissions as attached to this report **AT-1**.
2. where identifiable, write to each of the members of the community and organisations who provided input into the draft Plans, thanking them for their input and providing responses to the issues raised in their submissions.
3. note the increase to the Emergency Services Levy for 2026/27 which will need to be reflected in the published versions of relevant documents.
4. note the changes to the Long-Term Financial Plan outlined in this report.
5. adopt the 2026/27 Budget, 2026-30 Delivery Program and 2026/27 Operational Plan (which includes the Draft 2026/27 Fees and Charges), and the Draft Resourcing Strategy and associated Resource Plans contained within **AT-2, AT-3, AT-4, AT-5, AT-6 and AT-7**;
6. make and levy the following Rates and Annual Charges for 2026/27:
 - a) Rates
 - (i) An Ordinary Residential Rate of 0.077674 cents in the dollar, on the Land Value of all Rateable Land categorised as Residential in accordance with s.516 of the Local Government Act, (with the exception of heritage properties which are rated on their heritage value), with a Minimum Rate of \$1,123.68, to yield \$26,968,171;
 - (ii) An Ordinary Business Rate of 0.478237 cents in the dollar, on the Land Value of all Rateable Land categorised as Business in accordance with s.518 of the Local Government Act, with a Minimum Rate of \$1,147.81 to yield \$7,248,632; and
 - (iii) Council being of the opinion that works related to the construction and maintenance of car parking facilities will be of benefit to the Lane Cove Village Commercial Area, (as defined by the meet's and bounds description advertised in the North Shore Times on 13 June, 1979), that a Parking Special Rate of 0.184626 cents in the dollar be made for 2026/27 on the Land Value of all_rateable land within that part, in accordance with S.538 of the Local Government Act 1993, with a Minimum Rate of \$2.00, to yield \$210,313.
 - b) Domestic Waste Management Charges:
 - (i) In accordance with S.496 of the Local Government Act 1993, that an annual charge of \$637.65 per annum be made for the year 2026/27, for domestic waste management services rendered to all properties categorised residential or non-rateable residential, for each once weekly 80 litre MGB (or equivalent) service;
 - (ii) In accordance with S.496 of the Local Government Act 1993, that an annual charge of \$144.95 per annum be made for the year 2025/26, for Domestic Waste Management Services for residential vacant land and service availability;

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c) Stormwater Management Service Charges:

In accordance with clauses 125A and 125AA of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 and Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993, annual charges for the year 2026/27 for Stormwater Management Services be made and levied as follows:

All parcels of vacant land	Free
All Residential Strata Units	\$12.50 per unit
Residential flats, community title, tenants-in-common residential units	\$12.50 per flat / unit
Land categorised as Residential	\$25.00 per property
All Business strata units	\$5.00 per unit
Land categorised as Business	\$25.00 per 350m ²

d) Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges:

In accordance with the provisions of S.566(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby resolves that the interest rate to apply for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 to all outstanding rates and charges be calculated at the interest rate of 9.5%.

7. establish an Internally Restricted Reserve with an initial \$135,000 being available for the purpose of minor capital works. The changes to give effect to the establishment of the Internally Restricted Reserve and transfer of the Ward Funds to the Reserve be reflected in the September Quarter Budget Statement.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 13.2 PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY, DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY, AND DRAFT DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

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

1. place the following documents on public exhibition for a period of six weeks:
 - a) Draft Community Engagement Policy,
 - b) Draft Community Engagement Strategy including an amendment to specify that public exhibition will not commence between the period of 15 December to 10 January inclusive
 - c) Draft Digital Engagement Strategy.
2. receive a report on the outcomes of the public exhibition process.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 13.4 POST EXHIBITION - DRAFT RESTRICTED (CASH) RESERVES POLICY AND DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

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

1. note the outcomes of the public exhibition of the draft Internal Reserves Policy and the draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy.
2. adopt the draft Internal Reserves Policy and the draft Infrastructure Asset Management Policy, as attached to this report, and publish both documents on Council's website.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

14 COMMUNITY AND CULTURE DIVISION REPORTS

Item 14.1 POST EXHIBITION - ROTARY PEACE POLES PROJECT

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

1. note the outcomes of the community consultation undertaken for the Rotary Peace Poles Project.
2. endorse the installation of the Rotary Peace Poles at Location 3 adjacent to the canopy lifts at the rear of the stage within The Canopy precinct, subject to final design, accessibility and operational approvals.
3. thank the Rotary Club of Lane Cove for its contribution to community wellbeing and cultural initiatives within Lane Cove.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 14.2 DRAFT SUBMISSION - NSW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHILDREN 2027 - 2030

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

1. endorse the submission to NSW Strategic Plan for Children and Young People 2027–2030, as attached to this report.
2. authorise the General Manager, or their delegate, to lodge the submission with the NSW Office for Youth ahead of the 30 June 2026 deadline.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 14.3 TENDER OUTCOME - LANE COVE AQUATIC CENTRE ELECTRIFICATION UPGRADE

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

1. accept the tender submitted by Hirotec for the Electrification of the Lane Cove Aquatic Centre.
2. authorise the General Manager to enter into all necessary contractual documentation to give effect to this resolution.
3. authorise the General Manager to approve variations within the approved project budget where required.

