



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON  
TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 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 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 Masselos who arrived at 7.03 pm during addresses by members of the public.*

*Crs 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 none were received.

### 3. Addresses by Members of the Public

- 3.1 C Pattison – FC/5.7/25.09 – Petition - Bondi Beach Surf School Licence.
- 3.2 D Dunstone (on behalf of Waves Surf School) – FC/5.7/25.09 – Petition – Bondi Beach Surf School Licence.
- 3.3 G Barton – FC/5.7/25.09 – Petition – Bondi Beach Surf School Licence.
- 3.4 L Merignac – FC/5.7/25.09 – Petition – Bondi Beach Surf School Licence.
- 3.5 J Johnston – FC/5.7/25.09 – Petition – Bondi Beach Surf School Licence.

### 4. Confirmation of Minutes

**FC/4.1/25.09                      Confirmation of Minutes - Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 5 August 2025 (A25/0080)**

#### MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover:     Cr Westwood  
Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council confirms the minutes of the Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee meeting held on 5 August 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

## 5. Reports

### **FC/5.1/25.09 Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy - Adoption (SF25/1958)**

#### **MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council adopts the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy attached to the report.

### **FC/5.2/25.09 Garden Awards 2025 - Judging Panel (A25/0934)**

#### **MOTION**

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council appoints Crs Westwood, Townsend and Lewis to the judging panel for the Waverley Garden Awards 2025.

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

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

#### **DECISION**

That Council appoints Crs Westwood, Townsend and Merten to the judging panel for the Waverley Garden Awards 2025.

#### **Division**

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

**Against the Motion:** Cr Wy Kanak.

### **FC/5.3/25.09 E-Micromobility Devices Ban on Train and Metro Network - Submission (A25/1851)**

#### **MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council approves the submission to the NSW Government, as set out in the report, on the proposed ban on e-micromobility devices on the NSW train and metro network, subject to the following amendments:

1. Page 40 of the agenda, second paragraph of the submission – Delete the words ‘high quality’ and ‘quality’.
2. Page 40 of the agenda, end of the submission – Add the following sentence: ‘Waverley Council also recommends that funding be considered for secure storage for e-bikes at transport hubs.’

**FC/5.4/25.09                    Leichhardt Street, Waverley - Traffic Calming - Consultation Outcomes  
(A20/0069)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:        Cr Westwood  
Seconder: Cr Townsend

That Council:

1.     Installs a speed hump in Leichhardt Street, Waverley, immediately north of the intersection with Barclay Street, as set out in the report.
2.     Authorises the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the design should on-site circumstances warrant changes.

**FC/5.5/25.09                    Bondi Beach Volleyball Nets - Multi-Purpose Use (A25/0533)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:        Cr Westwood  
Seconder: Cr Townsend

That Council

1.     Does not pursue the multi-purpose use of the approved net spaces at Bondi Beach beyond volleyball and foot volley.
2.     Rangers increase their patrols at Bondi Beach on Saturday and Sunday mornings to ensure that the number of permitted volleyball courts is not being exceeded and that commercial entities are not operating within any of the courts.

**FC/5.6/25.09                    Bondi Golf Course and Clubhouse - Lease and Licence - Exhibition  
(A23/0084)**

**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover:        Cr Stephenson  
Seconder: Cr Frazer

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.     In accordance with section 47A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, publicly notifies and exhibits for 28 days the proposal to grant a lease and licence of up to five years to Bondi Golf and Diggers Club Ltd for Bondi Golf Course and the clubhouse building.
3.     Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

**FC/5.7/25.09                      Petition - Bondi Beach Surf School Licence (A25/0283)****MOTION**

Mover:        Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1.     Notes the petition to increase the number of surf school licences being offered at Bondi Beach.
2.     Continues to offer only one licence for a surf school at Bondi Beach for the reasons set out in the report.

**AMENDMENT**

Mover:        Cr Fabiano

Seconder: Cr Lewis

That the motion be amended to read as follows:

That Council:

1.     Notes the petition requesting more diversity in surf school licensing at Bondi Beach and the community's concerns regarding fairness and monopoly.
2.     Reaffirms its commitment to safety and operational simplicity by proceeding with the current tender process for one surf school licence.
3.     Commits to undertaking a review of alternative surf school ~~school~~ licensing models at Bondi Beach at the conclusion of the forthcoming licence term, with the review to:
  - (a)    Consider the feasibility of issuing multiple licences or shared operating models.
  - (b)    Explore opportunities to increase community benefit, including subsidised programs for schools, youth and culturally diverse groups.
  - (c)    Ensure that any future model balances safety, fairness, equity of access and environmental protection.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

**DECISION**

That Council:

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2.     Continues to offer only one licence for a surf school at Bondi Beach for the reasons set out in the report.

*C Pattison, D Dunstone (on behalf of Waves Surf School), G Barton, L Merignac and J Johnston addressed the meeting.*

**6. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

**7. Meeting Closure**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.44 PM.**

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**SIGNED AND CONFIRMED**  
**CHAIR**  
**4 NOVEMBER 2025**