



**MINUTES OF THE WAVERLEY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 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 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 Katherine Westwood	Lawson Ward
Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak	Bondi Ward

Staff in attendance:

Emily Scott	General Manager
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.

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

At 9.27 pm, following the vote on item CM/11.2/25.06, the meeting adjourned for a short break. At 9.44 pm, the meeting resumed.

PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The Mayor 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/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 Vaughan – CM/7.4/25.06 - Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2025-26, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 7 – Adoption.
- 4.2 S Hely – CM/7.6/25.06 – Environmental Action Plan - 2025- 2035 – Adoption.
- 4.3 W Peters (on behalf of Lime) – CM/7.15/25.06 – Shared E-Bike Parking and Management Trial.
- 4.4 L McLean (on behalf of Hello Ride) – CM/7.15/25.06 – Shared E-Bike Parking and Management Trial.
- 4.5 A Rossetto (on behalf of Ario) – CM/7.15/25.06 – Shared E-Bike Parking and Management Trial.
- 4.6 M Worthington (on behalf of BIKEast) – CM/8.4/25.06 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade.
- 4.7 S Swifte – CM/8.6/25.06 – Reduced Speed in Laneways.

ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

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

CM/5.1/25.06	Confirmation of Minutes – Council Meeting – 20 May 2025.
CM/5.2/25.06	Confirmation of Minutes – Extraordinary Council Meeting – 13 May 2025.
CM/7.1/25.06	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting – 20 March 2025 – Minutes.
CM/7.2/25.06	Strategic Property Review Committee Meeting – 1 May 2025 – Minutes.
CM/7.3/25.06	Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 March 2025 – Minutes.
CM/7.6/25.06	Environmental Action Plan – 2025- 2035 – Adoption.
CM/7.7/25.06	Strategic Asset Management Plan 7 (SAMP 7) – Adoption.
CM/7.8/25.06	Investment Portfolio Report – May 2025.
CM/7.9/25.06	Councillor Fees – Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2025.
CM/7.10/25.06	Council Resolutions – Status Update.
CM/7.11/25.06	Events Policy – Exhibition.
CM/7.13/25.06	Petition – Oxford Street between Grafton Street and Mill Hill Road, Bondi Junction – 15 Minute Free Parking.
CM/7.14/25.06	Tender Evaluation – SSROC Panel – Horticulture, Soil and Turf Goods and Services.

5. Confirmation and Adoption of Minutes**CM/5.1/25.06 Confirmation of Minutes - Council Meeting - 20 May 2025 (A25/0081)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

**CM/5.2/25.06 Confirmation of Minutes - Extraordinary Council Meeting - 13 May 2025
(A25/0081)**

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconded: Cr Spicer

That Council confirms the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 13 May 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

6. Mayoral Minutes

CM/6.1/25.06 Speed Zones on Regional Roads (A03/2293)

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that Council has been working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) since 2019 to install traffic calming treatments and signage to facilitate a 40 km/h speed limit across the southern half of the local government area (LGA), spanning from Bondi Road and Syd Einfeld Drive to the southern boundary.
2. Notes that this excludes the State roads in this southern half of the LGA: Bondi Road and Council Street.
3. Advocates for TfNSW to revert to a speed limit of 50 km/h on some of the regional roads in this southern area of the LGA, specifically York Road and Birrell Street.
4. Seeks funding from TfNSW for signage and line marking to enable the change in speed limit.

Background

Council have been working with Transport for NSW since 2019 to improve safety for pedestrians and road users within areas of the Waverley local government area. It is acknowledged that 40 km/h speed limits create a safer road environment for everyone, particularly vulnerable groups such as older road users and children.

The 40 km/h speed limit change has now been rolled out across the southern half of the LGA, spanning from Bondi Road and Syd Einfeld Drive to the southern boundary.

