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MINUTES

NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL MEETING

held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025

Minutes of the Northern Beaches Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 16 December 2025
at the Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 6.00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors

Sue Heins (Mayor)
Candy Bingham (Deputy Mayor)
Jody Williams
Ethan Hrnjak
Joeline Hackman (*left the meeting at 8.34pm*)
Nicholas Beauguard
Kristyn Glanville
Bonnie Harvey
Ruth Robins
Bob Giltinan OAM JP
Vincent De Luca OAM
Mandeep Singh JP
Rowie Dillon
Miranda Korzy

Officers

Scott Phillips	Chief Executive Officer
Kelly Loveridge	Chief Operating Officer (<i>left the meeting at 8.40pm</i>)
David Kerr	Director Community & Recreation
Todd Dickinson	Director Environment & Open Space
James Farrington	Director Planning & Place
Campbell Pfeiffer	Director Transport & Assets
Caroline Foley	Chief Financial Officer
Brett Andrew	Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure
Kristie Debney	Executive Manager Property, Building & Beach Services
Sarah Dunstan	Executive Manager Governance & Risk
Lesley Milbourne	Principal Governance Officer
Mat Maish	Senior Advisor – Governance
Corinne Lieberman	Senior Service Delivery Analyst
Andrew Lawson	Service Desk Analyst

Notes

The meeting commenced at 6pm, adjourned at 8.34pm, resumed at 8.47pm, moved into closed session at 8.49pm, resumed in open session at 9.34pm and concluded at 10.09pm

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1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

NOTE: The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past, present and emerging

2.0 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE

PROCEDURAL MOTION - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

333/25 RESOLVED

Cr Bingham / Cr Williams

That Council accept the application for a leave of absence from Councillor Grattan for the December Ordinary Council meeting.

CARRIED

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2025

334/25 RESOLVED

Cr Robins / Cr Hackman

That the minutes of the Ordinary Northern Beaches Council Meeting held on 18 November 2025, copies of which were previously circulated, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

4.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NOTE: Designated person returns were tabled in accordance with sections 4.25 and 4.26 of the Code of Conduct

5.0 PUBLIC FORUM AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

NOTE: The Mayor requested that each speaker acknowledge that they had been informed that the meeting was to be webcast live and that Council accepts no responsibility for any defamatory comments made

5.1 PUBLIC FORUM

- Sean McLeod, on behalf of Northern Beaches Libertarians, addressed Council on public infrastructure.
- Nathan Thomason, on behalf of Manly Libertarians, addressed Council on public forum and local democracy.

- Jillian Wrathall addressed Council on the Seaforth Anglican Church 150th anniversary celebrations and community competition.
- Anthony White, on behalf of Frenchs Forest Libertarians, addressed Council on councillor expenses.
- Alex Bouveng, on behalf of Bushlink/Northside Enterprises, addressed Council on Bushlink's work regenerating local bushland.
- Joshua Beer, on behalf of Pittwater Libertarians, addressed Council on the cost of living.
- David Palmer, on behalf of the Pittwater Natural Heritage Association, addressed Council on Pittwater environmental priorities.
- Judy Lambert AM addressed Council on bushcare on the Northern Beaches.
- Doug Rennie, on behalf of Northern Beaches Libertarians, addressed Council on climate change.
- Jacqui Marlow addressed Council on biodiversity and nature connectivity (via a statement read by staff).

5.2 PUBLIC ADDRESS

Item 9.1 Monthly Investment and Finance Report - October 2025

- Judy Brain, on behalf of Save Little Manly Beach Foreshore, addressed Council against this item.

Item 9.2 Outcome of Public Exhibition - Draft Code of Meeting Practice

- Frank Bush, on behalf of Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association, addressed Council in support of this item.
- Mark Horton addressed Council against this item.
- Terrence La Roux addressed Council against this item.

Item 14.1 Notice of Motion No 50/2025 - Northern Beaches Council's Confidence in Volunteer Surf Lifesavers and Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches

- Nathan Thomason, on behalf of Manly Libertarians, addressed Council in support of this item.
- Carl Musker, on behalf of Long Reef Boardriders, addressed Council against this item.
- Joel Seaton addressed Council against this item.

