



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2026**

PRESENT:

Mayor Ned Mannoun
Deputy Mayor Harle
Councillor Adjei
Councillor Ammoun
Councillor Harte
Councillor Ibrahim (arrived at 5.10pm)
Councillor Karnib (arrived at 5.06pm)
Councillor Macnaught
Councillor Monaghan (arrived at 5.19pm)
Councillor Ristevski
Mr Jason Breton, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Farooq Portelli, Director Corporate Support
Ms Tina Bono, Director Community & Lifestyle
Ms Lina Kakish, Director Planning & Compliance
Mr Peter Scicluna, Director Operations
Mr David Galpin, General Counsel
Mr Vishwa Nadan, Chief Financial Officer
Ms M'Leigh Brunetta, Manager Civic and Executive Services
Ms Susan Ranieri, Coordinator Council and Executive Services
Ms Gabriella Rojas, Acting Councillor Executive and Support Officer

The meeting commenced at 4.11pm.

**STATEMENT REGARDING WEBCASTING
OF MEETING**

The Mayor read the following:

“In accordance with clause 5.37 of Council’s Code of Meeting Practice, I inform the persons attending this meeting that:

- (a) the meeting is being recorded and made publicly available on the council’s website, and
- (b) persons attending the meeting should refrain from making any defamatory statements.

Clr Ristevski declared an interest in Item CONF 04 - Code of Conduct Investigation Report (T9).

Clr Ristevski remained in the Chamber.

PETITIONS

Nil.

MAYORAL MINUTE

ITEM: MAYOR 01
SUBJECT: Public Art in Bigge Park - Mother Mary
REPORT OF: Mayor Ned Mannoun

Lent and Easter are foundational seasons in the Christian calendar that together represent a journey from reflection and repentance to hope and new life. Lent acts as a 40-day preparation period (beginning Ash Wednesday and ending before Easter) in which Christians reflect on their faith, while Easter is the celebratory, culminating festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Mother Mary plays a vital, supportive role in Lent and Easter as a model of faith and a companion in suffering. During Lent, she is honoured as ‘Our Lady of Sorrows’, representing endurance through the Passion, while the Annunciation (25 March) often falls during this season. She represents the perfect disciple, encouraging faithful through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As part of Council delivery plan, Council has made a commitment to deliver, through Council’s Public Art program, a statue to tribute Mother Mary in Bigge Park, Liverpool. The project is an existing project, however, was deferred short term. To mark this Holy time, it is proposed that the project be supported for delivery.

The statue placement in Bigge Park, will act as a source of comfort, particularly those seeking respite and those caring for patients and loved ones in the Liverpool Hospital who may be facing illnesses and challenges.

It is proposed that this project now proceed, with an intention to unveil on the 15 August, to coincide with the yearly observation of the Assumption of Mother Mary, a milestone that celebrated her earthly life and signifies hope for resurrection.

MOTION OF URGENCY

Clr Ammoun requested Mayor Mannoun consider an urgency motion relating to Connection Camp.

Clr Ammoun proposed the following motion:

That Council:

1. Acknowledge Connection Camp and Wanderers Foundation, and the community work delivered by Western Sydney Wanderers and Wests Tigers.
2. Supports this project through Council branding, to uplift the project and funding through the Council’s Grants, Donations, and Community Sponsorship Policy to the amount of up to \$2,500 to provide the use of Council buses for this activity.
3. The Mayor write to Connection Camp to acknowledge the program value and the community and social cohesion benefits to Liverpool youth.

Clr Ammoun stated that it was urgent due to the timing of the event which is scheduled to be held 14-15 April 2026. He further stated that it would require to confirm buses for children’s transport and this information go out to the community prior to the event.

Mayor Mannoun ruled the motion as urgent and put the motion to Council.

Motion: **Moved: Mayor Mannoun**

That Council resolves the motion is urgent and be dealt with at this meeting.

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

The urgency motion was then dealt with as shown below.

