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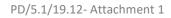
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Open Space and Recreation Strategy 2019 - 2029

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Acknowledgment

Waverley Council acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

Our vision for reconciliation is for Waverley to be a vibrant, resilient, caring, and inclusive community where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples:

- Practice and celebrate their culture and heritage proudly;

- Are honoured for their survival and resilience, and supported to continue to overcome adversity;

- Are respected and acknowledged as First Nations peoples with the right to determine their own futures.

Waverley Council will continue to value and protect our environment with respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' intrinsic relationship with the land and waters.

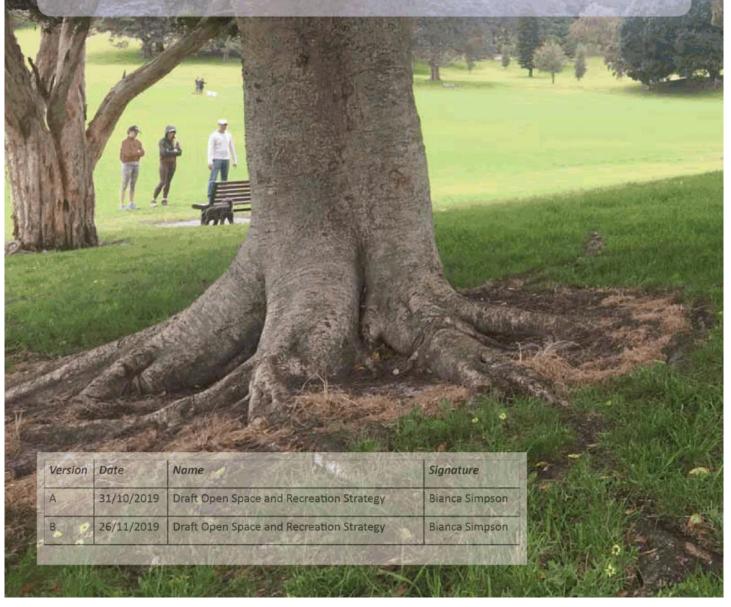


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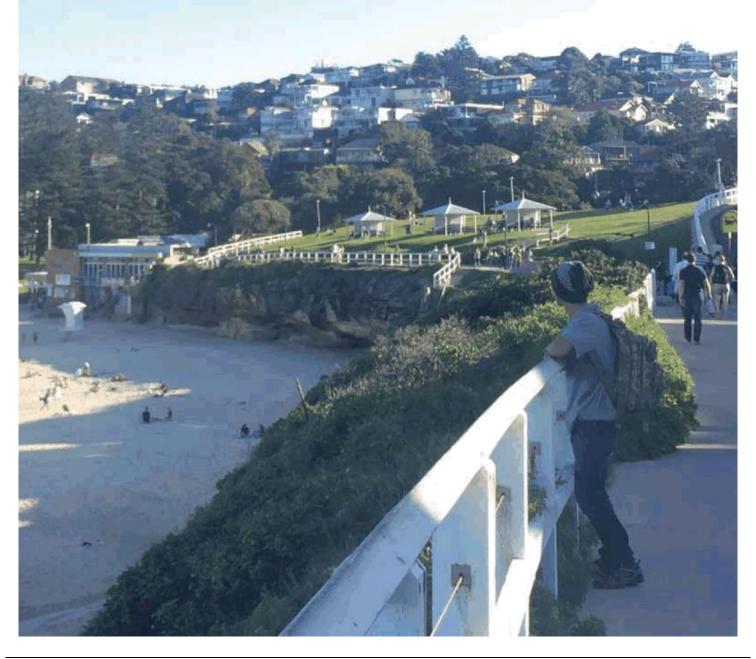
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Our vision for open space and recreation:

"Waverley's parks and reserves are available to everyone, supporting healthy and active lifestyles.

Our parks provide a green sanctuary protecting and supporting biodiversity. Park design responds to the community's recreation and social aspirations while telling the story of the place, of today's generation and those before ours.

Spaces are welcoming, safe and well cared for. A sustainable approach to management allows future generations to enjoy these spaces."



Executive Summary

Open and recreation space is an important asset for our community, contributing to our health and wellbeing. Waverley's parks, reserves, beaches and recreation facilities provide spaces for people to exercise, socialise and relax. These spaces also provide us with a connection to natural landscapes, which is increasingly important for the urban environments we live in.

Our community highly values open and recreation space:

- to access nature and greenery
- to walk the dog
- where children can play
- to play sport
- for the community and somewhere to connect with friends and family.

Our objectives

The Open Space and Recreation Strategy (OSRS) helps us to understand the priorities for open and recreation space planning and management to meet the needs of our community today and in the future. Open space is particularly important in Waverley considering it is a densely populated area of Sydney.

The OSRS has been developed in consultation with the community and is based on research and a review of the 79 open spaces across Waverley LGA.

Through this process we have established the current demand for open and recreation space, established the various groups that use these spaces, the activities they participate in and what their future needs will be.

This Strategy sets a road map for what needs to be done over the next 10 years to deliver our priorities. It will guide our activities in planning, managing and maintaining Waverley's parks, reserves, beaches and recreation facilities.

We need to continue to maintain high quality spaces, respecting the environmental, biodiversity and heritage values of many of our parks and reserves and find some balance between the needs of the local community and demands on the space driven by high visitation particularly in our beach parks which receive visitors from all over Sydney as well as nationally and internationally. We need to find ways to provide spaces that accommodate a mix of activities within the spaces we currently have, acknowledging the scarcity of new land available in Waverley.

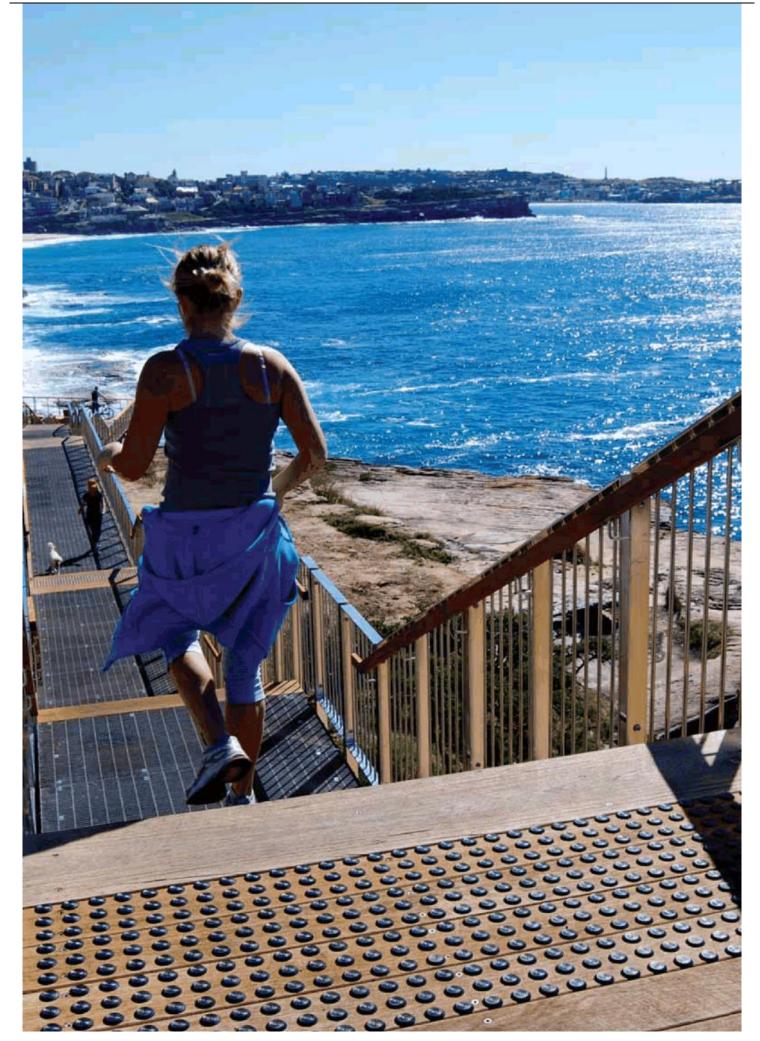
Our Strategy

The Open Space and Recreation Strategy proposes the following key areas of focus for the next 10 years:

- increase the capacity of our current sports fields
- seek opportunities to acquire land in strategic locations to increase the provision of community recreation spaces and secure land currently used for open space and recreation to ensure its continued use for public recreation in the future
- improve the pedestrian environment around open and recreation spaces and way-finding for walking routes
- improve the provision of toilet and water fountain facilities at sports fields and along the Cliff Walk
- establish a framework to support ongoing community and stakeholder engagement in the planning and management of open and recreation spaces
- complete heritage studies and heritage interpretation strategies to improve management of heritage in parks and reserves, prioritising Bronte Beach Park, Tamarama Beach Park, and Waverley Park
- prepare an open space network and hierarchy to guide management and maintenance activities in relation to the expectations on activities, facilities and level of service for each space
- adopt a maintenance and servicing framework for parks and reserves that relates to the open space hierarchy.

The Action and Implementation Plan (Section 4) prioritises actions and outlines indicators that Council can monitor to review the effectiveness of actions in achieving the Strategy vision.

The Open Space and Recreation Strategy supports management of our open and recreation spaces to protect their important environmental and heritage values and guide maintenance activities so that the community has access to high quality spaces - encouraging physical activity and supporting mental wellbeing for our current community and future generations.



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Introduction and Context

This section provides an introduction to the Open Space and Recreation Strategy, outlines the value and benefits of open space and recreation and outlines the legislative and policy context for open space and recreation planning.

Introduction

The Waverley Open Space and Recreation Strategy (OSRS) is a strategic document to guide our approach to planning and managing open space and recreation facilities, to best meet the community's needs for these spaces.

Our vision guides the strategic directions and actions to plan and manage open and recreation space.

In developing this OSRS we recognise the importance of parks, reserves, and recreation facilities in positively contributing to the health and wellbeing of individuals; community, culture and heritage; the environment and our planet's health; and distinct local character in Waverley.

The OSRS is presented through six themes:

- playing and relaxing
- design and setting
- getting to and around the parks
- enhancing the environment
- community, culture and heritage
- maintenance and management.

These six themes recognise the different aspects to planning and managing open and recreation spaces and the values these spaces have.

Scope

The OSRS covers the entire Waverley Local Government Area (LGA) and considers the provision of and demand for open space and recreation facilities. The Action and Implementation Plan focuses on parks, reserves and recreation facilities where Council has planning, management and maintenance responsibilities.

Refer to figure 1.2 of open spaces and recreation facilities included in the scope of the OSRS. This includes all open and recreation spaces, such as parks, reserves, beaches, significant walking routes, and recreation facilities such as sports fields and outdoor and indoor courts. We also consider all support facilities for recreation such as community halls in parks, barbecues and picnic facilities.

Urban plazas, private spaces, spaces in schools (private and Government), spaces managed by neighbouring Randwick, Woollahra and the City of Sydney Councils, and Queens and Centennial Park managed by the Centennial Parklands Trust are also open recreation spaces used by Waverley residents. These spaces are considered in the development of this OSRS, however the strategy does not direct planning and management of these spaces.

Definitions

Table 1.1 below outlines definitions for different types of open spaces and recreation facilities.

Park or reserve	Parks and reserves are open space and include beach parks, recreation facilities, gardens, small parks, the Coastal and Cliff Walks and dog off-leash areas. These spaces are available for organised and team sports or can be used casually for play in small groups, training and individual exercise, for places to meet and socialise, to relax in, or to walk through.
Recreation facility	Recreation facilities are used for sports activities. Recreation facilities include sports fields and ovals, indoor and outdoor courts, indoor recreation centres (like Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre), pools, and ancillary buildings such as toilets, change facilities, and grandstands. Recreation facilities are often used for organised and team sports.
Play space	Play spaces are areas that provide a play environment, including play equipment, grassed areas for ball games, trees to climb, planting to touch or smell, or paths to ride a scooter. Play spaces also include facilities for carers such as seating and shade which are important in offering opportunities to gather, promoting social interactions and community cohesion.
Cemetery	Waverley Cemetery and South Head Cemetery are publicly accessible open spaces, with significant heritage value, that are also used for walking and as quiet places for sitting.

Table 1.1 Definitions of open and recreation spaces

Methodology

This OSRS has been developed in consultation with the community and with input from key stakeholders and is established on evidence based research, a review of background studies and best practice.

Figure 1.1 outlines the methodology for developing this Strategy.

Section 2 and 3 of the Strategy presents the findings from the 'Assessment and Study' phase. The Action and Implementation Plan, in Section 4, presents the outcomes from the 'Strategy Development' phase.



Figure 1.1 Project Methodology

Open Space Value and Benefits

The provision of open and recreation space has health and well being, environmental and economic benefits to individuals and the broader community and supports social and cultural life.

We have heard from the community and stakeholders that they value Waverley's parks and reserves. Of particular importance were the following:

- access to nature and greenery
- a place to walk the dog
- a place where children can play
- a place to play sport
- a place for the community and somewhere to socialise with friends and family.

We will deliver these values and benefits through the planning and management of our open and recreation spaces, providing safe spaces and places for all groups in the community.

Health and well being benefits

Our environment has significant impacts on our health and well-being, it can shape our habits and affect our physiology by providing opportunities to be active. Green views can also positively influence our mental health.

The National Heart Foundation recognises the design and provision of open and recreation spaces and the right infrastructure creates opportunities that lead to more active, healthier lifestyles¹.

The opportunity for physical activity afforded through provision of open space and recreation can be a significant benefit to the health of individuals. Adults who participate in sport are 20-40% less likely to die prematurely from all causes compared to adults who do not participate². This also acknowledges how sport participation can reduce stress and distress.

Open and recreation space provision, their design and community interaction is often a focus of advocacy groups and Governments to promote active and healthy lifestyles.

Environmental benefits

Open space acts as important green breaks in the urban environment. Maintaining and caring for these spaces is important to our planet's health. Our Environmental Action Plan 2018-2030 recognises the role our parks and reserves play in urban ecology and biodiversity protection, managing water run off and improving water quality, and managing urban heat impacts. Open space supports a healthy environment that in turn benefits us.

Open and recreation space covers 12% of the LGA, including the golf course. In urban environments like Waverley, parks and reserves provide opportunities to design and manage habitat that supports biodiversity of flora and fauna³. With urbanisation, there is less than 2% of pre-European bushland remaining. The 5.99 hectares of remnant bushland in Waverley

3 http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/Guidelines-Creating-Bird-Habitats

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needs to be protected before it is lost forever⁴. Parks and reserves provide areas of land that are less exposed to risks of fragmentation and disturbance.

In their research of vegetation structure and composition across different urban green spaces, Threlfall et al. found that remnant bushland and golf courses supported the highest native plant richness⁵.

Open space provides opportunities for stormwater detention and support management of stormwater and water quality improvement before it flows to the ocean⁶. Harvested stormwater can also be used to irrigate parks and reserves.

The Greater Sydney Commission identifies increasing urban tree canopy as a way of addressing urban heat, with a long term goal of reducing the number of hot days over 35 degrees Celsius each year to protect human health and reduce extreme climate and weather event impacts⁷.

Economic benefits

The economic benefits associated with better health and well being have been evaluated and proven through many pieces of well respected research. Health is a significant area of spending for governments and improved health outcomes in people alleviates stress on the public health system.

Vivid Economics quantified the health benefits of public parks for residents of London. The study established a relationship between public parks and the opportunities they provide for people to exercise, socialise, relax and feel part of a community⁸. These opportunities contribute to reduced disease risk for physical and mental health. Other research in the UK found that the health benefits of local parks or green spaces generates value equating to £30.24 per year in relation to health and wellbeing benefits⁹.

For the Australian context, KPMG's report on the value of sport infrastructure estimates \$4.9 billion in relation to health benefits and \$5.1 billion in relation to social benefits. KPMG estimates \$6.3 billion of economic benefits to Australia, which includes economic activity associated with construction, maintenance and operation of community sport infrastructure and also increased productivity of those who are physically active.

Individuals may also experience financial benefits being located near open space as homes in high amenity areas, such as transport, services, and open space are more desirable and can fetch higher property prices¹⁰.

In Waverley's context, parks and reserves have significant economic benefits to both the local economy as well as State and National economies due to the high visitation from domestic and international tourists to high profile destinations, such as Bondi Beach and Park, Bronte Beach and Park,

4 Waverley Council, 2018, Environmental Action Plan 2018-2030 5 Threlfall CG, Ossola A, Hahs AK, Williams NSG, Wilson L and Livesley SJ, 2016, Variation in Vegetation Structure and Composition across Urban Green Space Types. Front. Ecol. Evol. 4:66. doi: 10.3389/fevo.2016.00066

6 Waverley Council, 2018, Environmental Action Plan 2018-2030 7 Greater Sydney Commission, 2019, Pulse of Greater Sydney

¹ National Heart Foundation of Australia , 2019, Blueprint for an active Australia: National Heart Foundation of Australia

² Boston Consulting Group, 2017, Intergenerational Review of Australian Sport 2017.

⁸ Vivid Economics, 2017, Natural capital accounts for public green space in London.

⁹ Fields In Trust, 2018, Revaluing Parks and Green Spaces: Measuring their economic and wellbeing value it individuals

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Figure 1.2 Waverley parks and reserves

Tamarama Beach and Park, and the Cliff Top and Coastal Walks. In 2017/18 \$1 billion was spent by tourists in Waverley and 4,867 jobs in Waverley are dependent on tourism¹¹.

The use of parks as a venue for events and hire also generates revenue for Waverley Council, which helps fund a variety of Council community programs and services and contributes to the management and maintenance of open and recreation spaces.

Social and cultural benefits

Open spaces also provide opportunity for people to socialise, meet friends and connect with their local community¹². Provision of quality, well-maintained public open space has a positive effect on the social cohesiveness of a community, vibrancy of neighbourhoods and mental well being of individuals¹³.

For Indigenous Australians, land is fundamental to identity and is connected to people and culture. Some spaces such as fishing spots in Waverley are significant for these reasons. In addition, many open spaces in Waverley contain evidence of Aboriginal culture.

Conservation and telling stories not only shares knowledge but enriches our understanding of our history and culture.

Many of these stories are of those who have come before us or ones of those we have lost, however the contribution they have made to our community are still relevant today.

Legislative and Policy Context

Waverley Council manages 79 parks and reserves, 14 sports fields and courts (indoor and outdoor), two outdoor pools, 39 play spaces and three beaches. This does not include the sports fields at Queens Park, within Waverley LGA, managed by the Centennial Parklands Trust.

The OSRS is the overarching strategic document that delivers on the open space and recreation vision in the Community Strategic Plan. The OSRS contextualises the various Plans of Management for specific places, the Play Space Strategy, and Council plans and policies that relate to open space and recreation. It will guide updates to Plans of Management and future plans.

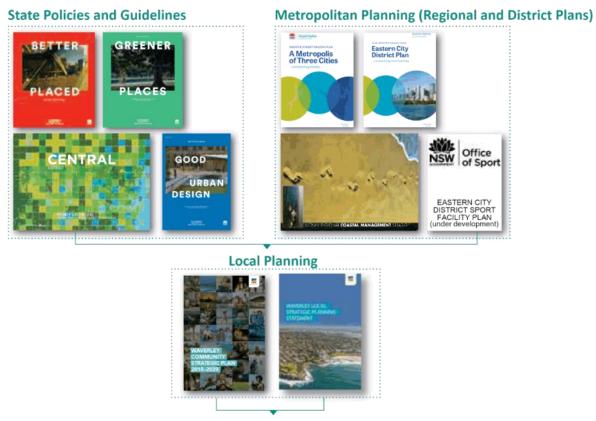
The current Waverley Recreation Needs Study (2008) was completed ten years ago. The OSRS supersedes this study and presents a new set of actions for the next ten years based on current and future open space and recreation needs. The 2008 study successfully guided: the upgrade of facilities at Waverley Park; improvement in management and maintenance of sport and recreation facilities; development of activities for seniors; and upgrade of play spaces.

The OSRS responds to NSW Government guidelines and strategic plans. 1.3 shows the OSRS in relation to other State and Local plans and policies.

12 Jennings, V, Bamkole, O, 2019, The Relationship between Social Cohesion and Urban Green Space: An Avenue for Health Promotion, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, vol 16 (452)

13 Kelly, J-F.; Breadon, P.; Davis, C.; Hunter, A.; Mares, P.; Mullerworth, D.; Weidmann, B., 2012, Social Cities, Grattan Institute, Melbourne.

¹¹ Waverley Council, 2018, Draft Waverley Sustainable Visitation Strategy



Council policies and guidelines



Council plans of management



Figure 1.3 Legislative and policy context

Legislation

Commonwealth and State legislation, and State planning policies apply to public open space and guides what development can occur and the process that development in parks and reserves must follow. Some legislation and policy apply to spaces with environmental significance, such as coastal areas and bushland.

When managing open spaces, Council must comply with all relevant laws that apply to these spaces.

Local Government Act 1993 requires plans of management to be prepared for public land and reserves under the responsibility of local councils. Councils must manage community land in accordance with core objectives in the Act.

Crown Lands Management Act 2016 requires plans of management to be prepared for all public reserves. These plans of management need to be considered when preparing strategic land use plans for a locality and when assessing development or activities under the EP&A Act in relation to certain activities on or near Crown lands.

The Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

(EP&A Act) governs planning and development assessment. Development and changes to activities in parks and reserves require development approval in accordance to the EP&A Act. Development is assessed against local development controls set out in the *Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012* and *Waverley Development Control Plan 2012*.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure)

2007 identifies works which are permitted in parks and public reserves, such as pathways and roads, information facilities, lighting, landscaping, amenities and environmental management works.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes 2008) provides identifies exempt and complying development and a streamlined assessment process for this development. Exempt development includes works such as compliant access ramps, play equipment, fences, bollards, paths, barbecues and signs.

Coastal Management Act 2016 No 20 legislates management of the coastal environment of New South Wales.

State Environment Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 guides development in coastal areas, including land adjacent to beaches, estuaries, coastal lakes, coastal wetlands and littoral rainforest's.

State Environmental Planning Policy 19 – Bushland in Urban Areas guides management of bushland. Parks in Waverley contain bushland covered by this Policy, where vegetation is either a remainder of the natural vegetation of the land or is representative of the natural vegetation.

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992 applies to buildings and outdoor spaces. This Act recognises the importance of providing equality, dignity and independence to people with a range of abilities and requires provision of access to premises without discrimination.

The Companion Animals Act 1998 requires environmental initiatives by Councils to promote responsible animal ownership. This Act applies to areas of dog walking which is popular in many of Waverley's parks.

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State policies and guidelines

The Government Architect NSW's **Greener Places** (Draft) establishes the NSW Government position that green infrastructure is an important element of our built environments. The policy seeks to elevate the importance of green infrastructure and guide planning, delivery and management of green infrastructure.

The **Open Space for Recreation Guide** (Draft), also prepared by the Government Architect NSW, sets a framework and guidance for open space planning for recreation. The guide introduces a performance-based approach to planning and providing open space for outdoor recreation opportunities.

The NSW Department of Education's **Community Use of School Facilities Policy** outlines the NSW Government's commitment to allow community use of facilities on school grounds. This presents an opportunity to leverage more use out of facilities such as courts and fields located on public school grounds.

Metropolitan planning

The following regional and metropolitan plans provide a broad strategic framework for Greater Sydney and identify livability and sustainability objectives that relate to open space planning.

Greater Sydney Region Plan: A Metropolis of Three Cities directs land use and transport patterns to support livability,

productivity and sustainability in Greater Sydney. Objectives that relate to open space planning are:

- Objective 25. The coast and waterways are protected and healthier
- Objective 27. Biodiversity is protected, urban bushland and remnant vegetation is enhanced.
- Objective 28: Scenic and cultural landscape are protected
- Objective 31. Public open space is accessible, protected and enhanced.

The Eastern City District Plan provides the district-level directions for local planning to deliver on the vision of the Greater Sydney Region Plan. Priorities relating to open space planning are Planning Priority E18. Delivering high quality open space.

Local planning context

The draft Waverley Local Strategic Planning Statement 2019 (LSPS) outlines a strategic planning vision for Waverley, in alignment with the Waverley Community Strategic Plan 2018-2029, and identifies key planning priorities, actions and mechanisms to deliver on the vision. The LSPS outlines how Metropolitan planning priorities will be delivered at a local level. Once finalised, the LSPS will guide the review and update of the WLEP 2012 and WDCP 2012.

The Waverley Community Strategic Plan 2018-2029 is Council's overarching strategic plan. This guides Council in responding to change, challenges, and opportunities in a consistent, sustainable, and coordinated way. The Community Strategic Plan sets two goals for open space:

- Improve health and quality of life through a range of recreational opportunities and quality open spaces
- Expand the network of parks and open spaces, sporting and recreational facilities.

The Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012 (WLEP 2012) identifies and classifies land for open space and recreation, and land with environmental or heritage significance. WLEP 2012 makes provision for development of land within the coastal zone for the purpose of implementing the principles in the NSW Coastal Policy.

The Waverley Development Control Plan 2012 (WDCP 2012) identifies development controls for residential and commercial development, and for specific sites. This includes design controls relating to the bulk, scale, and size of development and controls that manage amenity impacts of development, such as overshadowing and view loss. WDCP 2012 protects solar access of parks and reserves from adjacent development.

People, Movement and Places (2017) is Council's transport strategy. It identifies 12 projects to prioritise pedestrians and active transport and improve the way people can move around the LGA particularly at key destinations such as centres, parks, reserves and beaches.

The Waverley Play Space Strategy 2014-2029 guides planning and management of Council's 39 play spaces. The Play Space Strategy sets a vision for play spaces and helps prioritse the maintenance and replacement programs for play spaces.

The Waverley Strategic Asset Management Plan 5 (SAMP) identifies programs for renewal, expansion, operation and maintenance of Council's assets, including parks, reserves and Council owned recreation facilities, and the budget allocations for these activities. Development of the SAMP is a requirement for NSW local governments and is regularly reviewed and updated.

The Waverley Environmental Action Plan (EAP) 2018-2030 identifies goals and key deliverables for Council to achieve positive environmental outcomes for the LGA. The EAP identifies actions for the management of bushland and water, influencing management practices for Waverley parks and reserves.

Disability Inclusion - An Inclusive Community for Everyone (The Randwick and Waverley Regional Disability Inclusion Framework 2017-2021) is Council's commitment to creating a more inclusive community and identifies actions to improve the accessibility of public spaces, including Council facilities, parks and beaches. Waverley Council Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2019-2021 provides a framework for advancing reconciliation within Waverley, and will keep us accountable and ensure we are working towards a vibrant, resilient, caring and inclusive community.

Council Policies and Guidelines

We have a number of policies that guide the management of different activities across Council parks and reserves.

Commercial and large group activities in parks and reserves typically require either permits or approval from Council. Activities on Crown Land require leases and licenses. Plans of Management for these spaces will identify the types of activities that are allowed. This is so the impacts of these activities on public spaces and other users of these spaces are managed.

The following policies guide the management of activities on Council land, including in parks and reserves:

- Outdoor Market Operations in Public Places Policy
- Events Policy, and Event Management and Delivery Guidelines
- Commercial Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers Policy on the use of Council reserves.

Council Plans of Management

Council is required to have Plans of Management in place for public land and reserves under its responsibility. Under the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016*, Plans of Management will need to be prepared for the following parks which are not currently covered by an existing Plan of Management:

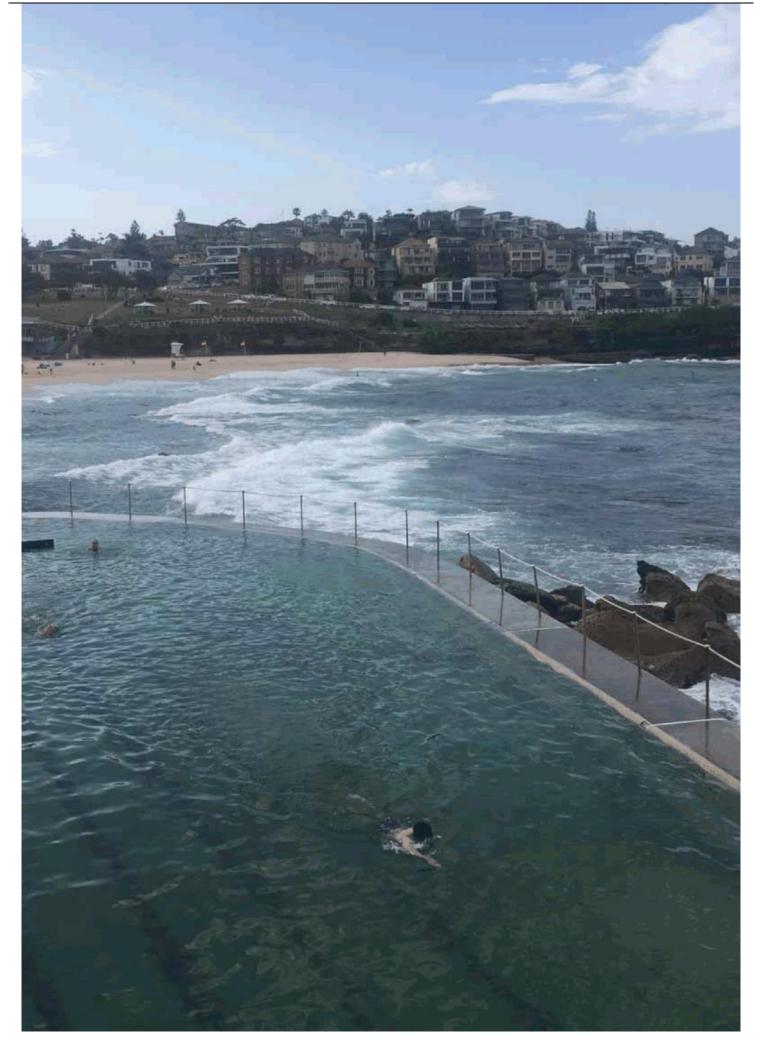
- Calga Reserve
- Glenayr Reserve (Murriverie Road Playground)
- Marlborough Reserve
- Onslow Street Reserve
- St James Reserve
- Stephen Street Reserve
- Weonga Reserve.

The following Plans of Management will need to be reviewed and updated for currency:

- Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Plan of Management 2014 to 2024
- Bronte Park and Beach Plan of Management (2017)
- Waverley Cemetery Plan of Management (2008)
- Coastal Reserves Plan of Management
- Small Parks Plan of Management
- Tamarama Plan of Management (2007)
- Thomas Hogan Plan of Management (2011 to 2021)
- Waverley Park Plan of Management (2012 to 2022).

Council is currently preparing a Plan of Management for Hugh Bamford Reserve and Williams Park.

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Existing Open Space and Recreation Facilities

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This section provides an overview of the Waverley LGA context and community profile and an outline of the different types of open and recreation spaces, activities and users of these spaces in Waverley along the six strategy themes: playing and relaxing; design and setting; getting to and around the parks; enhancing the environment; community, culture and heritage; maintenance and management.

Regional Context

Waverley LGA is in the Eastern City District, less than 10 kilometres east of the Sydney CBD, along the coastline (figure 2.1).

The Eastern City District consists of established suburbs. Aligning growth with infrastructure is a challenge, with an expected increase of 325,050 people by 2036. The Eastern City District will be home to 19% of Greater Sydney's population.

Population growth and development will place pressure on beaches, parks and public spaces, particularly where space in our existing suburbs is constrained. In this context, the provision of open and recreation space, protecting our beaches and urban bushland needs to be innovative.

Regional Open Space and Recreation Facilities

Regional facilities are typically larger facilities that the public can access, and have a catchment area that is greater than the local community within a LGA. Figure 2.1 shows regional facilities for the Eastern Sydney and the range of sports and activities that can be played at these facilities.

Waverley residents and local sporting clubs also access regional parks and recreation facilities located outside Waverley LGA.

A broader regional view of open space and recreation is important, particularly in Eastern Sydney where people have access to large regional recreation facilities. Queens Park and Moore Park, Christenson Park, and significant parklands such as Centennial Park and the Royal Botanic Gardens service a large catchment of residents in the Eastern City District.

Allowing Waverley residents to access this regional network of open space and recreation facilities is important where land for new spaces within Waverley LGA can be more difficult to come by.

The NSW Office of Sport is encouraging a regional approach to planning for open space and recreation.

Collaboration between Councils and other open space and facilities managers such as the Centennial Parklands Trust is important for the planning and management of these spaces.

Waverley LGA Overview

Waverley LGA is the location of some of Australia's most iconic beaches and parks and attracts a large number of international and local tourists. Parks and open spaces are key draw cards to the lifestyle and image of Waverley, for Waverley's residents as well as the visitors it attracts. These opportunities become particularly important in such a highly urbanised environment.

Waverley LGA covers an area of 920 hectares and is located in the inner east of Sydney, bounded by Woollahra LGA in the north, City of Sydney LGA in the west, and Randwick LGA in the south. The Australian eastern coastline forms the eastern boundary of Waverley LGA.

The current residential population is 74,114 people¹. Waverley's growth is expected to be steady over the next 10 years, however population density is high compared to the average for Greater Sydney, with 80.16 people per hectare in the LGA.

The provision of open and recreation space per 1,000 people is lower in Waverley (1.5 ha per 1,000 people) when compared to adjacent Randwick and Woollahra LGAs². Provision of open and recreation space is comparable to the City of Sydney LGA where population density is comparable.

With a large proportion of Waverley residents living in high density dwellings, access to public open space is important.

Alongside residents, there are 2.2 million international and domestic tourists visiting Bondi annually. An estimated 700,000 people visited the Coast walk (along the Bronte Calga Cutting section) in 2018.

In this context, existing open space and recreation facilities can be stretched to service demand from residents and visitors. The quality of spaces and efficient use of space therefore becomes increasingly important.

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^{1 2018} Estimated Residential Population, profile id

² Calculation of open and recreation space excludes national parks and land occupied by golf courses. Randwick LGA has approximately 3 ha per 1,000 residents and Woollahra has approximately 1.7 ha per 1,000 people

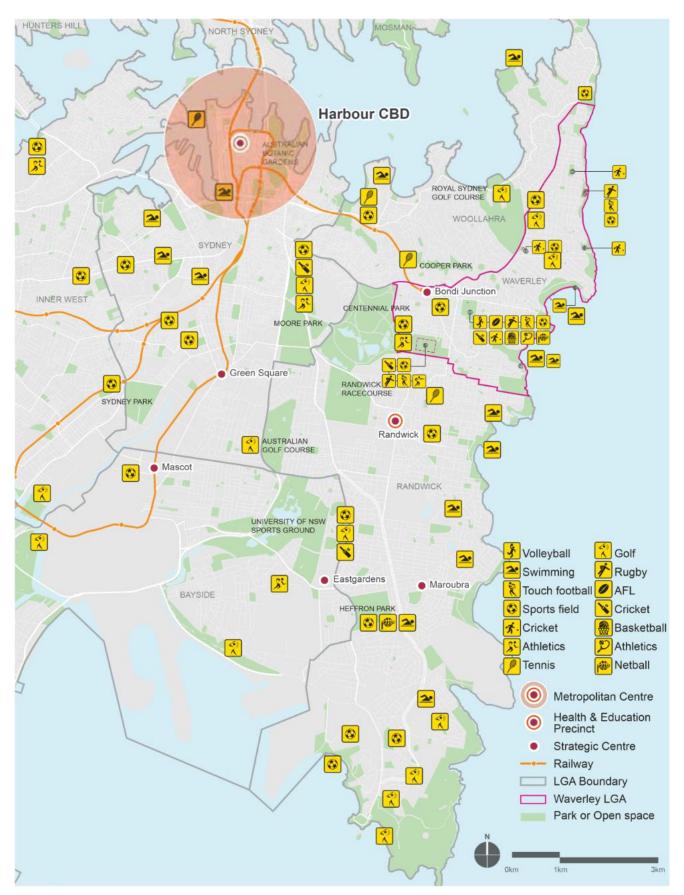


Figure 2.1 Regional open space and recreation facilities

Waverley Community Profile

This community profile allows us to identify key characteristics and needs in the Waverley community so that we understand how the community may use open and recreation spaces.

Residential population

In 2018, the estimated residential population of Waverley LGA was 74,114¹. By 2031, the residential population of Waverley LGA is projected to grow to 76,450 (2,336 more residents)².

Growth in Waverley LGA is expected to be slow and incremental with 6% population increase over the next 10 years (to 2031). Over the next 20 years, Waverley is expecting an increase of 5,050 people (7% growth between 2016 and 2036). In comparison, this is less than what is anticipated for Greater Sydney (37% increase in population over the same period). Population growth in the next ten years in Waverley will be less than what was experienced in the past ten years.

The residents of Waverley LGA are generally quite young, with almost 47% of residents aged between the ages of 20 and 45 years of age in 2016.

The 30 to 34 years age group was the largest age group in 2016 and will remain the largest in 2026. In 2026, it is projected that there will be a slight increase in the proportion of residents in older age groups (12% to 13.5% proportion of residents 65 years plus) and younger age groups (increase from 20% to 22% proportion of residents 0 to 20 years in age) (figure 2.2).

Demand for open space and recreation facilities may vary across different age groups and different areas in the LGA (2.3). Children, typically aged up to 10 years old are regular users of play spaces, whilst school aged children regularly use sports fields and courts as part of school or participation in sporting club activities. People over the age of 75 years may participate in more community and social based activities, swimming and passive recreation (refer to Section 3 for more detail).

Socio-demographic profile

Waverley LGA has showed a steady growth in its median weekly family income. The median income increased by 60% between 2006 and 2016, from \$1,446 to \$2,308 per week.

The 2016 median weekly family income is 47% higher than Greater Sydney's median income and 16% higher than Sydney LGA's median income, indicating that the Waverley residents are relatively high-income earners.

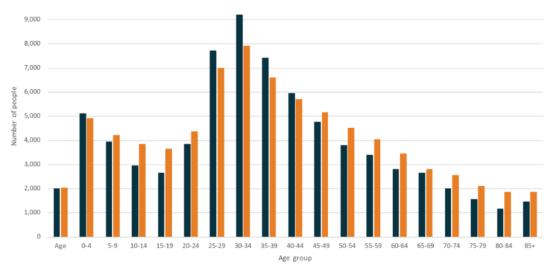
Approximately 45% of households in Waverley LGA are high income households, compared to 13% of households being low income households³ (figure 2.5).

The SEIFA index for Waverley ranks Waverley as an area of least disadvantage in New South Wales⁴.

Cost is typically a barrier to participation in sports and recreation activities. Higher incomes provide households with the ability to spend more on leisure and recreation activities and to participate more regularly in group or organised sports, including the ability to purchase sporting equipment and pay for club membership fees. The Waverley community may therefore be more likely to participate in a broad range of activities and expect access to high quality facilities.

Children are more likely to participate in out of school hours sport if they are from a high income family (84% participation), than children from a low income family (58% participation)⁵.

Though cost is less likely to be a barrier to participation in sports and recreation activities for a large proportion of households in Waverley, it is still important that free or cheap access to sports and recreation opportunities are maintained to provide opportunities for all households.



2016 2031

Figure 2.2 Waverley LGA population by age group, 2016 Census compared with 2031 Projection (source: Department of Planning and Environment Population Projections & Australian Bureau of

Statistics Census 2016)

1 Australian Bureau of Statistics (2018), Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP) by LGA

2 Department of Planning and Environment (2016), 2016 New South Wales State and Local Government Area population and household projections. Sydney, NSW.

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3 Based on the ABS Census 2016 and information presented in profile id. by .id, the population experts. Measure of weekly household income, and excludes count of households where income was not stated.

4 2016 SEIFA index

 $5~{\rm AusPlay}$ Focus: Children's Participation in Organised Physical Activity Out of School Hours, April 2018

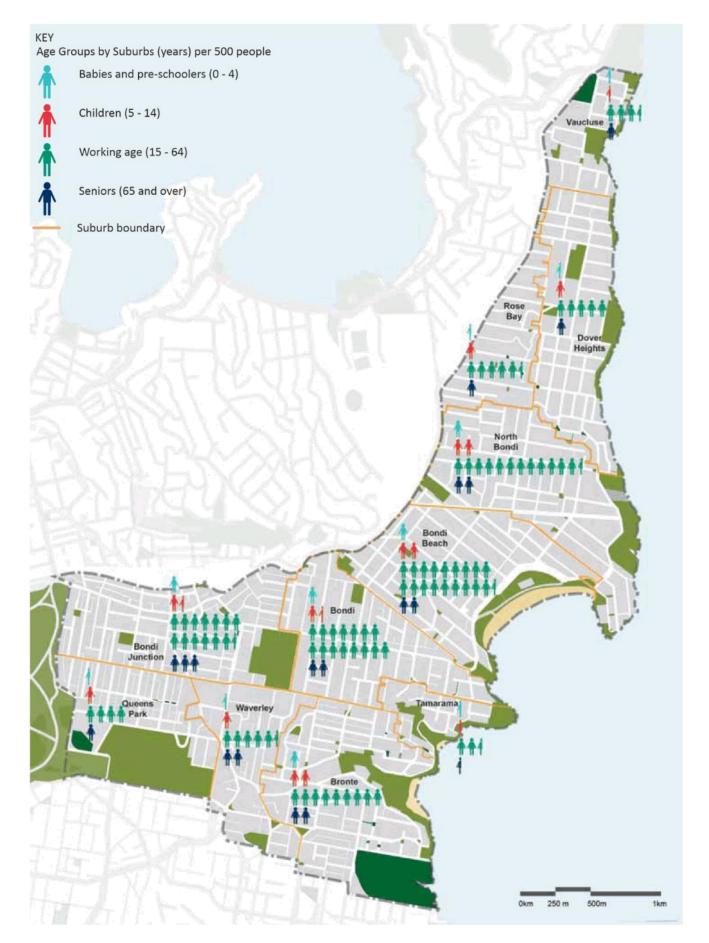
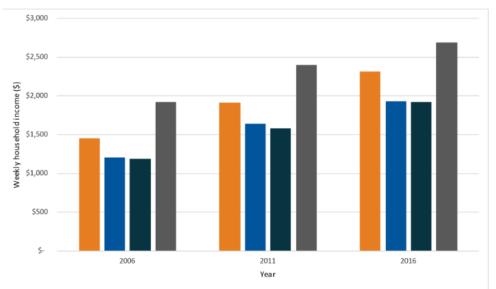


Figure 2.3 Where different age groups live, by suburb

Households

The predominant type of households in Waverley LGA in 2016 are family households (61% of all households, not counting visitors only and non-classifiable households), followed by lone person households (28% of all households). A similar break down of different household types is expected in 2026. Of the family households, couple only and couples with children make up the greatest proportion of households. Overall, lone person households have been the dominant type, with slight decline between 2011 and 2016, see figure 2.5. Between 2016 and 2026, lone person households (currently 28% of households in 2016) are expected to experience the greatest increase in number of households with a 65% increase, followed by single parent households, a 42% increase. Couple only households are expected to decrease by 1%, see figure 2.5.

Both lone households and households with children are expected to require more open space and public spaces where people can interact, particularly where the size of houses are decreasing and people spending less time at home. This could mean more demand for both formal and informal play spaces, more demand for public parks and spaces for meeting and/or eating, and even more outdoor spaces that provide for quiet spaces and reflection.



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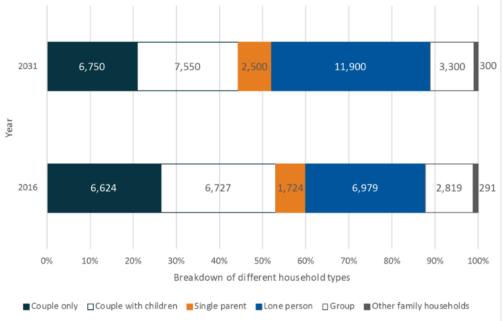
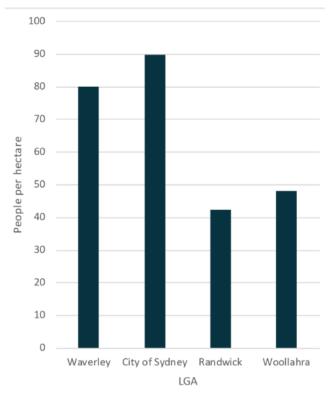


Figure 2.5 Breakdown of Waverley household types, 2006 and 2031

(source: Department of Planning and Environment Population and Household Projections)

Population density

The population density in Waverley LGA is higher than neighbouring Woollahra and Randwick LGAs, based on the number of people living in the LGA compared to the land area. Population density is slightly lower when compared to the City of Sydney.



■ Population density (people per hectare) Figure 2.6 Population density in Waverley LGA and neighbouring LGAs

Worker population

There is a 24,340 working population in Waverley LGA in 2016. The biggest employer is retail trade (16% of total workers), followed by Health Care and Social Assistance (13% of total workers).

Most workers are living less than 5 kilometres from work. The most common method to travel to work in 2016 is by car, accounting for 41% of trips by workers, followed by public transport (31% of trips).

Visitors

Our parks also see a high level of visitation by tourists including tour buses visiting our beaches and areas offering coast and city views. Despite the high visitation stastics, Council survey data suggests that our parks including beach parks are most frequented by locals of Waverley.

In one year 2.6 million visitors visited Bondi, and 1.7 million were international visitors accounting for 38% of all international visitors to NSW¹. The top activities of domestic visitors were eating out at restaurants and cafés (70%) and going to the beach (51%). The numbers of international and domestic visitors have grown steadily over the past four years, with a total increase of 17%.

With more recent trends in technology and use of platforms such as instragram there is a noticeable rise in people visiting parks and cliff lines to take 'selfies', the natural coastal and outdoor setting within access to the city has made this kind of activity very popular. This behavior does present some challenges in the design of spaces to allow photo opportunities in a manner which does not compromise native vegetation or safety.

Housing and employment growth

New development over the next ten years will be focused within and around key centres, such as Bondi Junction. It is anticipated that there will be some incremental growth throughout Waverley LGA through the redevelopment of existing housing.

1 Destination NSW Bondi Tourism Precinct: Visitor Profile for year ended March 2019

Open Space and Recreation Facilities in Waverley

Parks and reserves provide green spaces and natural environments, which are breaks within the urban environment. These are spaces for walking and relaxing, as well for playing. Figure 2.8 provides a snapshot of these different spaces. Figure 2.7 outlines the range of activities Sydneysiders enjoy doing in parks and outdoor spaces¹, which is similar to what the Waverley community told us they enjoy.

Waverley is unique with a network of open space and walking paths and passive recreation along the coastline, known as the Coastal Walk and Cliff Top Walk (figure 2.13). There are eight parks that provide dog off-leash areas.

Playing and Relaxing

This section outlines the range of recreation facilities in open spaces in Waverley, including the range of user groups and activities that these spaces support.

Waverley Council owns and manages:

- seven sports fields and oval (for soccer/football, Australian Rules Football, rugby, cricket)
- three outdoor multipurpose courts (for netball, basketball, tennis)
- three outdoor netball courts
- one indoor multipurpose center (with courts for netball, basketball, futsal)
- two ocean pools at North Bondi and Bronte
- thirty-nine play spaces for children of all ages including a scooter / bike track and skate park
- six outdoor fitness stations in Waverley
- ten indoor venues, including the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre at Waverley Park and community halls. Community groups and sports clubs can hire these spaces for indoor activities such as yoga, pilates, community meetings and small events.

Figure 2.10 shows the range of recreation facilities in and around Waverley and the variety of sports that can be played in these spaces.

Christison Park to the north of Waverley is within Woollahra LGA and provides fields, courts and cricket pitches, exercise station, timed dog off-leash area and amenities.

Centennial Parklands to the south west of Waverley provides extensive parklands, picnic areas, playgrounds and regional sporting facilities. The Parklands include Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park.

Queens Park is within Waverley LGA but managed by the Centennial Parklands Trust. It provides sports fields, play spaces, and an outdoor fitness station.

Privately owned facilities, such as bowling clubs, tennis courts, gyms, sports courts, and indoor/ outdoor swimming pools, also provide Waverley residents with recreation opportunities.

 Table 2.1 shows the range of user groups and the activities

 1 NSW Department of Planning and Environment, 2019, Greater Sydney Outdoors Study 2019

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these users participate in across our parks and reserves. The views of these user groups are captured through various engagement activities and surveys Council conducts regularly.

Council supports recreation in Waverley and various community and sporting groups by:

- venue hire grants for community groups
- waiving fees for hirers such as WAYS, to provide a youth basketball program
- small community grants
- Community Grants Program, to support community run programs for older people, young people, children and families, multicultural community, people with disabilities
- supporting neighborhood events
- providing spaces for community gardens.

Council also runs programs and activities supporting physical activity and recreation. Recreation programs Waverley Council provides include:

- Active over 50's program: activities to help improve both physical and mental health. Offers table tennis, Tai Chi, Pilates, yoga, Balance and Strength
- Mind Body Wellness and Social Support Program for 55+: offers fitness and wellbeing classes such as yoga, tai chi, Pilates, jazzercise, fitness classes. Also offer educational and social support programs such as language classes, hobbies such as arts and crafts, bowls, scrabble etc. Also offer discounted podiatry, massage, reflexology, Bowen therapy and haircuts
- School Holiday Programs.

