

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 11 February 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Present

Councillor Joe Awada, Chairperson
Councillor Soraya Kassim, Deputy Chairperson
Councillor Peter Strong
Councillor Janin Bredehoeft
Councillor Vicki Poulos

Also present

Councillor Liz Barlow
Councillor Michael Nagi
Councillor Heidi Lee Douglas
Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Debra Dawson, Director City Life
Bobbi Mayne, Manager Libraries & Lifestyle
Hong Nguyen, Manager Environment & Resilience
Rani Param, Manager City Life
Louise Farrell, Manager City Projects (via audio-visual)
Helen Tola, Manager Governance & Risk
Linda Hackett, Governance Officer
Nabin Bhattarai, IT Service Management Officer
Shiv Sah, IT Service Management Officer

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at 7:02pm.

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 Bredehoeft and Strong

That the apologies from The Mayor, Councillor McDougall and Councillor Curry be received and leave of absence granted.

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

Item CS26.005 - Electric Vehicle Pole-mounted Chargers - Additional Sites for Public Consultation

Councillor Kassim declared a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item CS26.002 on the basis that she now owns an electric vehicle 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 - 3 December 2025

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Strong and Bredehoeft

That the Minutes of the City Services Committee meeting held on 3 December 2025 be noted.

4.2 Business Arising

The Committee notes that the Minutes of the City Services Committee of Wednesday 3 December 2026 were received and the recommendations therein were adopted by the Council at its meeting of 10 December 2026.

5 Items by Exception

There were no Items dealt with by Exception.

6 Reports

CS26.001 Barton Park Sports Precinct - 12 Month Management Model Review

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

Note: The Committee amended part 2.2 of the Committee Recommendation.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council notes the Barton Park Sports Precinct - 12 Month Management Model Review report.
- 2 That Council:
 - 2.1 Continues its shared-use management model by retaining direct management of Barton Park's Grass Fields 3 & 4 and the Tennis Courts with allocations assigned through Council's on line booking and permit process.
 - 2.2 Subject to funding, implements the provision of Pickleball line marking and associated infrastructure on one of the four tennis courts, subject to funding availability, to enable dual use and enhance community activation.
 - 2.3 Strengthens partnerships with sporting bodies, including Tennis NSW and Pickleball NSW, to expand programs, clinics, and social competitions that enhance participation and community engagement.

CS26.002 Bayside Historical Marker Program

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

The following person spoke during the separate Public Forum Session on this item:

- Mr Lachlan McLean, for the officer recommendation, interested citizen (via MS Teams).

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Strong

- 1 That Council supports the placement of 5 historical markers on the following sites nominated by members of the community and assessed by a selection panel:
 - 1.1 Botany Literacy Institute (former now operates as John Brotchie Nursery School)
 - 1.2 Botany Fire Station
 - 1.3 Bruce Mackenzie at Sir Joseph Banks Park
 - 1.4 [Site of the former] Earl Park, Arncliffe
 - 1.5 Lydham Hall, Rockdale.
- 2 That Council supports the fabrication and placement of the historical markers in accordance with Council's Historical Marker Policy which includes landowner consent.
- 3 That Council adds the markers and supporting historical information to Bayside's dedicated webpage and promotes all markers through various including social media and Council newsletter.

CS26.003 Bicentennial Park East Sports Fields

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

Written submissions were received from:

- Mr Jeh Coutinho, Chair of Football St George, for the Officer Recommendation

and were distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Strong

- 1 That Council notes the update on the M6 Stage 1 project regarding sport and recreation facilities.
- 2 That Council supports the recommendation to enable shared use of the sports fields by local sport clubs, community groups and schools with allocations administered through Council's online booking system.
- 3 That Council notes the allocation of Bicentennial East to Arncliffe Scots Football Club for the 2026 winter season while they are displaced due to upgrade works being undertaken at Scarborough North.

CS26.004 Update Report - Draft Sports Ground Allocation and Usage Policy / Code of Conduct and Conditions of Use

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

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Kassim and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council endorses the revised *Draft Sports Ground Allocation Policy and the Sports Ground Code of Conduct and Conditions of Use Guideline* for the purpose of public exhibition and community engagement.
- 2 That the Policy proceed to Community Engagement and a further report is provided to the City Services Committee following the exhibition period outlining submissions received and any proposed amendments.

CS26.005 Electric Vehicle Pole-mounted Chargers - Additional Sites for Public Consultation

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

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

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Bredehoeft and Kassim

- 1 That Council approves the removal of 1-7 Bruce Street, Brighton Le Sands as a site for installation;
- 2 That Council notes the investigation outcome of Bonar Street, Arncliffe / Turrella as a potential site for installation;
- 3 That Council endorses 25 proposed locations for public consultation in March 2026, noting 13 will be recommended for installation being the 12 funded sites for Round 2 and the 1 replacement site for Bruce Street, Brighton Le Sands from Round 1. Suitable sites not selected will be placed on an eligibility list for future installation;
- 4 That a post public consultation report be submitted to the City Services Committee and Traffic Forum for the allocation of the dedicated parking spaces.

CS26.006 Norfolk Island Pine Trees - Cooks Park and the Grand Parade

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

Note: The Committee added Parts 4 and 5 to the Committee Recommendation.

Committee Recommendation

Moved by Councillors Strong and Bredehoeft

- 1 That Council approves the removal and replacement of three dead trees (Priority 1) along the Grand Parade identified in Attachment 1.
- 2 That Council approves the removal and replacement of the five pine trees (Priority 2) in very poor condition identified in Attachment 2.
- 3 That Council notes that a future report on the assessment and removal/replanting of the balance of the trees will be provided early in the new financial year.
- 4 That prior to works being undertaken, a notice to the public be displayed with a QR code linking back to Council's website where information explaining reasons for the trees being replaced/removed.
- 5 That an extensive monitoring period for replanted trees be enacted to ensure they survive.

The next meeting will be held in the Committee Room, Botany Town Hall at on Wednesday, 11 March 2026.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8:10pm.