ITEM: MOU 01
SUBJECT Connection Camp

Background:

- Connection Camp is a free fun sports and friendship program for kids ages 7-12 years old.
- The program concept with instigated because of the recent tragic Bondi Beach terrorist attack, to foster social cohesion between all faiths and eliminate antisemitism and islamophobia.

2. Supports this project through Council branding, to uplift the project and funding through the Council's Grants, Donations, and Community Sponsorship Policy to the amount of up to \$2,500 to provide the use of Council buses for this activity.
3. Resolves that the Mayor write to Connection Camp to acknowledge the program value and the community and social cohesion benefits to Liverpool youth.

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

Councillors voted unanimously for this motion.

ITEM NO: COM 02
FILE NO: 008299.2026
SUBJECT: Council Grants Donations and Sponsorship Report

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Cllr Macnaught** **Seconded: Cllr Harte**

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$23,580** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Australian Peace Association	Impulse and RE-ACT(ion) Recovery, Empowerment, Action, Change, Transformation.	\$3,580
WSYD Moving	Liverpool Local Active Partnership	\$10,000
Iraqi Australian University Graduate Forum Incorporated	EmpowerHer: Health, Harmony & Hope Across Cultures-International Women's Day 2026	\$10,000

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$28,950** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
Delta TV Australia Incorporated	Community Musical Event	\$8,950
Multicultural Festivals Australia Incorporated	Ramadan Eid Bazaar Festival	\$10,000
Edmondson Park Bardia Nepalese Community Incorporated	Unity in Diversity: Nepali New Year 2083 Southwest Sydney	\$10,000

On being put to the meeting the motion (moved by Clr Macnaught) was declared CARRIED and the Foreshadowed Motion (moved by Clr Ristevski) lapsed due to no seconder.

Foreshadowed Motion: Moved: Clr Ristevski Seconded:

That Council:

1. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$23,580** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Grant Program** for the following projects:

Applicant	Project	Recommended
WSYD Moving	Liverpool Local Active Partnership	\$10,000
Iraqi Australian University Graduate Forum Incorporated	EmpowerHer: Health, Harmony & Hope Across Cultures-International Women's Day 2026	\$10,000

2. Endorses the funding recommendation of **\$28,950** (GST exclusive) under the **Community Sponsorship** for the following projects:

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3. Defers consideration of the grant to the Australian Peace Association until such time as Council receives the additional information, including the financial details, and details of Directors of the organisation.

ITEM NO: COM 04
FILE NO: 033124.2026
SUBJECT: Draft Incoming Sponsorship Report

COUNCIL DECISION

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

That Council:

1. Note, the draft Incoming Sponsorship Policy has been placed on public exhibition;
and
2. Endorse the Incoming Sponsorship Policy as final.

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

ITEM NO: COM 07
FILE NO: 037249.2026
SUBJECT: Endorsement to Issue an EOI for a 24-Month Activation Trial and Long Term Use at Woodward Park

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Deputy Mayor Harle** **Seconded: Clr Macnaught**

That Council:

1. Agrees to conduct an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to invite proposals for Woodward Park for a contract to deliver both short-term activation and long-term investment at Woodward Park; and
2. Provide in- principle support for the relocation of the Major Events Program to the temporary activation site once established.

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

Clr Karnib arrived at the meeting at 5.06pm.

ITEM NO: COM 08
FILE NO: 037841.2026
SUBJECT: Motions for the National General Assembly (NGA) Conference 23 - 25 June 2026

Motion: **Moved: Clr Harte** **Seconded: Clr Ammoun**

That Council:

1. Endorse motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 outlined in the Council report, and Council submit to the NGA Conference by 27 February 2026; and
2. Note that final acceptance of motions is subject to assessment by the Conference organisers in accordance with the NGA submission guidelines.

Foreshadowed motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Deputy Mayor Harle**

That Council defers this item to the end of the meeting.

