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Burwood Council Meeting

Tuesday, 19 May, 2026

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Delivery Program (Year 2) and
2026-2027 Operational Plan





Acknowledgement of Country

Burwood City Council acknowledges the Wangal Clan of the Eora Nation, the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Burwood Local Government Area is located.

We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and ongoing relationship with the land.

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Message from The Mayor, John Faker



Burwood continues to evolve as a connected and forward-focused community, building on its strong foundations and sense of place. As we enter 2026–27, our work is centred on delivering the major priorities that will shape our Community's future, from strategic planning and precinct renewal through to improved transport, infrastructure, culture and place outcomes that support our growing and diverse community.

This year represents a significant period of planning and transformation for Burwood. Key strategic initiatives, including the recent State Significant rezoning of Burwood North, will help guide sustainable growth and ensure neighbourhoods are well-designed and supported by infrastructure, open space and community amenity. This sits alongside our ongoing commitment to ensuring growth is balanced with the protection and enhancement of the unique character, identity and liveability of our local area.

We are also progressing important frameworks like the Traffic Masterplan, which will help guide movement, accessibility and connectivity across our town centre.

The Burwood Culture House is advancing and will become a cornerstone for creativity and community connection. Alongside this, our focus on activation and the night-time economy, including initiatives such as the Special Entertainment Precinct and Purple Flag accreditation, will help foster a safer, more vibrant and diverse after-dark experience.

Across Burwood and Croydon, major streetscape upgrades at Burwood Road, Deane Street, Bells Lane and Paisley Road are continuing to progress through the detailed design phase, with community feedback informing the creation of more welcoming and accessible public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The Enfield Aquatic Centre (EAC) Redevelopment will also transform Sydney's oldest freshwater Olympic pool into a state-of-the-art aquatic and recreational facility, improving functionality, accessibility and enabling year-round use, ensuring it continues to meet the needs of Burwood's growing and diverse community, while still maintaining its much-loved heritage charm.

Arts and culture in Burwood are evolving, with new partnerships and initiatives, including collaboration with the Museum of Contemporary Art and the development of an expanded art trail, helping to shape a distinctive and engaging cultural identity.

We are also continuing to invest in a greener public domain, with 142 new street trees planted and scheduled across the city since July 2025. This in addition to the more than 1,600 trees delivered to date through the Mayoral Street Tree Planting Program.

As Sydney Metro works progress, we continue to work closely with the State Government to help shape the future precinct and ensure it delivers lasting benefits for the community.

Thank you to our community, Councillors, the General Manager and staff for your continued commitment and contribution. Together, we are building a Burwood that is innovative, connected and ready for the future.

Message from The General Manager, Tommaso Briscese



Burwood City Council's 2026–27 Operational Plan sets out a clear and practical roadmap for delivering on our long-term vision for a vibrant, liveable and resilient community. This year's focus is firmly on the systems, projects and day-to-day improvements that keep Council running effectively and ensure we continue to meet the expectations of our growing community now and into the future.

This year, Council will continue progressing a number of significant city-shaping initiatives that will help support a more connected, vibrant and future-focused Burwood. This includes advancing detailed precinct planning initiatives, such as the Burleigh Street Masterplan, to better manage movement, improve safety and accessibility, and support the continued growth and evolution of our city.

At the same time, Council remains committed to the essential day-to-day work that keeps our city functioning and improving. From maintaining and upgrading local infrastructure to enhancing service responsiveness and refining internal processes, we are focused on making it easier for the community to access services and for Council to deliver them effectively.

Supporting this work is the implementation of a new Enterprise Resource Planning system, which will strengthen how services are delivered and operated across the organisation, helping drive greater efficiency, improved service delivery and a more responsive Council.

We are also continuing to strengthen our organisational culture through a renewed Employee Value Proposition, ensuring our people are supported, empowered and equipped to deliver their best for our community.

Council also remains focused on building a more vibrant and activated city. This includes the delivery of major events and public art projects, as well as the roll out of permission-based policies that make it quicker, easier and more affordable for residents, businesses and community groups to activate and experience our public spaces. Together, these efforts are helping foster stronger local culture and a more vibrant and connected town centre.

Our approach to delivering these initiatives remains grounded in careful planning, strong governance and meaningful collaboration. We continue to work closely with government partners, stakeholders and the community to ensure our plans are not only strategically sound, but also practical and deliverable.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Councillors for their ongoing leadership and support, and acknowledge our staff whose commitment and professionalism drive the work of Council every day.

I also thank our community for their continued engagement as we deliver the systems, projects and improvements that will continue to support Burwood for generations to come.



Our Delivery Program and Operational Plan

The Burwood 2025-2029 Delivery Program is Council's response to delivering on the long-term aspirations of our community, partners and organisation. It responds to the strategic direction established by Burwood2036, our Community Strategic Plan.

The Delivery Program is Council's four-year commitment to our community. It outlines the activities we will take as an organisation to work towards the 2036 Vision while we support current needs through delivering our extensive range of services, assets and initiatives.

Monitoring our progress

We have developed a set of measures to help us monitor our success in implementing this Delivery Program. These align with the outcomes of each of our five Strategic Directions. We will report on these measures every four years at the end of each Council term through our State of the City Report.

Each year we will also report on a six-monthly basis on the progress of our annual Operational Plan. Each Operational Plan will define the annual targets we commit to delivering on.



