

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held in the Conference Room, Level 1, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Monday 23 June 2025 commencing at 6:02 PM.

**Attendance**

Councillor John Faker (Mayor)  
Councillor George Mannah (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Sukirti Bhatta  
Councillor Pascale Esber  
Councillor David Hull  
Councillor De Yi Wu  
Councillor Alex Yang

### Opening of Meeting by the Mayor

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer and Acknowledgement of Country.

### Apologies

There were no apologies.

### Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests by Councillors.

### Declarations of Political Donations

There were no declarations of political interests by Councillors.

### Confirmation of Minutes

50/25

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025, as circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Pascale Esber/Seconded Councillor Sukirti Bhatta)

**Mayoral Minutes****(Item MM9/25) In Memory of Gladys Barnes**

File No: 25/30352

**Summary**

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and honour the life and contribution of Gladys Barnes, a remarkable woman whose legacy continues to be felt in the Burwood community and through our ongoing remembrance of Sandakan.

Gladys's connection to Sandakan was deeply personal. Her father, Ralph Shields, died as a prisoner of war during World War II, and she dedicated much of her life to preserving his memory and the memory of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

As a founding member of Burwood's Sandakan Community Educational Committee, Gladys played an instrumental role in establishing and sustaining the annual Sandakan Memorial Service. For many years, she laid a wreath with great dignity and commitment, a tradition that held deep significance for her and served as a poignant reminder to all of us of the cost of war and the importance of remembrance.

Gladys was also an active and cherished member of our wider community. She was an accomplished lawn bowler, known for her warm nature and willingness to connect with others. Her presence, particularly at our annual memorial, will be missed, but her legacy endures.

In recognition of Gladys's enduring contribution, Council will ensure that a wreath is laid in her honour each year at the Sandakan Memorial, placed at the site of her father's name. This gesture will serve as a continuing tribute to her dedication and the deep personal connection she maintained with this important chapter of our shared history.

**51/25 RESOLVED**

That Council to send Condolences to the family via a floral tribute

**For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang**

**Against: Nil**

**(Item MM7/25) Tribute to Charles Casuscelli**

File No: 25/30249

**Summary**

I was deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. Charles Casuscelli RFD, Chief Executive Officer of the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) and former State Member for Strathfield.

Charles was appointed CEO of WSROC in 2015 and remained a tireless and passionate advocate for Western Sydney throughout his tenure. His leadership, commitment, and unwavering belief in the region's potential were evident in everything he did.

Before joining WSROC, Charles served as the Member for Strathfield in the NSW Parliament from 2011 to 2015, where he made valuable contributions through various committees, including as Chair of Transport and Infrastructure.

Over the years, we worked closely on many local matters. I had the opportunity to catch up with Charles just last month at a luncheon, a moment I will now cherish. Although we sat on opposite sides of politics, we shared a respectful friendship built on a common passion for serving our communities and advocating for Western Sydney.

Charles brought a wealth of experience to every role he held. A former Army officer, he continued serving in the Army Reserve, receiving the Reserve Forces Decoration (RFD), and contributed as a Defence Liaison Officer. His leadership extended across roles in transport and logistics, including senior positions with the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and NRMA.

He was also a proud member of several local clubs and remained deeply connected to his Italian heritage and to Western Sydney, a region he championed throughout his life.

We acknowledge and honour the meaningful work Charles has done for our area, and we extend our deepest condolences to his wife Maria and the entire Casuscelli family. Our thoughts are with them at this difficult time.

Rest in peace my friend, I will cherish our memories and especially your humour.

## 52/25 RESOLVED

I therefore move that:

Council to send Condolences to the family via a floral tribute

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

## Reports to Council

### (Item 28/25) Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents - For Adoption

File No: 25/27484

#### Summary

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 May 2025, Council resolved to place its Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents on public exhibition for feedback from the community. The public exhibition period has concluded and this report seeks Council's adoption of the:

- *Draft Community Strategic Plan – Burwood 2036;*
- *Draft Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026;*
- *Draft Fees & Charges 2025-2026; and*
- *Draft Resourcing Strategy 2026-35.*

#### **Operational Plan Objective**

2.1.3 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making.

