



**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7:00PM
LEVEL 3, COUNCIL CHAMBER**

LATE AGENDA

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Acknowledgment of outgoing Council and Welcome to new Councillors

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Recommendation:

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MAYORAL MINUTE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUTGOING COUNCIL AND WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS

As Mayor my first priority is to acknowledge and thank the former Council, which was elected in 2021.

The term of the previous Council was marked by achievements and challenges. The achievements include the opening of a new community space and underground car park in the heart of Lindfield called the Village Green.

We also built a regional playground at St Ives Showground which attracts families from across Sydney, a recreation precinct near St Ives Village Green and hosted new community events such as the Ku-ring-gai Heritage Festival and the Eco Festival.

Other achievements include improvements to our waste services with a focus on recycling; added protection for Ku-ring-gai's tree canopy and more grants for community-based organisations providing valuable services to our residents.

I thank outgoing Mayor Cr Sam Ngai for his dedication as Mayor for the last twelve months and I also acknowledge the contribution made by former Councillors Greg Taylor and Simon Lennon. On behalf of the Council and our community, I thank Simon and Greg for their service to our community.

A warm welcome to the incoming Council elected on 14 September, particularly the new Councillors Indu Balachandran and Matthew Devlin and my colleague Cr Kim Wheatley who will serve as Deputy Mayor until September 2025.

As Mayor for the next two years until September 2026, my main priority is to work closely with my Councillor colleagues to address the housing issue.

This is likely to involve extensive community consultation to assess what our residents want to see delivered in terms of new housing.

Both the federal and state government's housing targets mean the Council must revisit our current plans for new dwellings, in cooperation with our community.

Another priority for me as Mayor is seeing initiatives to protect Ku-ring-gai's environment put in place.

I look forward to talking more about these priorities in coming months and working closely with my colleagues to progress them.

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Councillor Christine Kay
Mayor