



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF BURWOOD held in the Conference Room, Level 1, 2 Conder Street, Burwood on Tuesday 18 November 2025 commencing at 6:00 PM.

**Attendance** Councillor John Faker (Mayor)  
Councillor George Mannah (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Sukirti Bhatta  
Councillor Pascale Esber  
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**

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**

#### **133/25 RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 October 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-Coshott, Cr Yang

**Against:** Nil

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

**Reports to Council****(Item 82/25) Burwood Council Annual Report 2024 - 2025**

File No: 25/53177

**Summary**

Burwood Council's Annual Report for the financial year 2024 – 2025 has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) and the Office of Local Government's Annual Report requirements.

**Operational Plan Objective**

P.43 – Plan, monitor and report on the delivery of services and initiatives in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework under the Local Government Act.

**134/25 RESOLVED**

That Council endorse the Burwood Council Annual Report 2024 – 2025.

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

**Against:** Nil

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Councillor Pascale Esber)

**(Item 83/25) Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Internal Audit Function**

File No: 25/51381

**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the operations of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) and Internal Audit Function during 2025. It also seeks endorsement from Council of the proposed Annual Work Plans and Strategic Work Plans for both programs and adoption of a revised Internal Audit Charter, following review by the ARIC.

**Operational Plan Objective**

A.102 Sustain the Internal Audit Function and Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) to provide assurance and support continuous improvement

**135/25 RESOLVED**

That Council:

1. Adopt the revised Internal Charter at Attachment 1.
2. Endorse the following plans:
  - a. Internal Audit Annual Work Plan and Strategic Plan at Attachment 2
  - b. ARIC Annual Work Plan and Strategic Work Plan at Attachment 3
3. Receive and note the General Manager's Attestation for 2024–2025.
4. Receive and note the annual assessment report for 2025 from the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

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

(Moved Councillor Sukirti Bhatta/Seconded Councillor Pascale Esber)

### **(Item 84/25) Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program – Quarterly Progress Report**

File No: 25/55389

#### **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 fourth instalment in an ongoing series of quarterly reports.

#### **136/25 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 Esber, Cr Hull, Cr Bhatta, Cr Wu-Coshott, Cr Yang  
**Against:** Nil

(Moved Deputy Mayor George Mannah/Seconded Councillor Pascale Esber)

### **(Item 85/25) Councillor Representation on Committees and Other Bodies**

File No: 25/54278

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to determine Councillor representation on community, technical and management Committees and other industry bodies of relevance to the exercise of Council functions.

#### **Operational Plan Objective**

A.97 Facilitate interagency networks and advisory committees to provide opportunities for collaboration and participation

P.48 Ensure transparency and accountability in decision making

#### **137/25 RESOLVED**

That Council:

- Notes the continuing appointments for representatives to the Sydney Eastern City Regional Planning Panel and the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee for the remainder of those terms, and
- Determines ongoing councillor representation on committees as:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Delegate(s)</b>	<b>Alternate(s)</b>
Burwood Anzac Commemorative Service Committee	Mayor Faker	N/A	Cr Yang

Multicultural Advisory Committee	Cr Esber	Cr Bhatta	Cr Yang
National Servicemen's Association Committee	Mayor Faker	Cr Esber	Cr Yang
Sandakan Community Educational Committee	Mayor Faker	N/A	Cr Yang
Sustainability & Environment Advisory Committee	Mayor Faker	Deputy Mayor Mannah	Cr Bhatta
Burwood Local Transport Forum	Mayor Faker	N/A	Deputy Mayor Mannah
General Manager's Contract Review Panel	Mayor Faker	Deputy Mayor Mannah Cr Esber	Cr Hull Cr Yang Cr Bhatta Cr Wu-Coshott
SSROC - Full Committee	N/A	Mayor Faker Deputy Mayor Mannah	Cr Yang Cr Esber
SSROC - Economic Committee	Mayor Faker	Cr Yang	Cr Bhatta

3. Determines the term for each appointment to be until Friday 8 September 2028, being the remainder of the current term of Council.

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

**Against: Nil**

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

### **(Item 86/25) Council Meeting Dates for 2026**

File No: 25/53897

#### **Summary**

The proposed schedule for Ordinary Meetings of Council for the whole of 2026 is presented for consideration and adoption by Council.

#### **Operational Plan Objective**

A.110 Deliver a progressive and accountable framework to support Councillors and Burwood Local Planning Panel

### **138/25 RESOLVED**

That Council endorse the schedule for ordinary meetings of Council in 2026, as proposed in Attachment 1 to this report.

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

**Against: Nil**

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

**(Item 87/25) Adoption of Revised Long Term Financial Plan and Loan Approval**

File No: 25/52094

**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to propose the adoption of a Revised Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) and to delegate authority to the General Manager to enter into a loan with TCorp.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.3 Ensure financial sustainability and organisational effectiveness

**139/25 RESOLVED**

1. That Council receive and note the Revised Long Term Financial Plan
2. That Council delegates authority to the General Manager to enter into a fixed loan agreement for \$5 million over 5 years with TCorp

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

**Against:** Nil

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

**(Item 88/25) Budget Review for Quarter Ending 30 September 2025**

File No: 25/54624

**Summary**

The 2025-2026 Budget was adopted at the Council Meeting held on 24 June 2025 with a surplus of \$29,002,000, with the operating result before capital grants and contributions forecast to be a surplus of \$37,000.

The following Statement of Budget Income and Expenditure identifies a forecast surplus of \$28,602,000 as at 30 September 2025, with the operating result before capital grants and contributions forecast to be a deficit of \$1,817,000.

**Operational Plan Objective**

2.3.1 Identify and maintain additional revenue sources to ensure financial sustainability

**140/25 RESOLVED**

1. That the Budget Review Statement of the 2025-26 Budget as at 30 September 2025, including the statement by the Responsible Accounting Officer, Finance Manager, be received and noted.
2. That in accordance with Clauses 203 and 211 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021, the revised estimates of income and expenditure for 2025-26 surplus of \$28,602,000, as shown in the report be approved and that Council's budget be adjusted accordingly and that the expenditure and income variations projected in the report and the transfers to and from External and Internal restricted Reserves be approved.

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

(Moved Councillor Pascale Esber/Seconded Councillor Sukirti Bhatta)

### **(Item 89/25) Investment Report as at 31 October 2025**

File No: 25/55603

#### **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.

#### **141/25 RESOLVED**

1. That the investment report for 31 October 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-Coshott, Cr Yang  
**Against:** Nil

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

### **(Item 90/25) Code of Conduct Complaints Statistics 2024-2025**

File No: 25/54197

#### **Summary**

To report to Council a summary of Code of Conduct complaint statistics in accordance with the requirements of clause 11.1 of the *Procedures for the Administration of the Codes of Conduct*.

#### **142/25 RESOLVED**

That Council notes the Statistical Report on Code of Conduct Complaints relating to Councillors and the General Manager for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

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

(Moved Councillor Pascale Esber/Seconded Deputy Mayor George Mannah)

This concluded the business of the meeting and Council rose at 6:09 pm.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 November 2025 will be submitted for confirmation by Council at its next meeting on 9 December 2025.