



**MINUTES OF THE WAVERLEY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Present:

Councillor Paula Masselos (Mayor) (Chair)	Lawson Ward
Councillor Elaine Keenan (Deputy Mayor)	Lawson Ward
Councillor Sally Betts	Hunter Ward
Councillor Angela Burrill	Lawson Ward
Councillor George Copeland	Waverley Ward
Councillor Leon Goltsman	Bondi Ward
Councillor Tony Kay	Waverley Ward
Councillor Steven Lewis	Hunter Ward
Councillor Will Nemesh	Hunter Ward
Councillor John Wakefield	Bondi Ward
Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak	Bondi Ward

Staff in attendance:

Emily Scott	General Manager
Sharon Cassidy	Acting Director, Community, Assets and Operations
Rachel Hensman	Acting Director, Customer Service and Organisation Improvement
Evan Hutchings	Director, Finance and Governance
Tony Pavlovic	Director, Planning, Environment and Regulatory

At the commencement of proceedings at 7.07 pm, those present were as listed above, with the exception of Cr Keenan who arrived at 7.09 pm during obituaries, Cr Wy Kanak who arrived at 7.11 pm during addresses by members of the public and Cr Wakefield who arrived at 8.18 pm during the mayoral and deputy mayoral elections.

Cr Masselos, the outgoing Mayor, chaired the meeting until item CM/7.1/21.09 and relinquished the chair to the Returning Officer to conduct the mayoral and deputy mayoral elections.

Cr Masselos, the newly elected Mayor, assumed the chair following the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

At 8.28 pm, Cr Wakefield left the meeting and did not return.

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The General Manager read the following Opening Prayer:

God, we pray for wisdom to govern with justice and equity. That we may see clearly and speak the truth and that we work together in harmony and mutual respect. May our actions demonstrate courage and leadership so that in all our works thy will be done. Amen.

The Mayor read the following Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our Local Government Area.

1. Apologies/Leaves of Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and none were received.

3. Obituaries

There were no obituaries.

Council rose for a minute's silence for the souls of people generally who have died in our Local Government Area.

4. Addresses by Members of the Public

- 4.1 G Baigent – CM/5.2.2/21.09 – Adoption of Minutes – Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting – 26 August 2021 – TC/V.01/21.08 – 8 Consett Avenue, Bondi Beach – Partial Road Closure for Structural Panel Lift.
- 4.2 J Banks – CM/5.2.2/21.09 – Adoption of Minutes – Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting – 26 August 2021 – TC/V.01/21.08 – 8 Consett Avenue, Bondi Beach – Partial Road Closure for Structural Panel Lift.
- 4.3 J Freer – CM/8.1/21.09 – New Resident Parking Schemes.
- 4.4 M Schregardus – CM/8.1/21.09 – New Resident Parking Schemes.
- 4.5 E Meyer – CM/8.5/21.09 – Citizenship Ceremonies.

5. Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes**CM/5.1/21.09 Confirmation of Minutes - Council Meeting - 17 August 2021 (SF21/279)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 August 2021 be received and noted, and that such minutes be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

CM/5.2/21.09 Adoption of Minutes - Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting - 26 August 2021 (SF21/282)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Kay

That Part 1 of the minutes of the Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting held on 26 August 2021 be received and noted, and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Save and except the following:

1. TC/C.01/21.08 – Grafton Street, Bondi Junction – Bicycle Shared Path.
2. TC/V.01/21.08 – 8 Consett Avenue, Bondi Beach – Partial Road Closure for Structural Panel Lift.