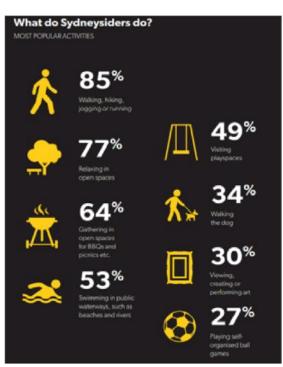


Figure 2.7 Most popular activities in parks and outdoor spaces for Sydneysiders (from the Greater Sydney Outdoors Study 2019)

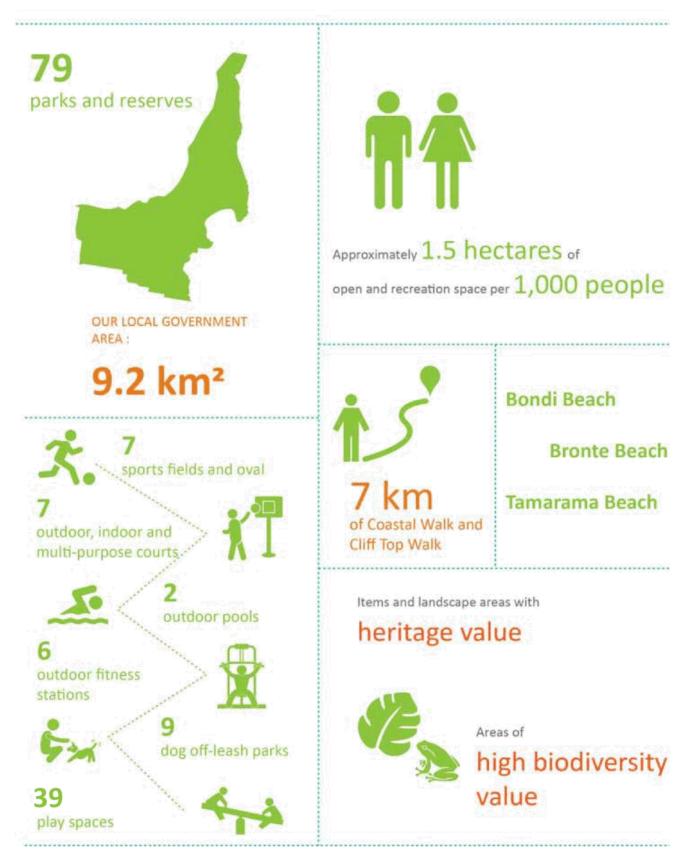


Figure 2.8 Snapshot of open and recreation spaces managed by Waverley Council

User group	Spaces used	Key issues				
Sporting groups and clubs	 Waverley Park Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre Barracluff Park Dudley Page Reserve Hugh Bamford Reserve Rodney Reserve Queens Park 	Bookings of Waverley's sports fields and courts are close to full capacity, particularly during the Winter season when football/ soccer and netball is traditionally played. Sporting groups and clubs use fields and courts for matches as well as for training throughout the week, particularly on weekday afternoons and evening and on weekends. Higher grade and larger facilities at Waverley Park, Queens Park (though not managed by Council) and Hugh Bamford Reserve are generally preferred.				
Commercial group fitness and community groups	 Parks outlined in the Fitness Trainers Policy Council indoor venues 	Private groups can apply for permits to use parts of parks and reserves and/ or hire indoor venues for training activities. It is important that private group activities in parks and reserves do not impact on public access to spaces or damage spaces. Council run programs, particularly for seniors, are popular. Popularity in these programs is expected to continue as the population chooses to continue living in Waverley as they get older.				
Casual players	Large parks and reservesBeaches	Residents and visitors to Waverley visit parks and reserves to play a casual game or train privately. Beaches are also areas where people go to play beach volley ball casually. Maintaining safe and easy to access turn up and play facilities is important for casual players.				
Recreational and dog walking, relaxing, socialising	All parks and reservesCoastal and Cliff Top WalksWaverley Cemetery	Many residents and visitors to Waverley enjoy walking through the parks and reserves and along green links. There are approximately 10,000 dogs in Waverley LGA. Residents with dogs value the space that parks and reserves provide for their dogs to get some activity, particularly dedicated dog off-leash areas.				
Families and children	All parks and reservesPlay spaces	Play spaces are popular with families with children.				
Tourists and visitors	 Bondi Park Bronte Park Tamarama Park Coastal and Cliff Top Walks Diamond Bay Reserve 	Surveys show that Waverley's beaches and Coastal and Cliff Top Walks are becoming more popular. 2.2 million visitors visit Bondi and the Coastal Walk annually. Waverley's cliffs are becoming popular spots for people to visit and take pictures. We need to identify the risks involved with people visiting these areas and manage access to protect people's health and safety.				
Rock climbers	Parks along the cliff line and beach parksQueens Park	The rock face is popular for rock climbers. We need to identify the risks involved with people visiting these areas and manage access and allowance of activities to protect people's health and safety.				
Water sports and rock fishing	 Diamond Bay Reserve Bondi Beach Tamarama Beach Bronte Beach 	Water based sports (swimming, surfing, boating, kayaking), fishing, and rock fishing are popular activities off the coast. The Ben Buckler Amateur Fishing Club has been located at North Bondi for decades. We need to provide for safe access to the water for people to participate in these activities that they enjoy.				
Events participants	 Bondi Beach and Park Bronte Beach and Park Tamarama Beach and Park Dudley Page Reserve 	 Events at Waverley attract an increasing number of visitors. This creates pressures on spaces to accommodate for larger crowds and demand on infrastructure, such as transport, food and beverage, and amenities. Overview of key events in Waverley over the year: Open-air Cinemas - Bondi Park (January-February) Bondi Winter Magic - Bondi Beach and Park (July) City2Surf - Bondi Beach (August) The Festival of the Winds - Bondi Beach and Park (September) Sculpture by the Sea - Bondi Beach to Tamarama Beach (October/November) 				

 Table 2.1 Different user groups of Waverley open and recreation spaces



Figure 2.9 Open Spaces, private recreation and streetscape verges in Waverley

Organised and Team Sports

Waverley Council provides fields, outdoor courts, and indoor courts at the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre (see table 2.2 and figure 2.10), which support a range of sports.

Waverley Council provides three competition level fields while Queens Park, managed by the Centennial Parklands Trust, provides 16 competition level fields.

In addition there are four training fields, three outdoor netball courts, and three outdoor multipurpose courts.

Neighbouring Centennial Park and Christison Park are located outside Waverley LGA, however provide Waverley residents access to additional facilities for organised and team sports. Centennial Park provide nine fields, one oval, cricket pitches, and amenities for rugby, soccer/football, AFL and cricket. Christison Park provides three fields, one hockey field, one oval, three cricket pitches and amenities that can be used for rugby, soccer/football, touch football, hockey and cricket.



Waverley Field 2 (synthetic surface), Waverley Park

Sport ovals and fields								
Reserve / Site Name	Fields	Size	Support Facilities	Irrigation	Parking	Condition Description	Linemarking	Lighting
Waverley Park Oval	1	115 x 70m	Toilets	Yes	on street	grass - good	yes	yes
Waverley Park Field 2	1	100 x 68m	Toilets	n/a	on street	synthetic - excellent	yes	yes
Waverley Park Field 3	1	50 x 50m	Toilets	Yes	on street	grass - worn, pot holes	none	yes
Barracluff Park	0.5	73 x 57m	none	Yes	on street	grass - good	yes	yes
Dudley Page Reserve	1	100 x 63m	cricket pitch	n/a	on street	grass - good	none	no
Hugh Bamford Reserve	0.5	72 x 55m	none	Yes	15 space carpark	grass - good	yes	one side of field
Rodney Reserve	1	100 x 70m	none	Yes	on street	grass - good	yes	no
Queens Park	16	various	storage, toilets, change and kiosk		on street	grass - good	yes	no

Sport courts								
Reserve / Site Name	Courts	Support Facilities	Parking	Condition Description	Linemarking	Lighting		
Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre	1	Toilets, kiosk, storage, changing rooms, first aid	on street	rubber sprung floor, good condition	yes	yes		
Waverley Park lower level netball courts	3	Toilets, storage, Amenity Hall	on street and St Marys Avenue	concrete base, synapave topping layer, good condition	yes	yes		
Waverley Park upper level multi purpose courts	3	Toilets, storage, Amenity Hall	on street and St Marys Avenue	concrete base, plexipave topping layer, good condition	yes	yes		

Table 2.2 Active Recreation Facilities in Waverley LGA

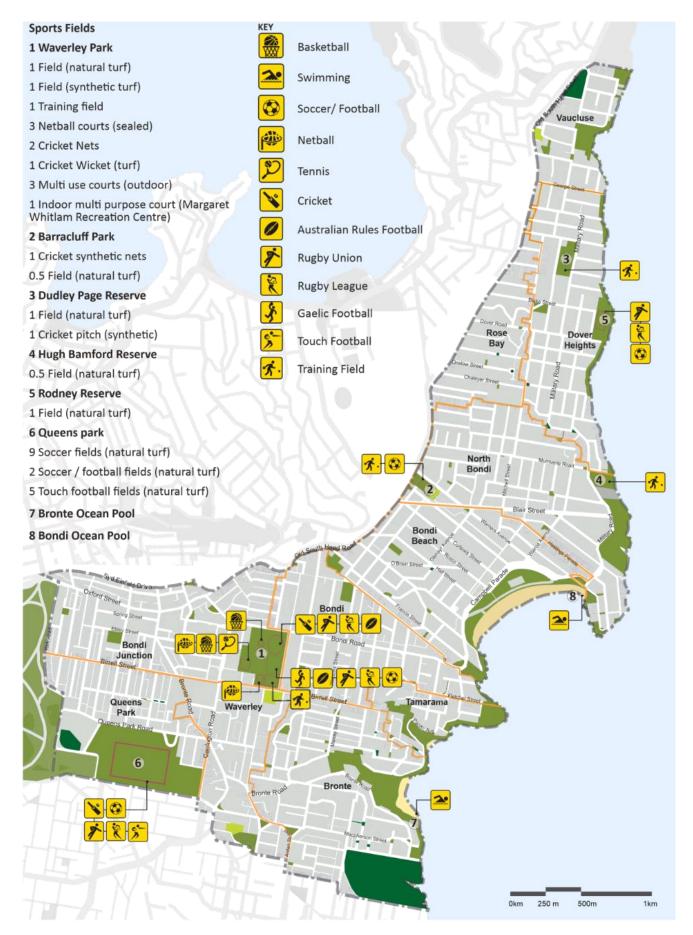


Figure 2.10 Existing active recreation facilities and spaces

Spaces for public hire and toilet blocks

In addition to our sports fields and courts we provide 10 indoor venues that can be hired by groups for activities such as dance, tai chi and yoga. Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre, Kimberley Reserve Hall, Thomas Hogan Reserve Hall and Hugh Bamford Reserve Hall are generally more suitable for recreation activities, whilst the other venues can be used for small group and social activities.

Council managed indoor venues include:

- Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Park
- Kimberley Reserve Hall
- Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre
- Mill Hill Centre
- School of Arts
- Thomas Hogan Reserve Hall
- Wairoa Community Centre Hall
- Waverley Library
- Waverley Park amenity building
- Hugh Bamford Reserve Hall.

Waverley provides and maintains nine toilet blocks in some of our larger parks and reserves.



Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre and Grandstand, Waverley Park



Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Park



Amenities Building and Kiosk, Tamarama Park

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Figure 2.11 Existing spaces for public hire and toilet blocks

Private and Club Recreation

Various community or privately run clubs provide a range of recreation opportunities. Clubs operating in Waverley support the following activities:

- lawn bowls (four clubs)
- tennis (one tennis centre)
- golf (one golf course)
- swimming (three indoor pools and one outdoor pool)
- surf life saving (four clubs)
- fishing (one club)
- squash (one squash club)
- fitness and health (18 gyms, fitness clubs and studios)
- board riding clubs (surf, surf ski, paddle boarding).

Many of these clubs are located on land zoned RE1 Public Recreation (refer to figure 2.12). Waverley and Bronte Bowling Clubs are on land zoned RE2 Private Recreation, owned by the club organisation. The land zoning of these sites mean that only development and activities that support public and private recreation are allowed. In the review of WLEP 2012, Council may investigate options to secure these sites for public recreation through the planning framework.

In addition to providing sporting opportunities, clubs also provide a meeting place to socialise and space for hire for small events which is often an affordable alternative to more commercial operations. As such clubs and private recreation space are an important community asset.

While participation and memberships between clubs varies over time; there remains opportunity for these types of organisations to be adaptive and reuse their facilities in response to community needs.

Gyms and fitness centres are highly visited facilities with fitness and visiting gyms a very popular physical activity. There are many gyms in Waverley with 18 registered in the LGA.

Commercial Fitness Trainers also use Waverley parks and reserves for training sessions. Permits are required for these activities, in accordance with the Waverley Commercial Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers' Policy and Guidelines. Permitted training areas are limited to parks and reserves shown on adjoining figure 2.12.



Bronte Bowling Club, Bronte



Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club, Tamarama Beach



Amateur Fishing Club, Ben Buckler Point

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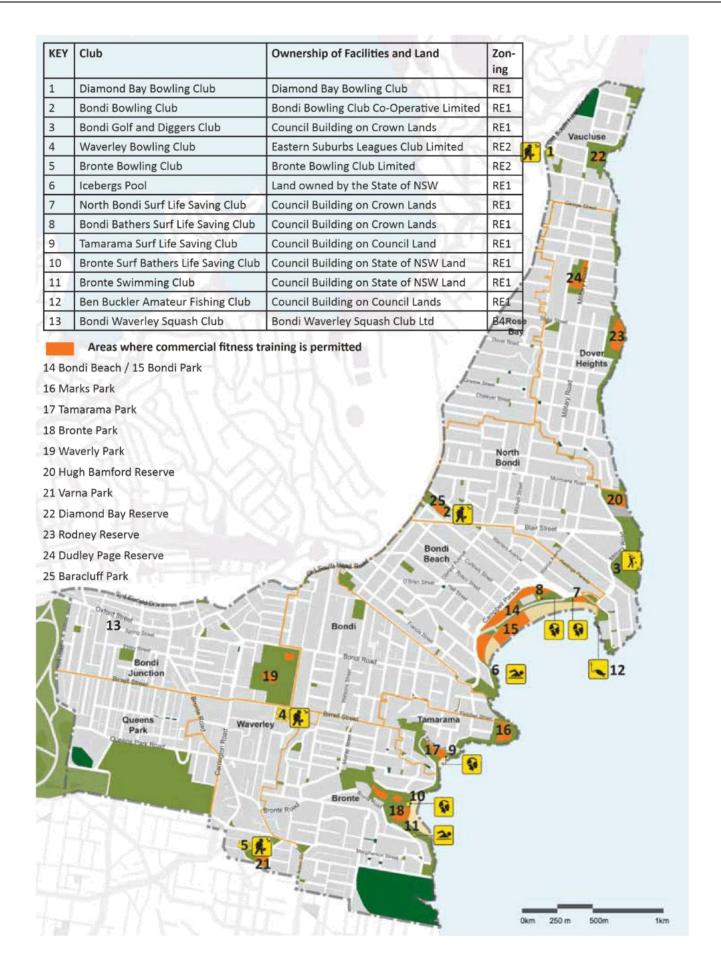


Figure 2.12 Existing clubs providing recreation

Casual and Social Activities

Our parks and reserves also include spaces that can be used for picnicking and social activities, social and casual games, play and exercising such as jogging and walking, and small group activities.

Waverley's Community Garden is located behind Clementson Park, is a place where people can meet, garden and share skills. Council manages the space and rents out plots. Waverley also has a range of shared garden spaces located in parks, street verges and laneways which are run by community groups and supported by Council.

In many of our parks and reserves we provide equipment and facilities that support a variety of activities and make these spaces more attractive and comfortable.

Spaces in Waverley for casual and social activities include:

- Coast Walk and Cliff Top Walk
- cycling tracks (mostly on road)
- variety of picnic and barbecue opportunities
- three beaches
- six exercise stations
- two beach volleyball locations
- two basketball hoops
- one community garden and various shared gardens
- one Bocce Court.

Walking and Jogging

Walking is the most popular activity in NSW and Waverley. Athletics, track and field (including jogging and running) is one of the top ten activities for adults in NSW. The coastal walk alone is a very popular with approximately 1 to 1.8 million visits of people walking or jogging the route each year. The busiest day of the week is Sunday. Different sections of the walk tend to be more popular then others, with the Bondi to Tamarama section the most popular. Four of Waverleys exercise stations are located on the Coastal Walk route.

Waverley's Cliff Walk which links Bondi north to Vaucluse and then onto the Gap in Woollahra. This route utalises Waverley's cliff top parks connected via local roads. While anecdotal evidence suggests this walking route is well used, there is currently no pedestrian data collection.

Beaches

Waverley is home to three world class beaches, Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama. Waverley Council's estimate for beach visitation to Bondi is approximately 3.3 million while Bronte is over 500,000 per year and Tamarama 300,000.

Popular activities at our beaches include swimming, surfing, sun bathing, picnicking and use of barbecue facilities. Beach volley ball can be played at Tamarama and Bondi Beach and the coastline is also popular for fishing.

Other Coastal Activities

Waverley's coastal edge includes destinations for recreational activities such as rock fishing, rock climbing and slacklining.

Infrastructure has been installed by individuals who participate in these activities. We need to identify the risks involved with people visiting these areas and manage access to protect people's health and safety.

Waverley, Woollahra and Randwick Council are undertaking a scoping study as part of the Coastal Management Program. This scoping study will inform Waverley Council's work to prepare a Coastal Management Plan which will ensure a consistent approach to managing risk associated with access along the cliff edge.



Coastal Walk, near Waverley Cemetery



Outdoor fitness station, Bondi Park

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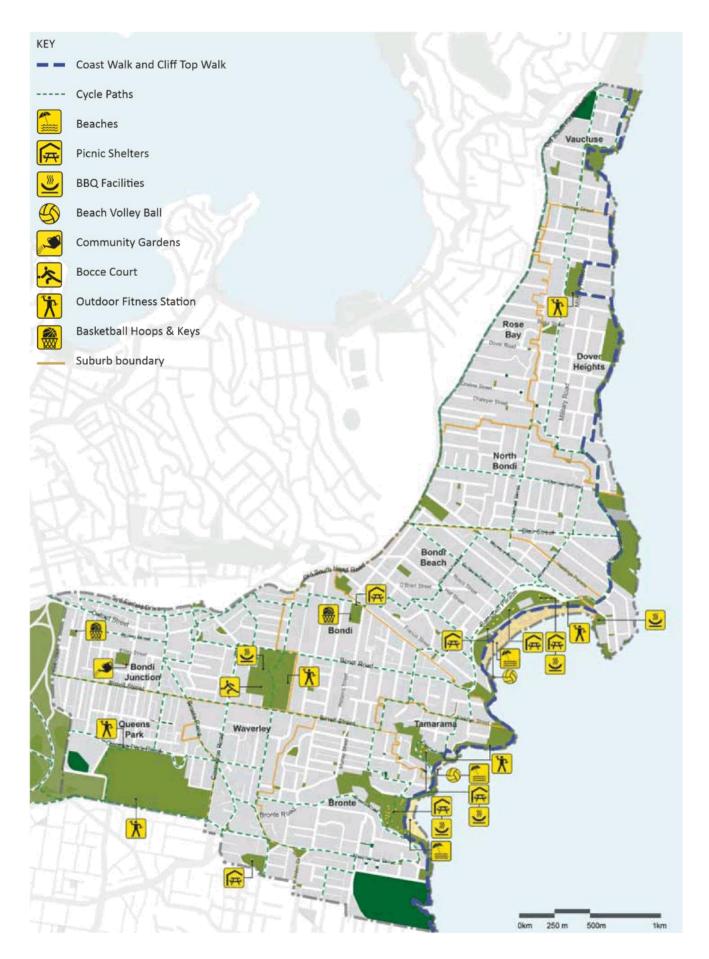


Figure 2.13 Existing passive recreation facilities

Dog Off-Leash Areas

For many people in our community, pets are companions and important members of the family. Dog walking is a very popular activity in Waverley with 10,587 identified and registered dogs living in the LGA. Many dog owners and commercial dog walkers visit Councils park and off leash areas for exercise.

Legislation under the NSW Companion Animals Act outlines rules governing the control and behavior of dogs and dog owners as well as commercial dog walking in public places. For peoples health and safety there are rules and responsibilities of dogs and their owners including:

- dogs must be under the effective control of a competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash at all times unless in an approved off-leash area
- dogs being exercised in an approved off leash area must always be accompanied by a competent person and the dog must be under control
- no more than four dogs are permitted to walk at any one time in a public space
- all dogs must wear a collar and tag with contact details on it when in a public space. They should also be identified (micro-chipped) and registered
- owners must pick up and appropriately dispose of dog droppings
- dogs are prohibited near beaches and pools
- dogs are prohibited within 10 metres of children's playground equipment
- dogs are prohibited in bushcare areas
- dogs are prohibited near sports fields (except on leash at Rodney Reserve when organised activity is not being played) or public places set aside for organised games
- dogs are prohibited with 10 metres of any food preparation area (the exception is when there is a public thoroughfare like a footpath. In this case dogs must remain controlled, on leash and use the thoroughfare for travel).

Not all parks allow dog off-leash activities. Council has nine off leash areas in Waverley which are reasonably well distributed throughout the LGA, two parks (Marks Park and Bronte Park) have areas allowing dogs off-leash at certain times of the day. The distribution of parks with dog off-leash areas is also relatively comprehensive, though distribution in the North Bondi and Vaucluse areas could be improved as currently residents need to walk further to access dog off-leash areas at Hugh Bamford Reserve, Dickson Park, and Raleigh Reserve. (Refer to figure 2.14).

The community has identified the need for more dog off-leash areas, particularly in the North Bondi area. When allowing dog off-leash areas, conflicts and risks with children's play spaces, organised sports activities, and maintenance of turf need to be carefully managed.

Off leash areas typically require signage, bins and dog bag dispensers and bubblers with dog bowl.



Barracluff Park is informally used as a off-leash area



Dog off-leash area, Raleigh Reserve



Dogs walking, Bronte Gully

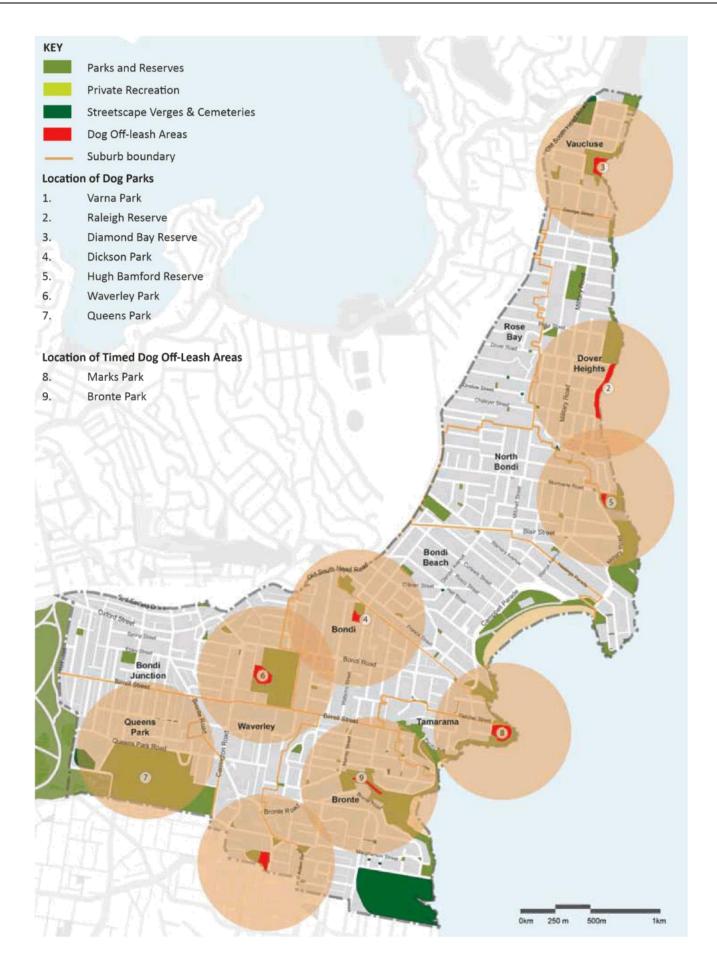


Figure 2.14 Location of parks with dog off-leash areas

Play Spaces

Our playgrounds are an important destination point in our parks for many people. We have 39 play spaces across Waverley.

Waverley has a good provision of play spaces when compared with other Councils per population (refer to Table 2.3). Furthermore our play spaces are well distributed across the LGA.

