

**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 11 MAY 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, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Garion Thain and Councillors Libby Austin, Kirstie Boerst, Robin Cook, Sue Day, Ross Fowler OAM, Glenn Gardiner, Sabbie Kaur, Hollie McLean, Reece Nuttall, Vanessa Pollak, Faithe Skinner and John Thain.

**APOLOGIES**

19 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Garion Thain seconded Councillor Sue Day that the apology from Councillor Edwin Mifsud be accepted and a leave of absence be approved.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting - 13 April 2026**

20 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Reece Nuttall seconded Councillor Hollie McLean that the minutes of the Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of 13 April 2026 be confirmed.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**DELIVERY PROGRAM REPORTS**

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3 - SHAPE OUR GROWING CITY**

**4 Update on State-Led Rezoning - Orchard Hills South - 2026  
Rezoning Proposal and Structure Plan - Public Exhibition**

21 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Ross Fowler OAM

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Update on State-Led Rezoning - Orchard Hills South - 2026 Rezoning Proposal and Structure Plan - Public Exhibition be received.
2. Council call on the Department to provide clear direction to the city on flood planning and management.
3. Submissions be forwarded to Minister Scully and Local State Members.

**5 Orchard Hills North Voluntary Planning Agreement Alternative Security Arrangement Request**

22 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor John Thain seconded Councillor Sue Day

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Orchard Hills North Voluntary Planning Agreement Alternative Security Arrangement Request be received.
2. Council endorse the proposed security arrangement detailed in Table 1 of the report for the Orchard Hills North precinct for future amendments to the Orchard Hills North Voluntary Planning Agreement between Legacy Property and Council.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2 - SUPPORT OUR WELLBEING**

**3 Draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan**

23 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Reece Nuttall seconded Councillor Sue Day

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan be received.
2. Council note the Draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan will be brought back to a future Ordinary Meeting for Council to consider placing it on public exhibition.

Councillor Ross Fowler OAM and Councillor John Thain left the meeting, the time being 8:44pm.

Councillor Ross Fowler OAM and Councillor John Thain returned to the meeting, the time being 8:46pm.

**2 Consideration of Youth Advisory Committee**

24 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Libby Austin seconded Councillor Garion Thain

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Consideration of Youth Advisory Committee be received.
2. A report be provided to a future Ordinary Meeting outlining:
  - a. a Youth Committee
  - b. a Youth Forum
  - c. a Youth Hybrid Model as outlined by Councillor Libby Austin.
  - d. all costings, including a Youth Officer, and
  - e. incorporating all feedback from Councillors from this meeting.

**1 Penrith International Friendship Committee**

25 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Ross Fowler OAM seconded Councillor Garion Thain

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Penrith International Friendship Committee be received.
2. Council dissolve the Penrith International Friendship Committee (Section 355).
3. Council authorise the General Manager (or delegate) to undertake all required governance, administrative and communications actions to finalise dissolution.
4. Council to request the return of all funds held in the Penrith International Friendship Committee's bank account in accordance with Section 12.2 of the Penrith international Friendship Committee Constitution.
5. Council close the existing PIFC reserve, transfer the remaining funds to the Financial Management Reserve and quarantine those funds until a further report on International Relations be brought back to a future Council Meeting.
6. The Mayor write to the former members of the PIFC and thank them for their ongoing support in the past.
7. Council invite the former members of the PIFC to an afternoon tea and a small gift from Council be provided.

**Procedural Motion**

26 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Glenn Gardiner seconded Councillor Faithe Skinner

That:

1. The General Manager provide advice on whether Council's insurance policies could assist a group of young volunteers holding a commemoration and fundraising event on 24 May supporting men's mental health.
2. The General Manager provide advice on whether Tench Reserve Carparks can be remained accessible until 9:30pm.
3. The Committee note the intention to move an urgency motion at the next Council meeting requesting voted works to support the charity, 'Grab Life by the Balls'.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 9:39pm.

I certify that these 3 pages are the Confirmed Minutes of the Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting of Penrith City Council held on 11 May 2026.

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Chairperson

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Date