And that these items be dealt with separately below.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

CM/5.2.1/21.09 Adoption of Minutes - Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting - 26 August 2021 - TC/C.01/21.08 - Grafton Street, Bondi Junction - Bicycle Shared Path (SF21/4020)

This item was saved and excepted by Cr Burrill.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Burrill

Seconder: Cr Kay

That Council:

1. Installs shared path signage and blue shared path lines with associated text and symbols to the edge of footpath on the northern side of Grafton Street between Adelaide Street and the proposed commuter bicycle cage within Transport for NSW land beneath Syd Einfeld Drive on the western side of Grosvenor Street, Bondi Junction.
2. Reinstates shared path signage and installs blue shared path lines with associated text and symbols to the existing shared path beside Syd Einfeld Drive between Oxford Street and Adelaide Street.
3. Provides a kerb ramp to the north-eastern side of the roundabout at the intersection of Adelaide

Street and Grafton Street to facilitate on-road bicycle riders to access the existing shared path.

4. Installs cyclist dismount signs at the zebra crossing at the north side of the roundabout at the intersection of Adelaide Street and Grafton Street.
5. Refers the proposal of changing the existing pedestrian-only lantern lens covers to combined pedestrian and bicycle lantern lens covers at the intersections of Grafton Street/Grosvenor Street to Transport for NSW for assessment.
6. Installs a cyclist dismount sign at the termination of the shared pathway north of Oxford Street.
7. Officers investigate improving the safety of the zebra crossing to the north of the roundabout at the intersection of Adelaide Street and Grafton Street, including consideration of a raised crossing and additional lighting, with a report to be prepared for the Traffic Committee.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

**CM/5.2.2/21.09 Adoption of Minutes - Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting - 26 August 2021 -
TC/V.01/21.08 - 8 Consett Avenue, Bondi Beach - Partial Road Closure for
Structural Panel Lift (SF21/3285)**

This item was saved and excepted by Cr Masselos.

MOTION

Mover: Cr Masselos
Secunder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Approves the temporary partial road and footpath closure of Consett Avenue, Bondi Beach, between Lamrock Avenue and Hall Street, over four consecutive weekdays on dates to be agreed with Council, in accordance with the Traffic Guidance Scheme attached to the report, subject to the applicant:
 - (a) Notifying NSW Police and obtaining relevant approvals.
 - (b) Notifying NSW Ambulance Service and NSW Fire and Rescue.
 - (c) Notifying affected residents and businesses at least five working days prior to the event, with a follow-up notification on the day prior to day one of the partial road closure.
 - (d) Obtaining written concurrence from owners of properties that the crane will operate over.
 - (e) Obtaining written concurrence from affected property owners/residents for blocking driveway access and ensuring access to those properties during the temporary closure.
 - (f) Using traffic controllers accredited by Transport for NSW.
 - (g) Obtaining approval of any tree pruning from Council's tree management team.
 - (h) Covering all costs associated with closing the road, including traffic control and permit fees.
2. Removes parking spaces from 4 pm the day before the first deliveries occur to facilitate the structural panel lift.

3. Relocates the existing accessible parking space in front of 6 Consett Avenue to the southern side of the driveway of 4 Consett Avenue for the duration of the works.
4. Delegates authority to the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to approve the dates that the operation will occur and to extend the dates, if required.

FORESHADOWED MOTION

Mover: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council refers this item back to the Traffic Committee and assists affected residents to make representations on the item.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSES 1(d) and 1(e).

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION:

That Council:

1. Approves the temporary partial road and footpath closure of Consett Avenue, Bondi Beach, between Lamrock Avenue and Hall Street, over four consecutive weekdays on dates to be agreed with Council, in accordance with the Traffic Guidance Scheme attached to the report, subject to the applicant:
 - (a) Notifying NSW Police and obtaining relevant approvals.
 - (b) Notifying NSW Ambulance Service and NSW Fire and Rescue.
 - (c) Notifying affected residents and businesses at least five working days prior to the event, with a follow-up notification on the day prior to day one of the partial road closure.
 - (d) Obtaining written concurrence from owners of properties that the crane will operate over, subject to the approval of the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services.
 - (e) Obtaining written concurrence from affected property owners/residents for blocking driveway access and ensuring access to those properties during the temporary closure, subject to the approval of the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services.
 - (f) Using traffic controllers accredited by Transport for NSW.
 - (g) Obtaining approval of any tree pruning from Council's tree management team.
 - (h) Covering all costs associated with closing the road, including traffic control and permit fees.
2. Removes parking spaces from 4 pm the day before the first deliveries occur to facilitate the structural panel lift.
3. Relocates the existing accessible parking space in front of 6 Consett Avenue to the southern side of the driveway of 4 Consett Avenue for the duration of the works.
4. Delegates authority to the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to approve the dates that the operation will occur and to extend the dates, if required.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

G Baigent and J Banks addressed the meeting.