LGA	Population (children and young people)	Play spaces	Ratio
City of Sydney	17,858	87	1:200
Woollahra	10,607	22	1:480
Randwick	26,418	52	1:500
Waverley	12,118	40	1:300

Table 2.3 Provision of play spaces in Waverley compared to neighbouring LGAs

Our Play Space Strategy 2014-2029 guides planning and management of our play spaces. The strategy details the benefits and importance of play for children and young people. The strategy aims to implement a hierarchy of play spaces across our LGA in an effort to provide a range of sizes and types of play which are readily accessible to children and young people.

Since implementation of the Play Strategy in 2014, eight play spaces have been upgraded, three refurbished with a further two planned for an upgrade in 2019/20.



Play space at Stephen Street Reserve, Pocket Level Play Space



Play space at O'Donnell Street, Neighbourhood Level Play Space



Play space at Bronte Park, District Level Play Space

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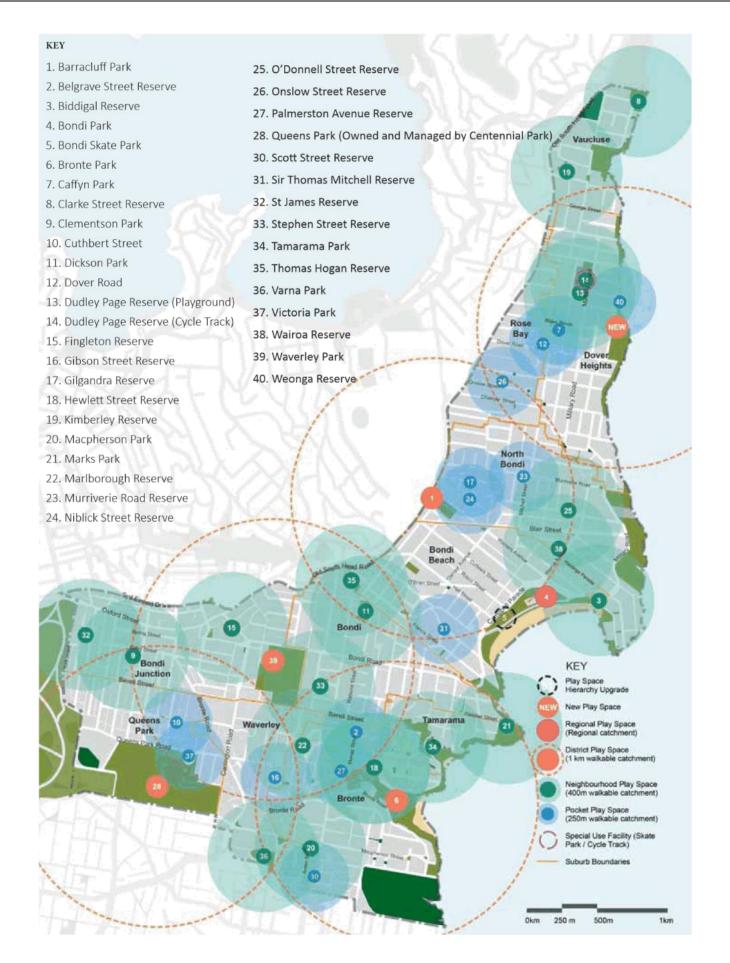


Figure 2.15 Waverley Play Space Strategy 2014-2029

Design and Setting

Our parks and reserves have distinct landscape characters, which are defined in individual Plans of Management. Our coastal location provides us with stunning coastal reserves and unique beach parks.

There are generally three distinct landscape categories across Waverley: Coastal; Inland; and Special Places. The design of spaces, landscaping and choice of furniture and materials used in each park and reserve is guided by the Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual.

The unique landscape character of each park and reserve is important to maintain as it contributes to the local context and people's connection to the place. Design guidance helps to maintain the character of these different spaces.

The design of our parks and reserves also needs to provide spaces that accommodate diversity of activities and offers a range of experiences, whether that be a beautiful view for a walk, a game of basketball, a place to meet friends, or a place to relax. The community told us that they feel safe in our parks and reserves and that they enjoy the spaces as they are clean and well maintained.

User comfort is important in our parks and reserves and we need to make sure that amenities, such as toilets, water fountains and shade are provided in our busy parks and reserves.

The community told us they want amenities to be provided in Beach Parks and Sports Parks with high visitation, particularly where training is held and games are played.

Coastal Open Spaces

Cliff Top Parks

These are linear parks flanking the coastline. They are exhilarating due to the great height of cliffs and the wide elevated views along the coast and out to the ocean. These spaces have a wild character and are particularly dramatic in high winds and rough seas.

Groupings of semi-natural heathland and open grassland areas characterise these parks. There are a number of natural remnant bushland sites along the coastal walk and scattered among the cliffs, rock shelves and dunes that Council and community volunteers work to protect and regenerate.

Cliff Top Parks include: Eastern Avenue Reserve, Diamond Bay Reserve, Weonga Reserve, Raleigh Reserve, Williams Park.

Gully Parks

Tamarama Gully and Bronte Gully are natural riparian corridors behind beach parks. While they no longer drain directly to the coast, they do feature water courses. These parks are shaped like green fingers and have steeply sloping sides. They feel contained.

They are generally densely planted lush natural bush reserves and have areas of ecological sensitivity. Gully Parks have medium to low levels of pedestrian activity.

Gully Parks include: Tamarama Gully and Bronte Gully

Beach Parks

These spaces are essentially low-lying coastal sections featuring curved sandy beaches. The beaches are backed by promenades and parklands and form a soft linear edge to the ocean. This type is distinguished by a simple horizontal visual composition of sky, ocean and land.

Beach parks are located within well-populated areas and all have commercial activity within close proximity. They are reasonably exposed, facing east to south east and are framed by rock outcrops to the north and south. The warm Australian light accentuates particular textures, shapes and colours, particularly when reflected off the sandstone.

The vegetation palette is fairly limited due to the challenges associated with front-line coastal environments. Planting consists of a combination of native and exotic species and trees and shrubs often have wild, wind blown forms.

Beach Parks include: Bondi Beach Park, Bronte Beach Park, Tamarama Beach Park

Inland Open Spaces

Civic Parks

Civic Parks are located within or adjacent to urban areas. Civic Parks are characterised by high quality finishes and furniture, and are well maintained. Spatially, these parks comprise perimeter planting with open grassland areas to the centre and scattered tree clusters throughout. Planting design is relatively formal and often accented by flowering plants. Civic Parks offer a combination of shaded and open areas and are highly used.

Civic Parks include: Waverley Park, Eora Park and Clemenston Park

Bushland Parks

Bushland Parks are our most densely planted areas. They are important fauna and flora zones and also feature some important remnant bushland sites. These parks primarily have a 'natural Australian' bushland character contrasted with small open grassed areas. Materials are 'rustic; and low key. They are popular for their walking tracks that feature look-out points revealing spectacular views across the municipality.

Many coastal spaces have important fauna and flora zones, including Diamond Bay Reserve, Tamarama Gully and Williams Park.

Inland open spaces that have bushland landscapes include: Dickson Park, Gibson Street Reserve, St James Reserve, Thomas Hogan Reserve.

Open Parkland - Sporting fields

These parks are distinguished by their flat open grasslands and are used for sports and organised team activities. They generally have clusters of shade trees planted around the perimeter with some shrub wind buffer planting. Edges are well defined with planting, bollards or fencing. These parks are open and allow people to have a good view into the park as well as out of the park. Open Parklands are generally well maintained.

Open Parklands include: Dudley Page Reserve, Hugh Bamford Reserve, Rodney Reserve.

Pocket Parks

These small parks are located at the end of streets or bound by residences or shops. Pocket Parks generally have well defined edges with planting, bollards or fencing. These parks comprise of trees and grass and sometimes play spaces. They are used by local residents for short stays.

There are 58 pocket parks across Waverley (shown as local parks, verges and road closures in figure 2.9).

Special Places

Special places are important landmarks that often have significance for the local area but are also recognised nationally and internationally. Special places have characteristics that showcase the cultural, heritage, or natural cliff and coastal setting of the Waverley area.

A number of public open space in Waverley are identified as 'special places' where the use of custom design elements and nonstandard finishes are appropriate.

Special places are:

- high profile locations
- places that have a distinctive character that needs to be differentiated from other spaces
- places with features of particular heritage significance that are to be conserved, requiring special treatment.

Waverley's special places include:

- Bondi Pavilion and surrounds
- Bronte Pool
- Coast Walk
- Cliff Top Walk
- Waverley Cemetery
- South Head Cemetery.

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cohesiveness in Waverley's public spaces.

The Public Domain Technical Manual (PDTM) is Council's guiding document to promote a sense of place and

The PDTM sets a quality standard for design with a palette of materials, finishes and furniture that reinforces local character of town, villages and neighbourhood centres, open spaces, and special places. These may have a distinctive character or defining features that require application of



Cliff Top Parks - Eastern Reserve



Gully Parks - Bronte Gully



Beach Parks - Bondi Beach Park

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custom design elements.

Getting to and Around the Parks

Catchments

Open and recreation space is generally well distributed across the LGA and allows most households access to public open space within 400 metres from home (figure 2.16).

Bondi Junction, Bondi Beach and North Bondi are areas with greater population densities, with higher density housing such as apartment buildings. It is increasingly important to provide access to public open space in these areas particularly where living spaces and private open space can be smaller.

The Greater Sydney Outdoors Survey 2019 shows that good access to outdoor recreation areas in the area where people live is important, particularly for residents in the Eastern City District. Typically 72% of Eastern City District residents either walk or run to outdoor recreation areas with an average of 15 minutes travel time, and about half of residents drive to outdoor recreation areas with an average of 23 minutes travel time¹.

There is a concentration of larger recreation facilities to the southern part of the LGA, with Queens Park and Waverley Park. Residents living in the north of the LGA access sports fields at Rodney Reserve, Hugh Bamford Reserve and Barracluff Park, and also facilities at Christison Park, in neighbouring Woollahra LGA.

Access to Parks and Reserves

All parks and reserves can be accessed by car, however car parking can be limited. Council's *People, Movement and Places (2017)* seeks to manage congestion and demand for car parking at key destinations such as beaches and regional parks and reserves. Waverley regional and district parks and reserves are serviced by buses. Council is committed to developing the walking and cycling network by improving links, signage, and providing information on routes. Improving the pedestrian and cycling network across the LGA can reduce reliance on driving to parks and reserves and also support recreational walking and cycling activities, which are already popular in Waverley.

Topography can affect the ease of getting to and around parks and reserves, with level changes, stairs and slopes making it more difficult for people that are less mobile or people with prams.

Accessible parking is currently available at all Waverley regional and district parks and reserves with off-street parking. Council is committed to continually improve universal access at all Council facilities and regional and district parks. This includes improving arrival points and footpaths in and around entries to parks and reserves.

Way finding

Way finding is important to help visitors to understand where they are and supports pedestrians, cyclists and motorists to navigate to landmarks, points of interest or major destinations in and around Waverley. Way finding includes providing signs identifying destinations and routes connecting destinations, improving pathways and entrances to enable a more seamless navigation experience, and providing information to enable <u>people to make choices on where to go and how to get there</u>. 1 Greater Sydney Outdoors Study, 2019, Department of Planning and Environment

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Way finding is particularly important to support universal access so that people who are less mobile or have particular needs can plan their visits to beaches, parks and recreation facilities and know what amenities are available at each location. The Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual provides guidance on way finding signage.

Private Access Points

Many residential properties which back onto parks have an access gate from their property into the reserve. In some instances a properties main entrance may be through a reserve. Such entries do provide an additional level of passive surveillance and activation of parks. However there are also instances where private entries are problematic with access points causing erosion, or unorthorised steps or planting being installed on public property. These access points also commonly back onto informal paths which are unstable and not accessible. It is important that property owners do not install structures or planting and do not leave property on public parkland. Council does not currently allow private access into parks and reserves. If a Development Application was submitted including access onto a reserve it would be assessed on its merit.

Universal Access

Universal access in the built environment takes into account the needs of a wide range of community members so that each person has an equally satisfying experience. It creates inclusive places and spaces that embrace diversity and deliver design solutions that benefit as many people as possible.

Design of open spaces can enhance or reduce usability, mobility, safety, comfort, choice, security and belonging and has a strong influence on the quality of people's lives. The principles for universal access are:

- Easy to use
- Comfortable
- Safe
- Embraces diversity
- Offers choice².

The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) extends beyond buildings to include outdoor spaces. Waverley Council has a responsibility under the DDA to provide equitable access to public premises and spaces, programs and events.

There are a range of guidelines that outline design requirements for buildings, streets, amenities and public outdoor spaces. Council also has policy and guidelines to ensure recreational facilities, cultural activities and events are inclusive. The Waverley Council Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021 aims to increase access to the greatest extent possible within the built environment and to facilities, amenities, parks and beaches. The topography can also impact on access, reducing the ability to maintain a continuous accessible path of travel and can make access more difficult for people that are less mobile or parents with prams.

Council has committed to ensuring people with disability have support facilities at Bondi to be able to experience the sand and ocean.

2 Principles for universal access, Source: adapted by Funktion Making Lifefit from Easy Access to Historic Landscapes 2005, English Heritage

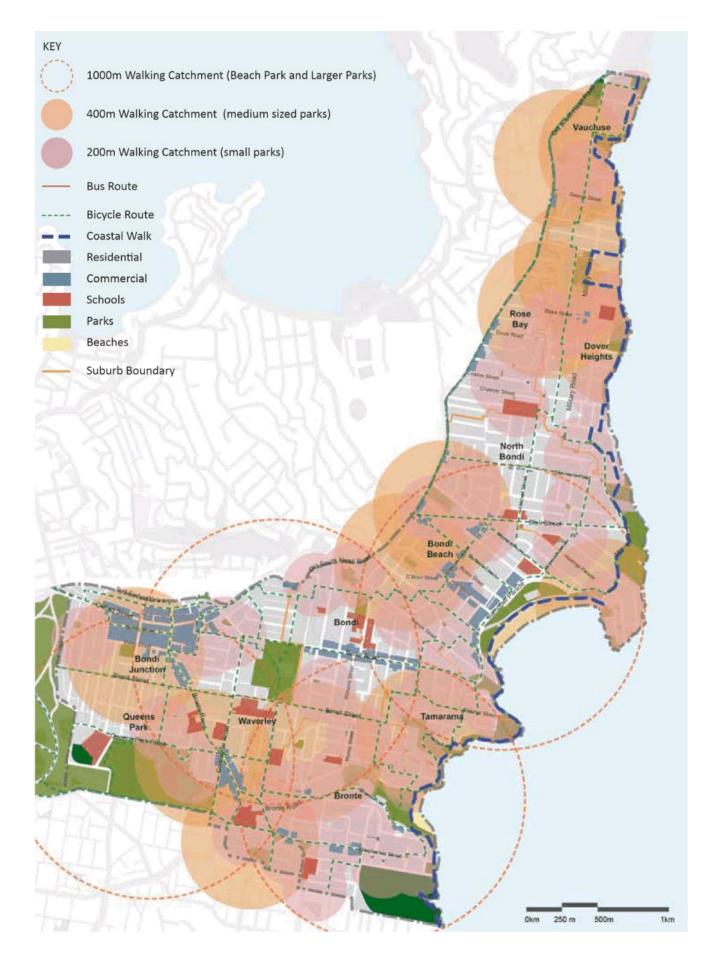


Figure 2.16 Catchments for open space

Enhancing the Environment

The community highly values parks and reserves as green spaces, particularly amongst the urban environment. Parks and reserves contribute to Waverley's natural landscape and environment and maintaining views and access to green spaces is important for people's health and wellbeing.

Some Waverley parks and reserves along the coastline contain bushland that has ecological importance (figure 2.17). This bushland is identified as terrestrial biodiversity and protected under the WLEP 2012 as samples of native vegetation remaining in the urban environment. The Waverley Biodiversity Action Plans – Remnant Sites 2014-2020 sets actions for management activities at each park or reserve with remnant bushland to support conservation. Development and activity in these parks and reserves must seek to protect this bushland as it cannot be recovered once lost.

Waverley Council actively manages remnant vegetation through bush regeneration techniques and protecting the area with buffer vegetation and restricting access. Councils Biodiversity Action Plans - Remnant Sites 2014-2020 details plans for managing these important areas.

Waverley Council also manage a volunteer Bushcare program which focuses on select natural areas to regenerate, managing weeds and plant native species. There are currently six bushcare groups who meet regularly in Waverley.

Parks and reserves are important parts of a larger network of green spaces and vegetation links that provide habitats for different flora and fauna. Though parks and verges may be small in size, they are very important for Waverley's urban ecology and contribute to establishing habitat corridors. Encouraging diversity in planting, particularly using native planting where possible, can contribute to re-establishing urban bushland and creating healthy habitats.

Waverley's beaches and intertidal shores are part of a rich marine environment. The urban landscape does however impact the environment. The Council Areas does contain an Intertidal Protected Areas which provides protection to rocky shore habitats and their species. Removing animals and invertebrates from these areas is prohibited.

Parks and reserve are also important spaces for water management. Landscape design, including considered selection of materials guided by the Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual, supports water harvesting and storm water management. The proximity of many parks and reserves to aquatic reserves in Waverley elevates the importance of careful management of the environment in these spaces and considering the impacts of activities on land on aquatic reserves.

Design of parks and reserves must respond to the landscape. Topography contributes to the coastal landscape and creates opportunities for view points that make Waverley's parks and reserves unique.

Conversely, topography can affect how many spaces in the LGA are appropriate for sports fields and courts. Recreation facilities need to be located in flatter land.



Bronte Gully Waterfall, Bronte Park



Cliff top vegetation along the Cliff Walk, Raleigh Reserve



Remnant vegetation at Diamond Bay Reserve



Figure 2.17 Existing environmental assets

Community, Culture and Heritage

Waverley's open and recreation spaces reflect the area's planning history and the influences, aspirations and ideals of historical organisations and individuals.

Heritage

There are 26 parks and reserves that either have heritage items, including archaeological sites and sites with Indigenous heritage, or are identified to be part of a landscape character area (figure 2.18). There are State heritage items at:

- Waverley Park (Waverley Reservoir No 1 and No 2)
- Bondi Beach (Bondi Pavilion)
- North Bondi (Bondi Ocean Outfall Sewer).

Both Centennial Park and Bondi Park and Beach (known as the Bondi Beach Cultural Landscape) are Landscape Conservation Areas with State heritage significance. Bondi Beach is also listed on the National Heritage List. A schedule of landscape conservation areas and State and local heritage items that are located in parks and reserves are listed in Appendix C.

Heritage items have historic, cultural, social, spiritual, architectural, aesthetic and archaeological significance to the community and development or activities in or around these items need development consent.

There are many locations, items and archaeological sites that are important for understanding Indigenous heritage and culture. It is also important to acknowledge the significance of land to Indigenous Australians. For Indigenous Australians land is connected to people and culture. There is a significant opportunity to learn about 'caring for country' and to educate the broader community on and celebrate Indigenous culture as part of telling the story of community, culture and heritage in our parks and reserves.

State heritage items trigger a requirement of referral to the NSW Heritage Council and any works proposed in a park or reserve with heritage values requires a review by Council's heritage advisors. These requirements seek to protect and manage heritage values.

Some of the local and State heritage items in Waverley's parks and reserves are Sydney Water assets and are examples of Sydney's water supply, sewerage and drainage history.

Overall the heritage listed open space in Waverley LGA is well conserved and maintained. There is, however, evidence of some loss of heritage value and historic character within some areas of open space. Incremental changes including landscape improvement works, the removal of some mature plantings, the introduction of new features have resulted in some impacts on heritage values including the historic character.

We prepare heritage management plans and includes heritage management strategies as part of plans of management for spaces with heritage items or identified as heritage landscape areas. This allows consideration of the management of heritage, including opportunities to improve on the care and interpretation of heritage values as part of the planning for these spaces.

The preparation of new Plans of Management will need to include heritage management plans to incorporate these recommendations.

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Public Art

Council has a Public Art Policy and Master plan which identifies opportunities for public art in Waverley. Council also has a Public Art Committee that serves as an advisory panel on all Public Art proposals in the area.

The Public Art Master plan identifies opportunities for public art in several parks. Notably Marks Park Bondi Memorial Project, Bondi Park and Pavilion, Clemenston Park, Waverley Park, Dickson Park. In addition Hunter Park was established in 1998 as Weverley's Sculpture Park. The Park currently features four sculptural works. However Hunter Park as a location is constrained due to the steepness of the site being impractical for universal access. The park design and sitting also make it difficult to curate works.

Public Events

Parks and reserves are important public spaces and continue to be places where the community meet for events throughout the year. Our Beach Parks and Dudley Page Reserve host a program of high profile events each year (refer to Table 2.1). These events attract many visitors from across Sydney and internationally which is good for Waverley's local economy. Large events impact on local residents and require Council to coordinate and plan with event organisers. Waverley Events Policy and Event Management and Delivery Guidelines identify parks and reserves where events are permitted and stipulate activities event organisers are responsible for.

It is critical that Council's policy and guidelines ensure that events benefit our community and that impacts on our parks and reserves and mitigated and managed.

Commemorative and Quiet Spaces

The way we commemorate those who have passed is reflective of our personal values, beliefs and our life story, commemoration is such an important part of our culture and society.

In support of members of our community who are grieving Council provides a range of services. Notably, we have a state heritage listed cemeteries in Waverley Cemetery and South Head cemetery. We tell the stories of those in our community who have made contribution through programs such as the Local Heroes Awards, Best of the Best Awards, cemetery tours and our local studies collection in the Library.

Memorial spaces are also provided in several parks across Waverley LGA such as Waverley Park Memorial Garden with monument to World War One and World War Two. Sam Fiszman Park which recognises the valuable contribution of refugees to the Waverley Council area.

Council receives several requests a year for memorials to pay tribute to deceased community members. Typically memorials are requested in our open spaces in the form of a plaque attached to a seat with ocean view. Because it is difficult to accommodate the volume of these specific requests Councils policy does not allow donations such as plaques associated with seats or trees in our open spaces. However further opportunities for 'reflective spaces' suitable for quiet contemplation, rest and respite are in demand and need to be considered in future planning.



Figure 2.18 Heritage items and areas with heritage landscape values, associated with Parks and Reserves

Maintenance and Management

Council is responsible for the maintenance and management of the 79 public parks and reserves in Waverley LGA (except for Queens Park, managed by the Centennial Parklands Trust). Council is also the consent authority for a majority of development and works on these parks and reserves, in line with the range of legislation and local policies, plans and guidelines listed in Section 1.

Planning and acquisitions

Council can identify land in the LEP for acquisition for the purpose of expanding the open space network. The WLEP 2012 currently identifies 11 parcels of land for acquisition (refer to Table 2.4). Council can prepare a planning proposal to amend the WLEP 2012 to identify additional open space acquisitions if required.

Funding for acquisitions comes from Council's capital works budget or can be funded through contributions from new development, either from a Section 7.12 contribution or a contribution offered through a planning agreement.

Address	Land parcel	Public benefit
2 Ray Street	Lot 37 DP 976698	Acquisitions allow better pedestrian
4 Ray Street	Lot 2 DP 417665	connections along the Cliff Top walk.
6 Ray Street	Lot 1 DP 417665	
8 Ray Street	Lot 40 DP 976698	
8 Ray Street	Lot 41 DP 976698	
29 Kimberley Street	Lot 2 DP 1056298	
27-29 Gilgandra Road	Lot 24 DP 654616	Acquisitions secure Gilgandra Reserve.
27-29 Gilgandra Road	Lot 23 DP 7758	
2 Waverley Crescent	Lot 1 DP 937724	Acquisitions allow expansion of
5 Bondi Road	Lot 9 DP 455977	Fingleton Reserve.
5 Bondi Road	Lot 8 DP 455977	

Table 2.4 Land for acquisition in WLEP 2012

Land ownership

Land zoned RE1 Public Recreation in the WLEP 2012 is for public recreation purposes and allow public access to these spaces. Not all land zoned for RE1 Public Recreation is owned by Council, however Council can work with land owners to maximise the public benefit opportunities of all public open space. State Government, under Crown Lands or Sydney Water also own several parks which Council is responsible for the maintenance and management.

Spaces that are currently zoned RE1 Public Recreation although are not owned by Council or State Government include 15 Adelaide Street, Bondi Junction.

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Local Aboriginal Land Council

The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council oversees the La Perouse area, including Waverley LGA. The La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council can advise on lands of cultural significance of Aboriginal persons and promote Aboriginal culture and heritage particularly in relation to the management of open space with cultural significance.

Sydney Water assets

A number of parks and reserves contain Sydney Water assets and are owned by Sydney Water. These are located at:

- Waverley Park
- Williams Park and Hugh Bamford Reserve (underground easements)
- Dudley Page Reserves.

Works at these parks require Sydney Water approval and need to allow Sydney Water to access their assets.

Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP)

Council prepares a SAMP to guide sustainable management of Council assets, including the identifying funding allocation to maintenance and capital works for projects. This OSRS directs future open space and recreation projects and the approach to asset management. The SAMP will identify capital works and maintenance activities for funding to deliver the OSRS.