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

Against the Motion was Councillor Bennison (Total 1).

15 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION REPORTS

Item 15.1 DRAFT SUBMISSION - LOW-RISE HOUSING REFORMS AND TARGETED ASSESSMENT

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

1. endorse the Lane Cove Council submission to the Low-rise housing reforms and targeted assessment.
2. authorise the General Manager to finalise Council's submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 15.2 DRAFT SUBMISSION - VARIATIONS AND CHANGES TO COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT

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

1. endorse the Lane Cove Council submission to the NSW Government's proposed variations and changes to Complying Development, including a point calling for a council arborist to be required to sign off on development within 3 metres of a tree, rather than relying on an arborist paid for by the proponent.
2. authorise the General Manager to finalise Council's submission and to submit it to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 15.3 DRAFT SUBMISSION - FEDERAL PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DATA CENTRES

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

1. endorse the Lane Cove submission to the Federal Government's Environment and Communications References Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Data Centres, including the following points.
 - (a) Council advocates for a moratorium on data centre approvals until such time as the planning laws and regulations are updated to address community and environmental concerns with hyperscale data centres,
 - (b) calls for data centres to deliver new renewable energy infrastructure to support their growing energy demands rather than relying on the grid or existing renewable energy supply alone,
 - (c) calls for increased requirements for fire safety standards and regulations relating to data centres, particularly in residential zones and areas close to bushland.
2. authorise the General Manager to finalise Council's submission to the Federal Government's Environment and Communications References Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Data Centres.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

16 OPEN SPACE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION REPORTS

Item 16.1 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTIONS - HABITAT LOG SALVAGE PROGRAM AND ENHANCING URBAN BIODIVERSITY THROUGH SCALABLE HABITAT INITIATIVES

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

1. endorse the implementation of a Habitat Log Salvage program whereby hollow or partially hollow logs generated through Council tree maintenance works are retained and repurposed as habitat structures for bushland programs.
2. develops an initiative that encourages residents to utilise materials found on their own property or from Council's stockpile of hollow logs for use as artificial habitat refuges.
3. support partnerships with local groups such as the Men's Shed or qualified carpentry practitioners to deliver upcycling workshops and habitat-making activities.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 16.2 LOCAL TRANSPORT FORUM - MAY 2026

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

That Council adopt the recommendations of the Lane Cove Local Transport Forum held on Tuesday 19 May 2026.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

17 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

18 OFFICER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Item 18.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE - NORTH SHORE POLICE AREA COMMAND

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

1. note the report.
2. write to the North Shore Police Area Command seeking information on why there has been an increase in non-domestic assaults and malicious damage, and the reasons for the reduction in property-related crime, including whether crime prevention initiatives and security technologies have contributed to these results. This information may assist Council in identifying measures to improve community safety in Lane Cove.

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

Item 18.2 COUNCIL SNAPSHOT MAY 2026

144 **RESOLVED** on the motion moved by Councillor Bennison and seconded by Councillor Roenfeldt that Council receives and notes the Council Snapshot for May 2026, the Resolution Tracker for the 18 June 2026 Council meeting, and the minutes of the following Advisory Committees:

- Access and Age-Friendly Advisory Committee – February and April 2026
- Bicycle Advisory Committee – May 2026
- Bushland Management Advisory Committee – April 2026
- Carisbrook House Advisory Committee – May 2026
- Companion Animal Advisory Committee – May 2026
- Inclusive Communities Committee – April 2026
- Kindy Cove Management Advisory Committee – April and May 2026
- Sporting Club Advisory Committee – May 2026
- Sustainability Advisory Committee – May 2026
- Youth Advisory Group – May 2026

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

Against the Motion was Nil (Total 0).

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MINUTES**

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

1. Anthony Loong of suburb not provided, regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation,
2. Tom Lawson of suburb not provided, regarding item 13.3 – Implications of the disallowance of the Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice) regulation 2025,
3. Adrienne Kabos of Lane Cove, regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation,
4. Darvan Sinnetamby of Lane Cove, regarding item 13.1 – Post exhibition – draft Delivery Program & 2026/27 Operational Plan, including 2026/27 Budget, Fees and Charges, Resourcing Strategy and Associated Resource Plans,
5. Karen Tam of Lane Cove West, regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation,
6. Shauna Forrest on behalf of Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society, regarding item 11.1 – Notice of Motion – Maintenance of vacant development sites to manage sediment run-off and to address visual amenity of precincts adjacent to vacant development sites; item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation, and item 13.3 – Implications of the disallowance of the Local Government (General) Amendment (Model Code of Meeting Practice) regulation 2025,
7. Peet Kerjan of Lane Cove West regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation,
8. Jonathan Loong of Lane Cove West regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation
9. Simon and Emma Robinson of Lane Cove West regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation
10. Katherine Sainty of Lane Cove regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation
11. Carolyn McGregor representing 1st Lane Cove Scout Group, regarding item 11.2 - Notice of Motion – Data Centre Compliance and Regulation.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 July 2026, at which meeting the signature herein is subscribed.

MAYOR

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