However, the roll-out excludes State roads, which are Bondi Road and Council Street, in this southern half of the LGA. It would therefore be consistent for some or all of the southern half of the LGA regional roads, including York Road, Birrell Street, Bronte Road and Macpherson Street to revert to 50 km/h. Local roads would remain at 40 km/h

Note the full list of Regional Roads is: York Road, Arden Street, Macpherson Street, Leichhardt Street (north of Macpherson Street), Bronte Road, Murray Street, Birrell Street and Bennett Street.

7. Reports

CM/7.1/25.06 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting - 20 March 2025 - Minutes (A25/0077)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 20 March 2025 attached to the report.

CM/7.2/25.06 Strategic Property Review Committee Meeting - 1 May 2025 - Minutes (SF25/2125)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council notes the minutes of the Strategic Property Review Committee meeting held on 1 May 2025 attached to the report.

CM/7.3/25.06 Capital Works Review Committee Meeting - 27 March 2025 - Minutes (SF25/2133)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council notes the minutes of the Capital Works Review Committee meeting held on 27 March 2025 attached to the report.

CM/7.4/25.06 Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2025-26, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 7 - Adoption (SF24/4731)

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council:

1. Adopts the Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2025-26 attached to the report (Attachment 2).
2. Adopts the budget for 2025-26 attached to the report (Attachments 3 and 4).
3. Adopts the Long Term Financial Plan attached to the report (Attachment 5), noting that the Plan will be reviewed annually in line with the Operational Plan and annual budget development.

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

Division

For the Motion: Crs Frazer, Nemesh, Spicer, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

Against the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Spooner and Wy Kanak.

G Vaughan addressed the meeting.

CM/7.5/25.06 Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035, Delivery Program 2025-2029, Workforce Management Strategy 2025-2029 and Operational Plan 2025-26 - Adoption (A23/0574)

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Adopts the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan including the Budget and Statement of Revenue Policy attached to the report (Attachments 1, 2, 3), including:
 - (a) The rating structure for 2025–26 contained on page 79 of the Operational Plan 2025–26. In accordance with sections 497, 516, 518, 529(2)(d), 534, 535 and 548(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), it is proposed that the following rates and charges be set for every parcel of rateable land within the local government area for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026:
 - (i) An ordinary rate of 0.082772 cents in the dollar subject to a minimum rate in accordance with section 548(3) of the Act per assessment on all rateable land categorised Residential in accordance with section 516 of the Act and sub-categorised Ordinary in accordance with section 529(2)(b) of the Act.
 - (ii) An ordinary rate of 0.41992 cents in the dollar on all rateable land categorised Business in accordance with section 518 of the Act and subcategorised Ordinary in accordance with section 529 (2)(d) of the Act.
 - (iii) An ordinary rate of 0.854882 cents in the dollar on all rateable land categorised Business in accordance with section 518 of the Act and subcategorised Bondi Junction in accordance with section 529(2)(d) of the Act.
 - (b) The Domestic Waste Management Service Charge being set at \$647 per service per annum for the financial year 2025–26 in accordance with section 496 of the Act.
 - (c) The Stormwater Management Service Charge contained on page 82 of the draft Operational Plan 2025–26 in accordance with section 496A of the Act for the financial year 2025–26 as follows:

Stormwater Management Service Charge		
Category	Unit	Fee or charge (\$)
Residential property	per property	25.00
Residential strata property	per property	12.50
Business property	per 350 m2 (or part thereof)	25.00
Business strata property	per 350 m2 (or part thereof) levied equally to strata unit entitlement with a minimum of \$5	25.00

2. Adopts the Workforce Management Strategy 2025-2029 attached to the report (Attachment 5) to address the human resourcing requirements of the Delivery Program 2025-2029.
3. Authorises the General Manager to make any necessary editorial and content changes to the above documents before publishing to give effect to Council's resolution and to update any data as applicable.

