

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 1 October 2025 commences at the conclusion of the
City Planning & Environment Committee meeting**

Present

Councillor Scott Morrissey, Acting Chairperson
Councillor Liz Barlow, Deputy Chairperson
Councillor Peter Strong (via Audio-Visual link)
Councillor Vicki Poulos
Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft (alternate Committee member)

Also present

Peter Barber, Acting General Manager
Louise Farrell, Acting Director City Futures
David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk (Via Audio-Visual Link)
Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle
Guy Hancock, Acting Director City Presentation
Mariam Fares, Acting Manager City Projects
Darren O'Connell, Lead Governance
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Damien Carson, IT Service Management Officer

Note: In the absence of the Chairperson for this meeting, the Committee members resolved to elect a substitute Chairperson as the first item of business at the commencement of the meeting.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRPERSON

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Curry

That Councillor Morrissey be nominated as Chairperson for this meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF ALTERNATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Morrissey and Curry

That the attendance of Councillor Bredehoeft as an alternate Committee Member at tonight's meeting be granted in order to achieve a quorum.

The Acting Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 7:40pm.

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

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Curry

That the apology from Councillor Douglas be received and leave of absence granted.

Leave of Absence

Councillor Kassim was on leave previously granted at Council meeting on 27 August 2025.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Curry

That Councillor Strong's attendance at tonight's meeting via audio-visual link be granted.

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 - 3 September 2025

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Morrissey

That the Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee meeting held on 3 September 2025 be noted

4.2 Business Arising

Note: The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Works & Assets Committee of Wednesday 3 September 2025 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of Wednesday 24 September 2025, with the exception of the following:

CWA25.032 Response to Notice of Motion - Major General William Holmes Memorial - Revised Design options and costings

RESOLUTION

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Resolved on the motion of Councillors Douglas and Bredehoeft

- 1 That the response to Notice of Motion – Major General William Holmes Memorial – Revised Design options and costings be received and noted.
- 2 That prior to considering Major General William Holmes Memorial – Revised Design options and costing, that a site visit to be arranged..

5 Items by Exception

There were no Items by Exception.

6 Public Forum

There were no speakers for Public Forum.

7 Reports

[CWA25.040 Historical Decisions Relating to Dog Off Leash Areas.](#)

Note: A presentation was given by Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Barlow

- 1 That Council receive and note the Historical Decisions Relating to Dog Off Leash Areas report.
- 2 That Council publish a summary of this data on this website and newsletter.

[CWA25.041 Outcome of Hughes Avenue Reserve Dog Off Leash Trial](#)

Note: A presentation was given by Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries and Lifestyle.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Morrissey

- 1 That Council notes the outcome of the unfenced dog off-leash trial at Hughes Avenue Reserve.
- 2 That Council retain the Hughes Avenue Reserve dog off-leash area as an interim arrangement until the permanent dog off-leash area at Linear Park is established, after which the status of Hughes Avenue Reserve will be reviewed.

CWA25.042 Accelerate the Upgrade of Victory Reserve, Cross Street, Kogarah - Dog Park Options

Note: A presentation was given by Mariam Fares, Acting Manager City Projects.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Barlow

- 1 That the Report on Options for a Dog Park at Victory Reserve be received and noted.
- 2 That Council select Options 3 for a dog park at Victory Reserve, and undertake community consultation on the preferred dog park concept including playground fencing and the play space renewal to determine community preference.
- 3 That the playground renewal proceed at the location determined through consultation, and that should the feedback indicate support for a dog park, this component be staged as a separate project, subject to funding availability through future developer contributions.

CWA25.043 Firmstone Reserve Dog Park Refurbishments - Report on the outcomes of additional community engagement

Note: A presentation was given by Mariam Fares, Acting Manager City Projects.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Barlow

- 1 That the attachment 1 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 Council considers the community response and removes the dog park and revert to passive recreational usage only.

CWA25.044 Mascot Oval - Inclusion of a netball practice area

Note: A presentation was given by Mariam Fares, Acting Manager City Projects.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Morrissey and Bredehoeft

That the report on the concept of a netball court at Mascot Oval be received and noted.

CWA25.045 Post exhibition report - Proposed 3-point Basketball Court at Arncliffe Park

Note: A presentation was given by David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Barlow

- 1 That Council notes the results of the community engagement on the proposed 3-point basketball court at Arncliffe Park and the design response to the feedback received.
- 2 That Council adopts the exhibited design with the addition of a fence to manage potential conflicts between the playground and the proposed 3-point basketball court.
- 3 That Council continues to lobby the NSW Government to make available the open space in Burrows Street, so that a full basketball court can be considered for that location.
- 4 That participants are advised of Council's decision.
- 5 That Council considers funding this project when preparing the 2026-27 budget.

CWA25.046 Gilchrist Park - Review of Recreation Options

Note: A presentation was given by David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Barlow and Poulos

- 1 That Council endorses Option 5 as the preferred option for public exhibition, comprising a half size court with 2 netball posts, including a junior and senior hoop, an enclosed single lane cricket net with associated paths, upgrade to rebound wall and seating.

- 2 To include in the drawing concept designs for table tennis tables, a walking track and exercise equipment.

CWA25.047 Mascot Depot Adaptive Re-use, L'Estrange Park

Note: A presentation was given by Louise Farrell, Acting Director City Futures.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Morrissey

That the proposal for the adaptive re-use of the former Mascot Depot at 130 King Street adjacent L'Estrange Park for a recreation facility (Option 4 with air conditioning and sprinklers) is publicly exhibited and reported back to Council following exhibition detailing any submissions received.

CWA25.048 Update - Draft Astrolabe Park Masterplan

Note: A presentation was given by Louise Farrell, Acting Director City Futures.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Curry and Bredehoeft

That the Draft Astrolabe Park Masterplan be publicly exhibited and a further report be considered by Council following the public exhibition process detailing any submissions received.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at on Wednesday 5 November 2025.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:49pm.