



**WAVERLEY**  
COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE WAVERLEY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON  
TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026**

**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
Ben Thompson	Director, Community, Culture and Customer Experience

*A public forum chaired by the General Manager was held at 6.30 pm before the meeting.*

*At the commencement of proceedings at 7.00 pm, those present were as listed above.*

*Following apologies/leaves of absence, a motion moved by Cr Nemesh and seconded by Cr Fabiano to allow Cr Wy Kanak to attend the meeting by audio-visual link due to medical reasons was put and declared carried unanimously.*

*At 8.55 pm, following the vote on item CM/7.4/26.03, the meeting adjourned for a short break. At 9.03 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 Interest**

The Chair called for declarations of interest and the following were received:

- 2.1 Cr Merten declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item CM/6.8/26.03 – Resident Parking Scheme Review – Exhibition and informed the meeting that she has a parking permit.

### **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.*

## **ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

### **MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

The Council adopts the following items as set out in the agenda:

- CM/4.1/26.03 Confirmation of Minutes – Council Meeting - 24 February 2026.
- CM/6.1/26.03 First Nations Advisory Committee Meeting – 24 November 2025 – Minutes.
- CM/6.2/26.03 Floodplain Management Committee Meeting – 18 February 2026 – Minutes.
- CM/6.3/26.03 Resident Parking Scheme Review Committee Meeting – 19 November 2025 – Minutes.

- CM/6.4/26.03 Waverley Transport Forum Meeting – 19 February 2026 – Minutes.
- CM/6.5/26.03 Investment Portfolio Report – February 2026.
- CM/6.7/26.03 Code of Meeting Practice – Prohibition of Councillor Briefings.
- CM/6.11/26.03 Wairoa Community Centre, 2B Brighton Boulevard, North Bondi – Lease – Exhibition.
- CM/6.13/26.03 Tender Evaluation – SSROC Panel – Fire Control and Associated Services.
- CM/10.1/26.03 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – Trade Debtors – Debt Write Off.

#### 4. Confirmation of Minutes

##### CM/4.1/26.03 Confirmation of Minutes - Council Meeting - 24 February 2026 (A26/0030)

##### MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2026 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

#### 5. Mayoral Minutes

##### CM/5.1/26.03 Bondi Shabbat Dinner (A23/0698)

##### MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Hosts a community Shabbat Dinner in the Bondi Pavilion courtyard in partnership with the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.
2. Officers prepare a report to the April Council meeting outlining the format, budget, grant funding and sponsorship for the Shabbat Dinner.
3. Requests the Mayor to write to the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies informing them of this resolution.

#### Background

Hosting a Shabbat dinner at Bondi Beach is a meaningful opportunity to bring our community together through one of Judaism's most enduring traditions. For thousands of years, Jewish families and communities have gathered on Friday evenings to welcome the Sabbath, a sacred and special time of rest and reflection. Shabbat observance has traditionally included candle lighting, blessings over wine and bread, and shared meals that encourage reflection, gratitude and connection.

In a diverse and vibrant community such as Bondi, a community Shabbat dinner would not only

honour this ancient tradition but provide an opportunity for collective healing and demonstrate our resilience following the tragic events of 14 December 2025.

Bondi's strong Jewish heritage and its reputation as a place for tolerance and respect make it especially fitting for such a gathering. Introducing a community Shabbat dinner is not only an acknowledgement of our cultural heritage but an affirmation of our respect for the Jewish community. At a time when many in our community are seeking connection, a communal gathering offers a simple yet profound way to build relationships, bridge generational and cultural divides, and celebrate the rich Jewish heritage that forms part of Waverley's identity. Through this initiative, Council can help create a welcoming space where the spirit of Shabbat continues to inspire unity, hospitality and community wellbeing.

**CM/5.2/26.03            Bondi Beach Terror Attack - Impact on Major Event Licences (A25/0935)**

**MOTION**

Mover:     Cr Nemesch

That Council:

1.     Notes the impact of the terror attack on 14 December 2025 on ELROW XXL, Locals Lawn, Golden Hour (Crowded House) and Mighty Hoopla.
2.     Notes the positive feedback from residents, visitors and businesses in response to Golden Hour and Mighty Hoopla held on 20–21 February 2026.
3.     Authorises the General Manager to execute an amendment to both licence agreements with Fuzzy Operations Pty Ltd to extend the licences for one year for Elrow XXL, Locals Lawn, Golden Hour and Mighty Hoopla.