CM/7.6/25.06 Environmental Action Plan - 2025- 2035 - Adoption (A08/1210)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council adopts the Environmental Action Plan 2022-2032 attached to the report.

S Hely addressed the meeting.

CM/7.7/25.06 Strategic Asset Management Plan 7 (SAMP 7) - Adoption (A25/0597)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council adopts the Strategic Asset Management Plan 7 (SAMP 7) attached to the report.

CM/7.8/25.06 Investment Portfolio Report - May 2025 (SF24/3676)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council:

1. Notes the Investment Summary Report for May 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/7.9/25.06 Councillor Fees - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2025 (A24/0637)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council, in accordance with the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal's Annual Determination 2025 attached to the report, fixes the annual fee payable to each Councillor for the

year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 as follows:

1. Councillors (including the Mayor): \$23,220.
2. Mayor: \$50,650 in addition to the Councillor fee.
3. Deputy Mayor: \$4,483 in addition to the Councillor fee, with this amount to be paid from the fees paid to the Mayor.

CM/7.10/25.06 Council Resolutions - Status Update (SF22/3521)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council notes the status of outstanding resolutions from October 2019 to March 2025, as set out in the attachment to the report.

CM/7.11/25.06 Events Policy - Exhibition (A25/0284)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council:

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

CM/7.12/25.06 Bronte Park - Christmas Day Consultation (A24/1173)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Townsend

That Council provides additional management and provisions to manage the increase in visitation at Bronte Park on Christmas Day 2025, as set out in the report (enhanced Option 3).

CM/7.13/25.06 Petition - Oxford Street between Grafton Street and Mill Hill Road, Bondi Junction - 15 Minute Free Parking (A03/0779)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council:

1. Notes the petition requesting 15-minute free parking in Oxford Street, between Grafton Street (Nelson Street) and Mill Hill Road (Leswell Street), Bondi Junction.

2. Retains the parking restrictions in Oxford Street and defers further detailed assessment to an on-street metered parking review in 2026.
3. Changes the '1/2P, 8 am–5 pm' parking space on the western side of Nelson Street to '15P, 8–am–5 pm' to promote short-term parking opportunities in the area.

CM/7.14/25.06 Tender Evaluation - SSROC Panel - Horticulture, Soil and Turf Goods and Services (SF17/2878)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

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 horticulture, soil and turf goods and services for Category 2b (turf renovation services – ground services) for three years with two one-year options at the discretion of SSROC and Council:
 - (a) Gauci Civil Contracting Pty Ltd.
 - (b) Green by Nature Specialist Services Pty Ltd.
 - (c) Musturf Pty Ltd.
 - (d) Never Stop Water Harvesting Pty Ltd.
 - (e) Programmed Property Services Pty Ltd.
 - (f) Suregreen Pty Ltd.
3. Declines to accept any of the tenders for the supply of horticulture, soil and turf goods and services for the following categories, in accordance with section 178(1)(b) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*:
 - (a) Category 1 – Supply of soils, soil mixes, manures, sands, top soils, with or without spreading and laying.
 - (b) Category 2a – Supply of turf renovation services – Turf supply for renovation.
 - (c) Category 3 – Supply of turf varieties with or without laying.
4. Declines to invite fresh tenders or applications as referred to in section 178(3)(b)–(d) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, as Council, through SSROC, has tested the market with an open tender process.

5. In accordance with section 178(3)(e) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, authorises the General Manager or delegate to enter into negotiations with the evaluated tenderers and other service providers with a view to entering into a contract for the supply of horticulture, soil and turf goods and services for Categories 1, 2a and 3, as no tenderers adequately provided pricing to demonstrate business capability and capacity, and to clarify other issues.
6. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to complete negotiations and execute all necessary documentation to finalise the matter.

