



WAVERLEY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE WAVERLEY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2025

Present:

Councillor Will Nemesh (Mayor) (Chair)	Hunter Ward
Councillor Keri Spooner (Deputy Mayor)	Waverley Ward
Councillor Ludovico Fabiano	Waverley Ward
Councillor Dov Frazer	Hunter Ward
Councillor Steven Lewis	Hunter Ward
Councillor Margaret Merten	Bondi Ward
Councillor Joshua Spicer	Waverley Ward
Councillor Michelle Stephenson	Bondi Ward
Councillor Lauren Townsend	Lawson Ward
Councillor Katherine Westwood	Lawson Ward
Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak	Bondi Ward

Staff in attendance:

Emily Scott	General Manager
Sharon Cassidy	Director, Assets and Operations
Tara Czinner	Director, Corporate Services
Fletcher Rayner	Director, Planning, Sustainability and Compliance
Ben Thompson	Director, Community, Culture and Customer Experience

At the commencement of proceedings at 7.01 pm, those present were as listed above, with the exception of Cr Lewis who arrived at 7.02 pm during declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

At 8.27 pm, following the vote on CM/8.2/25.08, Cr Lewis left the meeting and did not return.

*At 8.27 pm, following the vote on item CM/8.2/25.08, the meeting adjourned for a short break.
At 8.33 pm, the meeting resumed.*

Crs Lewis and Wy Kanak attended the meeting by audio-visual link.

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

Apologies were received from Cr Paula Masselos.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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

3. Obituaries

Johnny Mayes.

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 L Stewart (on behalf of North Bondi Precinct) – CM/8.12/25.08 – Return and Earn Collection Points.

4.2 P Lovitt (on behalf of Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club) – CM/8.13/25.08 – Council Chambers – Community Consultation.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesch

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That the recommendations for the following items be adopted as recommended in the business paper:

CM/5.1/25.08 Confirmation of Minutes – Council Meeting – 15 July 2025.

- CM/5.2/25.08 Confirmation of Minutes – Extraordinary Council Meeting – 5 August 2025.
- CM/7.1/25.08 Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 29 May 2025 – Minutes.
- CM/7.2/25.08 Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting – 10 June 2025 – Minutes.
- CM/7.3/25.08 Strategic Property Review Committee Meeting – 29 May 2025 – Minutes.
- CM/7.5/25.08 Investment Portfolio Report – June 2025.
- CM/7.6/25.08 Investment Portfolio Report – July 2025.
- CM/7.9/25.08 School Enrolment Data Trends.
- CM/7.10/25.08 Planning Agreement – 1 Wellington Street and 222-234 Bondi Road, Bondi.
- CM/7.11/25.08 Planning Agreement – 96-104 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction.
- CM/7.16/25.08 Tender Evaluation – SSROC – Road Signs and Traffic Control Equipment.
- CM/8.5/25.08 Planning Agreement Policy (Amendment No.6) – Monitoring and Transparency.
- CM/8.8/25.08 Pot Plants on Public Land.
- CM/8.9/25.08 Motion for the 2025 Local Government Conference – Reinvestment of Waste Levy to Support FOGO Composting Infrastructure.
- CM/8.10/25.08 Commemoration and Memorialisation Plaque Policy.
- CM/8.11/25.08 Bondi Beach Pedestrian Crossings.
- CM/8.12/25.08 Return and Earn Collection Points.

5. Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes

CM/5.1/25.08 Confirmation of Minutes - Council Meeting - 15 July 2025 (A25/0081)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 July 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CM/5.2/25.08 Confirmation of Minutes - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 5 August 2025 (A25/0081)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council confirms the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 5 August 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

6. Mayoral Minutes

There were no mayoral minutes.

7. Reports

CM/7.1/25.08 Capital Works Review Committee Meeting - 29 May 2025 - Minutes (SF25/2135)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council notes the minutes of the Capital Works Review Committee meeting held on 29 May 2025 attached to the report.

