

## MINUTES

of the **City Services Committee**  
held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall  
1423 Botany Road, Botany  
(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)  
on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6:32 pm**

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### Present

Councillor Edward McDougall, Mayor  
Councillor Joe Awada, Chairperson  
Councillor Soraya Kassim, Deputy Chairperson  
Councillor Vicki Poulos  
Councillor Peter Strong

### Also present

Councillor Jerome Boutelet  
Councillor Liz Barlow (via Audio-Visual Link)  
Meredith Wallace, General Manager  
Debra Dawson, Director City Life  
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance  
Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle  
Rani Param, Manager Community Life  
Luke Phillips, Manager Finance  
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk (via Audio-Visual Link)  
Karen Barrass, Lead Governance  
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer  
Nabin Bhattarai, IT Service Management Officer

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The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 6:32 pm.

### 1 Acknowledgement of Country

Bayside Council acknowledges the Bidjigal Clan, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Bayside Council pays respects to Elders past and present.

### 2 Apologies, Leave of Absence & Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

#### Apologies

#### Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Kassim

That the following apologies be received and leave of absence granted:

- Councillor Bredehoeft
- Councillor Curry

### **Leave of Absence**

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

### **Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link**

There were no Committee members in attendance via audio-visual link.

## **3 Disclosures of Interest**

### **Councillor Joe Awada**

#### **CS25.005 – Ramadan Even Proposal in Bexley Carpark**

Councillor Awada declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item CS25.005 on the basis that he is friends with owner of Sweet Beirut, and stated he would leave the Chamber for consideration and voting on the matter.

### **Councillor Vicki Poulos**

#### **CS25.005 – Ramadan Even Proposal in Bexley Carpark**

Councillor Poulos declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item CS25.005 on the basis that the applicant, she believes, is a former Councillor from Sutherland Shire Council, and stated she would remain in the meeting for consideration and voting on the matter.

## **4 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

### **[4.1 Minutes of the City Services Committee Meeting - 4 December 2024](#)**

#### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Kassim

That the Minutes of the City Services Committee meeting held on 4 December 2024 be noted.

### **4.2 Business Arising**

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Services Committee of Wednesday 4 December 2024 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 2024.

## 5 Items by Exception

There were no Items by Exception.

## 6 Public Forum

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

## 7 Reports

### [CS25.001 Outcome of Community Engagement on Bayside's Child Safe Action Plan](#)

Note: A presentation was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

#### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Kassim

- 1 That Council notes the outcome of the community and staff engagement on the draft Child Safe Action Plan.
- 2 That Council endorses the Child Safe Action Plan with a minor amendment to include the Department of Communities and Justice Child Protection Helpline.
- 3 That Council notes that the progress on the action plan priorities will be provided through Council's Operations Plan bi-annual reporting process.

### [CS25.002 Response to Notice of Motion - Still Gardening Program](#)

Note: A presentation was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

#### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Strong

That Council receives and notes the report Response to Notice of Motion – Still Gardening Program.

### [CS25.003 Response to Notice of Motion - Bay Street Temporary Weekend Closure - Summer 2024-25](#)

Note: A presentation was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

#### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors Strong and McDougall

That Council notes the final report into the 2023 Bay Street trial road closures.

### **CS25.004 Response to Notice of Motion: Accessible Beaches for Bayside**

Note: A presentation was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life.

#### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Kassim

That Council receives and notes the report and the attachments 'Final audit report Bayside Council – Accessible Beaches' and 'Additional Audit site – Brighton Le Sands'.

### **CS25.005 Ramadan Event Proposal in Bexley Carpark**

Note: A presentation was given by Debra Dawson, Director City Life and Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle.

Councillor Awada had previously declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest, left the meeting and did not return, the time being 6:45pm.

Councillor Poulos had previously declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest, and remained in the meeting for consideration of, and voting on, this item.

The Chairperson, Councillor Awada, vacated the Chair and left the Chamber due to his declaration of a Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest, the time being 6:45 pm.

The Deputy Chair, Councillor Kassim, assumed the Chair.

#### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors McDougall and Strong

- 1 That Council receives and notes the Ramadan Event Proposal in Bexley Carpark report .
- 2 That Council provide in principle support of the 2025 Ramadan event, for one Saturday from 6-10pm to be held in Bexley Carpark between 27 February – 30 March 2025.
- 3 That Council supports the review and planning for an expanded Ramadan program for 2026 in consultation with the proponent, community and businesses and other key stakeholders.
- 4 That Council receive a further report on the 2026 Ramadan proposal including location options, funding options and partnership opportunities by August 2025 after engaging with and consulting all key stakeholders.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room at Botany Town Hall at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, 12 March 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 6:57 pm.