Council maintenance

Council carries out regular maintenance of all parks and reserves, beaches, play spaces and recreation facilities. Smaller parks are maintained every six weeks and permanent staff are located in larger parks such as Waverley Park, Bondi Park, Bronte Park and Tamarama Park. Play spaces are inspected daily and audited for compliance with safety standards annually.

The maintenance of parks comes from Councils operations budget. Revenue from the hire of sports fields, courts and indoor venues also contribute to the maintenance of spaces.

Compliance

Compliance and regulation in open spaces are an important part of keeping the community safe and our environmental assets clean and sustainable. Regulations of permitted or prohibited activities are currently outlined in Council's Plan of Management and on the Council website. Compliance information is also currently found on park signs.

There are currently gaps in the communication of compliance information and regulations. Not all parks and open spaces have a Plan of Management or have information on site signs.

Partnerships and Sponsorship

Council is often approached by corporate entities, Charities or Not for Profit Organisations to enter agreements for providing new facilities, memorials or promotion of various works or programs. Council has a Sponsorship, Grants and Donations Policy which sets out the roles and responsibilities for such agreements. The high level nature of this document however does not provide a detailed framework for these agreements, which require bespoke negotiations as they arise.

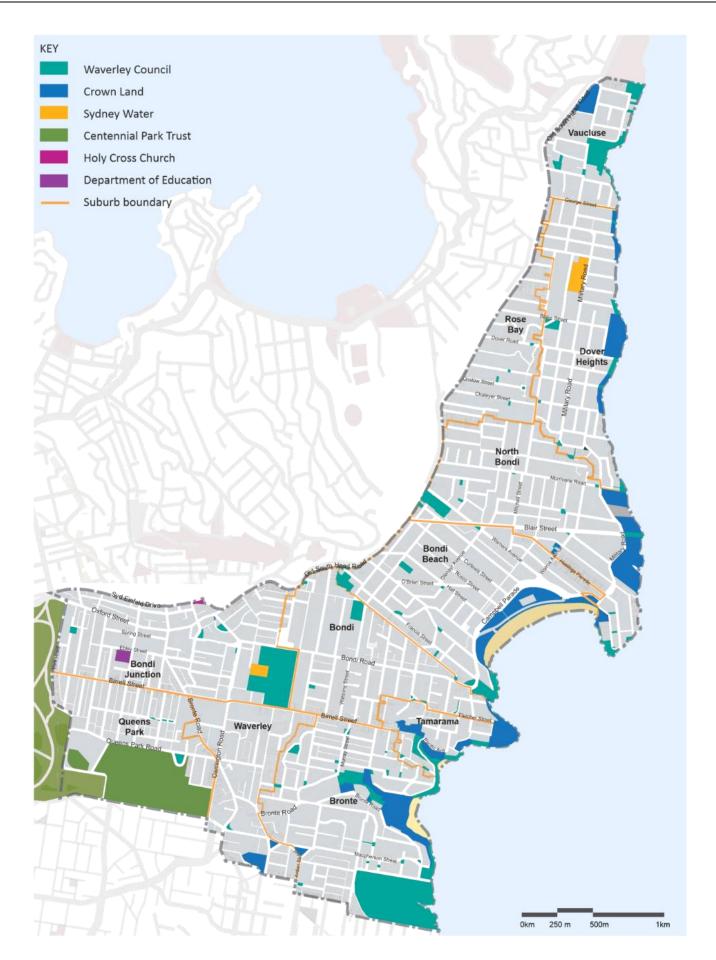


Figure 2.19 Land Ownership



Open and Recreation Space Review

This is a summary of findings from our review of open and recreation space in Waverley, the range of user groups that use these spaces, and diversity of activities that these spaces support. Findings under each of the six Strategy themes inform our approach to management of open and recreation space and the Action and Implementation Plan in Section 4.

Playing and relaxing

- Different groups use spaces for organised sports and team activities as well as casual play, socialising and relaxing. Organised groups (sporting and community clubs, schools) regularly book spaces for training and match play.
- Beach Parks are key visitor destinations and host large annual events which are important for Sydney.
- Occasional users are visitors that live outside the LGA, domestic travelers and international travelers that are attracted to Waverley's Coastal Walks and beaches.

Design and setting

• Design guidance helps to maintain and enhance the distinct characteristics of the Waverley local area and the context of each park and reserve.

Getting to and around

- There is generally a good distribution of open space across the LGA, and most residents live within a 400 metre walk to a park or reserve. There is variation in the types of spaces people can access from home, so it is important to maintain quality spaces and provide walking, cycling and public transport connections across the open space network.
- It is important to continually review whether spaces are universally accessible, particularly regional and district parks and reserves which have high visitation. The topography can also impact on access, reducing the ability to maintain continuous paths and can make access more difficult for people that are less mobile or carers with prams.

Enhancing the environment

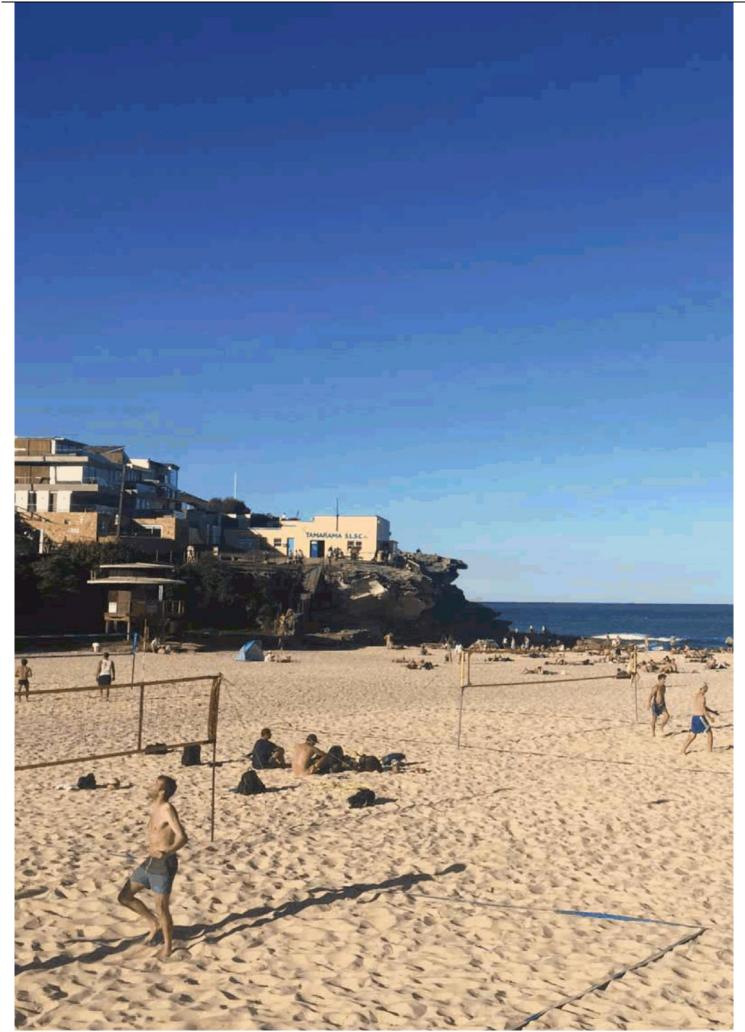
- Waverley's parks and reserves have environmental importance and contribute to the ecology of Waverley as well as having bushland that has high environmental value.
- The topography and coastal setting creates a unique landscape, however it can also make access for maintenance difficult in places where there are level changes such as the cliff line.

Community, Culture and Heritage

• Many parks and reserves have heritage values that need to be protected and managed. Management of heritage needs to be improved. There are Indigenous items, important archaeological sites, non-indigenous items, and landscape character areas that have National, Local and State significance.

Maintenance and Management

- Council have various established frameworks and policies that guide the management of open space.
- Acquisition of land for open space should align with and deliver on the OSRS.
- The OSRS will guide future revisions of the Waverley SAMP and Plans of Management for parks and reserves.
- There is a need for better signage and completion of PoMs for all spaces to support compliance with permitted and prohibited activities in parks and reserves.



Open Space and Recreation Needs

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This section provides an audit of the provision, quality and capacity of existing open and recreation space in Waverley LGA and user preferences.

Limitations on current spaces

A needs based assessment was undertaken to identify the open and recreation spaces and types of facilities needed in Waverley. This approach is informed by:

- the Waverley community profile number of residents, age profile and sports participations rates and trends
- benchmarking of open space and recreation facilities provision
- assessment of the quality and capacity of current spaces
- consultation with the community and stakeholders.

Waverley open space provision

Waverley is starting out from a 'deficit' of space, compared to rates of open space provision in neighbouring LGAs, though almost all of Waverley's open space can be used for a range of activities. It will be difficult to create more space considering the current population and development density in Waverley and competition for new land.

As Waverley's population is set to be steady over the next 10 years, the goal will be to maintain, and grow where possible provision of open space and recreation spaces in order to maintain current levels of provision.

Approximately 500 square metres of additional open space is needed in Waverley LGA to maintain today's level of provision of 1.47 hectares of open space per 1,000 people. This is the equivalent of providing another Cuthbert Street Reserve in Queens Park (597 square metres).

Existing open space is also expected to 'do more' and cater for a broad range of user needs and diversity in activities. Councils across Greater Sydney experience similar issues to Waverley needing to provide for inclusive spaces, play spaces, and dedicated dog off leash areas.

Waverley recreation facilities

Generally, utilisation of Waverley's recreation facilities are not yet at capacity with the exception of Waverley Park. Alongside the relatively low growth rate expected over the next 10 years (when compared to neighbouring LGAs), there is enough capacity within existing facilities to accommodate anticipated growth.

Growth in neighbouring LGAs may impact on demand for recreation facilities in Waverley as many sporting groups and clubs operate across Eastern City District LGAs. Opportunities to increase the capacity of existing spaces, such as through expansion or embellishment should be pursued.

Bookings for Waverley's sports fields and courts differ between the Winter and Summer seasons, with higher demand experienced in Winter as competitions for soccer/football, Australian Rules Football, rugby, and netball are played in the Winter season. Council faces many challenges as our community's participation in physical activity evolves. In particular the trend for sports to operate through both the summer and winter seasons has presented challenges for Council as there has been further demand on already limited facilities. Weather conditions in summer and winter also present new challenges for all sports as they are operating throughout the year.

Another trend is increased interest in more flexible and informal activities (i.e. 'pick up and play sports') which are appealing to those who may not be interested or involved in club sports. While 'pick up and play' sports such as tennis and basketball do not see the intensity of use compared with competition play, they do offer many health and wellbeing benefits to the wider community.

Quality, multi-use spaces with amenities are in high demand. Waverley Oval, Waverley Field 3, and indoor and outdoor courts are the most used. Utilisation of the oval and field 3 are at 102% and 109% respectively.

There is opportunity to attract more bookings at fields outside of Waverley Park. For example, Dudley Page and Rodney Reserve are currently underutilised, which may be due to the lack of lighting. Improving the quality of spaces and amenities at existing fields may increase the utilisation of existing spaces and provide more options for sporting groups and clubs, school groups, as well as for casual play in the LGA.

Clubs and groups would like to see more choice for bookings. Allowing longer hours of play (provision of lighting), quality of the spaces (reducing impacts of weather on fields and courts affecting play), and amenities (toilets, storage) are important.

Public feedback has shown a desire for more basketball and netball courts, provision of an indoor pool, improvement to amenities in parks and reserves, and improvement to access and parking.

The community want to see more of the types of spaces and facilities they currently have access to in Waverley - what is currently provided is good, it's just in high demand.

The community have fed back that the maintenance of parks and reserves and facilities is perceived to be generally good and clubs and groups are happy with the service that Waverley's bookings management team provides. Encouraging higher utilisation across Waverley facilities will have an impact on maintenance regimes and budgets to maintain facilities at a good standard. We will need to balance these demands carefully.



Figure 3.1 Snapshot of activities and user preferences for open and recreation space in Waverley

Sports participation rates

Top sports and activities that Waverley residents participate in are consistent with AusPlay Survey results (2018) for NSW.

Survey results also show that how a person participates in sports changes over their lifetime. Children and young people (35 years and younger) in NSW are more likely to be participating in organised or venue based sports, whilst older adults are more likely to participating in sports in a casual way and not as part of organised activities (Figure 3.2).

Recreational walking is the most popular activity amongst adults in Waverley. Swimming and the fitness/gym are also popular. This is consistent with the results of the Greater Sydney Outdoors Study 2019 of most popular active recreation activities.

This means that green links and swimming pools are important public spaces to provide in Waverley. Providing spaces in parks and reserves that are flexible for different fitness activities is also important for people that prefer not to visit private indoor gyms.

Difference in participation between women and men

Women and men maintain similar levels of physical activity, however generally participate in physical activity and sports in different ways. Women are more likely to participate in nonsport related activities such as gym/fitness, walking and yoga and pilates than men¹. For women in their 20s through to their 50s, in particular, family and work commitments influence the time they have to spend on physical activity. It is there important to support diversity in physical activity options and flexibility in ways to participate. This means providing more public recreation facilities that can be accessed casually by individuals without the need for booking commitments or through organised sports or teams, and supporting programs that provide choice in activities.

Across the soccer/football sporting clubs in Waverley participation by women and girls has been growing, particularly for girls. This means that it is critical to provide amenities such as toilets and change facilities at sports fields and courts for both men and women².

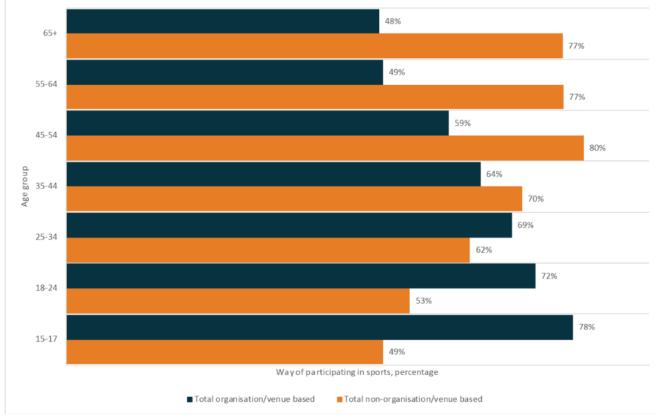


Figure 3.2 Rates of participation in organisation/venue based activities versus non-organisation/venue based activities across different age groups, in NSW

 ${\tt 1}$ AusPlay Focus: Women and girls participation, Australian Sports Commission,

November 2017

2 Initial stakeholder engagement with sporting clubs and groups in Waverley, March 2019

Age-friendly Spaces and Activities

Participation in physical activity and demand for different types of spaces can differ between age groups. It is important that these different needs are considered in providing diverse spaces and experiences where various age groups across the community can use.

Council supports physical activity, health and well-being for people of all ages and ability in Waverley.

Children and adolescents

Supporting sport and active recreation in children is very important, as these activities contribute to the development of confidence and social skills, social inclusion, community development, health and wellbeing, diversion from antisocial behavior and improved self-esteem as well as movement skills and physical fitness¹.

Australian children are lagging behind compared to other countries on overall physical activity². The research suggest that lifestyles and behaviours are contributing to this. The healthy kids report card suggests that Australian outdoor spaces are performing well and provide the right environment to encourage physical activity, however the reason our children are comparatively unhealthy is because of their level of incidental exercise is very low.

Provision of spaces, such as parks, ovals, play spaces and beaches, where parents can take children or where children can safely access themselves is very important. This is particularly important considering the higher density living in Waverley and smaller living spaces, where private open space may not always be available.

Playgrounds typically cater for younger children, while older children and adolescents often seek out recreational facilities. Facilities such as skate parks and basketball courts allow adolescents spaces outdoors to also socialise.

Council has carried out extensive engagement with young people recently. Young people have indicated there is a real gap for their age group and they need engaging places to meet with their friends, including both indoor and outdoor spaces.

School facilities and sports programs organised through school are very important to maintain levels of physical activity amongst school aged children and establish behaviours around physical activity. It is therefore just as important to support programs that encourage children and young people to be active as it is to provide spaces for sports and physical activity.

Lubans DR, Morgan PJ, Cliff DP, Barnett LM, Okely AD. Fundamental movement skills in children and adolescents. Sports Med. 2010;40(12):1019-35. 2 Active Healthy Kids Australia, 2018, Muscular Fitness: It's time for a jump start

Adults

Amongst adults, key life transitions can impact on levels of physical activity and disrupt habits formed early in life. Events such as leaving secondary school and changes in employment and family structure can lead to adults reducing participation in physical activity.

Trends are showing a shift towards more casual participation in physical activity rather than participating through organised sports. It is therefore important to provide spaces that people can access casually - fitting activity around work and family commitments - and design environments where physical activity is encouraged as part of everyday activity, such as increasing trips taken through walking and cycling. Encouraging the social aspect of physical activity is also important.

Seniors

Maintaining physical activity through older age is important to support health and wellbeing. As people are living longer, there is an increasing awareness of the importance of remaining healthy, active and socially engaged.

Providing spaces and supporting activities that also serve a social function is important. In older age, maintaining autonomy and independence and social connectedness are just as important as health and wellbeing³. Council run a variety of programs that involve physical and social activities for seniors to maintain a connection to a community.

Older persons are more likely to participate in self-organised activities than organised sport. Top activities for people over the age of 65 years in NSW are walking, fitness/gym, swimming, and golf⁴.

It is also important to provide flexible public spaces that provide possibilities for exercise and recreation. Shaded courtyards, well maintained footpaths, and easy to access pools can encourage older persons to participate in wellness activities such as walking, swimming and dancing.

To support physical activity in older age spaces and activities need to be easy to access and also affordable.

¹ Vella SA, Cliff DP, Magee CA, Okely AD. Sports participation and parent-reported health-related quality of life in children: Longitudinal associations. J Pediatr. 2014;164(6):1469-74.

Eime RM, Young JA, Harvey JT, Charity MJ, Payne WR. A systematic review of the psychological and social benefits of participation in sport for children and adolescents: Informing development of a conceptual model of health through sport. Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act. 2013;10(1):98.

^{- 2018} Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Young People

³ Cities Alive: Designing for ageing communities, Arup, 2019 4 Ausplay Survey 2018

Benchmarking and comparison

Applying benchmarks is a means of generating a quick understanding of provision and allowing snap shot comparison between places. However, benchmarks do not allow for consideration of specific circumstances around quality of space, utilisation and access, which influences provision and demand. Therefore benchmarks are considered alongside community and stakeholder feedback.

Open space provision

There is 108.8 hectares of open space in Waverley LGA. In comparison to other LGAs, Waverley has a slightly lower proportion of open and recreation space per 1,000 residents. Waverley however has a high population density - comparable to the City of Sydney - and has a similar rate of provision of open and recreation space.

Approximately 11.6% of land in Waverley LGA is dedicated as public open space that can support a range of passive and active recreation activities (this excludes land for golf courses and national parks).

It will be difficult to create more space considering the current population and development density in Waverley and competition for new land. As Waverley's population is set to be steady over the next 10 years, 500 square metres of additional active open space is needed to maintain today's level of provision.

We will seek to maintain, and grow where possible provision of open and recreation space in order to maintain current levels of provision. We can also investigate ways to improve the quality of spaces so that they are attractive places to visit and support the range of activities Waverley residents and visitors participate in.

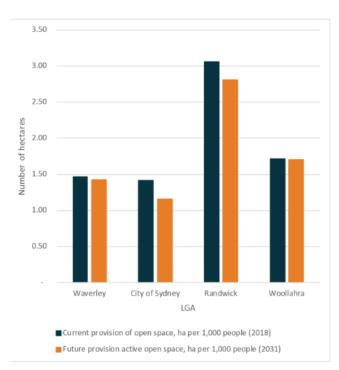


Figure 3.3 Provision of open space in 2018 and in 2031, hectares of open space per 1,000 people, for Waverley and neighbouring LGAs

Open space excludes land for golf courses and national parks. Estimated residential population for 2018 and population projection for 2031 used.

LGA	Total open space (% of LGA)	Total active open space* (% of LGA)	Population density (people per hectare)	Number of residents (2018)	Number of residents (2031)	% change in residents	Gap in future active open space provision, number of sqm
Waverley	113.3 hectares (12.1%)	108.8 hectares (11.6%)	80.16	74,114	76,450	3.2%	448.6
City of Sydney	381.7 hectares (14.4%)	339.6 hectares (12.8%)	89.90	240,229	292,350	21.7%	2,520.5
Randwick	955.2 hectares (25.5%)	472.0 hectares (12.6%)	42.46	154,265	167,950	8.9%	2,492.9
Woollahra	159.2 hectares (13.1%)	101.2 hectares (8.3%)	48.13	58,964	59,200	0.4%	68.4

* open space excludes land for golf courses and national parks

Table 3.1 Open space benchmarks for Waverley and neighbouring LGAs

Recreation facilities provision

The Eastern City District has relatively lower rates of provision of recreation facilities when compared to the average across Greater Sydney (Table 3.2), due to the relatively higher population density in the Eastern City District and less available land for open space compared to other Districts in Greater Sydney.

There is a high rate of provision of public swimming pools in Waverley LGA when compared to the Eastern City District and Greater Sydney averages. However all public swimming pools in Waverley LGA are outdoor ocean pools.

The provision of netball courts is very low in the Eastern City District compared to the average for Greater Sydney, however the provision in Waverley LGA is relatively higher than the District average.

There is a need for more tennis courts in Waverley LGA, where the benchmark for provision is lower than compared to the average for the Eastern City District. Tennis courts are often located on schools grounds and on private land and can be spaces that sporting clubs or individuals can hire.

The provision of sports fields is slightly higher than the average for the Eastern City District when including sports fields at Queens Park. It is important to note however that not all sports fields in Waverley are the same size or have the same capacity to support competitions as well as training and casual play activities (refer to Table 3.2). Provision of new sports fields will be difficult to provide due to limitations on availability of space, however we can investigate ways to increase the capacity of our existing fields. Waverley LGA is located close to a range of large regionalscale facilities such as Moore Park and Centennial Park which provide residents with access to more facilities outside the LGA.

Dog off leash areas

By comparison with neighbouring Councils, Waverley has a shortfall of dog off-leash areas. Regardless of provision of area, many Councils share similar issues of conflict between children and dogs (particularly in parks with a playground) and dogs digging and leaving droppings on sports grounds.

Waverley Council provides dog off leash areas however there is a gap in provision in the Bondi Beach and North Bondi area. Currently Barracluff Park is being used to exercise dogs which is reflective of a need for off-leash areas in this neighbourhood.

	Greater Sydney	Eastern City District		Waverley LGA		
Facility	Provision, persons per facility (2016)	Number of facilities	Provision, persons per facility (2016)	Number of facilities	Provision, persons per facility (2018)	
Sports fields	2,553	265	3,823	22*	3,369	
Tennis courts	4,335	230	4,405	6**	12,353***	
Netball courts	5,412	107	46,055	6	12,353***	
Pools	62,424	15	67,547	2	37,057	

* includes 16 fields at Queens Park

** includes courts at Waverley Park and Bondi Bowling Club

*** additional facilities are on school grounds of public and private schools Table 3.2 Provision of sporting facilities benchmarks for Greater Sydney, Eastern City District and Waverley LGA

Source: Greater Sydney and Eastern City District information provided by NSW Office of Sport, Waverley LGA provision calculated based on NSW Office of Sport methodology to allow comparison

Quality and capacity of recreation spaces

The community and stakeholders have told us that maintenance of parks and reserves and facilities is generally good.

Waverley is fortunate in having three spectacular beaches, a coast line with significant regional views as well as impressive parklands and gullies. In this regard the quality of passive recreation facilities is excellent. Our parks and beaches subsequently draw millions of visitors annually which places huge pressure in regard to upkeep with wear and tear of these assets and some conflict between various uses in our parks which is exacerbated by high demand and participation rates.

Table 3.3 outlines our evaluation of the quality of our existing active recreation spaces, provision of amenities and whether there is opportunity to improve on the quality or capacity of these facilities.

Our assessment of bookings of recreation facilities over the Winter and Summer seasons for the past three years shows that the utilisation rate of spaces varies significantly.

Bookings for sports fields and courts differ between the Winter and Summer seasons, with higher demand in Winter.

Quality, multi-use spaces with amenities are in high demand. Waverley Oval, Waverley Field 2, and the indoor and outdoor courts at Waverley Park are the most used. In Winter, when bookings are highest, Waverley Oval, Waverley Field 2 and indoor court are utilised at between 100% and 109%, meaning they are totally booked out for the maximum hours available.

The capacity of sports fields in other councils range between 25 to 30 hours per week for turf and up to 70 hours per week for synthetic surfaces. The capacity of Waverley's fields is consistent with this, however lower for our training fields. The capacity of these fields are lower due to the lack of lighting with restricts extended hours of use.