CM/7.2/25.08 Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting - 10 June 2025 - Minutes (A25/0222)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council notes the minutes of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025 attached to the report.

CM/7.3/25.08 Strategic Property Review Committee Meeting - 29 May 2025 - Minutes (SF25/2126)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council notes the minutes of the Strategic Property Review Committee meeting held on 29 May 2025 attached to the report.

CM/7.4/25.08 Budget Carry Over - 2024-25 to 2025-26 (SF24/4957)

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council:

1. Carries over \$4,011,427 from the 2024–25 financial year budget to the 2025–26 financial year, as

set out in Attachment 1 of the report.

2. Approves the Seven Ways project costs requirement and funds it by reprioritising the 2025–26 expenditure program, as set out in the report, subject to the following amendment:
 - (a) Reduce C1248 Campbell Parade Streetscape Upgrade by \$40,000 to \$260,000 and retain the budget for C1281 CSIRO Astronomical Viewing Platform at \$50,000.
3. Notes the preliminary budget performance for the 2024–25 financial year, as set out in the report.
4. Notes that the year-end financial statements for the 2024–2025 financial year will be reported to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee in August 2025 and Council in September 2025.
5. Request the Mayor write to the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, requesting a consistent approach for the distribution of financial assistance grants each year.

CM/7.5/25.08 Investment Portfolio Report - June 2025 (SF24/3676)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Notes the Investment Summary Report for June 2025 attached to the report.
2. Notes that the Executive Manager, Finance, 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.

CM/7.6/25.08 Investment Portfolio Report - July 2025 (SF25/3747)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Notes the Investment Summary Report for July 2025 attached to the report.
2. Notes that the Executive Manager, Finance, 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.

CM/7.7/25.08 Affordable Housing Operations - Key Workers and Women Escaping Violence (A25/0312)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Approves the changes to the operation of the Affordable Housing Program set out in the report that refine the definition of key workers and improve access for women escaping domestic and family violence, subject to the following amendment:
 - (a) Page 105 of the agenda, 'Definition' – Add 'and' at the end of the second dot point and add a third dot point to read as follows:

'Someone whose work is critical for maintaining public safety, health, welfare or responding to an emergency.'
2. Allocates \$30,000 from the Affordable Housing Operating Reserve to purchase white goods and furniture, if required, for units nominated as housing for women escaping violence.
3. Writes to the following individuals and organisations informing them of this resolution:
 - (a) Member for Wentworth – Allegra Spender MP.
 - (b) NSW Minister for Water, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health and Youth – Rose Jackson MLC.
 - (c) Member for Coogee – Marjorie O'Neill MP.
 - (d) Member for Vaucluse – Kellie Sloane MP.
 - (e) Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW).

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 1(a).

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Approves the changes to the operation of the Affordable Housing Program set out in the report that refine the definition of key workers and improve access for women escaping domestic and family violence, subject to the following amendment:
 - (b) Page 105 of the agenda, 'Definition' – Add 'and' at the end of the second dot point and add a third dot point to read as follows:

'Someone whose work is critical for maintaining public safety, health, welfare, education or responding to an emergency.'
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 - (d) Member for Vaucluse – Kellie Sloane MP.
 - (e) Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW).

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.8/25.08 First Nations Advisory Committee - Community Membership (A25/0222)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Townsend
Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council:

1. Treats the attachment to the report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The attachment contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Appoints the following community members to the First Nations Advisory Committee for two years from September 2025 to September 2027:
 - (a) Gene Ross.
 - (b) Keala Mealey-Walker.
 - (c) Sarah Jane Moore.
 - (d) Kevin Heath.
 - (e) Gary Ella.
 - (f) Earl Weir.
 - (g) Liz Tierney.
 - (h) Billy Reynolds.
 - (i) Clare Woolley.
 - (j) Danny Allende.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.9/25.08 School Enrolment Data Trends (A14/0170)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconded: Cr Spooner

That Council notes the update on school enrolment trends in the Waverley local government area, as set out in the report.

