

NONE

**COMMENCEMENT**

The meeting opened with Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer at 6pm.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Mayor Zac Miles, Councillors Julia Prieston, Carol Tannous Sleiman, Tatyana Virgara, Marc Lane and Ross Williams.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Acting General Manager, Nick Tobin, Director Community and Customer Services Annie Goodman, Director Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability Samantha Urquhart, Director Town Planning Steve Kourepis, Chief Financial Officer, Christian Munday, Recording Jade Reed and Minute Taker Marisa Dogao

**APOLOGIES**

Cr Carla Kassab

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor called for Declarations of Interest and the Acting General Manager, Nick Tobin declared and interest in relation to Item 8.2, Appointment of General Manager.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**167/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Prieston, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

That the Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 4548, 25 August 2025 be confirmed.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously

**TABLING OF PETITIONS****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

Nil

## ADDRESSES FROM THE PUBLIC

### PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

See Items 4.1 and 4.3

## COUNCIL REPORTS

- 4.1 REVIEW OF HUNTERS HILL LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012 AND HUNTERS HILL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2013

### PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Ms Maureen Flowers addressed the meeting. Ms Flowers was granted an extension of time, moved by Cr Williams and seconded by Cr Lane.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Tatyana Virgara
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The Recommendation was MOVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Prieston, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

That Council Resolve to:

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2. Subject to (1) above, advise the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure that Council will be seeking to be authorised as the Local Plan Making Authority.
3. Subject to (1) above, Council endorse for public exhibition the Planning Proposal as outlined in (1) and the Development Control Plan included as Attachment 2 of this report.
4. Note that following public exhibition, the Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan would be reported back to Council detailing the outcome of the public exhibition period at which time Council may resolve:

- a. To proceed with the Planning Proposal and/or Development Control Plan as exhibited.
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5. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make amendments to the Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan that:
  - a. Are minor and do not alter the intent of the Planning Proposal or Development Control Plan; or
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An AMENDMENT was moved by Cllr Marc Lane seconded by Cllr Ross Williams that:

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4. Council, prior to public exhibition, is to hold a workshop on the Development Control Plan in Attachment 2, particularly sections:
  - a. 3.9 in consideration of the low medium rise reforms, and
  - b. 4.4 to align site definitions with Gladesville PP and consider design of remaining sites.
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For	Against
Councillor Marc Lane	Mayor Zac Miles
Councillor Ross Williams	Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston
	Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman
	Councillor Tatyana Virgara

The AMENDMENT was LOST

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4. That at an upcoming Councillor briefing, Councillors are briefed in relation to the development control plan and its departures from the prior document.
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The AMENDMENT was CARRIED unanimously and became the MOTION

Cr Williams moved an amendment, seconded by Cr Lane

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- 7. That Council includes a clause entitled urban heat in the LEP that uses the clause in Penrith LEP 2010 clause 7.30.

Deputy Mayor Prieston Prieston left the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Deputy Mayor Prieston Prieston returned to the meeting at 6:49 pm

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Councillor Ross Williams	Mayor Zac Miles
	Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston
	Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman
	Councillor Tatyana Virgara
	Councillor Marc Lane

The AMENDMENT was LOST

**168/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Prieston, seconded Councillor Virgara

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Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED unanimously

#### 4.2 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE UPDATE TO THE CLARKE'S POINT RESERVE AND MORTS RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

##### PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

**169/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Deputy Mayor Prieston, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That representatives to the Community Advisory Group for the updated Plan of Management for Clarke's Point Reserve and Morts Reserve Plan of Management consist of:
  - One (1) Councillor as nominated.
  - Two (2) community members to be selected from the *Confidential Attachment*.
  - One (1) representative from the Hunters Hill Sailing Club as nominated in the *Confidential Attachment*.

- Two (2) Council Officers being the Acting General Manager and Director, Community & Customer Service.
  - Two (2) commercial representatives being a representative from the Deckhouse and a representative from the Balmoral Australia (Woolwich Dock).
  - One (1) representative from the Sydney Harbour Trust.
3. That the first meeting of the Community Advisory Group happens as soon as practicable following its formation.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Ross Williams
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	

The MOTION was CARRIED

The following representatives were voted and endorsed by Council:

- Cr Virgara
- Richard White and Nicholas Yap
- Alternate Community Representative – Coral Di Giovanni

#### 4.3 REVISED CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

##### PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

Mr Jim Sanderson addressed the meeting. Mr Sanderson was granted an extension of time, moved by Cr Williams and seconded by Cr Lane.

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For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	Councillor Tatyana Virgara
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

Ms Annette Gallard addressed the meeting. Ms Gallard was granted an extension of time, moved by Cr Williams and seconded by Mayor Miles (carried with the casting vote of the Mayor).