Our training fields, typically used for training or schools sports, have the potential to support more bookings. To achieve this however, upgrades to amenities and the size of fields may be required. Attracting more bookings to fields outside Waverley Park will offer sports groups and schools greater choice and spaces to hold games as well as training, and place less strain on facilities in Waverley Park.

Provision of toilets at Barracluff Park, Dudley Page Reserve, Hugh Bamford Reserve, and Rodney Reserve will improve the quality of these facilities and allow more groups to use them. Barracluff Park is the only facility that can potentially be expanded to provide a larger field.

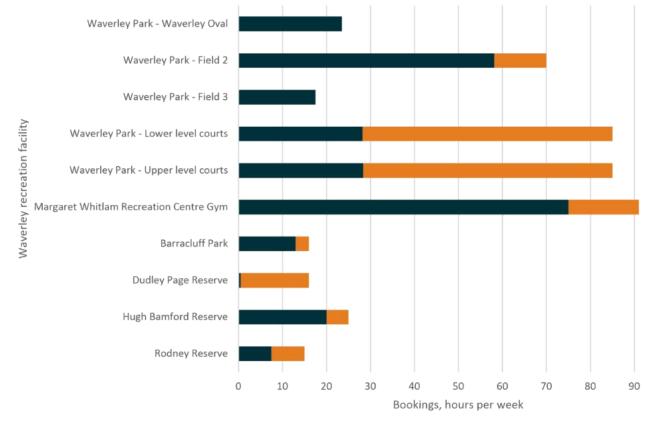
Our public ocean pools at North Bondi and Bronte are great places to visit, however are limited in their size and cannot be heated. People can access indoor heated pools at private facilities for fees or memberships at Waverley College Aquatic Centre and gyms and fitness centres in Bondi.

Field / Court	Surface (quality)	Lighting	Toilets / Change rooms	Storage
Waverley Park - Waverley Oval	Grass (good)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Waverley Park - Field 2	Synthetic (excellent)	Yes	Yes (not adjacent to field)	No
Waverley Park - Field 3	Grass (worn, pot holes)	Yes	No (not adjacent to field)	No
Waverley Park - Lower level courts	Concrete base, synapave topping layer (good)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Waverley Park - Upper level courts	Concrete base, plexipave topping layer (good)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre	Rubber sprung floor (good)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barracluff Park	Grass (fair)	Yes	No	No
Dudley Page Reserve	Grass (fair)	No	No	No
Hugh Bamford Reserve	Grass (fair)	Yes (one side only)	No	No
Rodney Reserve	Grass (good)	No	No	No

Table 3.3 Evaluation of quality and facilities of Waverley recreation facilities

	Fields		Outdoor Courts		Indoor Courts		All facilities
	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter	Summer	
Average hours booked per week	140	72	57	39	75	75	
Utilisation rates	77%	40%	33%	13%	82%	82%	
Total utilisation	59%		33	3%	8	2%	58%

Table 3.4 Utilisation rates of Waverley recreation facilities based on hours booked



Average Winter Bookings, hours per week Average Winter), hours per week Figure 3.4 Capacity of Waverley recreation facilities based on hours booked, Winter season

Source: Data collected by the Waverley Community Venues Team

Based on bookings made in the Winter and Summer seasons in 2018 and 2019-20. Waverley Park lower level courts are booked at 99.5% of maximum booking capacity.

Needs assessment actions

We will investigate the following needs for open and recreation spaces over the next 10 years:

- increase capacity of our sports fields through improvement of playing surfaces, installation of lighting to allow more hours of play, and provision of amenities
- provide additional casual play facilities, such as basketball and netball hoops where possible
- provide access to indoor swimming facilities
- improve the quality of walking environments along walking routes (to access open and recreation space and along the Cliff Top and Coastal Walks)
- · secure sites currently used and managed by clubs to ensure land will continue to be used for public recreation purposes
- investigate additional recreation opportunities that can be offered by co-locating and integrating with existing community halls.

Section 4 Action and Implementation Plan outlines actions to achieve this.

Context of Change

The rapidity of changes in society and the cities we live in means people's motivations are changing, due to living arrangements, changes in lifestyles, and motivation for participation in sport. Changes in sport participation rates and trends in recreational activity will influence the needs and demand on open space in the future.

Trends that will shape open space and recreation needs in Waverley LGA in the future:

- smaller living spaces mean there will be an increasing need for more outdoor spaces to walk, socialise, play (children and adults), and for dogs to exercise
- smaller living spaces and busy lifestyles, not necessarily following the traditional nine-to-five work day, means casual sporting arrangements and 'turn up and play' facilities are increasingly important
- personal motivations for participation in sports and recreation activities are increasingly about general health and well-being rather than about playing a sport. Participation in organised team sports, with the exception of soccer, are constant or declining. This means increasing participation in non-organised sport and activity and the need for flexible spaces that can be used by individuals for various activities
- an increasing fitness industry will also see the rise of small businesses playing a role in providing fitness, sports and lifestyle offerings. Market forces may also see a shift of community-based organisations to corporate structures and see a change in the range of activities that are offered. This means the need for flexible spaces and provision of venues where these activities can take place and a shift away from demand for spaces based on seasonal competitions
- Sydney's growing population will attract greater numbers of people to visit Waverley's beaches and unique coastal landscape, leading to increased visitors throughout the year. Beaches will need to be shared by a growing population across Greater Sydney as well as increasing international visitors.

Case study: Megatrends for the future of Australian Sport that will influence people's participation in sports and recreation activities and use of recreation space

The CSIRO Futures with the Australian Government have determined six mega trends that will influence people's activities and participation in sport in Australia¹.

A perfect fit: personalised sport for health and fitness

As we become increasingly time poor, sport is being tailored to meet personal needs. This is largely being influenced by the increased use of online tools and applications to individualise sport. Health, rather than competition, is becoming a major driver for participation in sport.

From extreme to mainstream: the rise of lifestyle sports

Lifestyle, adventure and alternative sports are becoming popular with Australians particularly young Australians, with participation being driven by widespread exposure through digital media.

More than sport: the attainment of health, community and overseas aid objectives via sport

There is an increased focus on the broader benefits derived from participation in sport, including physical and mental benefits, crime prevention and social inclusion.

Everybody's game: demographic, generational and cultural change

The types of sports Australians are likely to play will shift as demographics, including cultural landscapes, change. There are indicators Australians are embracing sport in older age resulting in the need for sport to cater for senior citizens to participate in sport.

New wealth, new talent: economic growth and sports development in Asia

Population growth in developing countries, specifically Asia, increases athlete competition within the sport landscape. This may result in emerging new sporting markets for television, social media, sports equipment, services and events.

Tracksuits to business suits: market pressure and new business models

Market forces are likely to put pressure on sport in the future drawing athletes away from sports which have lower salary bases. In addition, the administration of sport may transition from community based organisations to corporate structures as they face increased accountability.

¹ Hajkowicz, Stefan; Cook, Hannah; Wilhelmseder, Lisa; Boughen, Naomi. The Future of Australian Sport: Megatrends shaping the sports sector over coming decades. Belconnen, ACT: CSIRO; 2013.

Stakeholder inputs

We held community and stakeholder engagement to input into the OSRS in early 2019. The focus of engagement activities was to understand three main questions in relation to the provision of spaces and their maintenance:

- How do people currently use open space and recreation facilities?
- What would people like to see change in the provision and management of current spaces?
- What kind of spaces and facilities are not currently available in Waverley LGA?

Activities included a mix of face-to-face (intercept surveys, 'Have Your Say' day, presentations and workshops) and indirect (access to an online survey, letters, flyers) methods that allowed a diverse range of groups to participate in different ways and at different times of the day and week.

Community and stakeholder groups engaged

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Waverley residents, workers and visitors



Sporting clubs and community groups



Local schools



Precinct committees



Waverley Council departments and Councillors

Engagement outcomes

These key issues were raised by the community and stakeholders during the engagement period:

Maintenance

- Maintain parks and open space at a high standard
- More maintenance attention is needed for areas with high visitation
- Focus on replacing aging playground equipment

Amenities

• Add facilities such as more water fountains, toilets and shade in parks for the comfort of visitors to parks and reserves

Access

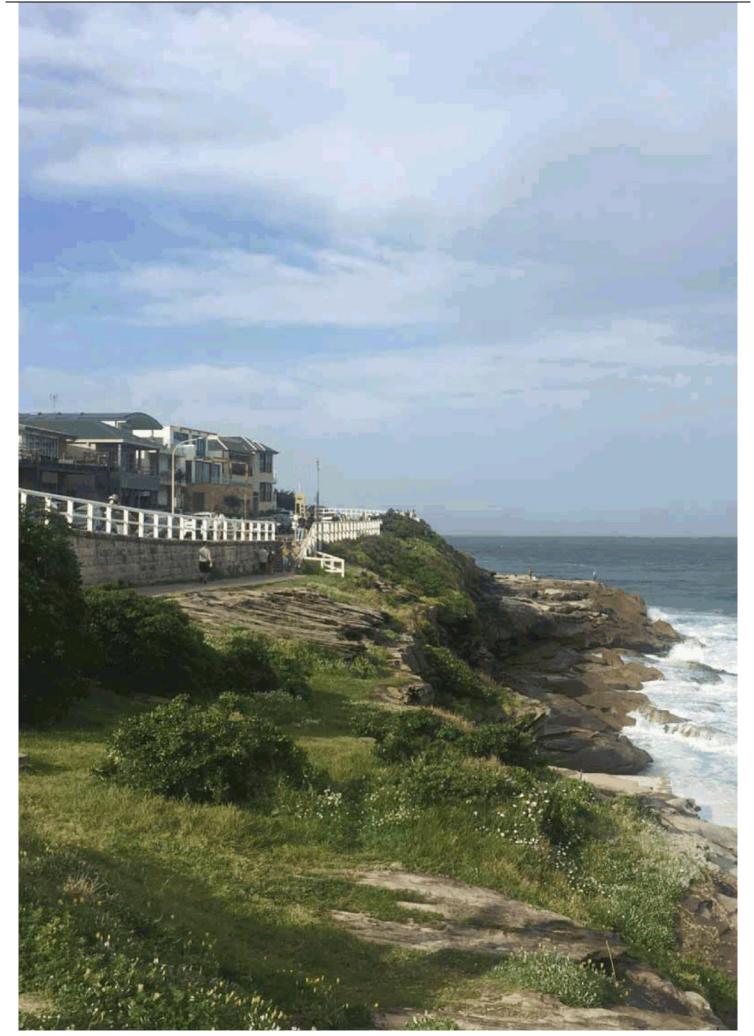
- Investigate opportunities to provide more car parking around sports fields, ovals and courts
- Improve pathways around parks and reserves and access points
- Maintain free or low cost access to open space, beaches and Waverley Council recreation facilities

Opportunities

- Investigate opportunities to provide more sports fields
- Investigate opportunities to provide more facilities for casual play such as basketball hoops, tennis courts
- Investigate opportunities to provide an indoor swimming pool

Engagement

- Maintain good customer service for sporting clubs and community groups and continue engaging these groups in development of the OSRS
- Continue engagement with the community on the development of the OSRS



Action and Implementation Plan

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This section provides a series of directions and actions to guide Waverley Council's planning and management of open and recreation space over the next 10 years.

Our vision for open space and recreation

Our vision has been developed based on community feedback on what is most important about our open space in Waverley. Our vision recognises the multiple benefits of open space in supporting community health and wellbeing, environmental health and biodiversity, and the significance of some of our parks as destinations for visitors, contributing to our local and State economy.

Our vision

"Waverley's parks and reserves are available to everyone supporting healthy and active lifestyles.

Our parks provide a green sanctuary protecting and supporting biodiversity.

Park design responds to the community's recreation and social aspirations while telling the story of the place, of today's generation and those before ours.

Spaces are welcoming, safe and well cared for. A sustainable approach to management allows future generations to enjoy these spaces."

Action Plan

Our desired outcomes

The Action and Implementation Plan identifies outcomes, directions and actions under the six Strategy themes, explored in Section 2:

- playing and relaxing
- design and setting
- getting to and around the parks
- enhancing the environment
- community, culture and heritage
- management and maintenance.

Our priorities for implementation

Actions under each theme will guide Council's planning and management of open space and recreation facilities over the next 10 years. This is summarised in the following tables. Actions are allocated a time frame for delivery and whether or not the action will be initiated or delivered within the time frame.

Existing Council Policies, Plans and Studies relating to the six themes will continue to apply and operate in conjunction with this OSRS.

Timing for delivery of actions				
Short term	Next 0-5 years (2020 to 2025)			
Medium term	Next 6-10 (2026 to 2030)			
Ongoing	To be initiated by 2030, however delivery of the action may take longer than 10 years and require ongoing work			
Initiate	The action is to be initiated within the indicated time frame			
Deliver	The action is to be delivered and finished within the indicated time frame			

Playing and relaxing

Outcomes

Open spaces across Waverley will provide diverse and flexible spaces that can be used for a range of active and passive recreation activities to meet the community's needs.

Directions

A1. Provide diverse spaces for different users and activities

- A2. Increase the capacity of existing active recreation spaces through embellishment and upgrade works
- A3. Leverage opportunities to provide new and extended spaces in key strategic locations

A4. Continue to improve walking routes along the coastline by identifying pinch points and areas for improvement in walker comfort and way finding.

A5. Seek funding and partnership arrangements to provide public access to new open spaces and recreation facilities

A6. Secure existing open spaces for future generations

Relevant Council policies, plans and studies:

- Plans of Management for all parks and reserves
- Waverley Council Planning Agreement Policy (2014)
- Waverley Development Contribution Plan (2006)
- Waverley Council Play Space Strategy 2014-2029

No.	Action	Timing
Directi	on A1: Provide diverse spaces for different users and activities	
A1.1	Engage schools, sports clubs and community groups to work together to program activities to increase use of Waverley's recreation facilities at off-peak times to maximise the hours of usage.	Short term (initiate)
A1.2	Investigate the introduction of booking-free days for Waverley sports fields where sporting clubs, commercial operators or community groups cannot book facilities during certain times of the week to enable the public to use facilities on a casual, turn up and play basis.	Short term (deliver)
A1.3	Increase provision and capacity of dog off-leash areas. Consult on the introduction of timed access for dog off-leash activities at Barracluff Park/Beach Road Reserve to improve access to dog off-leash areas in North Bondi and Bondi Beach. Identify measures to enforce compliance with timed access. If trial proves to be successful implement dog off-leash area. Investigate means of improving turf and support facilities such as signage, bubblers and bins at dog off-leash parks.	Short term (deliver)
A1.4	Implement a strategy to increase the profile of South Head Cemetery as part of the Waverley parks and reserves network and recreation walking network.	Short term (deliver)
A1.5	Complete a feasibility study for a public indoor pool in Waverley LGA.	Short term (deliver)

No.	Action	Timing
A1.6	Seek opportunities to provide additional turn-up and play facilities such as basketball and netball hoops, tennis rebound walls, and outdoor activity stations.	Medium term (deliver)
	Priority locations for investigation are:	
	 in and around Bondi Junction, well connected by pedestrian and cycle paths and public transport 	
	in Waverley Park adjoining the upper level courts	
	• in the northern part of the LGA in North Bondi, Dover Heights, Rose Bay and Vaucluse to increase residents' access to these facilities.	
A1.7	Seek opportunities to provide additional indoor multi-use courts that can be used for casual play and also support match play, such as basketball. New facilities can be integrated as part of new development, particularly in and around Bondi Junction.	Medium term (deliver)
A1.8	Implement the Inclusive Play Space Study to provide inclusive play spaces for all ages and abilities.	Short term (deliver)
A1.9	Continue to provide improved beach access, in line with the principles for universal access at Bondi Beach	Short term (deliver)
Direction	A2: Increase the capacity of existing spaces through embellishment and upgrade works Complete a audit of all Waverley sports fields and investigate opportunities to change play surfaces that would support greater utilisation of facilities.	Short term (deliver)
A2.2	Investigate opportunities to extend the size of the field at Barracluff Park to increase the capacity of the field for match play and training activities, whilst supporting a broader mix of activities such as casual play and dog off-leash (timed access), and providing amenities such as toilets, to support an increase of users. Investigate with Bondi Bowling Club the opportunity to acquire the site to extend Barracluff Park.	Short term (deliver)
A2.3	Investigate opportunities to increase the capacity of Rodney Reserve and provide sports clubs and groups more options for training and match play, including: Investigate opportunities to increase the capacity of Rodney Reserve and provide sports clubs and groups more options for training and match play, including:	Short term (deliver)
	 providing support amenities such as water fountains 	
A2.4		Medium term (deliver)



Figure 4.1 Playing and relaxing key actions

No.	Action	Timing
Directio	I n A3: Leverage opportunities to provide new and extended spaces in key strategic locations	
A3.1	Seek opportunities to provide an 'urban park' in Bondi Junction as part of new development. Urban parks can include community indoor recreation space, rooftop courts for basketball or tennis, indoor public pools.	Medium term (deliver)
	Opportunities can be investigated with potential redevelopments at the following sites:	
	15 Adelaide Street	
	Under the viaduct along Syd Enfield Drive	
	Redevelopment of the Waverley Bus Depot.	
A3.2	Investigate options to secure 143 Bronte Road, Queens Park as a publicly accessible recreation and play space during weekends and out of school hours. Options may include acquisition of the site or establishing shared-use arrangements with the Department of Education.	Medium term (deliver)
A3.3	Seek opportunities to acquire land in strategic locations to create community hubs with co- located community services, Council indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, parks and play spaces. Investigate the impacts of developing a series of community hubs at:	Ongoing
	• Fingleton Park, Bondi - with acquisition of 1 and 3 Bondi Road and expansion of Fingleton Park to develop a community and recreation facility with potential for an indoor pool.	
	• Wairoa Avenue, North Bondi - with acquisition/agreement of North Bondi Scout Hall, Wairoa Avenue to create a community hub with childcare, play space, recreation facilities, and WAYS centre.	
	• Clementson Park, Bondi Junction - with acquisition of Clementson Park to maintain as a Park and community hub with childcare, play space, early childhood centre, community garden.	
	• Varna Park - with agreement with Bronte Bowling Club to expand Varna Park to provide a community hub with a broader range of community facilities.	
A3.4	Investigate options available in the planning framework to secure current RE1 and RE2 zoned land for recreation purposes into the future.	Short term (deliver)
	A4: Continue to improve walking routes along the coastline by identifying pinch points and area er comfort and way finding	as for improvemen
A4.1	Complete an amenities study to identify gaps and recommended locations for providing public toilet facilities and water fountains along the Cliff Top Walk. Suggested locations for more amenities include Diamond Bay and Hugh Bamford Reserve.	Short term (deliver)

Design and setting

Outcomes

Open spaces in Waverley are well-designed, comfortable places that contribute to the natural landscape, local character of places, and support community health and wellness. People will be attracted to visit Waverley's open spaces.

Directions

- B1. Ensure design responds to the unique character of a place and responds to the community's needs
- B2. Design environments for user comfort for all times of the day
- B3. Design spaces which encourage physical activity

Relevant Council policies, plans and studies:

- Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual
- Plans of Management for all parks and reserves

No.	Action	Timing
Direction	I B1: Ensure design responds to the unique character of a place and responds to community's ne	eds
B1.1	Review and update the Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual to incorporate findings from this OSRS relating to design and managing heritage values in spaces. Figure 4.2 shows the different types of spaces across Waverley, identified in the Public Domain Technical Manual.	Short term (initiate)
B1.2	 Complete a visual analysis study of regional views to: integrate view points and view corridors with park design inform development controls required to protect regional views. 	Short term (initiate)
Direction	B2: Design environments for user comfort for all times of the day	
B2.1	Provide ancillary facilities (shade, seating, toilets, and water fountains) at all regional, district and neighborhood parks. Prioritise providing amenities at parks and reserves with sports fields where sporting clubs and school groups play at:	Medium term (deliver)
	Waverley Park	
	Barracluff Park	
	Rodney Reserve	
	Hugh Bamford Reserve.	
B2.2	Prioritise tree planting and landscaping along popular walking routes and streets to create comfortable and attractive environments for recreational walkers, which are shaded in winter and cool in summer (refer to Action D2.3 and 4.4).	
Direction	B3: Design spaces which encourage physical activity	
B3.1	Integrate built elements as part of public domain and park upgrade designs that encourage physical activity and play for all age groups.	Ongoing

No.	Action	Timing
A4.2	Complete an audit of the Cliff Top and Coastal Walk to address breaks to footpath continuity, gaps in signage, and allow continuous connection between both walks to improve visitor experience and manage the increasing number of visitors to the walks each year. Priority areas to audit include:	Medium term (deliver)
	From Bondi Park on approach to Williams Park as an alternative to Military Road	
	Connecting Williams Park to Hugh Bamford Reserve	
	Connecting from Military Road through Hugh Bamford onto Wentworth Street	
Direction facilitie	n A5: Seek funding and partnership arrangements to provide public access to new open spaces ar ^S	nd recreation
A5.1	Investigate establishing shared-use arrangements of recreation facilities with schools.	Short term (deliver)
A5.2	Investigate a regional and joint venture approach to provide indoor sports and swimming facilities with neighbouring councils and interested clubs so Waverley Council residents can access facilities for a low fee on a casual basis.	Short term (initiate)
A5.3	Pursue external sources of funding, such as grants and funding from other levels of Government and the business community to improve recreation facilities and Council-run programs.	Short term (initiate)
A5.4	Continue close working relationships with State Government, Eastern City District LGA Councils, and the Centennial and Moore Park Trust to plan for and manage open space. Pursue opportunities to share resources and deliver cross-regional facilities.	



Getting to and around the parks

Outcomes

Parks and reserves and recreation facilities form a network of open space that are well-connected, with a focus on pedestrian and cycling connections. Open spaces will be accessible to everyone.

Directions

C1. Provide for easy navigation and access throughout the open space network and within parks

- C2. Manage car parking and transport impacts particularly at busy times and during events at Waverley parks and reserves
- C3. Provide a safe and comfortable environment along the pedestrian and cycling network to access Waverley parks and reserves

C4. Ensure all parks are designed and upgraded in line with universal design principles.

Relevant Council policies, plans and studies:

- Waverley's People, Movement and Places (Transport Plan)
- Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual
- Waverley's Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 2021

No.	Action	Timing			
Direction	Direction C1: Provide for easy navigation and access throughout the open space network and within parks				
C1.1	Create a sense of arrival for popular open spaces (such as Bondi Beach and Park), through signage and way finding for pedestrians and cyclists, public transport users, and drivers.				
C1.2	Update the Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual to include design guidance on way- finding signage for parks and reserves.	Medium term (initiate)			
Direction reserves	Direction C2: Manage car parking and transport impacts particularly at busy times and during events at Waverley parks a reserves				
C2.1	C2.1 Undertake a study of off-street car parking for Beach and Sports focused parks and reserves to identify patterns of trips by car, understand shifting mode share to more active forms of transport and inform car parking and traffic management strategies to improve safety at times of high visitation.				
	Direction C3: Provide a safe and comfortable environment along the pedestrian and cycling network to access Waverley parks and reserves				
C3.1	Audit the quality and continuity of footpaths in and around parks and reserves and along the coast and cliff walk. Improve street entry into parks and reserves and along the coast and cliff walk to consider universal access and address hazards or blockages to pedestrian access where needed. Prioritise the coast and cliff walk, regional parks, then district parks, which experience higher visitation (refer to figure 4.3).				
C3.2	Develop a way-finding strategy to ensure routes are adequately signed and easy to navigate for:	Medium term (deliver)			
	 Bondi Beach Cliff and Coastal Walks, including feeder routes to and connections between the two walks Bondi Junction. Bronte Park and Gully Tamarama Park and Gully 	()			
Direction C4: Ensure all parks are designed and upgraded in line with universal design principles					
C4.1	.1 Provide accessible car parking at all larger parks. Integrate with study identified in C2.1.				
C4.2	Ensure universal access to park facilities (where natural topography and local conditions allows) such as playgrounds, toilet amenities and lookouts as well as providing access to park experiences such as traversing through parks and playing sport.	Short term (initiate)			

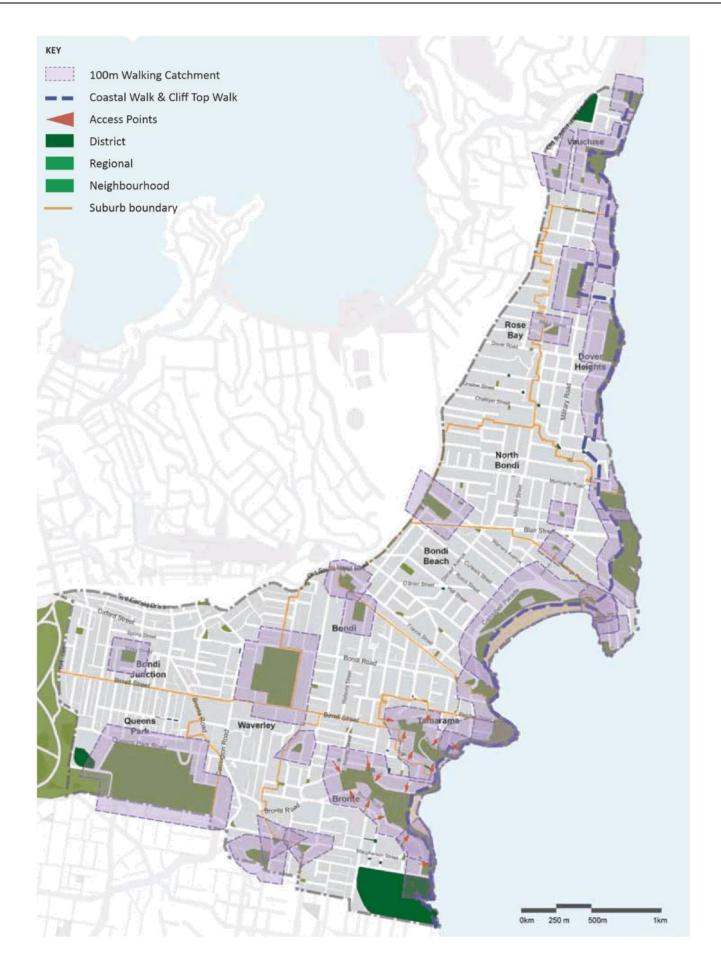


Figure 4.3 Extent of footpath audit around regional and district parks (Action C3.1)

Enhancing the environment

Outcomes

Open spaces in Waverley has significant environmental values and form an important part of the ecology in Waverley, which needs to be respected in the design of parks and reserves.

