

ITEM 19 AMENDMENT TO 2026 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

At its meeting held on 17 November 2025 Council adopted meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year. An amendment to the adopted schedule of meetings is required to make allowance for the announcement of the LGNSW Annual Conference dates to take place in Wollongong from 22 to 24 November 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt the updated Ordinary Council Meeting dates as detailed in this report.

REPORT AUTHORISATIONS

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

ACRONYMS USED IN REPORT

Abbreviation	Meaning
LGNSW	Local Government New South Wales

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is required to meet at least ten times each financial year, each time in a different month. At its meeting held on 17 November 2025, Council adopted a calendar that incorporates Council Meetings held on a monthly basis on the 4th Monday of the month, with some meetings varying from this schedule to meet legislated reporting requirements and allowing an early February meeting after the Christmas / New Year break.

As part of the report delivered to the 17 November 2025 Council Meeting, it was indicated that the proposed meeting date for November 2026 may need to be rescheduled if the date clashed with the annual LGNSW Conference.

On 25 November 2025, LGNSW announced the 2026 Annual Conference is to take place from 22 to 24 November 2026.

PROPOSAL

This report recommends adopting the below set of meeting dates with the November 2026 meeting being brought forward by one week –

- Monday 2 February 2026
- Monday 23 February 2026
- Monday 23 March 2026
- Monday 27 April 2026
- Monday 25 May 2026
- Monday 29 June 2026
- Monday 27 July 2026
- Monday 24 August 2026
- Monday 21 September 2026
- Monday 26 October 2026
- Monday 16 November 2026
- Monday 14 December 2026

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The Finance Division was consulted in the amendment of this calendar of meeting dates to ensure the proposed amended date continues to align with reporting requirements to Council for reports such as the Delivery Program and Budget and the Audited Financial Statements.

PLANNING AND POLICY IMPACT

This report contributes to the delivery of Our Wollongong Our Future 2035 Goal 4 'We have a healthy, respectful and inclusive community'.

It specifically delivers on core business activities as detailed in the Customer and Business Integrity Business Plan 2025-2026.

CONCLUSION

The recommended set of meeting dates aligns with the reporting timeframes set out by the Office of Local Government and meets relevant requirements under the *Local Government Act 1993*.