6. Mayoral Minutes

CM/6.1/21.09 Better Futures Australia Declaration (A09/1017)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Masselos

That Council pledges to support the joint statement of the Better Futures Australia Declaration.

Background

The Better Futures Australia Declaration is a joint statement of support that brings together private and public sector leaders in taking ambitious climate action to ensure Australia is on track for a prosperous, climate-resilient zero emissions future, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

This declaration comes in advance of the climate change conference COP26 Glasgow, which will be held from the 31 October to 12 November 2021. It also comes after the release of the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Report that concluded that climate change is already having a significant and worsening impact on our planet and that there is only now a very small window to avoid catastrophic climate change through immediate and sustained greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Those supporting the pledge include a range of Australian business and industry leaders, investors, local governments, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, healthcare and social institutions, farmers, developers, unions, workers, artists, academic and cultural institutions, and communities. Together, these groups have committed to leading by example and supporting Australia's international commitment to transition to net zero emissions before 2050.

The wording of the joint statement is as follows:

We commit to:

- Taking climate action through individual effort and collaboration to ensure Australia contributes to limiting average global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.
- Showcasing new climate commitments and actions to inspire other Australians to realise zero emissions opportunities.
- Advocating for a national response that will deliver action at the scale required to reach net zero emissions well before 2050.
- Working together, alongside and in partnership with Federal, State and Local Government leadership, to support the delivery of the Paris Agreement.

We recognise that responding to climate change requires all of us to act, alongside and in partnership with federal, state and local government leadership. We invite all Australians to join us in helping to ensure our nation can, and will, meet its commitment under the Paris Agreement.

Council recently adopted a net zero by 2030 target and is ambitiously pursuing ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reductions for both Council and the community. This pledge supports the climate and biodiversity emergency that Council declared in 2019.

References:

ukcop26.org

ipcc.ch/reports

betterfutures.org.au/sign_the_declaration

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION:

That Council pledges to support the joint statement of the Better Futures Australia Declaration, and notes that this pledge adds to Council's previous climate action resolutions.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

CM/6.2/21.09 COVID-19 - Vaccination Hub (A20/0245)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Masselos

That Council:

1. Notes that the Waverley local government area (LGA) has the third lowest first dose vaccination rate in the Greater Sydney area.
2. Believes a vaccination hub is urgently required.
3. Instructs the Mayor as a matter of urgency to write to the Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, seeking the establishment of a vaccination hub in the Eastern Suburbs.
4. Works with NSW Health to identify a suitable location within the Waverley LGA for a vaccination hub.

Background

After initially having strong vaccination rates, a recent *Sydney Morning Herald* story showed first dose vaccination rates in the Waverley LGA have significantly dropped to being the third lowest.

It is thought that the lack of a vaccination hub and limited access to Pfizer vaccinations may well have impacted vaccination rates in our area.

Our highly densely populated LGA is socioeconomically diverse, has significant numbers of young people, high levels of renters and therefore transient populations, as well as large cohorts of aged and vulnerable residents.

With the coming summer and the probable relaxation of the current public health orders, including the 5 km rule, under the State Government's road map it is expected that our beaches and parks will once again be hosting significant numbers of visitors from across Sydney.

