

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held in the Conference Room, Level 1, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 26 August 2025 commencing at 6:00 PM.

Attendance

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

Opening of Meeting by the Mayor

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

Apologies

87/25 RESOLVED

That leave be granted for Councillor Pascale Esber who has submitted an apology.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

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

88/25 RESOLVED

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22 July 2025, as circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

Mayoral Minutes**(Item MM12/25) Special Recognition of the Enduring Legacy of the Young Family and AC/DC in Burwood**

File No: 25/42094

Summary

With the recent announcement of AC/DC's *Power Up Tour* coming to Sydney this November, we have a monumental opportunity to welcome Angus Young, together with other members of AC/DC, to Burwood - the very place where the AC/DC story began.

Operational Plan Objective

C.3.2 Promote and celebrate the unique heritage, culture and identity of the local area.

89/25 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Formally acknowledges the Young family as an integral part of Burwood's story, recognising their extraordinary contribution to the musical heritage of Burwood, Australia and the world.
2. Officially names the theatre within the forthcoming Burwood Culture House the 'Young Theatre', ensuring their legacy is celebrated at the heart of Burwood's cultural life.
3. Progresses plans for a permanent tribute to Angus, Malcolm and George Young as part of the planned transformation of Railway Square, aligning with Burwood's profile as 'Sydney's Cultural Playground'.
4. Extends a formal invitation to Angus Young, together with other members of AC/DC, to visit Burwood during their Sydney tour in November 2025, to be welcomed and honoured in the place where the band's legendary journey began.
5. Continues to explore further opportunities to honour the Young family and ensure AC/DC's legacy remains a celebrated and permanent part of Burwood's identity for generations to come.
6. Investigates possible renaming of Railway Square to AC/DC Square.
7. Writes to the State Member and Premier regarding this Mayoral Minute, in light of recent correspondence with the Premier.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang
Against: Nil

(Moved Mayor John Faker)

Reports to Council

(Item 48/25) LEP Amendment - Design Excellence Competitions

File No: 25/35692

Summary

This report seeks Council's endorsement to prepare a Planning Proposal to amend the *Burwood Local Environmental Plan 2012* by updating the Design Excellence clause. The amendment would require significant developments such as mixed-use and apartment buildings over 28 metres (or 8 storeys) to undergo a competitive design process in line with the [Design Competition Guidelines \(September 2023\)](#) prepared by the NSW Government Architect. This process would aim to improve design outcomes across Burwood's higher-density areas and would be required to occur prior to any approval being issued.

The proposal complements the existing Design Review Panel process and supports Council's broader goal of ensuring high-quality architecture and public spaces, particularly in areas like the Town Centre and Burwood North, where growth will involve complex residential developments. Design competitions are a proven method for achieving excellence and innovation in built form, while also delivering wider benefits to community identity, liveability, and the public domain.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.3 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place
- C.3.1 Facilitate well designed, high quality and sustainable land use and development that is appropriately scaled to complement its surroundings
- C3.2 Protect our unique built heritage and maintain or enhance local character
- C.4 Sustainable, integrated transport, infrastructure and networks support population growth and improve liveability and productivity
- C.4.2 Plan for a city that is safe, accessible and easy to get to and move around in
- C.1.1 Support and deliver initiatives that encourage high-quality design, sustainable development and enhanced urban amenity
- C.10 A well informed community active in civic life, local planning and decision making
- C.11.1 Conduct Council business with transparency, accountability, compliance and probity that ensures community confidence in decision making
- A.70 Work with developers to promote sustainable development
- C.9 Safe, clean and activated streets, centres and public places are enjoyed by people day and night
- P.38 Deliver attractive, healthy streetscapes and centres that are inviting and foster community pride

90/25 RESOLVED

That Council defers the Planning Proposal for further investigation.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang
Against: Nil

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

(Item 49/25) DCP Amendment - Update Acoustic Requirements for Active Centres for Exhibition

File No: 25/35689

Summary

As parts of the Burwood LGA transition to higher-density living, it is vital to update local planning controls to ensure that new developments, or substantial alterations and additions, incorporate essential acoustic measures to protect amenity and manage impacts from active and vibrant city environments for the benefit of both current and future residents and visitors.