6.0 ITEMS RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

335/25 RESOLVED

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That items 8.1, 9.1, 10.1, 11.1, 12.1 and 13.1 are dealt with by exception with the recommendations being adopted.

CARRIED

8.1 NORTHERN BEACHES DISCRETIONARY FUND - QUARTERLY REPORT

336/25 RESOLVED

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That Council note payments totalling \$7,200 have been allocated from the Northern Beaches Council Discretionary Fund for the period 11 September 2025 to 10 December 2025.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

9.1 MONTHLY INVESTMENT AND FINANCE REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

337/25 RESOLVED

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That Council note the Investment and Finance Report as at 31 October 2025, including the certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

10.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - CONFIRMED MINUTES OF 14 AUGUST 2025

338/25 RESOLVED

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That Council note the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 August 2025.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

11.1 PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT MIDDLE HARBOUR FLOOD STUDY

339/25 RESOLVED

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That the draft Middle Harbour Flood Study be placed on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days with the outcome reported to Council.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

12.1 FIRE & RESCUE NSW INSPECTION REPORT - SOUTH CREEK ROAD WHEELER HEIGHTS

340/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That Council:

1. Exercise its powers under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and issue a Fire Safety Order No.1 to address fire safety deficiencies at the property.
2. Provide notice of this determination to Fire & Rescue NSW.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

13.1 PROPOSED ROAD RESERVE CLOSURE AND PURCHASE OF COUNCIL LAND ADJOINING 23 MAAS STREET, CROMER

341/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That Council:

1. Note that it has considered the submission received in respect of the proposed closure of the portion of road identified in Attachment 1 of the report for this item, being part Maas Street, Cromer (Subject Land), which is adjacent to the property known as 23 Maas Street, Cromer comprised in Lot 2 DP 114908.
2. Close the Subject Land under the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993* and take the necessary steps to give effect to this closure.
3. Subject to the formal closure of the Subject Land, authorise disposal of the Subject Land to the registered proprietor of 23 Maas Street, Cromer (applicant) for an amount determined by an independent, qualified valuer, conditional upon the subdivision of the Subject Land from the road reserve and its consolidation with 23 Maas Street.
4. Require all costs associated with this proposal, including but not limited to Council's application fees, valuation fees, legal fees, survey costs, subdivision, consolidation and registration costs, and GST if applicable, be paid by the applicant.
5. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation and take all necessary actions to give effect to this resolution.

RESOLVED BY EXCEPTION

7.0 MAYORAL MINUTES

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE NO 13/2025 - CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE BONDI TRAGEDY

342/25 RESOLVED

Cr Heins / Cr De Luca

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the tragic event that occurred at Bondi Beach on Sunday 14 December 2025 and express its sincere condolences to the families, friends and the many involved, and acknowledge the first responders, the NSW Police and emergency services personnel.
2. Recognise the bravery of Mr. Ahmed Al Ahmed who wrestled the gun from one of the attackers.
3. Note:
 - a. with great sadness that the terrorist attack resulted in the murders of 15 innocent people and injuries to many, with over 29 hospitalised.
 - b. on 15 December 2025 the NSW Government issued a formal statement:

“This incident was designed to target Sydney’s Jewish community on the first day of Hanukkah, which should have been a night of peace and joy. Incidents targeting our Jewish communities have no place in our society. Hate and violence will not be tolerated.”
 - c. several Surf Life Savers and Lifeguards raced to help victims, while shots were being fired by the terrorists, and are being lauded as unsung heroes in the media and by the public.
 - d. Emergency Service workers and members of the public also heroically risked their own lives to save members of the public.
 - e. Surf Life Saving NSW CEO, Steve Pearce has advised in the media that his members are suffering great trauma and most of their equipment used to help the victims will need to be replaced.
4. Write to the Mayor of Waverley, Councillor Will Nemesh and the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies expressing the Northern Beaches’ deepest sympathy and condolences on the tragic loss of 15 innocent lives, to the families and loved ones of the deceased and best wishes to those who have sustained injuries.
5. Affirm its opposition to antisemitism, extremism and radicalisation in Australia.
6. Publish on Council’s website and social media links to:
 - a. where blood can be donated to support those injured and in hospital: www.lifeblood.com.au/donor-centre
 - b. the online Condolence Book: www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/bondi-beach-attack#toc-online-condolence-book
 - c. where donations can be made to Surf Life Saving NSW: www.gofundraise.com.au/payments/donate/beneficiary/586?embed=true
7. Acknowledge and commend all first responders and members of the community who acted heroically, saved lives and attended to the victims of the Bondi Beach terrorist attack.

