



**MINUTES OF THE WAVERLEY EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD BY AUDIO-VISUAL LINK ON  
TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 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
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 6.30 pm, those present were as listed above.*

*The meeting was held by audio-visual link in accordance with clause 5.32 of the Code of Meeting Practice.*

## **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. Addresses by Members of the Public**

There were no addresses by members of the public.

### **4. Mayoral Minutes**

**CM/4.1/25.12E      Bondi Beach Terrorist Attack - 14 December 2025 (A25/2312)**

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

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Condemns the devastating loss of life and horrific display of senseless violence targeting the Jewish community on 14 December 2025 as they gathered to celebrate Chanukah, one of the most joyous events in the Jewish calendar.
2. Extends our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and all those affected by the tragic events of the Bondi Beach terrorist attack. We stand with the community in mourning, offering our heartfelt sympathy and unwavering support during this profoundly difficult time.
3. Wishes those injured in the attack a full and speedy recovery.
4. Commends the extraordinary bravery of first responders, including Council lifeguards, events and venue staff, surf lifesavers, and community members, who showed tremendous bravery and acted quickly to bring people to safety as events unfolded and provided first aid and CPR to victims.

5. Expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude to the enormous number of police and emergency services personnel who responded swiftly.
6. Recognising the immense impact of the attack on Waverley's Jewish community, allocates \$100,000 cash from the 2025–26 operational budget to community organisations that provide direct support to the Jewish community.
7. Authorises the General Manager to distribute these funds to priority community organisations in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
8. Allocates space for the Jewish community to utilise for community care.
9. Flies flags on Council civic buildings at half-mast for two weeks.
10. Calls for the local community to light a candle each night at 6.47 pm for the duration of Chanukah in solidarity with the Jewish community and to honour the victims of this tragic event.
11. Notes that officers are working closely with the Premier's Department to develop a protocol for the preservation of messages and the treatment of floral tributes.
12. Authorises the Mayor and General Manager to undertake any other initiatives identified by the Premier's Department that are deemed appropriate.

## **5. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

## **6. Meeting Closure**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.48 PM.**

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**SIGNED AND CONFIRMED**  
**MAYOR**  
**24 FEBRUARY 2026**