CM/7.15/25.06 Shared E-Bike Parking and Management Trial (A17/0445)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

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. Installs dedicated shared e-bike parking areas in Bondi Junction, Bondi Beach and Bronte Beach for a trial period of six months at the locations set out in the report.
3. Allocates \$65,000 from the Road Safety and Traffic Calming Program budget to undertake the parking trial, with the costs to be passed on to the shared bike providers, in accordance with the memorandum of understanding with the providers.
4. Notes that this is the first tranche of dedicated shared e-bike parking spaces in the local government area and that further spaces may be identified and implemented in consultation with the bike share operators.
5. Notes that Ario, Lime and HelloRide have all signed the memorandum of understanding with Council.
6. Monitors and evaluates the trial, with officers to prepare a report to Council following the trial.
7. Authorises the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to adjust the trial locations and line marking designs throughout the trial based on preliminary feedback and outcomes.

W Peters (on behalf of Lime), L McLean (on behalf of Hello Ride) and A Rossetto (on behalf of Ario) addressed the meeting.

8. Notices of Motion

CM/8.1/25.06 Illegally Blocked Driveways (A24/0856)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes the ongoing and increasing issue of vehicles illegally parking across residential driveways, particularly in the Bondi basin and other high-density areas, preventing residents from accessing or exiting their properties.
2. Commits to adopting a stronger enforcement approach, including:
 - (a) Investigating the use of powers available under the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021* to move or take possession of unattended vehicles obstructing access to or within a public place.
 - (b) Exploring a proactive towing policy, where offending vehicles may be relocated to the nearest legal parking space and the registered owner notified through police channels.
3. Investigates the legal and operational mechanisms for:
 - (a) Issuing fines for unauthorised vehicles found to be obstructing driveways in accordance with the *Road Rules 2014* and the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021*.
 - (b) Recovering costs and associated risks with towing and relocating offending vehicles from the registered vehicle owner.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council in September 2025 with:
 - (a) A draft procedure/updated policy for vehicle relocation under the *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021*, including legal thresholds, owner notification protocols and operational procedures.
 - (b) An implementation plan, including budget, risks, and staffing implications.
 - (c) Options for improving signage, driveway markings and public awareness.

CM/8.2/25.06 High Seas Biodiversity Treaty - Ratification (A07/0323)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Fabiano

Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council:

1. Expresses its support for Australia's ratification of the High Seas Biodiversity Treaty (also known as the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Treaty), a landmark international agreement for the protection of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.
2. Recognises the importance of healthy oceans to coastal communities like Waverley and

acknowledges the global and local threats facing marine ecosystems, including pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss.

3. Commits to aligning local coastal and marine initiatives with the goals of the treaty by:
 - (a) Enhancing community education around ocean conservation.
 - (b) Supporting actions that reduce land-based pollution and protect local marine biodiversity.
 - (c) Collaborating with state and federal bodies, and local organisations, to promote marine stewardship.
4. Writes to the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, and Minister for the Environment and Water Senator, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, expressing Council's support for the timely ratification and implementation of the High Seas Treaty.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

**CM/8.3/25.06 Circular Economy and Waste Reduction - Federal Government Support
(A21/0322)**

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Fabiano
Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council:

1. Recognises the critical role of the Federal Government in setting national direction, regulating product stewardship, and funding infrastructure to reduce waste and support the circular economy.
2. Notes that Council and other local governments are at the frontline of waste management and resource recovery, yet often face financial and infrastructure limitations in delivering circular outcomes.
3. Writes to the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water, Senator the Hon Murray Watt; the Member for Wentworth, Allegra Spender MP; the State Minister for the Environment, the Hon Penny Gail Sharpe MLC; the Member for Vacluse, Kellie Sloane MP; and Member for Coogee, Marjorie O'Neill MP to:
 - (a) Advocate for ongoing and increased investment in the Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF), including support for regional and metropolitan organics processing and textile recovery.
 - (b) Request expansion of mandatory product stewardship schemes, especially for problematic waste streams such as electronic devices, textiles, soft plastics, solar panels and lithium-ion batteries.
 - (c) Support the development of national recycled content targets and procurement standards, including for local government use.
 - (d) Encourage continued funding for community education and behaviour change programs,

including national anti-contamination and waste avoidance campaigns.