## 53/25 RESOLVED

That Council adopt the:

1. *Community Strategic Plan: Burwood 2036*
2. *Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026, incorporating the Budget 2025-2026 and Statement of Revenue Policy 2025-2026*
3. *Resourcing Strategy 2025-35*
4. *Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025-2026*
5. *That Council note the proposed changes to the documents, including the Delivery Program 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-2026 incorporating the Budget 2025-26 and Statement of Revenue Policy 2025-26 and Schedule of Fees and Charges*
6. *Council make and levy the following Rates and Annual Charges for 2025/26:*

a. *Rates*

<b>2025/2026 RATING STRUCTURE WITH +7.6% IPART Rate Peg and Other Mandatory Adjustments</b>						
<b>RATE TYPE</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>RATE IN THE DOLLAR</b>	<b>NUMBER MIN. RATE ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>MINIMUM RATE \$</b>	<b>NOTIONAL YIELD \$</b>
Ordinary	Residential	10,645*	0.00110837	4,771*	\$1,299.37	\$18,918,087
Ordinary	Business A	449*	0.00215846	170*	\$1,420.92	\$1,932,215
Ordinary	Business B	41	0.00318608	3	\$1,420.92	\$724,895
Ordinary	Business C	29	0.00318201	2	\$1,420.92	\$587,182
Ordinary	Business D	42	0.00723609	4	\$1,817.72	\$3,249,194
Ordinary	Residential Town Centre	3,850	0.00075055	3,810	\$1,657.03	\$6,588,638
Ordinary	Town Centre - Minor Business	484	0.00256837	302	\$1,817.72	\$2,250,852
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,540</b>		<b>9,062</b>		<b>\$34,251,063</b>

b. *Domestic Waste*

*A Residential Waste Management Service Availability Charges (Residential Waste Charge or Res Strata Waste Charge) in accordance with Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 for 2025-2026 of \$604.00 as per Schedule of Fees and Charges.*

c. *Stormwater*

*A Stormwater Management Service Charges (Stormwater Management Service Charge) in accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993 and Clauses 125A and 125AA of Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, as denoted in the 2025-2026 Schedule of Fees and Charges document.*

d. *Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges*

*That Council adopt the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister being 10.5% p.a.*

7. *Authority be delegated to the General Manager to approve any minor editorial and document design corrections prior to publication.*

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang  
**Against:** Nil

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Alex Yang)

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**(Item 29/25) Draft Creative Burwood Strategy 2025 - 2035 - For Adoption**

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File No: 25/20494

**Summary**

The *Draft Creative Burwood Strategy 2025-2035* has been developed to guide Council's planning for arts and cultural programs, events and infrastructure over the next decade.

Following public exhibition, the Draft Strategy is now submitted to Council for adoption. During the exhibition period, eight submissions from the community were received. Create NSW and Sound NSW also provided feedback on the Draft Strategy.

**Operational Plan Objective**

A.83 Develop and implement the Burwood Cultural Plan.

**54/25 RESOLVED**

That Council adopts the *Draft Creative Burwood Strategy 2025 – 2035* (included under Attachment 1).

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang  
**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Councillor De Yi Wu)

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**(Item 30/25) Draft Burwood Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2025 - 2026 - For Adoption**

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File No: 25/20493

**Summary**

The *Draft Burwood Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2025-2026* has been developed to guide Council in strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians for the benefit of the whole community.

Following public exhibition, the Draft RAP is now submitted to Council for adoption. During the exhibition period, five submissions were received. Reconciliation Australia has also provided feedback and conditional endorsement of the amended Plan.

**Operational Plan Objective**

A.11 Finalise and implement the Reconciliation Action Plan.

**55/25 RESOLVED**

That Council:

1. Adopts the *Draft Burwood Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan 2025 - 2026* (included under Attachment 1).
2. Submits a copy of the adopted Plan to Reconciliation Australia.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang  
**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

#### **(Item 31/25) Draft Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan - Endorsement for Public Exhibition**

File No: 24/48170

##### **Summary**

The Draft Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan (WCP) aims to provide a long-term strategy and action plan for the provision of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and programs that are prioritised and provides the greatest benefit to the community.

A draft WCP has been prepared for public exhibition in order to receive feedback from stakeholders and the community.

##### **Operational Plan Objective**

C.4.2 Plan for a city that is safe, accessible and easy to get to and move around in.

#### **56/25 RESOLVED**

1. That Council endorse for the Draft Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That the General Manager bring a report back to Council for the formal adoption of the Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan following consideration of the outcome of the public exhibition period.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang  
**Against:** Nil

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor De Yi Wu)

#### **(Item 32/25) Draft 2025 Fraud and Corruption Control Policy - Endorsement for Public Exhibition**

File No: 25/26394

##### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to review the draft Fraud and Corruption Control Policy ('Draft Policy') and consider placing it on public exhibition.