VOTING

FOR: Unanimous

CARRIED

9.0 CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION REPORTS

9.2 OUTCOME OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Cr De Luca / Cr Singh

That Council:

1. Adopt the Northern Beaches Council Code of Meeting Practice 2025 (Code) at Attachment 1, with the Code to come into effect on 1 January 2026 with the exception of:
 - a. A1.2 The public forum will be held in Council Chambers from 6.00pm 7 days prior to an ordinary meeting of the Council change so it now reads:

The public forum for items on the agenda will be held in the Council Chambers, prior to an Ordinary Meeting of Council from 6.00pm and close strictly at 6.45pm.
 - b. Delete the non-mandatory clause that provides an option for the chairperson to be granted authorisation to expel any person, including any Councillor from a Council or committee meeting.
 - c. Replace 14 days with 8 days, being:

3.10 A Councillor may give notice of any business they wish to be considered by the Council at its next ordinary meeting by way of notice of motion. To be included on the agenda of the meeting, the notice of motion must be in writing and must be submitted by 12 noon 8 days before the meeting is to be held.
 - d. All voting at Council meetings (including meetings that are closed to the public) must be recorded in the minutes of meetings noting the names of Councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment (including the use of the casting vote).
2. Note its opinion that the amendments to the draft Code are not substantial and it may adopt the amended draft Code without public exhibition as its code of meeting practice.
3. Staff prepare options for open public forums to be held separately to Council meetings to be presented to the first scheduled Council meeting in 2026; these should include possibilities for up to 5 forums per year, where residents can advocate to Councillors on topics of interest or concern.

343/25 RESOLVED - MOTION BE PUT

Cr Beauguard

That the motion be now put.

CARRIED

MOTION

Cr De Luca / Cr Singh

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VOTING

FOR: Cr Hrnjak, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca and Cr Singh

AGAINST: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hackman, Cr Beaugeard, Cr Robins, Cr Dillon, Cr Korzy and Cr Heins

LOST

THE MOTION WAS LOST AND DEBATE RESUMED ON THE FORSHADOWED MOTION

MOTION

Cr Bingham / Cr Dillon

That Council:

1. Adopt the Northern Beaches Council Code of Meeting Practice 2025 (Code) at Attachment 1, with the Code to come into effect on 1 January 2026, subject to the following amendments:
 - a. Delete the following clauses:
 - i. 11.5, 11.6, 11.7 and 11.8
 - b. Add the following clause:
 - i. 11.5 All voting at council meetings, (including meetings that are closed to the public), must be recorded in the minutes of meetings with the names of councillors who voted for and against each motion or amendment (including the use of the casting vote) being recorded.
2. Establish a monthly community engagement forum, separate from the public forum referred to in clause 4 of the Code of Meeting Practice, to be held on the same evening as that public forum, for Councillors to hear from the members of the public on items not on the Council meeting agenda, on a trial basis for 6 months.

3. Note its opinion that the amendments to the draft Code are not substantial and it may adopt the amended draft Code without public exhibition as its code of meeting practice.

344/25 RESOLVED - MOTION BE PUT

Cr Williams

That the motion be now put.

CARRIED

345/25 RESOLVED - MOTION

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That Council:

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3. Note its opinion that the amendments to the draft Code are not substantial and it may adopt the amended draft Code without public exhibition as its code of meeting practice.

VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Hackman, Cr Beugeard, Cr Robins, Cr Dillon and Cr Heins

AGAINST: Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh and Cr Korzy

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION - ADJOURN THE MEETING

Cr Heins / Cr Bingham

That in accordance with clause 19.1 of the Code of Meeting Practice the meeting be adjourned for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

17.0 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – CLOSED SESSION

346/25 RESOLVED

Cr Bingham / Cr Robins

That:

1. The order of business change to bring forward 17.1, 17.2, 17.3, 17.4 and 17.5 to be dealt with immediately.
2. In accordance with the requirements of section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993* as addressed below, Council resolve to close the meeting to the public to consider and discuss:

- A. Item 17.1 RFT 2025/001087 - Design Services for Avalon Place Plan - Streets as Shared Spaces and Streetscape Upgrades on the basis that it involves the receipt and discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it [10A(2)(d(i)) *Local Government Act 1993*].