4. Seeks collaboration with nearby councils (for example, Woollahra, Randwick) and the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) to jointly advocate for federal support and coordinate circular economy planning across the Eastern Suburbs.
5. Publishes this motion and advocacy correspondence on Council's website to inform the community of its efforts to promote national leadership in waste reduction.

CM/8.4/25.06 Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade - Cycleway (A18/0541)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Fabiano
Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council:

1. Notes the increasing uptake of e-bikes, cargo bikes and cycling for commuting and deliveries, as well as the inclusion of a key cycling route through Charing Cross in the recently exhibited draft Bike Strategy and Action Plan.
2. Acknowledges that the current Bronte Road streetscape design—developed approximately four years ago—may not adequately address current and future cycling demand.
3. Officers investigate and prepare a report to Council on options to integrate a safe, separated cycleway within the Charing Cross section of Bronte Road, as part of the streetscape upgrade.
4. Ensures that any updated design balances safety and accessibility for all users, including pedestrians, cyclists and drivers, and provides a realistic alternative to footpath cycling.
5. Brings forward the findings in consultation with the community and stakeholders before finalising the streetscape plan.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

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

M Worthington (on behalf of BIKEast) addressed the meeting.

CM/8.5/25.06 Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - Commemoration of 80th Anniversary (A02/0267)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Fabiano
Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council:

1. Commemorates the 80th anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6 and 9 August 1945, and honours the memory of the more than 210,000 people who perished as a result of these attacks. We pay tribute to the Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) and Hibakunisei (second-generation survivors) and acknowledge the enduring impact of nuclear

weapons on human lives, health and the environment.

2. Affirms that nuclear weapons continue to pose an unacceptable threat to humanity and our shared environment. Council expresses deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian and ecological consequences of any use of nuclear weapons, whether by design, accident or miscalculation.
3. Reiterates that all people, including those in our local Waverley community, have the right to live in a world free from the threat of nuclear annihilation. Council supports efforts that educate and engage younger generations about peace, disarmament and global cooperation.
4. Notes that the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, was founded in Australia and has played a pivotal role in promoting the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).
5. Endorses ICAN's Cities Appeal, a global initiative for cities, towns and local governments to show support for the TPNW, and calls on the Australian Government to sign and ratify the Treaty without delay.
6. As a community committed to peace and sustainability, explores opportunities to raise awareness of this issue locally, including engagement with local schools, community groups and commemorative activities around Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Spooner and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Crs Frazer, Nemesh, Spicer, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

CM/8.6/25.06 Reduced Speed in Laneways (A25/0880)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council:

1. Notes:
 - (a) Waverley resident concerns about laneways increasingly being used as rat runs by fast-moving cars wishing to avoid traffic.
 - (b) That laneways are often used by families and children as spaces for ball games and other recreational activities.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council by September 2025 that investigates:
 - (a) Options for reducing speeds in laneways including a recommended maximum speed.
 - (b) Strategies for improving pedestrian safety.
 - (c) Making selected laneways shared zones with a maximum speed limit of 10 km/h.

- (d) The identification of selected locations to trial speed reductions/shared zones.
- (e) Implementation requirements, costs and time frame.

S Swifte addressed the meeting.

**CM/8.7/25.06 Circular Economy for Soft Plastics and Other Hard to Recycle Items
(A21/0322)**

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Merten
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That Council:

1. Notes that Council's Procurement Policy and Procedure have been amended recently to further strengthen environmental requirements, including supporting the circular economy with mandatory requirements to include environmental sustainability as an evaluation criterion.
2. Continues to explore options for soft plastic recycling across Waverley as processing capacity becomes available.
3. Writes to the CEOs of Woolworths, ALDI, Coles, Metcash and Harris Farm formally requesting that Waverley be designated as a trial site for in-store soft plastics collections as a matter of priority.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council about progress to implement the household collection service for recycling soft plastics, textiles and tricky waste through third-party providers.