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston
Councillor Marc Lane	Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman
Councillor Ross Williams	Councillor Tatyana Virgara



**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Endorse the DRAFT Code of Meeting Practice attached to this report (see **Attachment 3**).
2. Place the endorsed Code of Meeting Practice on exhibition for a period of not less than 42 days, inviting submissions from the public.
3. Receive a further report on the Code of Meeting Practice that includes consideration of any submissions made within the time allowed, prior to formal adoption.

Councillor ML Lane left the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Councillor ML Lane returned to the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Councillor TS Tannous Sleiman left the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Councillor TS Tannous Sleiman returned to the meeting at 7:25 pm.

**170/25** RESOLVED on the AMENDED MOTION of Clr Virgara, seconded Clr Tannous Sleiman

1. Endorse the DRAFT Code of Meeting Practice attached to this report (see **Attachment 3**).
2. Place the draft and the endorsed Code of Meeting Practice on exhibition for a period of not less than 42 days, inviting submissions from the public.
3. Receive a further report on the Code of Meeting Practice that includes consideration of any submissions made within the time allowed, prior to formal adoption.

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Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Ross Williams
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	

The MOTION was CARRIED

## CARRIED MOTION

- 171/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman that Items 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.12, 4.13 and 4.14 be moved in block.

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Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Ross Williams
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	

The MOTION was CARRIED

#### 4.4 MANAGING UNREASONABLE COMPLAINANT CONDUCT POLICY

## PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

- 172/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman that:

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That the amendments to the draft Managing Unreasonable Conduct by Complainants Policy be adopted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

## 4.5 REFERRAL OF DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUDIT

## PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

**173/25**

RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. That Council endorses the Draft Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2025, that have been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, the Regulations, the Australian Accounting Standards, and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice.
2. That Council declares there are no business activities requiring the preparation of Special Purpose Financial Statements.
3. That the Statement by Councillors and Management be signed by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Acting General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer (Chief Financial Officer).
4. Council notes and approves the internally restricted assets contained in this report.
5. The Draft Annual Financial Statements be formally referred for audit in accordance with section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

## 4.6 INVESTMENTS REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2025

## PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

**174/25**

RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. That the report on Investments held at 31 August 2025, prepared in accordance with clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	

Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

#### 4.7 PROPOSED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE - HENLEY

##### PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

**175/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman that:

1. That Council endorse the installation of 2 x electric vehicle fast chargers with 4 x dedicated charging bays within the carpark of Crown St (cnr Victoria Rd) Henley.
2. That Council endorses the associated changes to carpark configuration to allow for charging according to the Australian Standard 2890.1-1986 Parking Facilities.
3. That Council endorse the General Manager (or delegated representative) to execute the necessary documents associated with the proposal including the Licence Agreement with NRMA.
4. That Council commit the revenue received annually from the Licence Agreement to the Sustainability Reserve to fund future sustainability projects.

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Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

**4.8 MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL AND EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 JULY 2025****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

**176/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman  
That the Minutes be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

**4.9 MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2025****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

**177/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman  
That the Minutes be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

**4.10 MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2025****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

MOVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman  
That the Minutes be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

**4.11 MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL AND EVENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2025****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

**178/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman  
That the Minutes be received and noted.

RECORD OF VOTING	
For	Against
Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

**4.12 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY IN AUGUST 2025****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

**179/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. That the report be received and noted.

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Mayor Zac Miles	
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

**4.13 REPORT OF LEGAL MATTERS - AUGUST 2025****PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF**

**180/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. That the report be received and noted.

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Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

## 4.14 COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND WORKSHOPS

## PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

**181/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Lane, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. That the report be received and noted.

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For	Against
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Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Prieston formally thanked Gabby and her team for a successful Moocooboola festival. We have had only positive reviews.

Mayor Zac Miles gave a shout out to Hunters Hill Rugby of being undefeated in the division, 16 consecutive wins and they have won the suburban Rugby Union Cup as well.

Councillor Tannous- Sleiman acknowledged the Jewish residents and wish them a Happy Shana Tova (Jewish New Year).

## QUESTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE

## 7.1 CR CAROL TANNOUS-SLEIMAN

## PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

**QUESTION FROM CR TANNOUS-SLEIMAN:****Question or Service Requested:**

1. Does the conduct of Councillor Marc Lane set out below and in the circumstances below, in the professional opinion of the General Manager:



- a) constitute a potential breach of the Code of Conduct for Councillors by reason of it:
  - i) being misleading or unfair;
  - ii) misrepresenting Council policies or decisions;
  - iii) damaging the reputation of Council;
- 2. Is the General Manager otherwise concerned with the accuracy of each of the Statements of Councillor Lane set out below?
- 3. Is the General Manager otherwise concerned that the conduct of concern, considered as a whole, constitutes a pattern of Councillor Lane failing to facilitate communication between the community and Council in a fair manner.

