

**CONFIRMED MINUTES  
OF THE POLICY AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF PENRITH CITY COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY USING AUDIO VISUAL LINKS,  
VIDEO STREAMED ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE  
AND IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PENRITH  
ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026 AT 7:00 PM**

**WEBCASTING STATEMENT**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Todd Carney read a statement advising that Council Meetings are recorded and webcast.

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Todd Carney and Councillors Libby Austin, Kirstie Boerst, Robin Cook, Sue Day, Ross Fowler OAM, Glenn Gardiner, Sabbie Kaur, Hollie McLean, Edwin Mifsud, Reece Nuttall, Faithe Skinner and John Thain.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Leave of Absence was previously granted to Councillor Garion Thain for the period 1 April 2026 to 21 April 2026 inclusive.

Leave of Absence was previously granted to Councillor Vanessa Pollak for the period 30 March 2026 to 13 April 2026 inclusive.

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting - 9 March 2026**

13 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Reece Nuttall that the minutes of the Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of 9 March 2026 be confirmed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**DELIVERY PROGRAM REPORTS**

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 5 - WORK TOGETHER**

**5 Draft 2026-27 Operational Plan including 2026-27 Fees and Charges  
- Key Updates**

14 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Libby Austin seconded Councillor Robin Cook that the report on the Draft 2026-27 Operational Plan including 2026-27 Fees and Charges - Key Updates be received.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1 - NURTURE OUR ENVIRONMENT**

**1 Result of public exhibition and proposed changes to the Penrith  
Biodiversity Strategy 2026-2036**

15 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Hollie McLean seconded Councillor Libby Austin

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Endorsement of Penrith Biodiversity Strategy 2026–2036 be received.
2. A further report be brought back to a Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting including detailed feedback received from the community under each of the themes, drawing a clearer line between submissions and where, if it is the case, that existing strategies and actions are already broad enough to accommodate.

## **STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2 - SUPPORT OUR WELLBEING**

### **2 Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026 - 2030 - Draft for information**

16 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Libby Austin seconded Councillor Sue Day

That:

1. The information in the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 report be received.
2. Council place the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2026-2030 on public exhibition.

## **STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4 - PROVIDE FOR OUR LIFESTYLE**

Councillor John Thain left the meeting, the time being 8:37pm.

Councillor John Thain returned to the meeting, the time being 8:40pm.

Councillor Hollie McLean left the meeting, the time being 8:46pm.

Councillor Hollie McLean returned to the meeting, the time being 8:48pm.

### **3 Penrith CBD Multi-Deck Car Park - Strategic Business Case**

17 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Hollie McLean seconded Councillor Libby Austin

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Penrith CBD Multi-Deck Car Park - Strategic Business Case be received.
2. A further report be brought to the next Council meeting including details relating to the term of the loans.

Councillor John Thain left the meeting, the time being 9:11pm.

The meeting adjourned for a short break, due to a minor technical issue, the time being 9:14pm.

Councillor John Thain returned to the meeting, the time being 9:20pm.

The meeting resumed, the time being 9:20pm.

**4 Aquatics, Leisure and Wellness Strategy 2026-2041**

18 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Reece Nuttall seconded Councillor Libby Austin

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Aquatics, Leisure and Wellness Strategy 2026-2041 be received.
2. Council endorse the Aquatics, Leisure and Wellness Strategy 2026-2041.

**URGENT BUSINESS**

**UB 1 Bruce Turner AM - Honoured Citizen**

Councillor Ross Fowler OAM requested that a report be brought to Council, detailing the achievements of Bruce Turner AM with a view to making him an Honoured Citizen.

19 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor John Thain that the matter be brought forward and dealt with as a matter of urgency

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Todd Carney ruled that the matter was urgent and should be dealt with at the meeting.

20 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor John Thain that a report be brought to Council, detailing the achievements of Bruce Turner AM, with a view to make him an Honoured Citizen.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 9:42pm.

I certify that these 3 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of Penrith City Council held on 13 April 2026.

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Chairperson

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Date