In light of this significant influx of people to our LGA, it is essential that our community and businesses have equitable access to vaccinations, including Pfizer.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSES 3 AND 4 AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW CLAUSE 5.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION:

That Council:

1. Notes that the Waverley local government area (LGA) has the third lowest first dose vaccination rate in the Greater Sydney area.
2. Believes a vaccination hub is urgently required.
3. Instructs the Mayor as a matter of urgency to write to the Minister for Health and Medical Research, the Hon. Brad Hazzard MP, seeking the establishment of a vaccination hub in the Eastern Suburbs, including pop-up clinics at various locations.
4. Works with NSW Health to identify a suitable location within the Waverley LGA for a vaccination hub, including pop-up clinics at various locations.
5. Informs adjacent councils of this resolution.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

7. Reports

CM/7.1/21.09 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor by Councillors (SF21/4356)

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Notes that the term of office of the Mayor elected at this meeting is up to and including 3 December 2021.
2. Agrees to elect a Deputy Mayor to hold office up to and including 3 December 2021.
3. Notes the procedure for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor by Councillors outlined in the report.
4. Determines the method of voting for the election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be the open voting method.

Election of Mayor

The election of the Mayor was conducted by the Returning Officer as follows.

The Returning Officer informed the meeting that two written nominations in the prescribed form had been received and sought any further nominations before closing nominations.

At the close of nominations, the following nominations had been received:

Cr Kay and Cr Masselos.

The election of Mayor proceeded by means of open voting and the following votes were recorded:

Cr Masselos

6 votes – Crs Copeland, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

Cr Kay

5 votes – Crs Betts, Burrill, Goltsman, Kay and Nemesh.

Cr Masselos was declared elected as Mayor of Waverley Council up to and including 3 December 2021.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The election of the Deputy Mayor was conducted by the Returning Officer as follows.

The Returning Officer informed the meeting that two written nominations in the prescribed form had been received and sought any further nominations before closing nominations.

At the close of nominations, the following nominations had been received:

Cr Keenan and Cr Nemesh.

The election of Deputy Mayor proceeded by means of open voting and the following votes were recorded:

Cr Nemesh

5 votes – Crs Betts, Burrill, Goltsman, Kay and Nemesh.

Cr Keenan

6 votes – Crs Copeland, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos, Wakefield and Wy Kanak.

Cr Keenan was declared elected as Deputy Mayor of Waverley Council up to and including 3 December 2021.

CM/7.2/21.09 Role of Acting General Manager (SF21/9)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That:

1. Council notes that at its extraordinary meeting on 1 June 2021, Council delegated/sub-delegated to the General Manager, Emily Scott, the functions in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation to the General Manager also dated 1 June 2021.
2. Evan Hutchings be appointed to act as General Manager if the General Manager is sick or otherwise absent from work on leave or business, with such appointment to cease upon the return to work of the General Manager or by other resolution of the Council.

3. When acting as General Manager pursuant to this resolution, Evan Hutchings has all the functions, delegations and sub-delegations given to the General Manager by Council.

Crs Burrill and Wakefield were not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.3/21.09 Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2021 (A13/0314)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

That Council:

1. Notes that the 2021 Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be held over two events as follows:
 - (a) A one-hour Annual Conference held online from 9.30 am on Monday, 29 November 2021.
 - (b) A Special Conference to be held in-person at the Hyatt Regency Sydney from Monday, 28 February, to Wednesday, 2 March 2022.
2. In respect of the one-hour Annual Conference to be held online on 29 November 2021:
 - (a) Nominates the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Crs Lewis, Wy Kanak and Nemesh as voting delegates for motions and the election of the Board and Office Bearers of Local Government NSW (LGNSW).
 - (b) Nominates Crs Wakefield and Copeland as substitute voting delegates for motions and the election of the Board and Office Bearers of Local Government NSW (LGNSW).
 - (c) Nominates Cr Burrill to attend the Annual Conference as an observer.
 - (d) Approves the attendance of the General Manager or nominee at the Annual Conference.
3. Receives a further report after the local government election seeking Council's nominations for its voting delegates to attend the Special Conference in February/March 2022.

Crs Burrill and Wakefield were not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.4/21.09 Investment Portfolio Report - August 2021 (A03/2211)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Lewis

Seconder: Cr Copeland

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Investment Summary Report for August 2021 attached to the report.
2. Notes that the Director, Finance and Governance, as the responsible accounting officer, advises that all investments have been made in accordance with the requirements of section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and directions from the Minister for Local Government, including Ministerial Investment Orders, and Council's Investment Policy.