On being put to the meeting the Foreshadowed motion (moved by Clr Ristevski) was declared CARRIED and the motion (moved by Clr Harte) therefore lapsed.

This item was dealt with later in the meeting before the confidential items.

Clr Macnaught left the Chamber at 5.11pm
Clr Macnaught returned to the Chamber at 5.14pm

ITEM NO: CORP 02
FILE NO: 040037.2026
SUBJECT: FY 2025/26 - Quarter 2, Budget Review

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Deputy Mayor Harle** **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That Council:

1. Approve the budget variations identified in this report; and
2. Note the projected income and expenditure results for the current financial year.

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

Clr Monaghan arrived at the meeting at 5.19pm

ITEM NO: CORP 03
FILE NO: 034198.2026
SUBJECT: Code of Conduct Complaints

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Ristevski** **Seconded: Clr Karnib**

That Council

1. Receives and considers the report; and
2. Resolve that any code of conduct investigations tabled for Council determination to be debated in Open Session.

On being put to the meeting the motion was declared LOST

Division called:

Vote for: Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Monaghan and Clr Ristevski

Vote against: Mayor Mannoun, Deputy Mayor Harle, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Harte and Clr Macnaught

ITEM NO: NOM 03
FILE NO: 032458.2026
SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - Macquarie Street Mall One-Way Vehicle Access and On-Street Parking Options to Revive Retail

Background

Macquarie Street Mall appears to be experiencing a decline in activity. There appears to be an increase in retail vacancies, and businesses are indicating a decline in foot traffic, which is causing some long-standing businesses to leave. Shoppers are more likely to frequent Campbelltown, Bankstown, and other centres with improved access, parking, and safety.

The current fully pedestrianised model is not working for many retailers who need visibility, convenience, and turnover. Additionally, customers want simple access, short-stay parking, and safety.

Retailers have indicated to me a decline in revenue and they hold concerns about empty shops attracting antisocial behaviour. Vibrancy in malls requires action. Access drives trade. Parking drives turnover. Safety follows activity.

Action is required urgently to save the city's commercial heart, by supporting small business, and restoring confidence.

There are cases in cities across Australia and overseas of the successful reversal of pedestrian malls by reintroducing controlled vehicle access and on-street parking, leading to retail activity improving because people return. Options to revitalise Macquarie Mall must be explored urgently to prevent further decline.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. Prepare an options report on strategies to increase activity in Macquarie Mall, which should include an option to reopen the Mall to one-way vehicle traffic with short-stay parking, to stimulate retail trade and boost foot traffic.
2. Within the option to reintroduce vehicle access, the report may consider:
 - One-way traffic configurations and entry and exit points.
 - Short-stay parking options, including time-limited parking for shoppers.
 - Pedestrian safety treatments, including speed controls, raised pavements, and shared-zone design.
 - Impacts on retailers, customers, accessibility, emergency access, and servicing.

3. Note that the case study will not authorise the establishment of a separate entity and Council and ministerial approval will be required before taking that step.
4. Note that the outcomes of the case study will be reported back to Council for further consideration and decision.

NOTICES OF MOTION/QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

ITEM NO: NOM 01
FILE NO: 032451.2026
SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - Overseas Travel and Compliance with Council Policy

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. Notes the Liverpool City Council Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy.
2. Notes that clause 4.10.3 of the Policy states:
 "Overseas travel must be approved by a meeting of the full Council prior to a Councillor undertaking a trip. Travel must be approved on an individual trip basis."
3. Directs the Chief Executive Officer to provide a full written report to the March 2026 Council meeting setting out:
 - a. Whether any request for overseas travel approval has been submitted;
 - b. Whether any business papers or costings have been prepared for Council consideration; and
 - c. Whether any overseas trip is required to be disclosed in Council's Annual Report under section 428(2)(e) of the Local Government Act.
4. Request the CEO to identify any breaches of the Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy arising from the unauthorised travel and outline corrective actions required to ensure future compliance by all councillors, including the Mayor.
5. Requests that Council receive legal advice on the governance implications of unauthorised overseas travel by an elected representative and what remedies or sanctions are available under the Local Government Act and the Code of Conduct.
6. Requires that the CEO develop a strengthened compliance framework for all councillor travel including a register of requests, approvals, business cases, costs, and outcomes with quarterly reporting to Council.
7. Confirms that future overseas travel will not be reimbursed or supported by Council unless approved strictly in accordance with clause 4.10.3 of the Civic Expenses and Facilities Policy.

