



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 1 APRIL 2025**

Present:

Councillor Katherine Westwood (Chair)	Lawson Ward
Councillor Will Nemesh (Mayor)	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 Paula Masselos	Lawson Ward
Councillor Margaret Merten	Bondi Ward
Councillor Joshua Spicer	Waverley Ward
Councillor Michelle Stephenson	Bondi Ward
Councillor Lauren Townsend	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 7.00 pm, those present were as listed above, with the exception of Cr Wy Kanak who arrived at 7.01 pm after the prayer and acknowledgement of Indigenous heritage, and Cr Lewis who arrived at 7.11 pm during item FC/5.4/25.04.

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

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The Chair read the following Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

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.

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

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and the following was received:

- 2.1 Cr Spicer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item FC/5.4/25.04 – Bondi Pavilion – Venue Hire Fee Review and informed the meeting that a family member has an interest in a company that occasionally hires a space at Bondi Pavilion.

3. Addresses by Members of the Public

There were no addresses by members of the public.

ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

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

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| FC/4.1/25.04 | Confirmation of Minutes – Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting – 4 March 2025. |
| FC/5.1/25.04 | Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting – 11 February 2025 – Minutes. |
| FC/5.2/25.04 | Petitions Policy – Exhibition. |
| FC/5.3/25.04 | Bondi Mermaid Public Artwork – Consultation Outcomes. |
| FC/5.7/25.04 | Inquiry into Antisemitism in NSW – Submission. |

FC/7.1/25.04 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – Oxford Street Mall Markets – Licence – Exhibition.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

FC/4.1/25.04 Confirmation of Minutes - Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 4 March 2025 (A25/0080)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee meeting held on 4 March 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5. Reports

FC/5.1/25.04 Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting - 11 February 2025 - Minutes (A25/0221)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 February 2025 attached to the report.

FC/5.2/25.04 Petitions Policy - Exhibition (SF25/1018)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Publicly exhibits the draft Petitions Policy attached to the report for 28 days.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

FC/5.3/25.04 Bondi Mermaid Public Artwork - Consultation Outcomes (A23/0398)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Does not commission a public artwork at Site 5 (Bondi Park) in the Public Art Masterplan at this time, in accordance with the recommendation of the Arts, Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee and in response to public feedback.

2. Progresses the commissioning of a public artwork at Site 6 (Clementson Park) in the Public Art Masterplan in future years.
3. Notes that current public art projects are being prioritised, including the Campbell Parade mosaic furniture seating restoration, the Westfield tragedy memorial public artwork and the Waverley-Woollahra joint public artwork.

FC/5.4/25.04 Bondi Pavilion - Venue Hire Fee Review (A25/0248)

Cr Spicer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this item and informed the meeting that a family member has an interest in a company that occasionally hires a space at Bondi Pavilion.

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the financial impact on Council of providing discounted venue hire of Bondi Pavilion for local residents and businesses, as set out in the report.
2. Maintains the current pricing policy for Bondi Pavilion venue hire.

FC/5.5/25.04 Birrell Street and Mackenzie Street Intersection, Bondi Junction - Road Safety Concerns (A03/0578)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That Council:

1. Installs additional signage and line marking in Birrell Street and Mackenzie Street, Bondi Junction, to indicate the presence and increase the visibility of the cycleway to vehicles at the intersection of Birrell Street and Mackenzie Street.
2. Converts the parking space in Birrell Street adjacent to the eastbound lane and located immediately west of the Mackenzie Street intersection to motorcycle only parking.
3. Authorises the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to implement further works or refinements in line with the findings of the road safety audit if on-site circumstances warrant changes.

FC/5.6/25.04 Petition - Basketball Hoop at Brae Street and Lugar Street Intersection, Bronte (A25/0066)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Townsend
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the petition opposing the removal of the basketball hoop at the intersection of Brae Street and Lugar Street, Bronte.
2. Removes the basketball hoop, as playing basketball on the road is illegal as per the *Road Rules 2014* (NSW) and poses a safety risk to players and drivers alike.
3. Investigates opportunities for a half-court in nearby parks.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconded: Cr Lewis

That clause 2 be amended to read as follows:

‘Removes the basketball hoop after a half-court in a nearby park has been built, as playing basketball on the road is illegal as per the *Road Rules 2014* (NSW) and poses a safety risk to players and drivers alike.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes the petition opposing the removal of the basketball hoop at the intersection of Brae Street and Lugar Street, Bronte.
2. Removes the basketball hoop, as playing basketball on the road is illegal as per the *Road Rules 2014* (NSW) and poses a safety risk to players and drivers alike.
3. Investigates opportunities for a half-court in nearby parks.

Cr Masselos requested that her vote against the motion be recorded in the minutes.

FC/5.7/25.04 Inquiry into Antisemitism in NSW - Submission (A25/0307)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Westwood
Seconded: Cr Nemesh

That Council approves the submission to the NSW Legislative Council’s Inquiry into Antisemitism in NSW attached to the report (Attachment 1).

6. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

7. Closed Session

FC/7.1/25.04 **CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Oxford Street Mall Markets - Licence - Exhibition (A19/0417)**

Council dealt with this item in open session.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Treats 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 report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. In accordance with section 47A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, publicly notifies and exhibits for 28 days the proposal to grant a licence of up to five years for the operation of a market in Oxford Street Mall, Bondi Junction.
3. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

8. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.28 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
CHAIR
6 MAY 2025