This report proposes amendments to the acoustic amenity provisions in Parts 3 and 4 of the Burwood Development Control Plan (BDCP). The amendments would apply to Residential Accommodation, Tourist and Visitor Accommodation, Places of Public Worship, Hospitals, Medical Centres, Respite Day Care Centres, and Educational Establishments or Centre-based Child Care Facilities within the Burwood Town Centre, the R1, R3, E1 and MU1 zones, and areas where a Special Entertainment Precinct may apply.

The intent is to strengthen acoustic standards to support housing delivery in mixed-use and entertainment precincts, while ensuring a high level of protection for residents in the Burwood Town Centre, higher-density neighbourhoods and other active areas.

Operational Plan Objective

- A.80 Implement activities or initiatives that enhance Burwood's night time economy
- C.3 An urban environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity and place
- C.3.1 Facilitate well designed, high quality and sustainable land use and development that is appropriately scaled to complement its surrounds
- C.3.2 Protect our unique built heritage and maintain or enhance local character
- C.4 Sustainable, integrated transport, infrastructure and networks to support population growth and improve liveability and productivity
- C.4.2 Plan for a city that is safe, accessible and easy to get to and move around in
- C.11.2 Provide opportunity for engagement with the community to inform Council's decision-making

91/25 RESOLVED

- 1) The proposed amendments to the acoustic provisions of Parts 3 and 4 of the Burwood Development Control Plan, as out lined in Attachment 1, be endorsed for the purpose of public exhibition and that they be exhibited in accordance with the relevant legislation and Council's *Community Engagement Strategy*.
- 2) That following the exhibition of the BDCP amendment, a report be bought to Council advising of any submissions and making recommendations on the finalisation of the draft amendment.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang
Against: Nil

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Councillor Alex Yang)

(Item 50/25) DCP Amendment - Update to Tree Permit Provisions - Endorsement for Public Exhibition

File No: 25/35688

Summary

State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021 (the SEPP) establishes the framework for regulating the clearing of trees and vegetation in non-rural areas, which includes the Burwood LGA. The Burwood Development Control Plan (BDCP) operates in conjunction with the SEPP and provides a local framework for managing tree-related approvals.

This report proposes an amendment to Clause 6.1 – Preservation of Trees and Vegetation of the BDCP. The intent of the amendment is to revise and clarify the provisions of this Clause to ensure alignment with Chapter 2 of the SEPP and with Council's Sustainable Burwood Plan.

The amendments also seek to provide greater clarity and consistency with customer expectations in relation to tree removal and pruning within the Burwood LGA, with the aim of improving the overall customer experience.

Provisions are being updated to reference current legislative requirements, incorporate additional merit assessment considerations (including the appropriateness of trees located within three metres of residential dwellings in line with complying development provisions), strengthen character assessment criteria, and introduce replacement ratios of two or three trees for every one removed, based on the extent of canopy cover loss.

Operational Plan Objective

- C.7.2 Develop strong planning controls to protect and support a green and sustainable environment.
- C.6 The urban forest and natural environment are maintained, enhanced and connected.
- C.6.1 Maintain and increase green spaces, the urban tree canopy, natural shade and enhance biodiversity corridors.

92/25 RESOLVED

- 1) That the proposed amendment to Clause 6.1 Preservation of Trees and Vegetation of the Burwood Development Control Plan 2013 (BDCP), as outlined in **Attachment 1**, be endorsed for the purposes of public exhibition and be exhibited in accordance with relevant Legislation and Council's *Community Engagement Strategy*.
- 2) That following the exhibition of the DCP amendment, a report be brought to Council advising of any submissions and making recommendations on the finalisation of the draft amendment.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

(Item 51/25) Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan - For Adoption

File No: 25/40541

Summary

The Draft Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan (WCP) was placed on public exhibition for 28 days which ended on 31 July 2025. The purpose of this report is to summarise the feedback received and recommend that Council adopt the Plan.

Operational Plan Objective

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

93/25 RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan, contained in Attachment 1 to this report.
2. That the General Manager be endorsed to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, and legislative updates to the Burwood Walking and Cycling Plan

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

(Item 52/25) Investment Report as at 31 July 2025

File No: 25/40249

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.

94/25 RESOLVED

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

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

(Item 53/25) Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program – Quarterly Progress Report

File No: 25/40264

Summary

This report provides Council with a high-level progress update on the delivery of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program currently underway, and marks the third instalment in an ongoing series of quarterly reports.

