
MINUTES

of the **Extraordinary Council Meeting** of
Bayside Council
held in the Rockdale Town Hall, Council Chambers
Level 1, 444-446 Princes Highway, Rockdale
on **Wednesday 18 February 2026** at **6:30pm**

Present

Councillor Edward McDougall, Mayor
Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas, Deputy Mayor
Councillor Joe Awada
Councillor Liz Barlow
Councillor Ron Bezic
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Fiona Douskou (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Soraya Kassim
Councillor Scott Morrissey (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Michael Nagi
Councillor Vicki Poulos
Councillor Chris Saravinovski (via Audio-Visual Link)
Councillor Peter Strong

Also present

Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Peter Barber, Director City Futures
Richard Sheridan, Director City Performance
David Smith, Manager Strategic Planning
Rupert Gilroy, Manager Property
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Damien Carson, IT Technical Support Officer

1 Opening Meeting

The Mayor opened the meeting in the Council Chambers, Rockdale Town Hall, Level 1, 448 Princes Highway, Rockdale at 6:30pm.

The Mayor informed the meeting, including members of the public, that the meeting is being video recorded and live streamed to the community via Council's YouTube channel, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

2 Acknowledgement of Country

The Mayor 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.

3 Opening Prayer

Ms Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk, opened the meeting in Prayer.

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

Apologies

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2026/006

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Awada and Douglas

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

Leave of Absence

There were no applications for Leave of Absence received.

Attendance Via Audio-Visual Link

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2026/007

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Curry and Kassim

That the apology from Councillor Morrissey, Councillor Saravinovski and Councillor Douskou be received and leave of absence granted.

5 Disclosures of Interest

Nil

6 Mayoral Minutes

Nil

7 Items by Exception

There were no Items being dealt with by Exception.

8 Confidential Reports / Matters

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, the Mayor invited members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed to the public.

There were no representations.

Closed Council Meeting

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2026/008

Resolved on the motion of Councillors McDougall and Nagi

- 1 That, in accordance with section 10A (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Council considers the following items in closed Council Meeting, from which the press and public are excluded, for the reasons indicated:

8.1 CONFIDENTIAL - Proposed Purchase of Property

In accordance with section 10A (2) (a) and (d)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the matters dealt with in this report relate to personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors) and commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council. It is considered that if the matter were discussed in an open meeting it would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest due to the issue it deals with.

- 2 That, in accordance with section 11 (2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the reports, correspondence and other documentation relating to these items be withheld from the press and public.

8.1 CONFIDENTIAL - Proposed Purchase of Property

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2026/009

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Kassim and Douglas

- 1 That Council endorse the acquisition of the property referred to in this report, for use as public open space.
- 2 That the funding to purchase this property be included in the Works Schedule for the new Bayside Developer Contribution Plan to be considered by Council in March 2026
- 3 That Council include a budget adjustment in its March 2026 Quarterly Budget Review Statement to cover the purchase, from the Arncliffe and Banksia Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan.
- 4 That Council provides the General Manager delegated authority to make an offer for the property, or to attend an auction and bid, up to the valuation amount (to be tabled at the Council Meeting) plus 20%.
- 5 That the General Manager be authorised to sign, where required, all documentation to facilitate the purchase.

Resumption of Open Council Meeting

RESOLUTION

Minute No. 2026/010

Resolved on the motion of Councillors Nagi and Strong

That, the closed part of the meeting having concluded, the open Council Meeting resume and it be open to the press and public, the time being 6:44pm.

The General Manager made public the resolutions that were made during the closed part of the meeting.

9 Conclusion of Meeting

The Mayor closed the meeting at 6:46pm.

Councillor Edward McDougall
Mayor

Meredith Wallace
General Manager