CM/8.8/25.06 Whale Watching Binoculars (A22/0407)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Notes that with the completion of the Clifftop Walkway at Dover Heights and Vaucluse, there are opportunities for new vantage points for whale watching as well as the long-established locations between Bondi and Waverley Cemetery.
2. Installs up to three public binoculars at suitable locations.
3. Allocates \$75,000 from the Park Furniture and Structures budget in the 2025-26 Capital Works Program for the works.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF A NEW CLAUSE 4.

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes that with the completion of the Clifftop Walkway at Dover Heights and Vaucluse, there are opportunities for new vantage points for whale watching as well as the long-established locations between Bondi and Waverley Cemetery.
2. Installs up to three public binoculars at suitable locations.
3. Allocates \$75,000 from the Park Furniture and Structures budget in the 2025-26 Capital Works Program for the works.
4. Notifies Australian Conservation Foundation Eastern Sydney and the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the instigation of the binoculars and investigates a partnership with these bodies for support and future education programs.

CM/8.9/25.06 Frontier Wars - Commemoration on Waverley Cenotaph (A23/0116)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Wy Kanak

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Investigates a plaque or inscription within Waverley Park to acknowledge and commemorate the Frontier Wars.
2. Undertakes appropriate consultation with:
 - (a) Council's First Nations Advisory Committee, La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and other relevant First Nations representatives.
 - (b) Waverley RSL and other stakeholders.
 - (c) The community, including local historians, to ensure a respectful and inclusive approach.
3. Develops the final wording in collaboration with the above parties to ensure cultural appropriateness, historical accuracy and public understanding.
4. Explores funding options and timelines for the installation, including any heritage or regulatory requirements.

9. Questions with Notice

There were no questions with notice.

10. Urgent Business

See item CM/11.3/25.06 below.

11. Closed Session**CM/11/25.06 Closed Session****MOTION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That:

1. Council moves into closed session to deal with the matters listed below, which are classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act* for the reasons specified:

CM/11.1/25.06 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - CCTV Policy and CCTV Code of Practice - Adoption

This matter is considered to be confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(e) of the *Local Government Act*, and Council is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.

CM/11.3/25.06 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Procurement Matter

This matter is considered to be confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act*, and Council is satisfied that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

2. Pursuant to sections 10A(1), 10(2) and 10A(3) of the *Local Government Act*, the media and public be excluded from the meeting on the basis that the business to be considered is classified as confidential under section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act*.
3. The correspondence and reports relevant to the subject business be withheld from the media and public as provided by section 11(2) of the *Local Government Act*.

At 9.44 pm, Council moved into closed session.

CM/11.1/25.06 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - CCTV Policy and CCTV Code of Practice - Adoption (A25/0908)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Nemesh
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

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)(e) of the *Local Government Act* 1993. The report contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law.
2. Adopts the CCTV Policy attached to the report, subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) Page 10 of the confidential agenda, section 1, 'Background' – Amend to read as follows:

‘As recognised in the Waverley Community Strategic Plan, the community has expressed concern about safety in public areas and in response Council has committed to developing strategies to improve community perceptions of safety. Waverley Council is committed to upholding the privacy rights and civil liberties of residents. However, in order to meet this obligation, Waverley Council utilises a range of initiatives designed to promote community safety. The operation of closed circuit television (CCTV) is one strategy employed by Waverley Council to enhance staff and community safety, protect public assets and deter antisocial behaviour in particular locations.’

- (b) Page 10 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.1, ‘Objectives’, clause (c) – Delete the words ‘criminal and’.
- (c) Page 10 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.1, ‘Objectives’, clause (d) – Amend to read as follows:

‘Provision for NSW Police to investigate and identify offenders.’

