



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 6 MAY 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 7.11 pm, those present were as listed above.

Crs Frazer, Townsend and Wy Kanak attended the meeting by audio-visual link.

At 7.24 pm, during the consideration of item FC/5.2/25.05, the meeting adjourned for four minutes to consider amendments to the motion. At 7.28 pm, the meeting resumed.

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 none were received.

3. Addresses by Members of the Public

There were no addresses by members of the public.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

**FC/4.1/25.05 Confirmation of Minutes - Finance, Operations and Community Services
Committee Meeting - 1 April 2025 (A25/0080)**

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee meeting held on 1 April 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5. Reports

FC/5.1/25.05 Community Engagement Strategy - Exhibition (A24/0110)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Spicer
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Publicly exhibits the draft Community Engagement Strategy attached to the report (Attachment 1) for 28 days.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Masselos
Seconder: Cr Merten

That clause 1 be amended to read as follows:

‘Publicly exhibits the draft Community Engagement Strategy attached to the report (Attachment 1) for 28 days, subject to the following amendment:

- (a) Page 44 of the agenda, clause 3.3 – Amend to read as follows:

“Completed – 100 m minimum notification radius established for most projects.”

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

That Council:

1. Publicly exhibits the draft Community Engagement Strategy attached to the report (Attachment 1) for 28 days.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

Cr Wy Kanak requested that his vote against the motion be recorded in the minutes.

FC/5.2/25.05 NSW Companion Animals Laws - Submission (A06/0149)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Townsend
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council approves the submission to the Office of Local Government attached to the report (Attachment 1) on the review of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, subject to the following amendments:

1. Acknowledges that excessive regulation can act as a barrier to participation and responsible pet ownership.

2. Affirms that pet ownership, particularly among families with children, is a vital part of Australian life.
3. Notes the benefit of dog-walking for young people, including independence, physical activity and wellbeing.
4. Does not support the criminalisation of individuals for having their dogs off-leash in designated non-off-leash areas.
5. Page 72 of the agenda: delete reference to 'person aged 16 or over'.
6. Page 71 of the agenda, paragraph 2: delete the word 'explicitly' and note that age should not necessarily be a characteristic of 'responsible dog control in public.'
7. Page 71 of the agenda, paragraph 3: delete the words 'such as mandatory court appearance'.
8. Supports mandated owner training for any individual declared the owner of a menacing or dangerous dog.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Lewis
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That clause 5 be deleted.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

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8. Supports mandated owner training for any individual declared the owner of a menacing or dangerous dog.

FC/5.3/25.05 Pedestrian Crossings - Macpherson Street, Bronte, St Thomas Street, Bronte, and Warners Avenue, Bondi Beach (A25/0213)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Townsend
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That Council:

1. Installs three at-grade pedestrian crossings and additional warning line markings at the following locations, as set out in the report:
 - (a) Macpherson Street, in front of Bronte Woolworths Metro (113 Macpherson Street, Bronte).
 - (b) St Thomas Street, in front of Bronte Early Education Centre (42 St Thomas Street, Bronte).
 - (c) Warners Avenue at Gould Street (as a refinement to the previously approved and funded design).
2. Authorises the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the designs should on-site circumstances warrant changes.

6. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

7. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.40 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
CHAIR
1 JULY 2025