CM/7.10/25.08 Planning Agreement - 1 Wellington Street and 222-234 Bondi Road, Bondi (SF25/3571)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconded: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Approves the planning agreement attached to the report applying to land at 1 Wellington Street and 222-234 Bondi Road, Bondi, offering a total monetary contribution of \$3,272,000 to be allocated to the Bondi Road Streetscape Upgrade, Waverley Park Plan of Management and Bondi Local Area Traffic Management priority actions.
2. Authorises the General Manager to execute the agreement.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Frazer, Lewis, Merten, Nemesh, Spicer, Spooner, Stephenson, Townsend, Westwood and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Nil.

CM/7.11/25.08 Planning Agreement - 96-104 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction (SF24/5748)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconded: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Approves the planning agreement attached to the report applying to land at 96–100 and 102–104 Ebley Street, Bondi Junction, offering a total monetary contribution of \$946,400, with \$709,800 (75%) to be allocated to the Bondi Junction Road Safety and Renewal Program and Bondi Junction Community Facilities Upgrades, and \$236,600 (25%) to be allocated to the Affordable Housing Program, in accordance with Council's Planning Agreement Policy.
2. Authorises the General Manager to execute the agreement.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Frazer, Lewis, Merten, Nemesh, Spicer, Spooner, Stephenson, Townsend, Westwood and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Nil.

CM/7.12/25.08 Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade - Project Update (SF23/3929)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Townsend
Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council:

1. Treats the attachment to this report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Notes the project update on the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade, as set out in the report, including the progress of the preliminary electrical works, the Separable Portion 1 (SP1) civil works and the program acceleration already achieved without specific intervention.
3. Proceeds with Option 2 as set out in the report: cease upgrade works at the completion of the SP1 civil works and permanently reinstate all trenching within the SP2 footprint without further upgrades.
4. Notifies local businesses of this resolution.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Spooner
Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That the following clause be added to the motion:

‘Monitors the ongoing safety of pedestrians at the SP2 intersection.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Treats the attachment to this report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Notes the project update on the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade, as set out in the report, including the progress of the preliminary electrical works, the Separable Portion 1 (SP1) civil works and the program acceleration already achieved without specific intervention.
3. Proceeds with Option 2 as set out in the report: cease upgrade works at the completion of the SP1 civil works and permanently reinstate all trenching within the SP2 footprint without further upgrades.
4. Monitors the ongoing safety of pedestrians at the SP2 intersection.
5. Notifies local businesses of this resolution.

Cr Lewis was not present for the votes on this item.

CM/7.13/25.08 Council Chambers Redevelopment - Concept Options - Exhibition (SF25/3189)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesch
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council defers this item for further consideration at the Strategic Property Review Committee to be held on 28 August 2025, with officers to prepare a report for the September Council meeting.

CM/7.14/25.08 Bronte Pool - Pump House Upgrade and Pump Replacement - Project Update (SF21/4211)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood
Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Treats the attachment to this report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The attachment contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
2. Approves the 75% detailed design for the Bronte Pool Pump House and Pump Replacement project attached to the report (Attachments 1–3).
3. Presents options for materiality of the fence, stairs and pump house to the Capital Works Review Committee for review and consideration in the detailed design.
4. Notes that the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the project, including detailed design progressed from the 75% package, will be publicly exhibited for 28 days.
5. Officers prepare a report to Council on the community feedback following the exhibition period.
6. Notes that:
 - (a) The General Manager, under delegation, will review the REF, consider community feedback and feedback from Councillors to determine whether to proceed with the project.
 - (b) Council will tender for construction services should the General Manager decide to proceed with the project.
7. Authorises the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the remaining design should design constraints and on-site circumstances warrant changes.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.15/25.08 Waverley Park - Drainage Rectification (A24/1060)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Spicer
Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council:

1. Approves in principle Option 2, as set out in the report, to install a subsoil drain along the length of the existing swale and undertake minor regrading of the existing mounding in Waverley Park adjacent to Field 3 to rectify drainage issues.
2. Notes that the cost of Option 2 is \$33,226 (excluding GST).
3. Considers funding the project at the Q1 budget review.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/7.16/25.08 Tender Evaluation - SSROC - Road Signs and Traffic Control Equipment (SF17/2878)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Treats the tender evaluation attached to the report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The tender evaluation contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person(s) who supplied it.
2. Under section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, accepts the following SSROC-approved supplier panel for the supply of road signs and traffic control equipment for three years with two one-year options at the discretion of SSROC and Council:
 - (a) Central Signs Road and Safety Aust Pty Ltd.
 - (b) G&B Services (NSW) Pty Ltd.
 - (c) Hunter Valley Signs Pty Ltd.
 - (d) Traffic Facilities Maintenance Pty Ltd.
3. Note that SSROC will notify unsuccessful tenderers of the decision in accordance with section 179 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

8. Notices of Motion**CM/8.1/25.08 Waverley Art Prize - Celebrating 40 Years in 2026 (A24/0018)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Fabiano
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that 2026 marks the 40th anniversary of the Waverley Art Prize, a significant cultural program that has supported and showcased artists from across Australia since its establishment in 1986.
2. Acknowledges the important role the Waverley Art Prize has played in:
 - (a) Supporting emerging and established visual artists.
 - (b) Enhancing Waverley's cultural life and reputation.
 - (c) Contributing to Australia's creative and cultural economy.
3. Recognises and thanks all artists, arts workers, judges, partners and staff who have contributed to the success of the Waverley Art Prize over the past four decades.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council outlining options for commemorating the 40th anniversary of the prize in 2026, including:
 - (a) A retrospective exhibition or publication celebrating past winners and finalists.
 - (b) Community engagement activities that explore the history and significance of the prize.
 - (c) Promotion of and education about the prize and its enduring contribution to visual arts.
 - (d) Opportunities to integrate the anniversary into other cultural events across Waverley during the year.
 - (e) Inviting past winners to the launch of the 2026 Art Prize to celebrate the anniversary and Waverley's commitment to the visual arts.
5. Officers provide an update to Council by March 2026 on the proposed program, including indicative timelines, partnership opportunities and budget considerations.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/8.2/25.08 Affordable Housing (A25/0312)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that there is currently no comprehensive public register of affordable housing in NSW,

making it difficult to track the location, ownership and management of these dwellings.

2. Acknowledges that while Waverley is seeing an increase in affordable housing delivered through planning incentives, such as floor space and height bonuses under the Housing State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP), there is currently no reliable way to monitor or verify how and where this housing is delivered or maintained.
3. Welcomes the NSW Government's Community Housing Providers (Adoption of National Law) Amendment Bill 2025, particularly its introduction of a:
 - (a) State-wide public register of affordable housing dwellings.
 - (b) Requirement for affordable housing to be managed by a registered provider.
 - (c) Framework for compliance and enforcement to support transparency and accountability.
4. Requests the Mayor to write to the NSW Minister for Planning and the Minister for Housing and Homelessness to:
 - (a) Express Council's support for the reforms in the Bill.
 - (b) Recommend that the public register include key data to support councils and the community in understanding the distribution and status of affordable housing across NSW and Waverley.

CM/8.3/25.08 Bondi Pavilion - Community Spaces Consultation (A15/0272)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Wy Kanak

Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That Council consults further with the community, Precincts and stakeholders on the Strategic Property Review Committee's recommendations, as noted by Council at its meeting on 17 June 2025, before proceeding with the recommended changes to the Bondi Pavilion Welcome Centre and Venue Office.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION.