Crs Burrill and Wakefield were not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.5/21.09 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting - 20 May 2021 - Minutes (SF21/529)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Copeland

That Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2021 attached to the report.

Crs Burrill and Wakefield were not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.6/21.09 COVID-19 - Community and Business Support Initiatives Update (A20/0258)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Publicly exhibits for 28 days the approved delay in the increase to the Early Education Centre fees from 5 October 2021 to 27 October 2021, in accordance with section 610F(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council following the public exhibition period should any submissions be received.
3. Notes that if no submissions are received, the changes to the Schedule of Fees and Charges referred to in clause 1 above will be effective from 5 October 2021 to 26 October 2021.
4. Notes that the fee waiver for construction zones and hoardings was concluded by the General Manager under delegation and in accordance with the Public Health Order that allowed construction work to resume.

Crs Burrill and Wakefield were not present for the vote on this item.

8. Notices of Motions

CM/8.1/21.09 New Resident Parking Schemes (A02/0750)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Kay
Seconder: Cr Burrill

That Council:

1. Officers investigate areas/streets with unrestricted parking within the Waverley Ward of the Waverley local government area to determine whether they are suitable for a Resident Parking

Scheme (RPS), commencing with, but not limited to, the following streets:

- (a) The western part of Area 11, including Silva Street, Carlisle Street and Fletcher Street.
 - (b) The eastern part of Area 22, including Paul Street (south of Bondi Road), Dalley Street and Council Street (between Bondi Road and Birrell Street).
 - (c) The north-eastern part of Area 25, including Henrietta Street (north of Victoria Street), Langlee Avenue and Seaview Street.
2. Officers survey the areas/streets in Waverley Ward that are deemed suitable for a new or extended RPS and report to the Waverley Traffic Committee on the survey results, with a recommendation to Council.
 3. Officers expedite the RPS surveys and any approved RPS installations by bringing forward the timetable identified in the General Manager's comments, where possible and subject to resourcing, and maintain the latest schedule on the RPS section of Council's website.
 4. Notes that the General Manager's comments state that the planned sequence and schedule for RPS surveys by Area is currently as follows:
 - (a) The western part of Area 11 (including Silva, Carlisle, Fletcher, Denham, Illawong, Carlisle, Gaerloch, Alexander) – November 2021.
 - (b) The eastern part of Area 22 (Paul, Dalley, Council), noting that Transport for NSW is the determining authority for parking on Council Street, as it is a State Road – April 2022.
 - (c) The north-eastern part of Area 25 (Henrietta, Langlee, Seaview) – August 2022.
 - (d) The eastern part of Area 15 (Jackaman, Avoca, Tasman, Philip, Imperial, Tamarama, Boonara, Farrellys) – February 2023.
 - (e) Streets within Areas 26 and 12 that do not already have resident parking – June 2023.
 5. Notes that representations have been received from residents in the RPS areas mentioned above, with residents reporting that parking occupancy rates have increased to undue proportions over the last few years, especially during COVID-19 restrictions and the daylight-saving period.
 6. Notes that in October 2013, Council unanimously resolved that Council officers have discretion to conduct RPS resident surveys where an on-street parking problem is identified.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

J Freer and M Schregardus addressed the meeting.

