



**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHEDULED FOR 18 FEBRUARY 2025
POSTPONED AND HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2025**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun

Councillor Adjei

Councillor Ammoun

Councillor Dr Green

Councillor Harle

Councillor Harte

Councillor Ibrahim

Councillor Macnaught

Mr Jason Breton, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support

Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle

Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance

Ms Michelle Mcilvenny, Director Customer Experience & Business Performance

Mr Shayne Mallard, Director City Futures

Mr Peter Scicluna, Acting Director Operations

Mr David Galpin, General Counsel, Manager Governance, Legal and Procurement

Mr David Day, Head of Governance

Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer

Mr Mark Hannan, Manager City Planning

Ms Brianna Van Zyl, Executive Planner

Mr Dan Riley, Manager Development Engineering

Ms Toulia Athanasiou, Road Safety Officer

Ms Rachel Palermo, Road Safety Officer

Ms Javeria Hoda, Community Development Worker Funding and Support

Ms Jacqueline Newsome, Coordinator Community Development

Ms Justine Young, Acting Manager Civic and Executive Services

Ms Melissa Wray, Councillor Executive and Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 10.32am

APOLOGIES

Councillor Karnib

Councillor Monaghan

Councillor Ristevski

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

ITEM NO: ITEM 01

FILE NO: 016978.2025

SUBJECT: Inclusion of a Minimum Lot Width for Dual Occupancies in the Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008

COMMITTEE DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Adjei** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

That the Governance Committee:

1. Receives and notes this Report; and
2. Endorses a single minimum lot width of 15 metres for all Dual Occupancies in the R2 Low Density Residential zone of the *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008*.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

ITEM NO: ITEM 02
FILE NO: 403616.2024
SUBJECT: School Access and Safety

COMMITTEE DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Deputy Mayor Harle** **Seconded: Cllr Adjei**

That the Governance Committee note the issues and activities by Council around schools in the LGA to maintain safe and efficient traffic movements, encourage safe driver behaviour, encourage parking turning over and minimise illegal parking, and what we are working toward for better school site planning, transport services to schools and travel behaviour change incentives.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

ITEM NO: ITEM 03
FILE NO: 043108.2025
SUBJECT: Budget FY 2025/26 Information: Council Activity Report

COMMITTEE DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Dr Green** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

That the Governance Committee:

1. Receives and notes the report.
2. Considers for the purpose of identifying priority allocation, where investment in activities/projects should be considered in preparing the 2025/26 budget and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

ITEM NO: ITEM 04
FILE NO: 035210.2025
SUBJECT: Grants Donations and Sponsorship Program

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee:

1. Notes the Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Program, Policy, and the Grant management process;
2. Provides feedback on the inclusion of additional eligibility criteria in an amendment to the Community Grants, Donations and Sponsorship Policy :
 - Applicants must have an annual financial turnover of less than \$3,000,000 as indicated in the previous years audited financial statements; and
 - Applicants must an annual operating surplus no greater than \$150,000 as indicated in the previous years audited financial statements.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Motion: **Moved:** **Clr Dr Green** **Seconded:** **Clr Macnaught**

That the Governance Committee:

1. Notes the Grants Donations and Community Sponsorship Program, Policy, and the Grant management process that was used with no changes and the reporting requirements.
2. That the Governance Committee notes the due diligence undertaken by Council Officers in the grants assessments process:
3. Supports the discontinuation of the Council resolution from 20 November 2024, which required that a copy of the grant application be provided as an addendum to future grant reports.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO: ITEM 05
FILE NO: 009689.2025
SUBJECT: Review of the Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct Procedures

COMMITTEE DECISION

Motion: **Moved:** **Clr Macnaught** **Seconded:** **Clr Dr Green**

That the Governance Committee recommends to Council that the Draft Code of Conduct and Draft Code of Conduct Procedures be reported to the Council meeting of the 26 March 2025 for consideration and adoption.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

ITEM NO: ITEM 06/ CONF 01

FILE NO: 049914.2025

SUBJECT: NATIVE TITLE PROCEEDINGS: SOUTH COAST PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM (NSD 1331/2017)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Governance Committee:

1. Notes that Council is a respondent party to the Claim which is a Federal Court legal proceeding.
2. Notes that the Federal Court will check that parties comply with timeframes in the Timeline. It will be important that Council give prompt and timely instructions to Council's legal representatives so that Council does not breach timeframes/Court orders.
3. Notes that to ensure that the Council's legal representatives are given timely instructions, and that Council complies with Court orders, Council's legal representatives recommend that:
 - (a) Council delegate the power to make decisions and to give instructions about Council's participation in the Claim to the CEO. The CEO can sub-delegate that power to another officer if required.
 - (b) Council make any final decision about the Claim including signing off on any final consent determination order.
 - (c) Assuming that Council wishes to investigate extinguishment, the CEO instructs Council's legal representatives to ensure each Council meets its obligations under the Court timetable and any Orders made.
 - (d) the CEO reports on the status of the Claim to the Council from time to time. Council's legal representatives can assist with this.
4. Resolves that pursuant to section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Council delegate to the CEO the power to take all steps necessary to resolve Council's interests in the South Coast People Claim Federal Court proceedings NSD1331/2017, including to provide instructions to Council's legal representatives in this proceeding, subject to Council's consent to any final determination order being returned to Council for a Council decision and resolution.
5. Receives a further report seeking Council consent prior to any final determination order being returned to Council for a Council decision and resolution.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Motion: **Moved:** **Clr Macnaught** **Seconded:** **Clr Dr Green**

That the Governance Committee defer the item to the March Governance Committee Meeting.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared CARRIED.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.05pm