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council notes that:

1. Council unanimously resolved at its meeting on 20 May 2025 to publicly exhibit its intention to grant a lease for the Welcome Centre and Venue Office at Bondi Pavilion
2. The community, Precincts and stakeholders can provide feedback on the proposal as part of that process.
3. Officers will prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period for Council to consider the submissions.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/8.4/25.08 Aboriginal Rock Carvings at Bondi Golf Course - Preservation (A03/2567)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Wy Kanak
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes that Council officers are currently preparing an Aboriginal Heritage Study led by a well-known Aboriginal history and heritage researcher with high-level input from the Gujaga Foundation and traditional custodians. The study is a priority project identified by Council's First Nations Advisory Committee (formerly the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee).
2. Notes that the Gujaga Foundation is coordinating the appropriate knowledge holders from the community on behalf of Council to decide how the sites should be protected.
3. Notes that the Aboriginal Heritage Study is due to be completed in the 2025–26 financial year, in alignment with Council approvals.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council at the conclusion of the study to present the findings and next steps.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/8.5/25.08 Planning Agreement Policy (Amendment No.6) - Monitoring and Transparency (SF25/1774)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Notes the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Planning Agreement Policy at its meeting on 15 July 2025.
2. Acknowledges that current information on development contributions, including voluntary planning agreements (VPAs), affordable housing contributions and section 7.12 development contributions, is fragmented across multiple areas of Council's website, making it difficult for the community to easily locate and understand.
3. Requests the Director, Planning, Sustainability and Compliance, to review and update Council's website to improve accessibility and community understanding by:
 - (a) Developing a single, consolidated webpage outlining the range of applicable development contributions in the Waverley local government area, including VPAs, affordable housing contributions, section 7.12 contributions and relevant State Government contributions.
 - (b) Presenting this information in clear, plain English, with an emphasis on explaining the purpose of each contribution mechanism and the public benefits they deliver.

- (c) Including a direct link to the existing VPA Register on this webpage.
- 4. Reaffirms its commitment to securing public benefits, such as affordable housing, infrastructure and community facilities, through the transparent and strategic use of planning mechanisms, including VPAs.
- 5. Officers prepare a progress report to Council on the implementation of these changes by December 2025.

CM/8.6/25.08 Ethical Banking and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Criteria in Procurement (A25/1835)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Fabiano
Seconder: Cr Merten

That Council:

1. Notes that Council has entered into a contract for transactional banking services through a regional tender process coordinated by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), and acknowledges the importance of financial service delivery that is cost-effective, reliable and secure.
2. Notes that Council adopted an amended Investment Policy in July 2025, which included criteria for environmental, social and governance (ESG) components, and that the policy is scheduled for review in June 2026.
3. Affirms Council's commitment to ESG principles across its financial and procurement practices.
4. Requests that:
 - (a) As part of the scheduled 2026 review of the Investment Policy, officers bring forward options for strengthening ESG provisions, including consideration of fossil fuel divestment.
 - (b) A report be prepared for Council prior to the expiry of the current banking services contract outlining the feasibility, benefits and risks of transitioning to an ethical or publicly owned banking institution.
 - (c) A letter be sent to SSROC, on behalf of Council, requesting that ESG and ethical finance considerations continue to be strengthened in future regional banking tenders.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Spicer
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That:

1. The following clause be added to the motion:

'Notes that the current agreement for transactional banking services is for three years plus options, and that any extension options are subject to supplier performance, Council resolution

and SSROC recommendation, with ESG considerations forming part of that evaluation.'

2. Clause 4 be deleted.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes that Council has entered into a contract for transactional banking services through a regional tender process coordinated by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), and acknowledges the importance of financial service delivery that is cost-effective, reliable and secure.
2. Notes that Council adopted an amended Investment Policy in July 2025, which included criteria for environmental, social and governance (ESG) components, and that the policy is scheduled for review in June 2026.
3. Affirms Council's commitment to ESG principles across its financial and procurement practices.
4. Notes that the current agreement for transactional banking services is for three years plus options, and that any extension options are subject to supplier performance, Council resolution and SSROC recommendation, with ESG considerations forming part of that evaluation.

Cr Lewis was not present for the votes on this item.