### Conduct of Concern

#### First concern

In an email dated 4 August 2025 sent by Councillor Lane to a resident, Councillor Lane wrote:

*"I reached out to the Hunters Hill community as I always do as a councillor on issues, my amendments reflected their thoughts and concerns - which I shared with the Mayor and Councillor Tannous-Sleiman well prior to the night [of the Council Meeting], to deafening silence. I find that curious."* (the **First Statement**).

The First Statement conveyed the impression that:

- A. Councillor Lane contacted the Mayor and Councillor Tannous-Sleiman more than some hours before the Council Meeting. When in truth it was only around 10:03am on the very day of the Council Meeting that Councillor Lane sent a text to the Mayor and Councillor Tannous-Sleiman.
- B. By the words "deafening silence", the Mayor and Councillor Tannous-Sleiman did not respond to Councillor Lane. When in truth both the Mayor and Councillor Tannous-Sleiman responded to Councillor Lane's text message referred to in A above.

#### Second concern

On 26 June 2025, Councillor Lane posted a reel on Instagram with the headline:

**"Do you want your street sold?"** (the **Second Statement**)

In context of the reel, the Second Statement gave the impression that Council and/or a particular Councillor was seeking to sell residential streets, including Lloyd Avenue. When in truth there is no motion or proposal at all for the sale of any street in Municipality, including Lloyd Avenue.

### Third concern

On 24 June 2025, Councillor Lane posted another reel in relation to Council's decisions on youth funding, stating:

*"Unfortunately, the motion after much hand wringing was watered down to a general look at youth programs generally and going to many schools because \$15,000 is a lot of money as I was told... what you may not have realised is that towards the end of the council session there was another item which was to spend about \$15,000 on the flying fox colony which was also unbudgeted. Uh, I'm not saying there's anything wrong with spending money on flying foxes, but I do think it's interesting that there wasn't a whisper of debate about that \$15,000 being spent on pruning trees." (the **Third Statement**)*

The Third Statement gives the impression that the majority of Councillors simply did not want to expend funds on the particular youth programs advanced by Councillor Lane and, instead negligently or recklessly agreed to expend funds of tree pruning. When in fact and truth:

- A. The amendments passed by the majority of Councillors were concerned to ensure the amount of funding was appropriate and the programs to be funded would have the widest possible benefit to the Municipality. The Third Statement has not been corrected or qualified, despite the concerns of the majority of Councillors being correct. At the 28 July 2025 Council Meeting Councillor Lane was informed by the relevant Council Director that the actual cost of the program was \$9,000 (not the \$15,000 Councillor Lane sought to be spent).

### RESPONSE:

1. a) i) No  
ii) Yes  
iii) No comment
2. Yes
3. No comment

Councillor Williams called an act of disorder relating section 3.15 in the code of meeting practice. The Mayor ruled that the code of meeting practice is being adhered to and that any further questions relating to code of conduct be referred to the General Manager

## COUNCIL IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

**182/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Tannous Sleiman, seconded Councillor Prieston

1. THAT pursuant to Section 10A subsections 2 & 3 and Section 10B of the *Local Government Act, 1993* (as amended) the following items on the agenda for the Ordinary Council meeting be dealt with in Closed Session for the reasons specified below:
2. The press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Council in Closed Session on the basis that these items are considered to be of a confidential nature.

### **8.1 Appointment of General Manager**

Item 8.1 is confidential in accordance with s10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* because it contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

3. That the Minutes and Business Papers including any reports, correspondence, documentation or information relating to such matter be treated as confidential and be withheld from access by the press and public, until such time as the Council resolves that the reason for confidentiality has passed or become irrelevant.

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Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was CARRIED

## OPEN COUNCIL RESUMED

**183/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Virgara, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

That at 08:40pm the meeting resume in Open Council and the gallery be invited back into the Chamber.

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For	Against
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Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	
Councillor Marc Lane	
Councillor Ross Williams	

The MOTION was PASSED unanimously

## REPORT OF COUNCIL IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The Mayor advised that during closed session, Item 8.1 was passed.

8.1 APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

## PROCEEDINGS IN BRIEF

**184/25** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Virgara, seconded Councillor Tannous Sleiman

1. That the Consultant's report be received and noted.
2. That the Council selects the new General Manager following deliberation and consideration of the recruitment panel's recommendations.
3. That subject to completion of reference checks, the Mayor is granted delegated authority to finalise the appointment of Candidate A to the position of General Manager on a five (5) year performance based contract in accordance with OLG Guidelines for the appointment and oversight of general managers, with a total remuneration package (TRP) as agreed by Council.

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Mayor Zac Miles	Councillor Marc Lane
Deputy Mayor Julia Prieston	Councillor Ross Williams
Councillor Carol Tannous Sleiman	
Councillor Tatyana Virgara	

The MOTION was CARRIED

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 8:42pm.

I confirm that these Minutes are a true and accurate record of Ordinary Meeting No. 4549 held on 22 September 2025.

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Councillor Zac Miles  
MAYOR

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Nick Tobin  
GENERAL MANAGER