Directions

- D1. Embed environmentally sustainable practices in the management and maintenance of spaces
- D2. Enhance and conserve the natural environment
- D3. Plan for resilience to manage and adapt to climate change impacts

Relevant Council policies, plans and studies:

- Environmental Action Plan 3
- Water Management Technical Manual
- Plans of Management for all parks and reserves
- Waverley Council Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021

No.	Action	
Directio	n D1: Embed environmentally sustainable practices in the management and maintenance of space	ces
D1.1	Continue to engage the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council in the management and maintenance of spaces and seek opportunities to integrate traditional land management practices to build environmental as well as social and cultural resilience.	
D1.2	Complete an overarching waste management strategy for Waverley parks and reserves to guide Council's approach to collection, management, and disposal of general waste, recycling and green waste in parks.	
Directio	n D2: Enhance and conserve the natural environment	
D2.1	Continue to manage activities adjoining remnant bushland sites to avoid disruption and erosion of vegetation areas. Relevant parks include: Diamond Bay Reserve, Hugh Bamford Reserve, Tamarama Park, and Waverley Cemetery.	
D2.2	Increase tree planting in parks and reserves and use diverse planting where appropriate to achieve Waverley's canopy targets. Providing density of tree planting and continuity between parks can help create corridors of vegetation to support local flora and fauna habitats.	Ongoing
	Focus on Possible Street Greening and Park Biodiversity Focus Areas (refer to 4.4).	
D2.3	Encourage planting of native species in open spaces and verges to improve habitats for native flora and fauna in our urban environment, particularly along Possible Street Greening and Park Biodiversity Focus Areas (refer to 4.4).	
D2.4	Encourage planting of native species along the coast line to support the coastal biodiversity corridor (refer to 4.4).	
Directio	n D3: Plan for resilience to manage and adapt to climate change impacts	
D3.1	Focus planting of street trees along key pedestrian and cycling routes that align with ecological corridors connecting parks and reserves.	
D3.2	Provide additional shade trees in parks around water fountains and rest spots such as near seating to minimise exposure to heat.	Medium term (deliver)

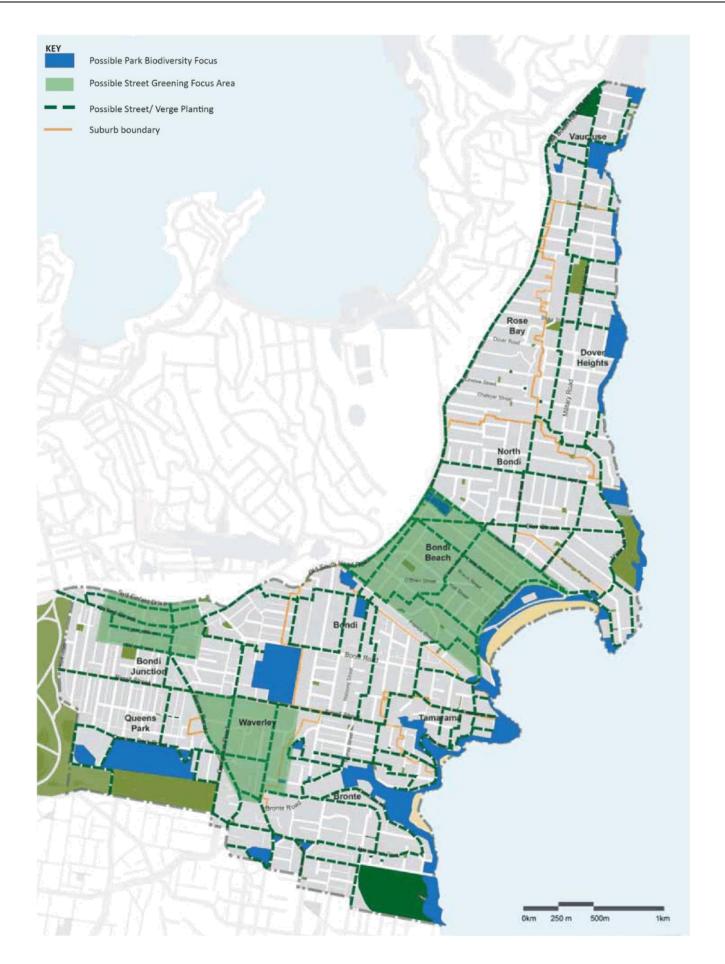


Figure 4.4 Network for street /verge planting (Action D2.3)

Community, culture and heritage

Outcomes

Parks and reserves provide spaces for the community. These spaces allow for a range of community activities and the community also need to be involved in the management of these spaces.

Directions

E1. Engage the community in the care and management of open space and facilities

- E2. Support community events and social activities in parks and reserves
- E3. Protect and manage the heritage values of items and landscape areas
- E4. Educate the community about the value of the unique environment of spaces
- E5. Ensure design of parks tells the story of the place and local culture

Relevant Council policies, plans and studies:

- Plans of Management for all parks and reserves
- Waverley Public Domain Technical Manual
- **Consultation Policy**
- **Conservation Management Plans**
- Waverley Council Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2021

No.	Action	Timing
Directi	on E1: Engage the community in the care and management of open space and facilities	
E1.1	Develop a place story strategy that educates a visitor on the environmental, heritage and archaeological, and social significance of Waverley's parks and reserves. Prioritise places with high visitation such as Regional and District Parks.	Medium term (deliver)
E1.2	Implement an engagement framework that reflects full life-cycle of community engagement for the design, care and management of spaces, from design to post-implementation. Council to establish:	Ongoing
	 initial consultation with the community and stakeholders prior to the development of designs 	
	 post-implementation surveys to capture the community's assessment and evaluation of the success of projects 	
	 annual community survey on open space and recreation to monitor people's use and satisfaction of Waverley's parks and reserves 	
	annual Sports Fields and Courts Regular Hirers Survey to monitor stakeholder satisfaction and feedback on the management of facilities	
	• a plan to involve traditional owners in the conservation and management of open and recreation spaces, recognising and respecting Aboriginal cultures and heritage.	
E1.3	Provide opportunities for 'reflective spaces' which are suitable for quiet contemplation, rest and respite. Conserve these spaces for this purpose.	Ongoing
E1.4	Provide spaces which allow commemoration to members of the community who have passed away by providing 'living legacy' spaces (see 4.5).	Medium term (deliver)
	Develop an implementation and management plan for 'living legacy' spaces, including arrangements for funding through public donations for the upkeep in the form of additional planting, furniture or the like and increased maintenance.	

No.	Action	Timing
Directio	n E2: Support community events and social activities in parks and reserves	
E2.1	Continue to support events in Waverley's parks and reserves that are focused on building community and generate positive benefits for Waverley's local economy. Events should align with Waverley's Events Policy.	
	I In E3: Protect and manage the heritage values of items and landscape areas and educate the com environment and heritage value of Waverley's spaces	nunity on the
E3.1	Adopt the following principles to guide management of open space in Waverley that have landscape heritage values and heritage items:	Short term (deliver)
	 Plan and manage the open spaces and parks of Waverley to conserve and protect significant heritage values 	
	• Manage individual contributory elements within the listed parks or reserves in accordance with their assessed level of significance	
	• Consider the impact of works to heritage and their associated attributes as well as impacts on the significance of the place as a whole	
	Establish and maintain a regular maintenance program for identified heritage structures and landscape components	
	• Acknowledge the contribution of significant trees to the distinctive, historic character of parks and try to replace species like for like if significant trees become senescent and fail	
	• Seek opportunities to recover, enrich and celebrate the historic character and significance of open space and parks within Waverley.	
E3.2	Amend and update the LEP Schedule 5 heritage items and heritage map to more accurately reflect the items (including landscape conservation areas) and their boundaries. Investigate:	Short term (deliver)
	inclusion of Calga Reserve as part of the South Bronte Headland Conservation Area	
	the heritage significance of Clemenston Park and review its heritage listing	
	Williams Park as a cultural landscape area, recognising the Aboriginal and historical archaeological significance of the site	
	• inclusion of Francis Street as a heritage item (Francis Street Landscape Conservation Area) for its significance in relation to the history and development of Waverley LGA.	
E3.3	Ensure Council's parks operations team is training in best practice heritage landscape management. Management of heritage listed areas and significant trees at Varna Park, Dickson Park, and Thomas Hogan Reserve, need to be managed in accordance with conservation processes and principles.	
E3.4	Integrate landscape heritage conservation planning, management and actions for conservation as part of the process for preparing a Plan of Management for parks and reserves with heritage values.	Medium term (deliver)

No.	Action	
E3.4	Prepare and implement a heritage interpretation strategy or plan for historic or heritage listed open space LGA wide. The following parks and reserves should be included in this strategy or plan:	Medium term (deliver)
	Bondi Beach and Park (including Ben Buckler / Ray O'Keefe Reserve, Marks Park) - planning for this place is a priority	
	Hunter Park (reflecting the context of the Bondi Beach Cultural Landscape Area)	
	Bronte Beach (for the park, beach, ocean pool, Calga cutting and Bronte House)	
	Waverley Park	
	Tamarama Beach Park and Gully	
	Varna Reserve	
	Thomas Hogan Reserve	
	Dickson Park	
	Gaerloch Reserve	
	Macpherson Park	
	Simpson Park	
	Queens Park (in conjunction with Centennial Parklands Trust)	
	Rodney Reserve (to provide better public access to and awareness for the CSIRO Astronomical Instrument Base)	
	• Diamond Bay Reserve (to provide better public access to and awareness for the Rock Engraving).	
E3.5	Prepare a heritage and landscape management plan as part of the Plans of Management for the following places:	
	Waverley Park	
	Sandstone Coastal Escarpment Landscape Conservation Area.	
	Heritage and landscape management plans should guide works to improve heritage interpretation, management and maintenance of heritage items, items contributing to heritage landscapes, and significant trees.	
E4. Edu	cate the community about the value of the unique environment of spaces	
E4.1	Integrate environmental and Aboriginal cultural messaging on park signage. Educate the community on the significance of remnant vegetation and importance of protecting vegetation from damage.	Medium term (initiate)
E5. Ens	ure park design reflects the story of the place and local culture	1
E5.1	Prepare a master plan and associated management plan for Hunter Park which includes information on art pieces and references Council's Art Collection - Acquisition and Decommissioning Guidelines for future works.	
E5.2	Investigate opportunities for public art installations, additional to projects identified in the Waverley Public Art Masterplan. Encourage integration of public art in the design of parks, play spaces and living memorials to tell the story of place, Indigenous culture and local perspectives. Seek to engage local artists for public art projects.	Medium term (deliver)

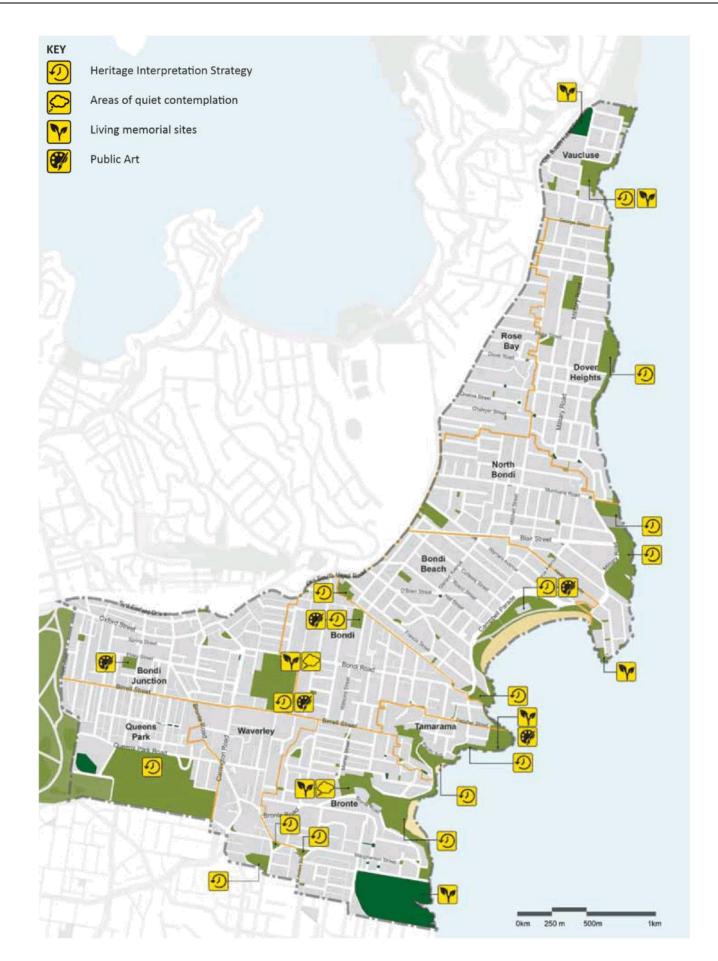


Figure 4.5 Community, Culture and Heritage Strategy

Management and maintenance

Outcomes

Council provides spaces that are safe for people and maintained at a good standard that is satisfactory to the community.

Directions

- F1. Maintain spaces, facilities and amenities at a standard in line with the park hierarchy
- F2. Provide clear and consistent messaging regarding compliance in parks
- F3. Maintain environments that are safe for all users
- F4. Ensure consistency in management across all parks and reserves

Relevant Council policies, plans and studies:

- Plans of Management for all parks and reserves
- Waverley Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Waverley Operational Plan
- Waverley Play Spaces Strategy 2014-2029

No.	Action	Timing
Directi	on F1: Maintain spaces, facilities and amenities at a good standard	<u> </u>
F1.1	Prepare and maintain Plans of Management (PoM) for parks and reserves to guide maintenance and management activities.	Short term (initiate)
	Prioritise the preparation of PoMs for spaces that aren't currently covered by a PoM, and require a PoM under the Crown Lands Act, and prioritise the review and update of PoMs currently in place for high profile places:	
	• Finalise the Hugh Bamford Reserve and Williams Park Plan of Management (short term)	
	Update Tamarama Plan of Management (short term)	
	Update Waverley Cemetery Plan of Management (short term)	
	Update Waverley Park Plan of Management (short term)	
	Update Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Plan of Management (short term)	
	Update Bronte Beach and Park Plan of Management (short term)	
	Prepare a Plan of Management for Parks (generic for all other parks) (short term)	
	 Prepare a Plan of Management for Coastal and Cliff Top Parks. Including Rodney Reserve, Raleigh Reserve, Weonga Reserve, Diamond Bay Reserve, Clarke Reserve and Eastern Reserve. (short term) 	
	Prepare a Plan of Management for Barracluff Park (medium term)	
F1.2	Adopt the maintenance and servicing framework (Appendix A) that outlines expectations for service standards, maintenance activities, and frequency of servicing of Waverley parks and reserves. Based on the framework prepare a detailed Service Plan for parks and streetscapes.	Short term (deliver)
F1.3	Audit Council Parks and Operations team requirements for support facilities, storage space, and parking requirements to enable implementation of the maintenance and servicing framework.	Short term (deliver)
F1.4	Establish a priority listing of all parks for upgrade and refurbishment based on asset life cycle and coordinate with the Play Strategy priority of works.	Short term (deliver)

No.	Action			
F1.5	Establish a database of living assets for parks and street trees and inform improvement works to parks, program audits and renewal of assets.	Short term (deliver)		
F1.6	Establish and maintain a list of significant trees in parks and streets.	Short term (deliver)		
F1.7	Undertake an assessment of training field surfaces to determine what maintenance and upgrade schedules are required to increase the capacity of play and resilience of turf. Consider alternative surfaces such as hybrid or synthetics.	Short term (deliver)		
F1.8	Review and update Councils Tree Policy and Street Tree Master Plan in line with Councils commitment to urban canopy targets and areas identified in figure 4.4.			
Directio	I on F2: Provide clear and consistent messaging regarding compliance in parks	I		
F2.1	 Review Council's Events Policy and Event Management and Delivery Guidelines and update the policy to identify: which parks and reserves are appropriate for different types of events key impacts that would need to be managed for each place a calendar of events to manage frequency of events, so that public access to spaces is not impacted and the environment has opportunity to recover. 			
F2.2	Implement updates to signage in parks and reserves and communication of information identifying open space regulations, in accordance with Appendix B.	Medium term (deliver)		
Directio	n F3: Maintain environments that are safe for users	I		
F3.1	Review risks to health and safety at Waverley's Cliff Top parks and implement management strategies.	Short term (deliver)		
Directio	n F4: Ensure consistency in management across all parks and reserves	1		
F4.1	Set out guidelines for sponsorship or partnership agreements for Park and recreation assets to ensure some consistency of approach.			
F4.2	 Focus mass planting areas in: Beach and Sports parks Steep slopes (of 1:3 or greater) Verge planting focus areas as identified in figure 4.4. 	Ongoing		

Open space network and hierarchy

We have 79 parks and reserves to manage, which service a range of activities and users. The introduction of a system of classification of our parks and reserves will help Council to prioritise maintenance decisions and improvement activities by providing an understanding of the level of provision and facilities expected for each type of open space.

Our classification of spaces by five types (Bondi Beach and Park Landscape, Beach Parks, Sports Parks, neighbourhood and local) is generally consistent with the proposed approach for open space planning set out in the NSW Government Architect's *Open Space for Recreation Guide*. Our classification reflects the types of activities and facilities currently available, or desired, in each park and reserve, and to some extent the size of spaces. It indicates the catchment size and the extent that people travel to visit a space, and based on this information informs the approach to maintenance and servicing required for each space. Principles for open space classification and hierarchy are outlined in Table 4.1.



Bondi Beach Park



Sports Park - Waverley Park

Open space types

Bondi Beach and Park Landscape

 Unique and high profile destination in Waverley that attracts visitors locally, regionally and internationally and provides access to water-based recreation activities, spaces to socialise and relax, and high quality amenities.

Beach Parks

 Provides open green space and space for passive and active recreation and includes access to water-based activities. Provides facilities and a landscape that attracts visitors from beyond the Waverley LGA.

Sports Parks

- Provides open green space and space for passive recreation and team and organised sports. Provides sporting facilities that can cater for group and organised sports.
- A destination park that services a substantial residential area or at least two local suburb catchments.

Neighbourhood

 Provides open green space for primarily passive and casual turn up and play recreation. Provides green spaces to walk through. Caters to the local catchment of residents in the suburb or LGA.

Local

 Provides open green space for primarily passive recreation. Provides green spaces to walk through. Includes small parks and parks on street verges and road



Neighbourhood open space - St James Reserve



Figure 4.6 Classification of Waverley parks and reserves

Туре	Description	Catchment and access	Facilities
Bondi Beach and Park Landscape	Includes Bondi Beach, Bondi Park, surrounding parks and coast line. Relates to the National Heritage Listing. The landscape is a unique place in Waverley and is a high profile destination with an international reputation. The landscape provides access to water-based recreation activities, spaces to socialise and relax, and high quality amenities. The landscape attracts visitors internationally and encourages whole day visits and overnight stays.	Encourages visits for a whole day and overnight stays. The landscape is a destination and attracts organised or planned journeys.	 Has a unique design characteristic Includes furniture such as benches and picnic tables Includes high quality toilet facilities Include a play space with access path, signs and bubbler. Includes Bondi Pavilion Includes food and beverage retailers Includes casual turn up and play facilities Includes lighting Include high amenity horticultural planting, turf and trees Includes welcome signage at all entrances and interpretive signage of
Beach Parks	Larger park by the beach, designed with high amenity. Refer to Appendix A for details of service levels and maintenance servicing framework. Provides space for recreation, socialising and relaxation and includes access to water-based activities. A destination park that provides facilities and a landscape that attracts visitors from across Waverley LGA and outside the LGA. Encourages visits for more than two hours.	Encourages visits for several hours and will attract organised or planned journeys. Located close to public transport and include associated facilities such as car parking including accessible parking.	 heritage items if relevant. Includes furniture such as benches and picnic tables Includes toilet facilities Include a play space with access path, signs and bubbler. May include a community hall or meeting space May include some casual turn up and play facilities May include a recreation facility for sports Includes lighting Include high amenity horticultural planting, turf and trees Includes welcome signage at all entrances and interpretive signage of heritage items if relevant.

Туре	Description	Catchment and access	Facilities
Sports Parks	Larger park, designed with high amenity and provision of sports fields, courts and recreation facilities. Refer to Appendix A for details of service levels and maintenance servicing framework. Provides sporting facilities that can cater for organised and team sports and casual play. A destination park that services a substantial residential area or at least two local suburb catchments.	Encourages visits for one to two hours. Accessible by users within a 1km catchment area, about 15 to 20 minutes' walk from home. Located close to public transport.	 >25% of space is active space Includes furniture such as benches and picnic tables Includes toilet facilities May include a play space with access path, signs and bubbler. May include a community hall or meeting space May include some casual turn up and play facilities May include a sporting facility Includes lighting Includes planting, turf and trees Includes welcome signage at all entrances and interpretive signage of heritage items if relevant. 0% active space
Neighbour- hood	Provides a good level of landscape amenity. Refer to Appendix A for details of service levels and maintenance servicing framework. Provides open green space for primarily passive and casual turn up and play recreation. Provides green spaces to walk through.	Caters for a localised catchment. Accessible by users regularly within a 400m catchment area, about an 8 to 15 minutes' walk from home. Visited daily by many users for short visits of up to one hour.	 0% active space May include furniture such as benches and picnic tables May include toilet facilities May include a play space with access path, signs and bubbler. May include a community hall or meeting space May include some casual turn up and play facilities Does not include lighting Includes include low maintenance planting, turf and trees Includes small park signs at all entrances
Local	Provides a basic level of landscape amenity. Refer to Appendix A for details of service levels and maintenance servicing framework. Provides open green space for primarily passive recreation. Provides green spaces to walk through.	 Caters for immediate residents in the area. Accessible by users within a 200m walking catchment area, about 5 to 10 minutes' walk from home or by users passing by on their way to other destinations. 	 0% active space May include furniture such as, bins, seating benches and picnic tables May include a play space Does not include lighting Includes low maintenance planting, turf and trees Includes small park signs at all entrances

Table 4.1 Principles for open space classification and hierarchy

Locality Strategic Plan

The following plans show the combined strategies by locality.

North

Figure 4.7 shows the North locality, which encompasses North Bondi in the south, to Vaucluse in the north.

Key projects for the North locality are focused on increasing amenities to improve access to toilets along the Cliff Walk, increasing the capacity of sports fields at Barracluff Park and Dudley Page Reserve and courts, and increasing street planting on key cycle and pedestrian routes.

Priority actions for projects to be delivered in the short term (next 0 to 5 years) in the North locality are:

- A1.4 Implement a strategy to increase the profile of South Head Cemetery as part of the Waverley parks and reserves network and recreation walking network.
- A1.6 Seek opportunities to increase turn-up and play facilities such as basketball and netball hoops, tennis rebound walls, and outdoor activity stations. Priority locations may be Rodney Reserve and Barracluff Park.
- A1.3 Consult on the introduction of timed access for dog off-leash activities at Barracluff Park/Beach Road Reserve to improve access to dog off-leash areas in North Bondi and Bondi Beach. Identify measures to enforce compliance with timed access.
- A2.2 Investigate opportunities to extend the size of the field at Barracluff Park to increase the capacity of the field for training and match play, whilst supporting a broader mix of activities such as casual play and dog off-leash (timed access), and providing amenities such as toilets.