##### **Operational Plan Objective**

A.117 Review and implement improvements to Council's Risk Management Framework

**57/25 RESOLVED**

1. That Council endorse the Draft Fraud and Corruption Control Policy for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That the General Manager bring a report back to Council for the formal adoption of the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy following consideration of the outcome of the public exhibition period.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Alex Yang/Seconded Councillor De Yi Wu)

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**(Item 33/25) Draft 2025 Complaints Management Policy and Procedure - Endorsement for Public Exhibition**

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File No: 25/26392

**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the opportunity to review the draft Complaints Management Policy and Procedure ('Draft Policy') and consider placing it on public exhibition.

**Operational Plan Objective**

C.11.1 Conduct Council business with transparency, accountability, compliance and probity that ensures community confidence in decision making

**58/25 RESOLVED**

1. That Council endorse the Draft Complaints Management Policy and Procedure for public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.
2. That the General Manager bring a report back to Council for the formal adoption of the Complaints Management Policy and Procedure following consideration of the outcome of the public exhibition period.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Councillor De Yi Wu)

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**(Item 34/25) NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - 2025 Determination on Fees for Councillors**

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File No: 25/27599

**Summary**

This report provides advice on the determination made by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, under sections 239 and 241 of the *NSW Local Government Act*, on annual fees payable to Mayors and Councillors in 2025–26. Council needs to resolve its position on payment of fees in accordance with the parameters set under legislation and the Tribunal determination.

**Operational Plan Objective**

P.49 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making

**59/25 RESOLVED**

That Council confirm the setting of mayoral and councillor annual fees for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 at the maximum permissible levels, being \$50,650.00 and \$23,220.00 respectively.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Alex Yang/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

**(Item 35/25) Investment Report as at 30 April 2025 and 31 May 2025**

File No: 25/28150

**Summary**

In accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, this report details all money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Operational Plan Objective**

A.103 Implement and monitor appropriate investment strategies and prepare monthly investment reports.

**60/25 RESOLVED**

1. That the investment report for 30 April 2025 and 31 May 2025 be received and endorsed.
2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be received and noted.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Councillor De Yi Wu)

**Reports of Committees****(Item RC6/25) Burwood Local Traffic Committee - June 2025**

File No: 25/28157

**Summary**

Attached are the Minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee meeting of June 2025. The Minutes are hereby submitted to the Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration and adoption by Council.



**Operational Plan Objective**

C.4.1 Plan and manage transport infrastructure to meet current and future community needs  
A.40 Investigate traffic hot spots and implement solutions such as pedestrian refuges, roundabouts or traffic calming devices.

**61/25 RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee of May 2025 be noted and the recommendations of the Committee as detailed below be adopted as a resolution of the Council.

**(Item LTC19/25) Paisley Road, Croydon - Christmas in Croydon*****Recommendation***

That Council approve the closure of seven parking spaces on Paisley Road between Paisley Lane and the cul-de-sac between 8.00am on Friday 5th December to 10.00am on Sunday 6th December to support the Christmas in Croydon event.

**(Item LTC20/25) Ford Lane, Burwood - Fridays @ Ford Lane*****Recommendation***

That Council approve the temporary road closure of Ford Lane between 10.00am to midnight on the following dates:

- Friday 29th August
- Friday 26th September
- Friday 31st October
- Friday 28th November

**(Item LTC21/25) Wilga Street, Burwood - Changes to Parking Restrictions*****Recommendation***

That Council approve the extension of the timed 'No Parking' restrictions in front of 11-15 Wilga Street from 'No Parking 10am – 6pm Sat – Sun' to 'No Parking 9am - 7pm Mon - Sun'.

**(Item LTC22/25) Driveway Delineation Lines - Croydon*****Recommendation***

That Council approves the installation of driveway delineation lines on driveways fronting King Edward Street, Wychbury Avenue, Alexandra Avenue and Monash Parade, excluding 20 Wychbury Avenue.

**(Item LTC23/25) Burwood Road and Wilga Street, Burwood - Installation of new Metered parking restrictions*****Recommendation***

1. That Council approve the installation of '2P Metered 9am- 10pm Mon – Sun and Public Holidays' parking restrictions and a new parking meter along the western side of Burwood Road between Wilga Street and Meryla Street.
2. That Council approve the installation of '2P Metered 9am- 10pm Mon – Sun and Public Holidays Permit Holders Excepted Area 3' parking restrictions and new parking meters along the northern side of Wilga Street.