95/25 RESOLVED

That Council notes the contents of this report, including updates on the progress of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

(Item 54/25) Draft Fraud and Corruption Control Policy - For Adoption

File No: 25/37550

Summary

The *Draft Fraud and Corruption Control Policy* was placed on public exhibition for 28 days as resolved on 23 June 2025. No feedback from the public was received. ICAC provided comments, which have been integrated into the Policy. The purpose of this report is to provide Council the opportunity to adopt the Policy as amended.

Operational Plan Objective

A.106 Maintain, enhance and embed Council's governance, risk and compliance frameworks to support compliance and good governance

96/25 RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the *Fraud and Corruption Control Policy*, contained in Attachment 1 to this report.
2. That the General Manager be endorsed to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, and legislative updates to the *Fraud and Corruption Control Policy*.
3. That Council revoke the existing *Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy*.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

(Item 55/25) Draft Complaints Management Policy and Procedure - For Adoption

File No: 25/37551

Summary

The *Draft Complaints Management Policy and Procedure* was placed on public exhibition for 28 days as resolved on 23 June 2025. No feedback from the public was received. The purpose of this report is to provide Council the opportunity to adopt the Policy and Procedure.

Operational Plan Objective

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

97/25**RESOLVED**

1. That Council adopt the *Complaints Management Policy and Procedure*, contained in Attachment 1 to this report.
2. That the General Manager be endorsed to make minor modifications to any numerical, typographical, interpretation and formatting errors, and legislative updates to the *Complaints Management Policy and Procedure*.
3. That Council revoke the existing *Complaints Management Policy*.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

(Item 56/25) Education and Support Program for Local Food Businesses

File No: 25/34374

Summary

This report responds to Notice of Motion NM4/25, *Supporting Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Food Businesses in Burwood*. It proposes an expansion of Council's food safety education initiatives for local businesses, informed by industry research and direct engagement with local operators. The extended initiatives are designed to help local food-based businesses meet the highest standards of compliance while enhancing Burwood's reputation as a premier dining destination.

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.

98/25 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the industry research and engagement findings presented in this report.
2. Endorses the proposed additional food safety education and support initiatives, including their staged rollout over a two-year period.
3. Receives ongoing updates on the implementation of the expanded initiatives through Council's established six-monthly Operational Plan reporting process.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

(Moved Councillor Alex Yang/Seconded Councillor Sukirti Bhatta)

(Item 57/25) Christmas Closedown 2025

File No: 25/38211

Summary

This report outlines the proposed Christmas/New Year closedown period and the plans to ensure that an appropriate level of service to the Burwood community is maintained.

Operational Plan Objective

P.54 – Maintain a high-quality workforce that is committed to delivering on our community's and Council's vision and goals.

A.123 – Implement year 1 actions of the Workforce Management Plan.

99/25 RESOLVED

1. That Council endorse the Christmas/New Year closedown period from Thursday 25 December 2025 up to and including Sunday 4 January 2026.
2. That Council endorse the early closure time of the Library and Community Hub on Wednesday 24 December 2025 at 4.45pm instead of 6pm to align with Council's Customer Service Counter.
3. That Council resolve to provide eligible employees with up to an additional three paid leave (concession) days during this closedown period as per the conditions set out in this report.
4. That the General Manager ensures suitable notification is provided to the community of the operational hours for Council services and facilities during the 2025/2026 closedown period.
5. That the General Manager ensures suitable consultation and notification is provided to employees as per the requirements set out in the *Local Government (State) Award 2023*.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

(Item 58/25) Local Government NSW Annual Conference

File No: 25/40057

Summary

This year the Local Government NSW Annual Conference is being held from Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 November 2025 at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Convention Centre.

Council can nominate up to four voting delegates to vote on the motions and, as customary, observers to attend the Conference.

Operational Plan Objective

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

100/25 RESOLVED

That:

1. Council nominates the Mayor, Councillor Yang, Councillor Mannah and Councillor Bhatta to attend as the Voting Delegates who will be appointed as a proxy to vote on behalf of Council at the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2025 to be held at Panthers Penrith and Western Sydney Convention Centre, from Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 November 2025.
2. The General Manager and other Observers are authorised to attend, and that the nominated Observers confirm their attendance by Tuesday 30 September 2025 to the General Manager.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

Reports of Committees**(Item RC8/25) Burwood Local Traffic Committee - August 2025**

File No: 25/40273

Summary

Attached are the Minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee meeting of August 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

101/25 RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Burwood Local Traffic Committee of August 2025 be noted and

the recommendations of the Committee as detailed below be adopted as a resolution of the Council.