CM/8.7/25.08 Motion for the 2025 Local Government Conference - Building Resilient, Equitable and Sustainable Local Government (A13/0314)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Fabiano
Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council:

1. Submits the following motion for consideration at the 2025 Local Government NSW Conference:
 - (a) That LGNSW calls on the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to:
 - (i) Establish a Local Government Resilience Partnership Fund to address intersecting risks, including financial stress, ageing infrastructure and climate impacts.
 - (ii) Support sector-wide cybersecurity standards and shared digital infrastructure models to protect community trust and service delivery.
 - (iii) Reform local government funding arrangements to ensure long-term financial sustainability, equity and climate-readiness.

- (iv) Collaborate with councils to embed financial, infrastructure and climate risks in all strategic and asset management planning.
 - (b) That LGNSW convenes a sector-wide Risk Resilience Forum in 2026 to strengthen cross-sector collaboration on sustainable asset renewal, ethical workforce practices and governance innovation.
2. Notes that the motion responds directly to the 2024 JLT Public Sector Risk Survey findings, which identified financial sustainability, cybersecurity, asset degradation and workforce challenges as critical risks to local government.
 3. Affirms that Council is committed to building a financially sustainable, climate-resilient and digitally secure future for its community, and will advocate for intergovernmental support and systemic reform through this motion.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

CM/8.8/25.08 Pot Plants on Public Land (A13/0054)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Investigates the feasibility of allowing residents to place removable pot plants on the public verge immediately outside their private property, including in laneways, subject to appropriate safety, accessibility and design conditions.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council outlining:
 - (a) The necessary amendments to the Waverley Development Control Plan (DCP), Public Gardening Policy or any other applicable plans or policies.
 - (b) The criteria under which such pot plants may be permitted, which may include:
 - (i) Footpath width and accessibility for pedestrians and mobility devices.
 - (ii) 'Line of sight' and safety considerations.
 - (iii) Plant selection and maintenance responsibilities.
 - (iv) Risk management and liability implications.
 - (v) Heritage and biodiversity impacts where applicable.
 - (c) Consultation with key stakeholders, including residents, access advocates and relevant Council teams.
3. Notes that any proposal to permit pot plants must align with existing objectives within the Waverley DCP relating to urban character, built form and landscaping.

4. Receives options for a trial or permit-based approach, and the potential for community education to support responsible verge use.
5. Officers provide time frames and resourcing implications for the policy review and implementation.

CM/8.9/25.08 Motion for the 2025 Local Government Conference - Reinvestment of Waste Levy to Support FOGO Composting Infrastructure (A24/0741)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesch

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Submits the following motion for consideration at the 2025 Local Government NSW Conference:

That LGNSW calls on the NSW Government to reinvest a greater proportion of the NSW Waste Levy into regional and local infrastructure for the processing and composting of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO), to ensure councils can meet their obligations under the new State legislation.
2. Notes that the NSW Government's new FOGO requirements are intended to significantly reduce organic waste sent to landfill and support broader waste and climate targets.
3. Emphasises the urgent need for regional organics composting infrastructure to be delivered in the Eastern Suburbs, where limited available land and high transport costs pose additional implementation challenges.
4. Writes to the following stakeholders advising them of this resolution and seeking their support for increased funding and infrastructure delivery to enable successful FOGO implementation:
 - (a) NSW Minister for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Heritage – The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC.
 - (b) Member for Coogee – Marjorie O'Neill MP.
 - (c) Member for Vaucluse – Kellie Sloane MP.

CM/8.10/25.08 Commemoration and Memorialisation Plaque Policy (A25/1841)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesch

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Investigates the feasibility of a commemoration and memorialisation plaque policy for the Waverley local government area that considers opportunities to:

- (a) Accommodate requests from local residents for the personal memorialisation of people that have passed away.
 - (b) Commemorate local residents who have significantly contributed to the local area.
 - (c) Commemorate past and current Councillors who have significantly contributed to major construction projects in the local area.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council on the feasibility of the proposed approach, including an assessment of costs and the approaches of other Sydney metropolitan councils regarding commemoration and memorialisation.