**(Item LTC24/25) Mitchell Street, Enfield - Mobility Parking Space*****Recommendation***

That Council approve the installation of a mobility parking space and corresponding signage on the northern side of Mitchell Street opposite 45 Mitchell St, Enfield.

**(Item LTC25/25) Conder Street, Burwood - New Mobility and Short Term parking restrictions*****Recommendations***

1. That Council approve the installation of a 7.8m long Mobility Parking space on the eastern side of Conder Street including all associated signs and linemarkings.
2. That Council approve the installation of a 6.0m long '1/4P 9am – 7pm' parking space on the eastern side of Conder Street.

**(Item LTC26/25) Extension of On-Street Meter Parking Restrictions Hours*****Recommendation***

1. That Council approve making the extended restriction hours (9am–10pm Monday to Sunday including Public Holidays) permanent in the existing trial area.
2. That Council monitor all '2P Meter' on-street metered parking areas within the Burwood and Strathfield town centres for potential expansion of extended restriction hours in the future.

**For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang**

**Against: Nil**

(Moved Councillor David Hull/Seconded Councillor Sukirti Bhatta)

**Notices of Motion****(Item NM3/25) Strengthening International Relations with Nepal**

File No: 25/28518

**Summary**

Burwood has a rich and diverse cultural heritage, shaped by both long-established and emerging communities. In recent years, the Nepalese community has become the fastest growing cultural group within the Burwood Local Government Area (LGA). According to the 2021 Census, 7.6% of Burwood residents (3,060 people) were born in Nepal - well above the 1.1% average for Greater Sydney. This significant demographic presence reflects the increasing importance of the Nepalese community in shaping the cultural and social fabric of Burwood.

Since 2022, major Nepalese festivals and cultural events have relocated to Burwood, and several Nepalese community organisations have established their base in the area to better serve and connect with local residents. These developments reflect Burwood's growing role as a hub for the Nepalese diaspora in Sydney.

Recent discussions with community members, Nepalese community organisations and the Hon. Consul of Nepal to NSW, have expressed interest in developing closer ties between Burwood and Nepal, particularly with Kathmandu Metropolitan City.

As Nepal's capital and largest city, Kathmandu is the political, economic and cultural centre of the country. Like Burwood, it is a vibrant and densely populated urban centre where diverse

communities converge, small businesses thrive, community and cultural life is valued, and a strong sense of place is balanced with the need for urban growth. Kathmandu Valley is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, internationally recognised for its commitment to heritage preservation as reflected in its seven monument zones. With Burwood's own emphasis on heritage protection, there is further potential for mutual learning and collaboration.

These shared values and characteristics provide a strong basis for exploring collaboration opportunities or a potential Sister City relationship. Such a connection could foster mutual understanding, cultural exchange, economic opportunities and community engagement for the benefit of our residents.

This motion also reflects the aspirations embedded in Burwood's recently revised 2036 Community Strategic Plan vision: *"Global Spirit. Local Heart. Burwood is a welcoming community – proud of its past, shaped by its diverse people, and connected to the world."*

### Operational Plan Objective

C.1.1 Support and deliver initiatives that encourage social inclusion and community connections.

C.11.4 Build and maintain strong partnerships and advocate on behalf of the community.

## 62/25 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Investigate collaboration opportunities and the feasibility of a potential Sister City relationship with the Kathmandu Metropolitan City, Nepal, including an assessment of potential benefits, alignment with Council's strategic objectives and relevant policies, and resource implications.
2. Consult with relevant stakeholders, including Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee, community groups, businesses and educational institutions to gauge support and identify collaboration opportunities.
3. Prepare a report outlining the findings and recommendations for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

**For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang**

**Against: Nil**

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

## (Item NM4/25) Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Food Businesses in Burwood

File No: 25/28229

### Summary

Burwood has rapidly evolved into a renowned dining destination, attracting visitors from across Sydney and beyond. Celebrated for its diverse and authentic cuisine, Burwood is now home to hundreds of food-based businesses that reflect the rich cultural diversity of our community.

Council plays an important role in regulating our local food businesses by conducting regular inspections to ensure compliance with NSW Food Authority guidelines and legislation. I understand that Council already takes a very proactive approach by maintaining a regular presence within our businesses to ensure everyone's safety, whilst continuing to support the growth of Burwood as a renowned food destination. Council's participation in the NSW Scores on Doors program further demonstrates our commitment to excellence in food safety.

Despite these existing efforts, I have received representation indicating that some new restaurant owners, particularly those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, may face challenges in navigating Australia's food safety regulations. This is often compounded by language barriers and limited familiarity with local compliance requirements.

