



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 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.

Cr 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 were received:

- 2.1 Cr Spicer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item FC/5.3/25.12 – Waverley Artist Studio Appointments – 2026-2027 and informed the meeting that he was good friends with Jake Starr in high school.

3. Addresses by Members of the Public

- 3.1 M Sparke – FC/5.5/25.12 – Fig Tree at 28-30 Edward Street, Bondi – Root Mapping.
- 3.2 K Johnson – FC/5.5/25.12 – Fig Tree at 28-30 Edward Street, Bondi – Root Mapping.
- 3.3 P Ross (on behalf of Strata Plan 5223 – 28–30 Edward Street) – FC/5.5/25.12 – Fig Tree at 28-30 Edward Street, Bondi – Root Mapping.
- 3.4 C Morris – FC/5.5/25.12 – Fig Tree at 28-30 Edward Street, Bondi – Root Mapping.

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:

- FC/4.1/25.12 Confirmation of Minutes – Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting – 4 November 2025.

FC/5.1/25.12 Arts, Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee Meeting – 11 November 2025 – Minutes.

FC/5.2/25.12 Floodplain Management Committee Meeting – 22 October 2025 – Minutes.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

FC/4.1/25.12 Confirmation of Minutes - Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 4 November 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 November 2025 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5. Reports

FC/5.1/25.12 Arts, Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee Meeting - 11 November 2025 - Minutes (A25/0279)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the minutes of the Arts, Culture and Creativity Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 November 2025 attached to the report.

FC/5.2/25.12 Floodplain Management Committee Meeting - 22 October 2025 - Minutes (SF25/4205)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee meeting held on 22 October 2025 attached to the report.

FC/5.3/25.12 Waverley Artist Studio Appointments - 2026-2027 (A25/0285)

Cr Spicer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this item and informed the meeting that he was good friends with Jake Starr in high school.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council:

1. Offers the following artists a placement in the Waverley Artist Studios from March 2026 to February 2027:
 - (a) Jack Ball.
 - (b) Lauren Brincat.
 - (c) Diana Barker Smith.
 - (d) Fergus Berney-Gibson.
 - (e) Aurelia King.
2. Offers the following artists a reserve placement in the Waverley Artist Studios from March 2026 to February 2027:
 - (a) Keila Terencio de Paula.
 - (b) Jake Starr.
 - (c) Neil Beedie.
 - (d) Belinda Yee.
 - (e) Yanti Peng.

FC/5.4/25.12 Barracluff Park Dog Off-Leash User Satisfaction Survey - Consultation Outcomes (A22/0336)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Notes the Barracluff Park Dog Off-Leash User Satisfaction Survey Consultation Summary Report attached to the report.
2. Allocates funding in the Long Term Financial Plan to install a low linear fence with dog signage at Barracluff Park along the inside of the Warners Avenue footpath to provide greater security for dog owners and to separate users during sporting activities.
3. Considers the other community requests for improvements to Barracluff Park in the draft Local

Parks Plan of Management, scheduled to commence in 2026.

4. Undertakes a Good Dog Owner Education Program using Council's social media platforms to inform and educate the community about the rules and regulations relating to companion animals and locations where Council supports dog off-leash activities.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Wy Kanak

Seconder: Cr Fabiano

That clause 3 be amended to read as follows:

'Allocates funding in the Long Term Financial Plan for the other community requests for improvements to Barracluff Park in the draft Local Parks Plan of Management, scheduled to commence in 2026.'

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the amendment: Crs Fabiano, Spooner and Wy Kanak.

Against the amendment: Crs Frazer, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Nemesh, Spicer, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes the Barracluff Park Dog Off-Leash User Satisfaction Survey Consultation Summary Report attached to the report.
2. Allocates funding in the Long Term Financial Plan to install a low linear fence with dog signage at Barracluff Park along the inside of the Warners Avenue footpath to provide greater security for dog owners and to separate users during sporting activities.
3. Considers the other community requests for improvements to Barracluff Park in the draft Local Parks Plan of Management, scheduled to commence in 2026.
4. Undertakes a Good Dog Owner Education Program using Council's social media platforms to inform and educate the community about the rules and regulations relating to companion animals and locations where Council supports dog off-leash activities.

FC/5.5/25.12 Fig Tree at 28-30 Edward Street, Bondi - Root Mapping (A25/0630)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Undertakes root pruning works along the front boundary of 28-30 Edward Street, Bondi and installs a root barrier consistent with the deed of release entered into with the owners corporation of 28 Edward Street.

2. Allocates budget as part of the Q2 budget amendment process.
3. Monitors the performance of the root mitigation works in one year.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council in December 2026 with the results of the monitoring program and recommendations on next steps, including removal if necessary.

M Sparke, K Johnson, P Ross (on behalf of Strata Plan 5223 – 28-30 Edward Street) and C Morris addressed the meeting.

FC/5.6/25.12 Reduced Speed Limits in Laneways (A25/0880)

MOTION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Townsend

That Council:

1. Further investigates the transformation of specific laneways into shared spaces (civic laneways), including the preliminary list as set out in the report.
2. Approves in principle the following speed limits in laneways, subject to the outcome of Transport for NSW's review of the Roads Act 1993:
 - (a) Civic laneways: 10 km/h (shared zone).
 - (b) Residential and service laneways: 30 km/h.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE 1 SUCH THAT IT NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

‘Further investigates the transformation of specific laneways into shared spaces (civic laneways and/or residential and service laneways), including the preliminary list as set out in the report with the addition of:

- (a) Ruthven Lane, Bondi Junction.
- (b) Gowrie Lane, Bondi Junction.
- (c) Virgil Lane, Bronte.
- (d) Alice Lane, Waverley.
- (e) Belgrave Lane, Bronte.
- (f) Read Lane, Bronte.
- (g) O'Dowd Street, Waverley.

AMENDMENT

Mover: Cr Lewis

Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the following clause 1(h) be added to the motion:

‘Gowrie Street, Bondi Junction.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Further investigates the transformation of specific laneways into shared spaces (civic laneways and/or residential and service laneways), including the preliminary list as set out in the report with the addition of:
 - (a) Ruthven Lane, Bondi Junction.
 - (b) Gowrie Lane, Bondi Junction.
 - (c) Virgil Lane, Bronte.
 - (d) Alice Lane, Waverley.
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 - (f) Read Lane, Bronte.
 - (g) O’Dowd Street, Waverley.
2. Approves in principle the following speed limits in laneways, subject to the outcome of Transport for NSW’s review of the Roads Act 1993:
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 - (b) Residential and service laneways: 30 km/h.

6. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

7. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.53 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
CHAIR
10 FEBRUARY 2026