- (d) Page 11 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.2, ‘Management, Access and Privacy’, clause 4.2.2 – Add the following sentence to the end:

‘An external appointed contractor must be approved by the Council’.

- (e) Page 11 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.2, ‘Management, Access and Privacy’, clause 4.2.3 – Amend to read ‘60 days’ instead of ‘90 days.’
- (f) Page 11 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.2, ‘Management, Access and Privacy’, last paragraph – Amend to read as follows:

‘Council will not release images except in the instances prescribed in the Code of Practice. The NSW Police may make a formal request to obtain copies of recorded material or to monitor the live feed from the CCTV system. Any such formal request from NSW Police can only be approved by the General Manager or Acting General Manager. Such authority to approve cannot be delegated. The General Manager will only approve such a request if they are satisfied that doing so is reasonably necessary to investigate a reported crime and will only provide recorded footage directly relevant to the investigation of the reported crime. At all times the NSW Police will be required to comply with Council’s Code of Practice and all relevant legislation’.

3. Adopts the CCTV Code of Practice attached the report, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Page 16 of the confidential agenda, section 1, ‘Background’, first paragraph – Amend to read as follows:

‘Council’s closed circuit television (CCTV) system is designed to enhance public safety, protect Council assets and deter antisocial behaviours.’

- (b) Page 16 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.1, ‘Objectives and Guiding Principles’, clause (c) – Delete the words ‘criminal and’.
- (c) Page 16 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.1, ‘Objectives and Guiding Principles’, clause (d) – Amend to read as follows:

‘Provisions for NSW Police to investigate and identify offenders;’

- (d) Page 20 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.5, 'Control and operation of cameras', second paragraph – Amend to read as follows:

'Cameras will not be used to look onto adjacent or nearby commercial or private premises unless requested by the NSW Police and approved by the General Manager.'

- (e) Page 20 of the confidential agenda, clause 4.6, 'Management of CCTV monitoring', last paragraph – Amend to read as follows:

'The NSW Police may in some instances access and monitor the live feed from the CCTV system but only with the approval of the General Manager.'

4. Notes that a technical network architecture review to develop a formal proposal to transition Council's CCTV network to a modern, standardised design focused on future-proofing is in progress.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 2(b), 2(f), 3(b), 3(f) AND 3(g).

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

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CM/11.2/25.06 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Bondi Beach Share Surfboards Trial (A25/0300)

Council dealt with this item in open session.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Lewis

That Council:

1. Reinstates the North Bondi community shareboard program for a trial six-month period commencing September 2025, as set out in the report (Option 1).
2. Enters into a memorandum of understanding with the shareboard provider to give effect to the operational framework set out in the report for the duration of the trial.
3. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to negotiate and finalise the memorandum of understanding.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council on the outcome of the trial, including safety, community usage and operational viability.

CM/11.3/25.06 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Procurement Matter (SF25/2694)

The chair ruled that this item was urgent.

MOTION / DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council deals with this item as urgent business.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Stephenson

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)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).
2. Notes the confidential investigation report and the confidential letter from an external agency circulated to Councillors on the outcome of an independent investigation into a procurement matter.
3. Adopts the recommendations as set out in the letter.
4. Refers the recommendations to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee for action.
5. Advises the external agency of this resolution and the ongoing action that Council will take in response to the investigation report and the agency's recommendations.

12. Resuming in Open Session**CM/12/25.06 Resuming in Open Session****MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That Council resumes in open session.

At 10.38 pm, Council resumed in open session.

Resolutions from closed session made public

In accordance with clause 14.21 of the Waverley Code of Meeting Practice, when the meeting resumed in open session the chair announced the resolutions made by Council while the meeting was closed to members of the public and the media.

13. Meeting Closure**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.43 PM.**

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
MAYOR
15 JULY 2025