CM/8.11/25.08 Bondi Beach Pedestrian Crossings (A03/0801)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Notes the high pedestrian and vehicle movements throughout the Bondi Beach area, including Campbell Parade, Park Parade and Queen Elizabeth Drive, especially during the summer months.
2. Notes the vehicle and pedestrian conflict points at the entrance and exit to Queen Elizabeth Drive.
3. Officers undertake a review of pedestrian safety at the intersections of Queen Elizabeth Drive and Campbell Parade, including options to install dedicated pedestrian crossings, and prepare a report to Council as soon as possible on options to improve pedestrian safety.

CM/8.12/25.08 Return and Earn Collection Points (A17/0647)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Notes the success of the NSW Container Deposit Scheme, with over 38 million eligible containers collected every week.
2. Notes that the current collection point at Vaucluse, the four collection points at Bondi Junction and the monthly collection at Bronte Surf Life Saving Club provide limited locations for residents and visitors to utilise the scheme.
3. Writes to Tomra to request that additional collection points be installed throughout the Waverley local government area, with a focus on the Bondi Beach area.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council on the outcome no later than the September 2025 Council meeting.

L Stewart (on behalf of North Bondi Precinct) addressed the meeting.

CM/8.13/25.08 Council Chambers - Community Consultation (A24/0987)

MOTION (WITHDRAWN BY CR MERTEN)

That Council:

1. Notes that the previous community consultation on the Council Chambers was in April/May 2022 (Review of Environmental Factors and concept design).
2. Undertakes comprehensive community consultation and engagement on the Council Chambers site, using the IAP2 model of community consultation, to develop a deep understanding of the community's expectations of:
 - (a) The current and emerging needs of the Waverley community.
 - (b) Future possible uses, concepts and proposals.
 - (c) Council's civic identity and that this site is the historic location of the Council Chambers.
 - (d) Availability of community and recreation space.
3. Ensures that the consultation questions include open-ended questions to ensure a comprehensive response from the community.
4. Undertakes consultation with stakeholders and users of the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre for their feedback and input, given the proximity of the Council Chambers site.
5. Undertakes consultation with the Precinct Committees on the Council Chambers site.
6. Ensures that the community consultation includes physical notification to local residents and is included in Council publications as well as digital and social channels to encourage participation in the consultation.
7. Officers prepare a report to Council by December 2025 on the outcomes and findings of the consultation.

P Lovitt (on behalf of Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club) addressed the meeting.

CM/8.14/25.08 Youth Advisory Committee - Establishment (A25/1839)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Spicer
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Establishes a Youth Advisory Committee to consult with young people in Waverley.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council by December 2025 with draft terms of reference for the

committee, including:

- (a) Up to eight young people as members of the committee.
 - (b) Up to three Councillor members of the committee, one of whom is to be chair.
 - (c) The committee to meet twice per year.
 - (d) A membership term of two years.
 - (e) A framework for the safety and wellbeing of participants.
3. Appoints members to the committee in early 2026.
 4. Officers inform all Waverley Precinct committees of this resolution.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 2(a).

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Establishes a Youth Advisory Committee to consult with young people in Waverley.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council by December 2025 with draft terms of reference for the committee, including:
 - (a) Up to eight young people as members of the committee under the age of 30.
 - (b) Up to three Councillor members of the committee, one of whom is to be chair.
 - (c) The committee to meet twice per year.
 - (d) A membership term of two years.
 - (e) A framework for the safety and wellbeing of participants.
3. Appoints members to the committee in early 2026.
4. Officers inform all Waverley Precinct committees of this resolution.

Cr Lewis was not present for the vote on this item.

9. Questions with Notice

CM/9.1/25.08 Question with Notice - E-Bikes (A17/0445)

QUESTION

The following questions were submitted by Cr Masselos:

In the last couple of weeks there appears to have been an increase in the number of share bike that each provider is depositing across Waverley. There also does not appear to be a reduction of e-bikes littering the Waverley local government area (LGA) after use.