This report discusses/provides advice concerning commercial tenders. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information about the matter outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision-making because the disclosure of this information would result in the release of commercial in confidence information.

- B. Item 17.2 RFT 2025/001048 - Mackerel Beach Wharf Upgrade on the basis that it involves the receipt and discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it [10A(2)(d(i)) *Local Government Act 1993*].

This report discusses/provides advice concerning commercial tenders. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information about the matter outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision-making because the disclosure of this information would result in the release of commercial in confidence information.

- C. Item 17.3 RFT2025/000924 - Supply and Maintenance of Unattended Parking Fee Payment Solution on the basis that it involves the receipt and discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it [10A(2)(d(i)) *Local Government Act 1993*].

This report discusses/provides advice concerning commercial tenders. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information about the matter outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision-making because the disclosure of this information would result in the release of commercial in confidence information.

- D. Item 17.4 RFT 2025/064 - South Collaroy Foreshore & Stormwater Improvements on the basis that it involves the receipt and discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it [10A(2)(d(i)) *Local Government Act 1993*].

This report discusses/provides advice concerning commercial tenders. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information about the matter outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision-making because the disclosure of this information would result in the release of commercial in confidence information.

- E. Item 17.5 RFT 2025/001010 - Lease and Licence PCYC Cafe on the basis that it involves the receipt and discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature

that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it [10A(2)(d(i)) *Local Government Act 1993*].

This report discusses/provides advice concerning commercial tenders. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of the information about the matter outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in Council decision-making because the disclosure of this information would result in the release of commercial in confidence information.

3. The resolutions passed by Council in closed session be made public after the conclusion of the closed session and such resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

CARRIED

NOTE: The meeting moved into closed session at 8.47pm

18.0 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice clause 15.22 the resolutions of confidential reports resolved by exception earlier in the meeting and resolutions passed in closed session were displayed on the public screens and livestream of the meeting webcast

17.1 RFT 2025/001087 - DESIGN SERVICES FOR AVALON PLACE PLAN - STREETS AS SHARED SPACES AND STREETScape UPGRADES

347/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Korzy / Cr Singh

That Council:

1. Accept the tender of Nangle Pty Ltd for RFT 2025/001087 – Design Services for Avalon Place Plan - Streets as Shared Spaces and Streetscape Upgrades for the sum of \$170,900 excluding GST.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution and to approve contract payments up to the amount specified in the confidential evaluation report.
3. Ensure that as part of the community consultation regarding this project, the engineering and stormwater design works are highlighted.

VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Robins, Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh, Cr Dillon and Cr Korzy

AGAINST: Cr Williams, Cr Beaugeard and Cr Heins

ABSENT: Cr Hackman

CARRIED

17.2 RFT 2025/001048 - MACKEREL BEACH WHARF UPGRADE

348/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Korzy / Cr Dillon

That Council:

1. Accept the tender of SMC Marine Pty Ltd for RFT 2025/001048 – Mackerel Beach Wharf Upgrade for the sum of \$1,574,800 excluding GST.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution and to approve contract payments up to the amount specified in the confidential evaluation report.

VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Beugeard, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Robins, Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh, Cr Dillon, Cr Korzy and Cr Heins

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Hackman

CARRIED

17.3 RFT2025/000924 - SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF UNATTENDED PARKING FEE PAYMENT SOLUTION

349/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Korzy / Cr Beugeard

That Council:

1. Accept the tender of EasyPark ANZ Pty Ltd for RFT 2025/000924 - Supply and Maintenance of Unattended Parking Fee Payment Solution for:
 - a. \$19,500 (excluding GST) for a one-off site make-good fee
 - b. the initial annual amount of \$145,644 (excluding GST) for Supply and Maintenance of Unattended Parking Fee Payment Solution subject to usage and cost adjustment by CPI for each year thereafter, for an initial 3-year period with 2 optional extension periods of one year each, subject to satisfactory performance.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution and to approve contract payments up to the amount specified in the confidential evaluation report and to exercise Council's options to extend the contract term.

VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Beugeard, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Robins, Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh, Cr Dillon and Cr Heins

AGAINST: Cr Korzy

ABSENT: Cr Hackman

CARRIED

17.4 RFT 2025/064 - SOUTH COLLAROY FORESHORE & STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

350/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Bingham / Cr Beugeard

That Council:

1. Accept the tender of Brefni Pty Ltd for RFT2025/064 – South Collaroy Foreshore & Stormwater Improvements for the sum of \$4,740,886 excluding GST.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution and to approve contract payments up to the amount specified in the confidential evaluation report.

VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Beugeard, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Robins, Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh, Cr Dillon and Cr Heins

AGAINST: Cr Korzy

ABSENT: Cr Hackman

CARRIED

17.5 RFT 2025/001010 - LEASE AND LICENCE PCYC CAFE

351/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Glanville / Cr Robins

That Council:

1. Accept the tender received for RFT 2025/001010 – Lease & Licence of PCYC Café, 40 Kingsway, Dee Why from Wellbeing Lar Pty Ltd (ABN 54 649 112 149) for \$10,000 per annum (excluding GST), subject to annual CPI rent adjustments for a 5-year term with a 5-year option to extend the lease.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documentation to give effect to this resolution.

VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Beugeard, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Robins, Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh, Cr Dillon, Cr Korzy and Cr Heins

AGAINST: Nil

ABSENT: Cr Hackman

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION – RESUME IN OPEN SESSION

352/25 **RESOLVED**

Cr Williams / Cr De Luca

That Council resume in open session.

CARRIED

NOTE: The meeting resumed in open session at 9.34pm

14.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

14.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO 50/2025 - NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL'S CONFIDENCE IN VOLUNTEER SURF LIFESAVERS AND SURF LIFE SAVING NORTHERN BEACHES

Cr De Luca / Cr Singh

That Council:

1. Call on Councillor Joeline Hackman to issue an unconditional and unreserved written apology, to be tabled at the next ordinary meeting of Council and included in the minutes of that meeting, for her disparaging and misleading comments made in the Council Chamber on 25 November 2025 that “the volunteer surf lifesavers are actually quite dangerous on the jet skis and Surfing NSW are concerned about that”.
2. Request the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write a formal letter of apology to Surf Life Saving Northern Beaches and to each surf life saving club within the Northern Beaches local government area, expressly:
 - a. reaffirming Council’s strong confidence and support for volunteer surf lifesavers and surf life saving clubs
 - b. thanking them for the vital, selfless work they perform in protecting residents and visitors on our beaches.

AMENDMENT

Cr Beauguard / Cr Bingham

That Council:

1. Note an unreserved apology was made to and accepted by the CEO of Surf Life Saving NSW on the morning following Council’s meeting on 18 November 2025 for inadvertent references to surf life saving during debate on beach safety.
2. Note that motions making adverse comments about Councillors or staff may expose Council to WH&S claims for psychosocial injuries.
3. Request a meeting with the Minister for Local Government seeking legislative amendments to prevent motions of this nature from being tabled.
4. Advise the Chief Executive Officer that in Council’s opinion, any motion that criticises a Councillor by name or inference, is a breach of the Code of Meeting Practice and

consequently should not be published in a business paper.

MOTION OF DISSENT

Cr De Luca / Cr Singh

That Council dissent from the ruling of the Chair on a point of order.

LOST

AMENDMENT

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VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Beaugeard, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Robins, Cr Dillon and Cr Heins

AGAINST: Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh and Cr Korzy

ABSENT: Cr Hackman

CARRIED

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED AND BECAME THE MOTION

MOTION

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353/25 RESOLVED - MOTION BE PUT

Cr Glanville

That the motion be now put.

CARRIED

354/25 RESOLVED - MOTION

Cr Beugeard / Cr Bingham

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VOTING

FOR: Cr Bingham, Cr Williams, Cr Hrnjak, Cr Beugeard, Cr Glanville, Cr Harvey, Cr Robins, Cr Dillon and Cr Heins

AGAINST: Cr Giltinan, Cr De Luca, Cr Singh and Cr Korzy

ABSENT: Cr Hackman

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 10.09pm

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Mayor

Chief Executive Officer