ITEM NO: NOM 02
FILE NO: 032454.2026
SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - Fixing the Niland Way Parking and Traffic Crisis

Background

A 43-place childcare centre with only 8 on-site car parking spaces has been approved within the quiet residential street of Niland Way, Casula. The road is narrow, street parking is prohibited, and the surrounding residents have long warned that the traffic impacts will make the area unsafe for families, children, and local motorists.

Council received 127 written objections from residents, all raising concerns about traffic congestion, safety hazards, overshadowing of local amenity, and Council’s obligation to protect residential streets from inappropriate development.

Council entered into consent orders.

Residents now face the consequences of increased traffic volumes, increased vehicle movements, and long-term parking challenges.

Council has a duty to protect their safety, quality of life, and the character of their neighbourhoods.

NOTICE OF MOTION (submitted by Cllr Ristevski)

That Council:

1. Establish a Niland Way Traffic and Parking Task Force comprising:
 - Councillor Peter Ristevski as Chair
 - Relevant Council traffic officers
 - Representatives from the Traffic Committee
 - At least four residents of Niland Way selected through an expression of interest process

2. Task the group with identifying immediate, short-term and long-term solutions to mitigate safety risks and traffic congestion resulting from the childcare centre approval. This must include but not be limited to:
 - Traffic calming devices
 - Time-limited parking
 - Resident-only parking zones
 - School-zone style drop-off safety controls

ITEM NO: NOM 04
FILE NO: 040134.2026
SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - Youth Parliament

Background

Youth Parliament is the flagship youth leadership and engagement program run by the YMCA and has been operating for over 20 years in NSW. With a focus on leadership and advocacy, the program enables high school students in years 10 to 12 to:

- build confidence,
- develop leadership skills,
- engage with civic leadership,
- work towards relevant policy development, and
- engage in democratic parliamentary debate.

This provides an incredible opportunity for young people to learn how to advocate, enhance their life skills and make long lasting connections with other youth representatives.

Young people are innovative, creative, and energetic, and they want to be involved in a meaningful way within their local community, to make a difference.

Working with young people to shape the services and programs offered to them ensures their needs are being met, and their ideas and opinions are being respected, considered and acted upon. Better outcomes are also more likely to be achieved when young people are involved in making decisions that affect their long term wellbeing.

Youth Parliament promotes equal access to political participation for all. In particular, it aims to relieve social and civic disadvantage among young Australians who face barriers from participating meaningfully in civic or democratic life, including those from low-income, regional, or culturally diverse backgrounds.

The program provides practical support, education and mentoring to help young people, including those experiencing social exclusion or disadvantage, build confidence, skills, and access pathways to civic and community engagement. Each year's cohort receives training over a six-month period that includes in-person camps and online workshops. Participants create Youth Bills with policy solutions on issues impacting young people in NSW. These are debated during a Youth Sitting Week in NSW Parliament House with Members of Parliament invited to chair.

The success of this program is illustrated by the experience of former Youth Parliamentarians, who have gone on to become Members of Parliament in NSW and Australia, lawyers, business executives, community and NGO leaders, working in media/journalism spaces, and much more.

5. Table a discussion at an upcoming Governance Committee with recommendations for amendments to the Grants and Donations Policy to allow applications for this cause in the future;
6. Invite Youth Parliamentarians to present their experiences to Council following the completion of the 2026 program.

