

## **MINUTES**

of the **City Works & Assets Committee**  
held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall  
1423 Botany Road, Botany  
(Corner of Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany)  
on **Wednesday 7 May 2025 commenced at the conclusion of the  
City Planning & Environment Committee meeting at 7:19pm**

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### **Present**

Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas, Deputy Mayor, Chairperson  
Councillor Liz Barlow, Deputy Chairperson  
Councillor Vicki Poulos  
Councillor Soraya Kassim  
Councillor Peter Strong  
Councillor Scott Morrissey  
Councillor Christina Curry

### **Also present**

Meredith Wallace, General Manager  
Peter Barber, Director City Futures  
David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning  
Louise Farrell, Manager City Infrastructure  
Mariam Fares, Manager City Projects (Acting)  
Helen Tola, Manager, Governance and Risk (Via Audio-Visual Link)  
Anne Suann, Governance Officer  
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer  
Wolfgang Gill, IT Service Management Officer

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The Deputy Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 7:19pm.

## **1 Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chairperson affirmed that 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**

There were no apologies received.

### **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**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **4 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

### **[4.1 Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee Meeting - 2 April 2025](#)**

#### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors Curry and Kassim

That the Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee meeting held on 2 April 2025 be noted

### **4.2 Business Arising**

There was no Business Arising.

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee of Wednesday 2 April 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 23 April 2025.

## **5 Items by Exception**

There were no Items by Exception.

## 6 Public Forum

### [CWA25.015 Firmstone Reserve Dog Park Refurbishments - Report on the outcomes of community engagement](#)

The following people spoke at the meeting:

- Ms Barbara Parker, interested resident, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.
- Mr Michael Kotsohilis, interested resident, speaking for the Committee Recommendation.
- Mr Nathan Brown, interested resident, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.
- Ms Daniella Barda, interested resident, speaking against the Committee Recommendation.

## 7 Reports

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Written submissions were received from the following people:

- Mrs Barbara Mallam, interested resident, against the Committee Recommendation.
- Mr Peter McCrudden, interested resident, against the Committee Recommendation.
- Mr John Godward, interested resident, against the Committee Recommendation.
- Miss Sucheng Tung, interested resident, against the Committee Recommendation.

and were distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Note: A presentation was given by Louise Farrell, Manager City Infrastructure.

### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors Curry and Morrissey

- 1 That Attachment 2 to this report be withheld from the press and public as it is confidential for the following reason:

With reference to Section 10(A) (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993, the attachment relates to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

- 2 That the Firmstone Reserve Engagement Outcomes report be received and noted.
- 3 That an additional round of community consultation with the immediately adjoining neighbours takes place on whether or not to retain the Firmstone Reserve Dog Park.
- 4 That a separate 'Have your Say' page be used for the community consultation period for the appropriate period of time.
- 5 That the previous reports of dog park options (including a summary of decisions and options considered in the previously term of Council) be prepared and reported via the at the next City Works & Assets Committee meeting.

### **CWA25.016 Installation of lights at Scarborough Park Tennis/Sports Courts**

Note: A presentation was given by Peter Barber, Director City Futures.

### **Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors Poulos and Strong

- 1 That community engagement with nearby potentially impacted residents and the local bush heritage group be undertaken in relation to the installation of lights at Scarborough tennis/sports courts.
- 2 That a further report be prepared on the outcome of community engagement for Council's consideration.
- 3 That Sydney Sports Management Group Pty Ltd be advised of Council's decision.

**CWA25.017 Response to Notice of Motion - Major General William Holmes Memorial - Design options and costings for new turf, shrubs and foliage**

Note: A verbal update was provided by the Meredith Wallace, General Manager.

**Committee Recommendation**

Moved by Councillors Poulos and Strong

- 1 That the General Holmes Monument Landscape design report be received and noted.
- 2 That the landscape design for the site be supported by the Committee and recommended to Council.
- 3 That a costing recommendation be brought to the next committee meeting for further discussion, and identify if this area is suitable to indigenous native woodland.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall on Wednesday, 4 June 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:22pm.