(Item LTC32/25) Belmore Street, Burwood - Changes to Parking Restrictions

Recommendation

That Council approve the conversion of the 45-metre length of '2P meter' parking on the south side of Belmore Street west of Burwood Road to 25m of 'No Stopping' and 20m of 'No Parking'.

(Item LTC36/25) Portland Street, Enfield - Pedestrian Wombat Crossing Upgrade

Recommendation

That Council approve the upgrade of Portland Street pedestrian crossing between Mina Rosa Street and Plymouth Street to include blister islands and relevant signage, as per the attached plan.

(Item LTC39/25) Car Share Bays - Various Locations Applied for by GoGet

Recommendation(s)

That Council approve the installation of dedicated car share spaces at the following locations:

- Southern side of Elizabeth Street, Burwood - east of Burleigh Street
- Northern side of Victoria Street, Burwood - west of Elsie Street
- Eastern side of Burwood Road, Burwood Heights - north of Bligh Street
- Eastern side of Brighton Street, Croydon - south of Liverpool Road

(Item LTC41/25) Oxford Street, Burwood - Changes to parking restrictions outside Burwood Public School

Recommendation

That Council approve the conversion of the existing 'No Parking 8am–9.30am, 2.30pm–4pm School Days Only' restrictions on the eastern side of Oxford Street fronting Burwood Public School to '1/4P 8am–9.30am, 2.30pm–4pm School Days Only'

(Item LTC42/25) Conder Street, Burwood - Sight Distance Treatment

Recommendation

That Council approve the removal of two on-street parking spaces on the eastern side of Conder Street, one on either side of the intersection with Belmore Street, including relocation of the associated 'No Stopping' signs and extension of the painted islands to reflect the revised parking arrangement.

(Item LTC43/25) Burwood Road, Croydon Park - Raised Pedestrian/Cycle Crossing

Recommendations

1. That Council endorse the proposal to upgrade the existing pedestrian refuge island on Burwood Road Croydon Park, and replace it with a raised pedestrian

- and bicycle crossing, in coordination with City of Canterbury Bankstown Council.
2. That the final design be submitted to Transport for NSW for endorsement prior to any works commencing.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang

Against: Nil

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

Notices of Motion

(Item NM6/25) Digital Bus Information Signs

File No: 25/39213

Summary

Burwood is a major public transport hub, with a high number of bus routes operating along Burwood Road and surrounding streets, serving a growing population of residents, commuters, and visitors. Encouraging greater use of public transport will help ease traffic congestion along Burwood Road and improve access to the Burwood Town Centre.

Digital and smart bus stop signage has been successfully trialled in other parts of Sydney, including the City of Sydney and Macquarie Park during the Epping to Chatswood Rail Link upgrade. These signs provide real-time information on bus arrivals, capacity, service changes, and disruptions. The introduction of smart bus stop technology in Burwood would improve the commuter experience and support Council's broader goals of adopting smart city initiatives.

Digital bus signs can be solar powered and remotely updated, allowing flexibility as bus routes and services change. Positive feedback from previous trials demonstrates the potential benefits for both public transport users and the wider community.

This proposal aligns with Council's digital strategy and aims to improve connectivity, accessibility, and sustainability in the Burwood Town Centre.

Operational Plan Objective

2.2.1 Plan and manage transport infrastructure to meet current and future community needs

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

102/25 RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Notes the high volume of bus routes operating in and throughout Burwood, servicing a growing number of residents and commuters, and acknowledges the benefits of digital and/or smart bus signs in providing passengers with real-time information on arrivals, capacity, service changes, and disruptions.
2. Advocates to Transport for NSW to trial the installation of digital and/or smart bus signs in the Burwood Town Centre along Burwood Road, providing real-time passenger information on arrivals, capacity, disruptions, and service changes.

3. Investigates opportunities to incorporate this initiative within its broader digital strategy, including alignment with other smart city projects such as smart parking signage.
4. Writes to Transport for NSW requesting collaboration on site selection for the trial, with priority given to high-demand bus stops in the Burwood Town Centre.

For: Cr Faker, Cr Mannah, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang
Against: Nil

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

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 6:33 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 August 2025 were submitted for confirmation by council on 23 September 2025 and were confirmed without amendment by resolution 103/25. The confirmed Minutes were signed by the Mayor, John Faker, at the meeting of 23 September 2025.