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

2. Direct the CEO to proceed with any necessary due diligence investigations, the preparation of a Planning Proposal, and reclassification of land for Rossmore Grange, with the objective of achieving the most optimal outcome for Council and the community; and
3. Allocates funding for the required due diligence, planning proposal and reclassification from the Property Reserve, with total expenditure not to exceed \$250,000 in 2025/2026 financial year.
4. Notes that this motion does not mean that Rossmore Grange will be disposed of.

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

Division called:

Vote for: Mayor Mannoun, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Harte and Clr Macnaught

Vote against: Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Monaghan, Clr Ristevski and Deputy Mayor Harle*

***Note:** Deputy Mayor Harle did not vote for or against the motion. Therefore, in accordance with Clause 11.5 of Council’s Code of Meeting Practice (as shown below), he is recorded as voting against the motion:

“A councillor who is present at a meeting of the council but who fails to vote on a motion put to the meeting is taken to have voted against the motion.”

The motion was carried on the Mayor’s casting vote.

Mayor Mannoun then put the motion (moved by Clr Harte) to the vote.

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

Division called:

Vote for: Mayor Mannoun, Deputy Mayor Harle, Clr Adjei, Clr Ammoun, Clr Harte and Clr Macnaught

Vote against Clr Ibrahim, Clr Karnib, Clr Monaghan and Clr Ristevski

RECESS

Mayor Mannoun called a recess of the meeting at 6.09pm

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

Mayor Mannoun resumed the meeting in Open Session at 6.37pm, with all Councillors present.

ITEM NO: QWN 07
FILE NO: 040716.2026
SUBJECT: Question with Notice - Deputy Mayor Harle - Voluntary Planning Agreement relating to Coopers Paddock, Warwick Farm

At the latest Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting, several members asked for an update on the Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) concerning Coopers Paddock in Warwick Farm. The issue has remained unresolved for over a decade, with no confirmed progress on the works required under the agreement.

The following information is requested:

1. A comprehensive timeline of all meetings and outcomes associated with the VPA since it began; and
2. Clarification on the legal options available to Council to move this matter forward so the land can be used for public recreation, consistent with the original intent.

Responses will be included in the agenda for the 25 March 2026 Council meeting.

RECOMMITTING RESOLUTIONS TO CORRECT AN ERROR**MOTION TO ALTER A RESOLUTION ITEM NO: OPER 02**

Clr Harte sought to move a motion to recommit a resolution to correct an error to point 2 of the resolution for Item OPER 02 - Case Study for Local Government Entity Formation resolved earlier in the meeting in accordance with Clause 17.15 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice (as shown below)

- 17.15 Despite the provisions of this Part, a councillor may, with the leave of the chairperson, move to recommit a resolution adopted at the same meeting:*
- (a) to correct any error, ambiguity or imprecision in the council's resolution,*
- or*
- (b) to confirm the voting on the resolution.*

The motion to alter the resolution was signed by Clrs Ammoun, Harte and Macnaught and issued to the Mayor during the meeting.

SUBJECT: Case Study for Local Government Entity Formation

DATE: 25 February 2026

COUNCIL DECISION

Motion: **Moved: Clr Macnaught** **Seconded: Clr Harte**

That Council:

1. Agree to undertake a case study and options analysis of the optimal operating model for commercialising circular economy activities, including if appropriate, preparation of a proposal in accordance with OLG's Formation of Corporations and Entities Guideline.
2. Approve the allocation of \$100,000 from Environmental Levy Reserve to support the project.
3. Note that the case study will not authorise the establishment of a separate entity and Council and ministerial approval will be required before taking that step.
4. Note that the outcomes of the case study will be reported back to Council for further consideration and decision.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 7.37pm.

<Signature>

Name: Ned Mannoun

Title: Mayor

Date: 25 March 2026

I have authorised a stamp bearing my signature to be affixed to the pages of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 February 2026. I confirm that Council has adopted these Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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