Investigate with Bondi Bowling Club the opportunity to acquire the site to extend Barracluff Park.

- A2.3 Investigate opportunities to increase the capacity of Rodney Reserve and provide sports clubs and groups more options for training and match play, including locating new outdoor courts at the northern end of the reserve
- A2.4 Increase lighting of the sports field and provide amenities such as toilets and change facilities at Hugh Bamford Reserve, to enable more groups access and increase the hours of play available for the field.
- A4.1 Complete an amenities study to identify gaps and recommended locations for providing public toilet facilities and water fountains along the Cliff Top Walk. Suggested locations for more amenities include Diamond Bay and Hugh Bamford Reserve.

Beaches

Figure 4.8 shows the Beaches locality which encompasses Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte Beaches and the suburbs of Bondi Beach, Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte.

Key projects for the Beaches locality are focused on providing better access to dog off-leash areas (to Barracluff Park), and increasing street planting on key cycle and pedestrian routes – with a particular focus on the Bondi Beach Street Greening Focus Area.

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Priority actions for projects to be delivered in the short term (next 0 to 5 years) in the Beaches locality are:

 A1.9 Continue to implement actions to provide improved beach access, in line with the principles for universal access at Bondi Beach and Bronte Park.

• D2.3 Encourage planting of native species in open spaces and verges to improve habitats for native flora and fauna in our urban environment, particularly along Possible Street Greening and Park Biodiversity Focus Areas.

The Junction

Figure 4.9 shows The Junction locality which encompasses the western part of the LGA, including the suburbs of Waverley, Queens Park and Bondi Junction.

Key projects for The Junction locality are focused on increasing tree planting and greening to support the high number of pedestrians in this locality, securing more spaces for recreation, and providing more opportunities for turn-up and play facilities and spaces for casual play particularly in and around Bondi Junction. There is opportunity to explore establishing shared use arrangements to enable access to existing private facilities and also land acquisitions to extend and upgrade existing parks and reserves.

Priority actions for projects to be delivered in the short term (next 0 to 5 years) in The Junction locality are:

• A1.6 Seek opportunities to increase turn-up and play facilities such as basketball and netball hoops, tennis rebound walls, and outdoor activity stations.

Priority locations for investigation are: Bondi Junction and Waverley Park.

 A1.7 Seek opportunities to provide additional indoor multi-use courts that can be used for casual play and also support match play, such as basketball. New facilities can be integrated as part of new development, particularly in and around Bondi Junction.

• D2.3 Encourage planting of native species in open spaces and verges to improve habitats for native flora and fauna in our urban environment, particularly along Possible Street Greening and Park Biodiversity Focus Areas in Bondi Junction and Waverley suburbs.



Figure 4.7 North Combined Strategies Map

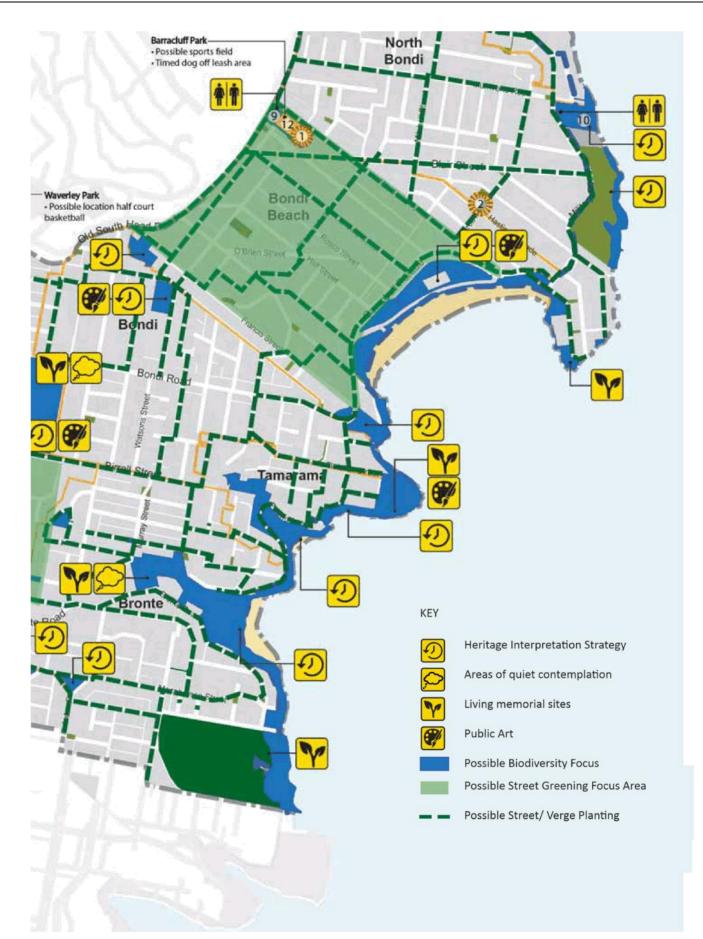


Figure 4.8 Beaches Combined Strategies Map

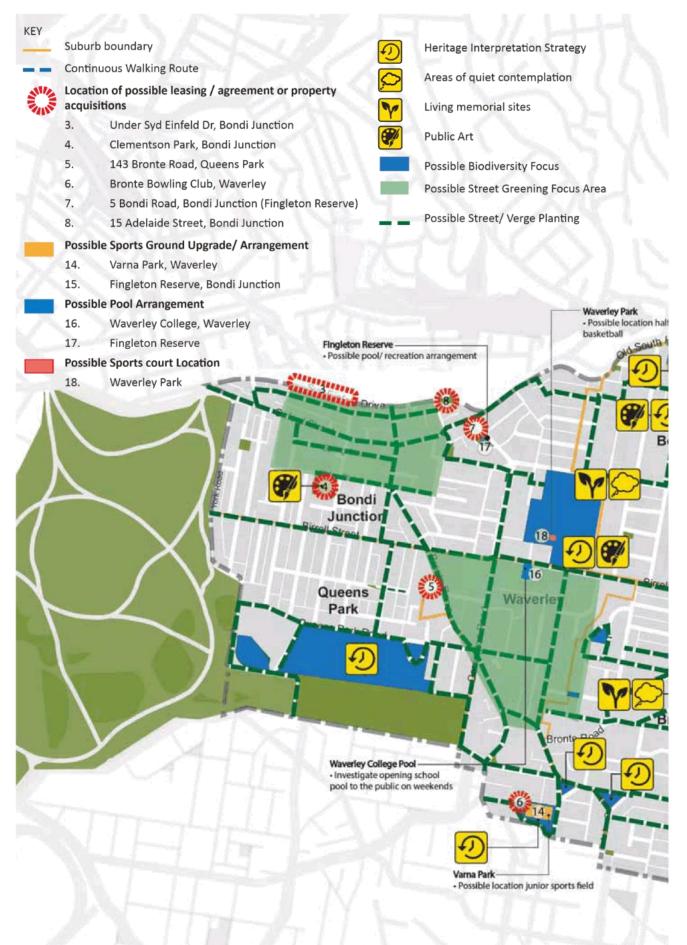


Figure 4.9 Bondi Junction and Surrounds Combined Strategies Map



Funding

Planning, management, and maintenance of open space is funded through Council's operational budgets. Delivery of this OSRS will predominately be funded by Council.

Acquisition of new spaces and upgrade of existing spaces will primarily be funded through Council's capital works budgets. Sometimes funding may be available via external sources such as development contributions collected via local contributions plans or negotiated through planning agreements, or other Government grant funding.

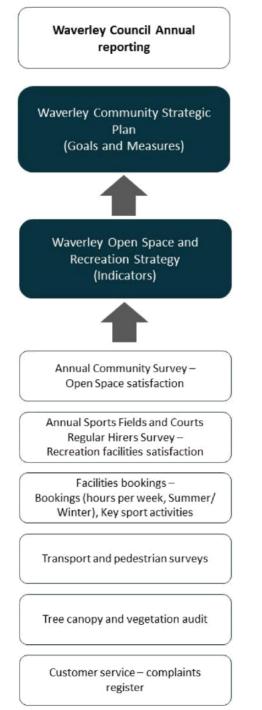


Figure 4.10 Monitoring and reporting framework

Monitoring and reporting

Existing Council reviews and measures will assist in monitoring the effectiveness of the OSRS. The approaches to monitoring and indicators for success are listed in Table 4.2. Indicators can be monitored through the proposed activities as part of the engagement framework (Action E1.2) and through other monitoring and reporting activities as part of our other programs.

Each year Waverley reports on progress in delivering goals of the Waverley Community Strategic Plan. For open space this involves reporting on the following measures:

- improved community satisfaction with the quality of parks, sporting and recreational facilities and open spaces
- improve community satisfaction with the accessibility to parks, sporting and recreational facilities and open spaces.

We will review our SAMP to guide the funding and prioritisation of projects that deliver on the OSRS.

The OSRS will be reviewed and updated in 10 years time.

Approach to monitoring	Indicators
Annual Community Satisfaction Survey	Community satisfaction increases
Annual Sports Fields and Courts Regular Hirers Survey	Sporting clubs and school groups satisfaction is maintained or increases
Hours facilities used or booked	The average hours of bookings increases across all facilities
Transport surveys and pedestrian monitoring	Trips in Waverley by active transport (walking and cycling) increases
Tree canopy and vegetated area audit	Tree canopy and vegetated area increases

Table 4.2 Approaches to monitoring OSRS outcomes and indicators to measure

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Appendices

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Appendix A: Maintenance and servicing framework

Description	Beach Parks (including Bondi Park)	Parks with Sports Fields	Local Parks	Neighbourhood Parks	Streets/ Verges/ Traffic Calming Devise
Service Level	High	High	Medium	Basic	Basic
	High level of utilisation	High level of utilisation	Medium level of utilisation	Relatively low level of utilisation.	Relatively low level of utilisation.
	This standard has the highest level of asset provision, using quality materials and bespoke designs, maintenance is undertaken to the highest affordable standards with quick response times and proactive programed operations.	This standard has the highest level of asset provision, using quality materials and bespoke designs, maintenance is undertaken to the highest affordable standards with quick response times and proactive programed operations.	This standard has a moderate level of asset provision, using robust materials and simple designs. Maintenance is undertaken to a good standards, with standard response times and programed operations.	This standard has the lowest level of asset provision, using robust materials and simple designs. Maintenance is undertaken to the lowest acceptable standard, with longer response times and fewer programed operations.	This standard has the lowest level of asset provision, using robust materials and simple designs. Maintenance is undertaken to the lowest acceptable standard, with longer response times and fewer programed operations.
Service Frequency	Weekly	Monthly	6 weeks – 3 months	6 weeks – 3 months	6 weeks – 3 months
Water	Summer lawn areas as required	Summer lawn areas as required	Limited or no lawn irrigation	No lawn irrigation	No lawn irrigation
	Trees and shrubs as required. Drip system to be installed where possible.	Trees and shrubs as required. Drip system to be installed where possible.	Hand water new revegetation areas.	Hand water new revegetation areas.	Hand water new revegetation areas.
	Monitor water use to adhere to water budgets.	Monitor water use to adhere to water budgets.	Monitor water use to adhere to water budgets.		

Irrigation System	Repair sprinklers, valves and pipes	Sprinkler systems to sports fields /	No/ Limited sprinklers systems,	No irrigation systems	No irrigation systems
System	as required.	repair sprinklers,	check taps,	Systems	Systems
	Maintain in a good	valves and pipes	valves if present.		
	condition. Refer	as required.	Maintain in a good		
	to IPWEA Parks	Maintain in a good	condition. Refer		
		condition. Refer	to IPWEA Parks		
	Management: Inventories,	to IPWEA Parks			
	,		Management:		
	conditions and	Management:	Inventories,		
	performance	Inventories,	conditions and		
	grading for ratings.	conditions and	performance		
		performance	grading for ratings.		
		grading for ratings.			
	Sprinkler checks	Limited sprinkler	No/ Limited	No sprinklers	No sprinklers
	monthly between	system/ sprinkler	sprinklers		
	November –	checks monthly			
	February.	between			
		November –			
		February.			
Mowing	Grass height	Grass height	Seasonally	Seasonally	Seasonally
	between 80 –	between 80 –	dependent	dependent	dependent. Grass
	100mm covering	100mm covering	especially on	especially on	height between
	30% turf area	30% turf area	reserves with	reserves with	100 – 150mm.
			waterways and	waterways and	Respond to merit
			drains. Grass	drains. Grass	requests
			height between	height between	
			100 – 150mm	100 – 150mm	
			between >50%	between >50%	
			reserve.	reserve.	
	NOTE: Mowing may b	1	1		
Edging	Every 2-4 weeks or	Every Month	Every 3 months	Every 3 months	No edging
	as required				
Brush Cutting	Around signage,	Around signage,	Around signage,	Around signage,	
	furniture,	furniture,	furniture,	furniture,	
	structures, path	structures, path	structures, path	structures, path	
	edges every 1-2	edges every	edges every 6	edges every 6	
	weeks	month	weeks – 3 months	weeks – 3 months	
Weed Control	Spay selective	Spay selective	Spay selective	Spay selective	
	herbicides to	herbicides to	herbicides to	herbicides to	
	control Bindii and	control Bindii and	control Bindii and	control Bindii and	
	Cape Daisy on	Cape Daisy on	Cape Daisy on	Cape Daisy on	
	turf once a year	turf once a year	turf once a year	turf once a year	
	between June –	between June –	between June –	between June –	
	September.	September.	September.	September.	
			Pre-emergent	Pre-emergent	Pre-emergent
			applied to garden	applied to garden	applied to garden
			beds every 3	beds every 3	beds once a year.
			months in spring	months in spring	
			and summer.	and summer.	
	Hand weed garden	Hand weed garden		Hand weed garden	Hand weed garden
	beds – check	beds – check every	-	beds – check 6	beds – check 6
	weekly	month	weeks – 3 months	weeks – 3 months	weeks – 3 months
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Pruning	Trees and shrubs as required to maintain tidy appearance and for plant health Remove spent flowers as required	Trees and shrubs as required Remove spent flowers as required	Prune damaged or hazardous branches	Prune damaged or hazardous branches	
Dig, Plant, Maintain	Garden beds Top up mulch monthly	Garden beds Top up mulch every 3 months	Garden beds Top up mulch as necessary	Plant on steep slopes Top up mulch as necessary	
Plant	Replacements as necessary and for improvements	Replacements as necessary and for improvements	Revegetation and screen plantings in winter	Trees/ shrubs – screening resident request	Replant/ replace traffic calming device planting as necessary and for improvements
Fertilise	Lawns/ turf/ sports fields Autumn and Spring	Lawns/ sports fields in Spring	No/ limited fertilising only as necessary and high use local parks	No/ limited fertilising only as necessary	No/ limited fertilising only as necessary
Top Dress	Lawns/ turf/ sports fields to ensure even surfaces throughout	Top dress high traffic or damaged areas as necessary	Top dress uneven surfaces for public safety as required	Top dress uneven surfaces for public safety as required	Top dress uneven surfaces for public safety as required
Turf	Returf after large events, and surrounding high wear areas including sports fields as required and end of each season. Over sow annually	Returf after large events, and surrounding high wear areas including sports fields as required and end of each season. Over sow sports fields and high use	Returf for safety as necessary	Returf for safety as necessary	Returf for safety as necessary
	Aerate sports fields and high use parks annually	parks Aerate sports fields and high use parks annually			

Maintain Assets and Play Equipment	Playgrounds weekly visual condition assessment. 3	Playgrounds weekly visual condition assessment. 3	Playgrounds weekly visual condition assessment. 3	Playgrounds weekly visual condition assessment. 3	
	monthly testing of moving parts. Annual audit for compliance to AS. Furniture (seats, tables, bins, barbecues) weekly	monthly testing of moving parts. Annual audit for compliance to AS. Furniture (seats, tables, bins, barbecues) monthly	monthly testing of moving parts. Annual audit for compliance to AS. Furniture (seats, tables, bins, barbecues) 6 weeks – 3 months	monthly testing of moving parts. Annual audit for compliance to AS. Furniture (seats, tables, bins, barbecues) 6 weeks – 3 months	
	Structures (picnic shelter, toilets, change rooms) weekly	Structures (picnic shelter, toilets, change rooms) monthly	Few or no structures to maintain.	Few or no structures to maintain.	
	Monthly inspection of all pathways, footbridges and walking trails in safe to easily accessible state.	Monthly inspection of all pathways, footbridges and walking trails in safe to easily accessible state.	Safe walkways by repairs to footpaths, walkways, steps, post and rail fences, handrails as required	Check and maintain walkways/ footpaths as required.	
Hand Litter Pick Up	Daily to twice weekly	Daily to twice weekly (Dec, Jan, Feb) – Weekly (May, June, July)	Check every visit	Check every visit	Check every visit
Vandalism	Inspect and assess within 24hrs Mon – Fri, carry out ASAP depending on damage/ vandalism and required materials.	Inspect and assess within 24hrs Mon – Fri, carry out ASAP depending on damage/ vandalism and required materials.	Inspect and assess within 24hrs Mon – Fri of notification, carry out ASAP depending on damage/ vandalism and required materials.	For safety if required or programmed	For safety if required or programmed
Bin change over	Change over daily	Collected by PPC	Collected by PPC	Collected by PPC	

Appendix B: Parks compliance

*Alcohol free zone = public streets and beaches (Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte) only

*Alcohol prohibited zone = parks, reserves and public spaces that have been endorsed by council to be enforceable alcohol prohibited zones

Park or Reserve	Proposed compliance information
All Parks (except	All Parks (except those listed independently below)
those listed independently	No camping or staying over night
below)	No portable barbecues or open fires
	In an alcohol prohibited zone; Bondi Park & Beach, Tamarama Park & Beach and Bronte Park & Beach.
	No consumption of alcohol (only is Alcohol free or prohibited zones as determined by Council
	With a playground (refer to play strategy for locations)
	No dogs within 10m of playground
	Assistance dogs permitted in playground
	No smoking within 10m of playground
	Without a field or court (i.e. except Rodney Reserve, Barracluff Park, Dudley Page Reserve, Hugh Bamford Reserve)
	No organised ball games, without council approval
	In Coastal Reserves (Diamond Bay Reserve)
	No camping or staying overnight
	Parks within the Bondi Intertidal Area i.e. Hunter Park, Marks Park, Gareloch Reserve
	No collecting or harvesting invertebrates in the intertidal area
	Locations where commercial activities are allowed: (Note fitness training allowed in Hunter Park, Marks Park, Barracluff Park, Diamond Bay Reserve, Dudley page Reserve, Hugh Bamford Reserve, Rodney Reserve, Upper Dickson Reserve, Varna Park.
	Note events in Dudley Page Reserve, Marks Park, Calga Reserve, Gaerloch Reserve, Diamond Bay, Hugh Bamford Reserve, Hunter Park, Waverley Memorial Park, Caffyn Park, Barracluff Park, Clementson Park, Kimberley Reserve, Thomas Hogan Reserve, Varna Park, Upper Dickson Reserve, Rodney Reserve)
	To apply for an event or commercial activity, please seek approval from Council prior by calling 9369 8000.
	Otherwise: No commercial activities

Park or Reserve	Proposed compliance information
Bronte Park	No consumption of alcohol
	No camping or staying overnight
	No organised ball games, without council approval
	No commercial activities, without Council approval
	No kites or kite activities
	No portable barbecues or open fires
	 No collecting or harvesting invertebrates in the intertidal area
	No smoking on beaches
	 Dogs are prohibited on the beach, in the bushland of the Bronte Gully, and near the pool, children's play areas and food preparation areas such as barbecues and the kiosk.
Bronte Beach	Caution
	Shallow Water
	High Surf
	Submerged Objects
	Dangerous Current
	Shore Dump
	Slippery Surfaces
	Regulations
	No Dogs
	No Smoking
	No kite or kite activities
	 No collecting or harvesting invertebrates in the intertidal area
	No commercial activities
	No Alcohol
	No ball games
	No glass
Tamarama Park	No consumption of alcohol
	No camping or staying overnight
	No smoking on beaches
	No organised ball games, without council approval
	No skateboarding, rollerblading and kite flying.
	 No dogs. Dogs prohibited in park and on the Beach, dogs permitted on-leash on the Coast Walk, promenade and in Tamarama Gully
	• Fishing is allowed in these areas but taking, gathering or collecting seashore animals is prohibited.

Park or Reserve	Proposed compliance information
Tamarama Beach	Caution
	Shallow Water
	• High Surf
	Submerged Objects
	Dangerous Current
	Shore Dump
	Slippery Surfaces
	Regulations
	• No Dogs
	No Smoking
	No kite or kite activities
	No collecting or harvesting invertebrates in the intertidal area
	No commercial activities
	No Alcohol
	No ball games
	No glass
Bondi Park and	No consumption of alcohol
Biddigal Park	No camping or staying overnight
	No smoking on beaches
	 No dogs. Dogs prohibited in park and on the Beach, dogs permitted on-leash on the Coast Walk and promenade.
	No organised ball games, without council approval.
	No commercial activities, without Council approval
	No bikes, skateboards or rollerblades
	No kites or kite activities
	No portable barbeque's or open fires
Bondi Beach signs	Caution
	Shallow Water
	• High Surf
	Dangerous Current
	Shore Dump
	Regulations
	• No dogs
	No Smoking
	No kite or kite activities
	No commercial activities
	No Alcohol
	No glass
	No carrying of hand spears or spear guns
	 No collecting or harvesting invertebrates in the intertidal area. Bondi to Tamarama forms an Intertidal Protected Area

Park or Reserve	Proposed compliance information
North Bondi	Caution
Childrens Pool and Rock Pool	• High Surf
	Submerged Rocks
	Dangerous Current
	Slippery Surfaces
	Regulations
	• No Dogs
	No running
	No diving
	 No collecting or harvesting invertebrates in the intertidal area. Bondi to Tamarama forms an Intertidal Protected Area
	No smoking
	No drinking
	No glass
	No spear fishing
Waverley Park	No camping or staying overnight
	No commercial activities, without Council approval
	No portable barbeque's or open fires
	 Dogs prohibited on sports fields and courts, the memorial garden and within 10m of playground and food preparation areas. A designated dog off-leash area is located on the top section of the park. Dogs must remain on-leash in all other areas of the park.

Appendix C: Landscape Conservation Areas and heritage items

Park or reserve	Landscape Conservation Area	State Heritage Listing	Includes Local Heritage, Archaeological, Aboriginal Items or Sites
Ben Buckler / Ray O'Keefe Reserve	Ben Buckler (Ray O'Keefe) Reserve Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Bondi Beach and Park*	Bondi Beach and Park Landscape Conservation Area	Yes - Bondi Pavilion, Bondi Ocean Outfall Sewer, Bondi Beach Cultural Landscape	Yes
Bronte Beach and Park	Bronte Beach and Park Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Caffyn Park	Caffyn Park Landscape Conservation Area		
Calga Reserve	Calga Avenue Landscape Conservation Area		
Clarke Reserve	Coastal Sandstone Escarpment Landscape Conservation Area		
Clemenston Park	Clemenston Park Landscape Conservation Area		
Cuthbert Street Reserve	Cuthbert Street Landscape Conservation Area		
Diamond Bay Reserve	Coastal Sandstone Escarpment Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Dickson Park	Dickson Park Landscape Conservation Area		
Fingleton Reserve	Fingleton Reserve Landscape Conservation Area		
Francis Street Reserve	Francis Street Landscape Conservation Area		
Gaerloch Reserve	Gaerloch Reserve Landscape Conservation Area		
Hewlett Street Reserve	Hewlett Street Landscape Conservation Area		
Hugh Bamford Reserve			Yes
Hunter Park	Hunter and Marks Park Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Macpherson Park	Macpherson Park Landscape Conservation Area		
Marks Park	Hunter and Marks Park Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Queens Park	Queens Park Landscape Conservation Area		
Rodney Reserve	Coastal Sandstone Escarpment Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Simpson Park	Simpson Park Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Tamarama Beach and Park	Tamarama Beach, Park and Marine Drive Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Tamarama Beach and Park	Tamarama Park Landscape Conservation Area		Yes
Thomas Hogan Reserve	Thomas Hogan Reserve and Bird Sanctuary (Formerly Glen-Roona Reserve) Landscape Conservation Area		
Varna Park	Varna Reserve Landscape Conservation Area		
Waverley Park	Waverley Park Landscape Conservation Area	Yes - Waverley Reservoir No. 1 and No. 2	Yes
Williams Park	William Reserve, North Bondi Golf Course Landscape Conservation Area		Yes

* Note Bondi Beach is listed as National Heritage Place

