

8.7. Amended 2021 Meeting Schedule

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Amended 2021 Meeting Schedule [8.7.1 - 12 pages]

PURPOSE:

To propose amendments to the 2021 Council meeting schedule.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On 26 October 2020, Council adopted the 2021 meeting schedule.

With the Local Government elections being held on 4 September 2021, it is considered appropriate to move the date of the August Council meeting, due to its proximity to the elections.

This report proposes that the August Council meeting be held on Monday 9th instead of Monday 23rd in order to meet Council's obligations under the Local Government Act (the Act) to meet at least 10 times in a calendar year, in different months.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the amended 2021 Meeting Schedule be adopted.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

5. Our Civic Leadership

5.3 Community is informed and consulted

BACKGROUND

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With the Local Government elections being held on 4 September 2021, it is considered appropriate to move the date of the August Council meeting, due to its proximity to the elections.

Under section 365 of the Act, councils are required to meet at least ten (10) times each year, each time in a different month unless the Minister for Local Government has approved a reduction in the number of times that a council is required to meet each year under section 365A.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

DETAIL

Under the current adopted meeting schedule, the final Council meeting for this term would be on Monday 23 August 2021.

The Office of Local Government (OLG) has advised that the caretaker period, which restricts the matters that Council can determine prior to an election, will commence on Friday 6 August 2021.

Bringing the August Council meeting forward two weeks from Monday 23rd to Monday 9th will mean cancelling the Governance and Finance Committee meeting scheduled for that date.

Section 428(2) of the Act requires that an End of Term report be submitted to Council as to the council's achievements in implementing the community strategic plan over the previous 4 years. The End of Term report is usually reported to the final meeting of the Council term.

In order to comply with the rules of the caretaker period, the only business to be considered at the proposed 9 August Council meeting will be the End of Term report and any other urgent matters that cannot be addressed at the previous meeting on 26 July.

Should Council resolved to bring forward the August Council meeting, there are two other Committee and Reference Group meetings scheduled after 9 August:

- Monday 16 August - Sport and Recreation Reference Group
- Friday 20 August Traffic Committee

It is proposed that both meetings go ahead as scheduled as the Reference Group is well attended and only meets three times a year under the current schedule.

The Traffic Committee meeting was moved from Friday 3 September due to its proximity to the Council elections. The Traffic Committee is also a statutory committee under the Roads Act and not a committee of Council as such.

In summary the proposed amendments to the 2021 meeting schedule (Attachment 1) are as follows:

- 9 August - Governance and Finance Committee – *cancelled*
- 9 August Council meeting – *moved from 23 August*

2021 North Sydney Council Meeting Schedule

January 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Australia Day</i>	27 <i>Term 1 begins</i>	28	29	30	31

February 2021						
◀ Jan 2021						Mar 2021 ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 2pm - NSLPP	4	5 10am – Traffic Ctte	6	7
8 6pm – Governance & Finance Ctte 7pm – Cr Briefings	9 5.30pm - Neutral Bay Streetscape Ctte	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 5.30pm – Crows Nest Streetscape Ctte	17	18	19	20	21
22 6.30pm – PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2021						
◀ Feb 2021						Apr 2021 ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 2pm - NSLPP	4	5	6	7
8 6pm – Legal & Planning Ctte 7pm – Cr Briefings	9 5.30pm – Cremorne Streetscape Ctte	10	11	12	13	14
15 6pm - Sport and Recreation Reference Group	16	17	18	19 10am – Traffic Ctte	20	21
22 6.30pm - PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Term 1 ends	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Saturday	4 Easter Sunday
5 Easter Monday	6	7 2pm - NSLPP	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Term 2 begins 6pm – Cr Briefings	20	21	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day
26 6.30pm – PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	27	28	29	30 10am – Traffic Ctte		

May 2021						
◀ Apr 2021						Jun 2021 ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3 1. 6pm - Sustainable Transport Reference Group 2. 7.15pm - Environment Reference Group	4	5 2pm - NSLPP	6	7	8	9
10 6pm – Governance & Finance Ctte 7pm – Cr Briefings	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 6.30pm – PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June 2021						
◀ May 2021						Jul 2021 ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 2pm - NSLPP	3	4	5	6
7 6pm – Legal & Planning Ctte 7pm – Cr Briefings	8	9	10	11 10am – Traffic Ctte	12	13
14 Queen's Birthday	15	16	17	18	19	20 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly
21 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly	22 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly	23 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly	24	25 Term 2 ends	26	27
28 6.30pm - PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	29	30				

July 2021						
◀ Jun 2021						Aug 2021 ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 2pm - NSLPP	8	9	10	11
12 Term 3 begins	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 6pm – Cr Briefings	20	21	22	23 10am – Traffic Ctte	24	25
26 6.30pm - PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2	3	4 2pm - NSLPP	5	6	7	8
9 6pm - Governance & Finance Ctte 7pm - Cr Briefings 6.30pm - PUBLIC FORUM/7.30pm - COUNCIL	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 6pm - Sport and Recreation Reference Group	17	18	19	20 10am - Traffic Ctte	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 2pm - NSLPP	2	3	4 COUNCIL ELECTIONS	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 5.30pm - Neutral Bay Streetscape Ctte	15	16	17 <i>Term 3 ends</i>	18	19
20	21 5.30pm – Crows Nest Streetscape Ctte	22	23	24	25	26
27 6.30pm - PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	28	29	30			

More Calendars: [2021](#), [Word Calendar](#), [PDF Calendar](#)

October 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4 Labour Day	5 Term 4 begins	6 2pm - NSLPP	7	8	9	10
11 6pm – Legal & Planning Ctte 7pm – Cr Briefings	12 5.30pm – Cremorne Streetscape Ctte	13	14	15 10am – Traffic Ctte	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 6.30pm - PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2021						
◀ Oct 2021						Dec 2021 ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 2pm - NSLPP	4	5	6	7
8 6pm – Governance & Finance Ctte 7pm – Cr Briefings	9 6pm - Sport and Recreation Reference Group	10	11	12	13	14
15 1. 6pm - Sustainable Transport Reference Group 2. 7.15pm - Environment Reference Group	16 <i>Local Government NSW Annual Conference</i>	17 <i>Local Government NSW Annual Conference</i>	18 <i>Local Government NSW Annual Conference</i>	19	20	21
22 7.30pm - PUBLIC FORUM/COUNCIL	23	24	25	26 10am – Traffic Ctte	27	28
29	30					

December 2021						
◀ Nov 2021						Jan 2022 ▶
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 2pm - NSLPP	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <i>Term 4 ends</i>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <i>Boxing Day</i>
27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		