CM/8.2/21.09 BreastScreen Clinic Closure (A20/0245)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Keenan
Seconded: Cr Copeland

That:

1. Council notes that the BreastScreen clinic at Myer in Bondi Junction has been closed as part of the NSW Health Department's decision to temporarily suspend all routine breast screening services in NSW due to COVID-19.
2. Council notes that one in seven women in NSW will develop breast cancer in their lifetime and that it is the most common cancer affecting women in our State.
3. Council notes that regular screening mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early in women over 50, and that early screening saves women's lives.
4. Until such time as routine screenings return to normal, Council requests NSW Health to place a mobile screening van at a location in Bondi Junction.
5. Council requests the Mayor to write urgently to the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, and NSW Health Minister, Brad Hazzard, requesting that the decision to close the BreastScreen clinics in Bondi Junction and across NSW be reversed immediately.
6. The letter outline the serious concerns of Council that closing screening clinics will result in women not having the option of early detection and early treatment of breast cancer, and this will have life-threatening consequences for these women and their families.
7. The Mayor's letter also note that in 2020, 19,974 women were diagnosed with breast cancer and 3,031 women died.
8. Council also writes to the Shadow Minister for Health, Ryan Park, The Greens NSW health spokesperson, Cate Faehrmann, and the Local Government NSW President, Linda Scott, informing them of the grave concerns of Council and asking that they, too, request the State Government to reverse its decision.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

CM/8.3/21.09 Varna Park - Removal of Seesaw (A06/0739)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Keenan
Seconded: Cr Copeland

That Council investigates the removal of the steel seesaw from the playground at Varna Park, which parents claim poses a risk to children, and, if required, replaces the seesaw with a safer and more suitable piece of equipment.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION AND THE ADDITION OF NEW CLAUSES 2 AND 3 SUCH THAT THE MOTION NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

That Council:

1. Investigates the removal of the steel seesaw from the playground at Varna Park, which parents claim poses a risk to children.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council with options.
3. Notes paragraphs 2–4 of the General Manager’s comment, which state that:

‘Council regularly inspects and audits our playgrounds to ensure they are safe, and the equipment is in good repair. The most recent audit of Varna Park playground was completed in July 2021 by an independent playground certifier. On auditing Varna Park, the ‘hip hop’ equipment was reported in good condition with no repairs required. Officers have also inspected the equipment and have not reported any defects. There are very strict standards around the design of play equipment to ensure safety. Of course, there are some calculated risks of minor falls (for example, from a swings or ladders) and risks of scrapes and bruising in playgrounds. These risks are calculated risks and deemed acceptable.

Following reports from Councillors on safety, further investigation was done. However, there have not been any reports regarding the ‘hip hop’ equipment through the Merit system or through the recent community consultation in improving the park.

Understanding that the equipment complies with Australian Standards, is installed correctly and is not broken, the question raised regarding safety may be due to use of the equipment by younger children who may not have the height or co-ordination required to use the equipment as intended. Carers do need to watch out for younger children trying out new equipment to make sure they are up for the challenge.’

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Kay
Seconder: Cr Goltsman

That the following clause be added to the motion:

‘Notes paragraph 5 of the General Manager’s comment, which states that: “It is recommended that the equipment in Varna Park remain in place. As this report of safety has been raised, if there are any further complaints regarding the equipment it will be investigated to establish the circumstances under which the equipment was used and if further action needs to be taken.”’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE CHAIR.

Division

For the Amendment: Crs Betts, Burrill, Goltsman, Kay and Nemesh.

Against the Amendment: Crs Copeland, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos and Wy Kanak.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE CHAIR.

DECISION:

That Council:

1. Investigates the removal of the steel seesaw from the playground at Varna Park, which parents claim poses a risk to children.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council with options.
3. Notes paragraphs 2–4 of the General Manager’s comment, which state that:

'Council regularly inspects and audits our playgrounds to ensure they are safe, and the equipment is in good repair. The most recent audit of Varna Park playground was completed in July 2021 by an independent playground certifier. On auditing Varna Park, the 'hip hop' equipment was reported in good condition with no repairs required. Officers have also inspected the equipment and have not reported any defects. There are very strict standards around the design of play equipment to ensure safety. Of course, there are some calculated risks of minor falls (for example, from a swings or ladders) and risks of scrapes and bruising in playgrounds. These risks are calculated risks and deemed acceptable.

Following reports from Councillors on safety, further investigation was done. However, there have not been any reports regarding the 'hip hop' equipment through the Merit system or through the recent community consultation in improving the park.

