Lane Cove Council

Date: 6 November 2026
Reference: 86607/26

**Lane Cove Music and Cultural Association Inc**

Via email busybusystopstop@gmail.com

Dear Ms Mah and Executive Committee,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 8 October 2026 regarding the future of the Lane Cove Music and Cultural Association at 1 Pottery Lane, Lane Cove. Council acknowledges the Association's significant contribution to the community over 33 years and appreciates the proposal presented.

Council is prepared to accept the surrender of the lease effective 29 December 2026. Council staff will liaise with the Association to confirm the arrangements for the surrender of the lease and licenses referred to in your correspondence.

Whilst consideration has been given to the direct-hire music studio model, a decision has been made not to proceed with that proposal or take over the Association's music tuition program. We recognise that this will be disappointing to the Association, thus Council has provided this decision expeditiously to allow the Association the necessary time to support their tutors and their families in planning for 2027.

Council is grateful for the offer to transfer the equipment, furnishings and other inventory associated with the facility. However, Council respectfully declines the offer and does not agree to the proposed asset offset against make-good obligations or lease exit costs. Council staff will arrange a pre-handover inspection to identify any make-good requirements under the existing agreements and agree practical arrangements for vacant possession, removal of the Association's property and return of keys and access devices.

Council intends to advertise the facility for a future lease following the conclusion of the current tenancy. Given the existing tenancy fitout expressions of interest from music schools and tutors are encouraged. Any future use will be subject to the outcome of that process and applicable approvals. Council will liaise with the Association about any inspections required before handover, with reasonable notice.

The request for four rent-free bookings in the Pottery Lane Performance Space in 2027 is separate from the surrender arrangements. Please provide the proposed dates and times so that availability and any request for a fee waiver can be considered under Council's venue hire policies.

On behalf of Council, I sincerely thank the Association's committee members, volunteers, tutors and supporters for their dedication to music and cultural activities in Lane Cove. Council values that contribution and wishes the Association well in its continuing performance and advocacy activities.

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If you have any further enquiries, please direct these to David Stevens, Manager Commercial Operations at dstevens@lanecove.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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