To address these challenges, I propose that Council explore opportunities to develop an expanded multi-lingual education and support program for local food-based businesses. Such an initiative would assist business owners in meeting the highest standards of compliance, while positioning Burwood as a dining destination of excellence.

### **Operational Plan Objective**

A.92 Undertake scheduled and responsive inspections of cooling towers, water systems, food, health, beauty and cosmetic premises to identify and respond to risks.

A.94 Deliver campaigns and provide initiatives to support the health of food premises.

## **63/25 RESOLVED**

That Council prepares a report outlining a plan for an expanded multi-lingual education and support program for local businesses, including budget considerations, possible partnerships with multicultural organisations and business support networks, and reports back to Council by August 2025.

**For:** Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang

**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Alex Yang/Seconded Councillor Sukirti Bhatta)

### **(Item NM5/25) Offering Residential 240L Waste Services**

File No: 25/27815

#### **Summary**

With the increasing cost of living and the housing shortage across Sydney, many families are choosing to build secondary dwellings or renovate existing homes to accommodate their children and aging parents.

In some instances, families are in need of additional waste disposal capacity and are applying to Council for additional bins.

Council currently provides households with a 120 Litre Waste bin, a 240 Litre recycling bin and a 240 Litre green waste bin. Council's current practice and exhibited Fees and Charges allow residential properties to apply for a second 120 Litre Bin for \$916. However, Residential Flat Buildings would be able to apply for an additional 240 Litre waste bin for \$1,069. The cost difference for the additional bin capacity appears disproportionate.

Whilst I recognise the need to reduce household waste generation and waste going to landfill, it is important that Council supports the needs of changing households during current economic pressures.

I also note that providing households with an additional 120 Litre bin takes additional space, both within properties and on the kerbside during bin collection day.

I would therefore propose that Council's current secondary bin allocation and exhibited Fees and Charges be amended to allow residential properties to request that their 120 Litre Waste bin be substituted by a single 240 Litre Waste bin, rather than limiting them to requesting an additional 120 Litre Waste bin. I also propose that the fee be reviewed and redistributed between residential properties and residential flat buildings.

**64/25 RESOLVED**

That:

1. Residential properties be permitted to apply for increased waste bin capacity in the form of a single 240 Litre bin, rather than having to request a second 120 Litre waste bin.
2. Staff review the 2025/26 Fees and Charges for increased waste bin capacity provided to residential properties compared with residential flat buildings

**For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang**

**Against: Nil**

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor David Hull)

**Confidential Items - Closed Session****65/25 RESOLVED**

That the meeting move into closed session at 6:33pm in order to consider Item 36/25 Outcome of Property Acquisition to the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with Section 10A(2) (c), (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as the matter involves information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it; or (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or (iii) reveal a trade secret.

**For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang**

**Against: Nil**

(Moved Councillor De Yi Wu/Seconded Councillor Pascale Esber)

There were no representatives from the public to address the council before the resolution to move into closed session was carried.

**(Item 36/25) Outcome of Property Acquisition**

File No: 25/28348

**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise on the outcome of the due diligence process and the negotiation outcome of the properties 31 & 33 Burwood Road, Burwood, as per the Council resolution of 3 March 2025 (17/25). The acquisition has been completed for \$17 million following comprehensive due diligence and negotiations, securing two strategic properties in the heart of the Burwood North Precinct.

**Operational Plan Objective**

A.102 Comply with financial management responsibilities to promote transparency and accountability.

A.104 Manage Council's property portfolio to optimise financial returns from Council owned properties.

A.74 Undertake initiatives that support new economic growth in the Burwood North Precinct and Burwood Town Centre.

**66/25 RESOLVED**

That Council:

1. Note the successful outcome of the property acquisition of 31 & 33 Burwood Road, Burwood for \$17,000,000 and the funding strategy to complete the acquisition.
2. Resolve to classify the land at 31 & 33 Burwood Road, Burwood as Operational Land.

**For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang**

**Against: Nil**

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor De Yi Wu)

**67/25 RESOLVED**

That the meeting resume in open session at 6:46pm

**For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu, Cr Yang**

**Against: Nil**

(Moved Councillor Alex Yang/Seconded Councillor Sukirti Bhatta)

The meeting resumed in open session at 6:46 pm and the General Manager read the resolution of the closed session item 36/25 listed above, minute number 66/25.

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 6:47 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 23 June 2025 will be submitted for confirmation by Council at its next meeting on 22 July 2025.