Understanding that the equipment complies with Australian Standards, is installed correctly and is not broken, the question raised regarding safety may be due to use of the equipment by younger children who may not have the height or co-ordination required to use the equipment as intended. Carers do need to watch out for younger children trying out new equipment to make sure they are up for the challenge.'

Division

For the Motion: Crs Copeland, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Goltsman, Kay and Nemesh.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and votes on this item.

CM/8.4/21.09 Weonga Reserve - Removal of Buddleja (A14/0059)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Betts

That Council:

1. Notes resolution CM/8.1/20.09 adopted on 15 September 2020, which states:

That Council:

1. Removes the buddleja at the southern end of Weonga Reserve in a staged approach to ensure the stability of the slope.
 2. Immediately prunes the buddleja.
 3. Notes that the removal of this plant is specified in the Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserve Biodiversity Action Plan 2014–2020.
 4. Condemns the vandalism and removal of the acacia longifolia located on an incline towards the cliff at Rodney Reserve opposite Dover Road and replaces the plants with coastal heath species.
2. Commences the removal of the buddleja plantings in Weonga Reserve within six weeks and commits to their full removal within six months.

3. Further notes that the removal of this plant is specified in the Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserve Biodiversity Action Plan 2014–2020.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 2.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION:

That Council:

1. Notes resolution CM/8.1/20.09 adopted on 15 September 2020, which states:

That Council:

1. Removes the buddleja at the southern end of Weonga Reserve in a staged approach to ensure the stability of the slope.
 2. Immediately prunes the buddleja.
 3. Notes that the removal of this plant is specified in the Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserve Biodiversity Action Plan 2014–2020.
 4. Condemns the vandalism and removal of the acacia longifolia located on an incline towards the cliff at Rodney Reserve opposite Dover Road and replaces the plants with coastal heath species.
2. Commences the removal of the buddleja plantings in Weonga Reserve within six weeks and commits to their full removal within six months, if conditions permit.
 3. Further notes that the removal of this plant is specified in the Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserve Biodiversity Action Plan 2014–2020.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

CM/8.5/21.09 Citizenship Ceremonies (A16/0020)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Betts
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that Council has now scheduled a citizenship ceremony for 27 September 2021 for 10 residents.
2. Urgently recommences holding further citizenship ceremonies online or in person, depending on the prevailing Public Health Orders.
3. Notes that online citizenship ceremonies are already being undertaken by many councils, including our neighbour Woollahra.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 2.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION:

That Council:

1. Notes that Council has now scheduled a citizenship ceremony for 27 September 2021 for 10 residents.
2. Urgently recommences holding further citizenship ceremonies online or in person where possible and depending on the prevailing Public Health Orders.
3. Notes that online citizenship ceremonies are already being undertaken by many councils, including our neighbour Woollahra.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

E Meyer addressed the meeting.

CM/8.6/21.09 COVID-19 - Case Locations and Vaccination Campaign (A20/0245)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Wy Kanak
Seconder: Cr Copeland

That Council:

1. Notes that NSW Health has recently announced that information about COVID-19 casual contact, low-risk exposure venues will no longer be published on its website.
2. Notes that NSW Health has confirmed that the public will not be alerted to new low-risk transmission venues if NSW Health has already obtained details of people potentially exposed to the virus through the venue or other records.
3. Notes that it has recently promoted mandatory requirements for mask-wearing in common areas in Waverley's residential apartment buildings.
4. Officers confirm with NSW Health the details of the recent changes to processes on reporting low-risk, casual contact venues or locations and determine if Council assistance is required to provide this information to the community.
5. Officers consult and work with NSW Health to develop a campaign to encourage the community to get vaccinated. The campaign should use existing resources and networks, such as Council's website, to inform the Waverley community about current NSW Health vaccination messaging, information and booking choices.

Cr Wakefield was not present for the consideration and vote on this item.

9. Questions with Notice

There were no questions with notice.

10. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

11. Closed Session

There were no matters dealt with in closed session

12. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
MAYOR
26 OCTOBER 2021