1. How many providers have signed the memorandum of understanding (MoU)? And who are they?
2. How many e-bikes is each provider permitted to park in Waverley LGA? What was the allowable number of bikes for each provider prior to the signing of the MoU?
3. What are the locations of the specially designated e-bike parking bays? Are these operational yet? If not, when are they expected to be operational?
4. Have any car spaces been utilised for the e-bike parking bays? And if so, please identify which bays and which streets.
5. Is Council monitoring how these e-bike bays are being used and their utilisation rates? If so, how? If not, why not?

General Manager's answer

1. How many providers have signed the memorandum of understanding (MoU)? And who are they?

Three providers have signed an MOU, Lime, HelloRide and Ario.

2. How many e-bikes is each provider permitted to park in Waverley LGA? What was the allowable number of bikes for each provider prior to the signing of the MoU?

There was no limitation on the number of bikes permitted in the LGA prior to the MoUs being signed. The number of e-bikes allowed by each provider in the MoU is confidential. This can be provided to Councillors via email.

3. What are the locations of the specially designated e-bike parking bays? Are these operational yet? If not, when are they expected to be operational?

The following extract from the 17 June 2025 Council report outlines the site locations and associated details:

- Bondi Junction:
 - o Off-street: 18.
 - o On-street (existing 'No Stopping' zone): 6.
 - o On-street (existing vehicle space reallocated): 0.
- Bondi Beach:
 - o Off-street: 19.
 - o On-street (in an existing 'No Stopping' zone): 13.
 - o On-street (existing vehicle space reallocated): 6.
- Bronte Beach:
 - o Off-street: 1.
 - o On-street (In an existing 'No Stopping' zone): 0.
 - o On-street (existing vehicle space reallocated): 1.

This provides a total of 64 areas. These areas are expected to store 8-12 bikes each on

average.

See the Council report (CM/7.15/25.06 - Shared E-Bike Parking and Management Trial) for details, including maps and breakdown by street.

As at 8 August, 15 off-street and one on-street parking areas have been installed.

4. Have any car spaces been utilised for the e-bike parking bays? And if so, please identify which bays and which streets.

See the answer to question 3.

5. Is Council monitoring how these e-bike bays are being use and their utilisation rates? If so, how? If not, why not?

As the bike parking areas are installed and the share bike providers reflect them in their systems, Council officers will start monitoring usage.

Sharon Cassidy
Director, Assets and Operations

10. Urgent Business

CM/10.1/25.08 NSW Government Shark Management Program (A09/0347)

The chair ruled that this item was urgent.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nimesh
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council deals with this item as urgent business.

MOTION

Mover: Cr Nimesh
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the correspondence attached to the report from the NSW Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, on a proposed shark net removal trial.
2. Recognises the need to balance marine biodiversity with community safety in any shark management strategy.
3. Reaffirms Council's support for the removal of shark nets provided that alternative technologies are deployed prior to removal to ensure community safety.
4. Notes that the proposed trial is a NSW-Government-led initiative and that any trial location selection should be determined by the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) based on best practice scientific research.
5. Writes to the NSW Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, advising her of this resolution.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Wy Kanak

Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That the following clause be added to the motion:

‘Considers nominating Bondi Beach for the shark net removal trial.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 3.

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes the correspondence attached to the report from the NSW Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, on a proposed shark net removal trial.
2. Recognises the need to balance marine biodiversity with community safety in any shark management strategy.
3. Reaffirms Council’s support for the removal of shark nets provided that alternative technologies are funded by the State Government and deployed prior to removal to ensure community safety.
4. Notes that the proposed trial is a NSW-Government-led initiative and that any trial location selection should be determined by the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) based on best practice scientific research.
5. Writes to the NSW Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Tara Moriarty MLC, advising her of this resolution.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Frazer, Merten, Nemesh, Spicer, Spooner, Stephenson, Townsend, Westwood and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Nil.

11. Closed Session

There were no items dealt with in closed session.

12. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
MAYOR
16 SEPTEMBER 2025