**Background**

New Year's Eve 2025 at Bondi Beach was anticipated to be a memorable occasion as Bondi welcomed back New Year's celebrations after a decade's absence. Worldwide festival phenomenon Elrow XXL was set to transform Bondi Beach with two sets of fireworks, world class artists and opportunities for creatives. The Locals Lawn was designed to provide free family entertainment for residents with Bondi residents getting first access to tickets.

Prior to the terrorist attack on 14 December 2025, ELROW XXL had sold out, with a high proportion of ticketholders being local and/or eastern suburbs residents. Dine and Dance packages with local hospitality businesses were popular, with local businesses excited by the return of New Year's Eve celebrations.

Despite Golden Hour (Crowded House) and Mighty Hoopla being successful events, both were negatively impacted by the events of 14 December. Golden Hour was on track to sell out, with Mighty Hoopla expected to build as Mardi Gras progressed closer.

Both events required significant infrastructure, staffing, security, transport and talent. The investment by Fuzzy Operations ensured both events received positive feedback and were highlights of the state's festival calendar. Bondi was reclaimed as a place of celebration, unity and community.

Mighty Hoopla received praise from the LGBTQIA+ community for providing a joyous festival experience and a safe space 'where everyone could be who they are.' Held during the Mardi Gras festival and across four stages, it platformed a wide and diverse range of performers including a main

stage performance of first nations artists, as well as popular headliners.

Local businesses, including hospitality, retail and accommodation reported busy trade, assisting them post-14 December. Bondi was vibrant, buzzing and busy.

To ensure future success and provide certainty to the event producer, it is proposed to extend the current licence agreements by one year due to the cancellation of 2025's New Year's Eve event and the impact of 14 December on Golden Hour and Mighty Hoopla. This decision would recognise the impact experienced by Fuzzy Operations and allow them to invest with certainty in future events at Bondi.

Looking forward, New Year's Eve at Bondi will be more than a celebration. It will be a shared moment of optimism, reflection, and connection. The shoreline will be a gathering place where locals and visitors alike come together to mark new beginnings against one of Australia's most iconic backdrops. New Year's Eve at Bondi Beach will reflect our values as a community—welcoming, resilient, forward-looking and fun.

**A PROCEDURAL MOTION TO LAY THE ITEM ON THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED SESSION, MOVED BY CR NEMESH AND SECONDED BY CR MASSELOS, WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.**

**LATER IN THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION, A PROCEDURAL MOTION TO TAKE THE ITEM FROM THE TABLE, MOVED BY CR NEMESH AND SECONDED BY CR SPICER, WAS PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.**

**FORESHADOWED MOTION (LAPSED)**

Mover: Cr Masselos

That Council:

1. Notes the impact of the terror attack on 14 December 2025 on ELROW XXL, Locals Lawn, Golden Hour (Crowded House) and Mighty Hoopla.
2. Defers any amendment to its licence agreements with Fuzzy Operations Pty Ltd to extend them for 12 months until after a comprehensive community and business consultation concerning the Golden Hour and Mighty Hoopla events held on 20–21 February 2026.
3. Officers develop a set of key performance indicators and suitable evaluation criteria for consideration at the April Council meeting.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council by June 2026 on the outcomes of the consultation.

**THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.**

**DECISION**

That Council:

1. Notes the impact of the terror attack on 14 December 2025 on ELROW XXL, Locals Lawn, Golden Hour (Crowded House) and Mighty Hoopla.
2. Notes the positive feedback from residents, visitors and businesses in response to Golden Hour and Mighty Hoopla held on 20–21 February 2026.
3. Authorises the General Manager to execute an amendment to both licence agreements with Fuzzy Operations Pty Ltd to extend the licences for one year for Elrow XXL, Locals Lawn, Golden

Hour and Mighty Hoopla.

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

*N Boaz addressed the public forum.*

## 6. Reports

### **CM/6.1/26.03            First Nations Advisory Committee Meeting - 24 November 2025 - Minutes (A25/0222)**

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

Mover:     Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council notes the minutes of the First Nations Advisory Committee meeting held on 24 November 2025 attached to the report.

### **CM/6.2/26.03            Floodplain Management Committee Meeting - 18 February 2026 - Minutes (SF26/1067)**

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

Mover:     Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council notes the minutes of the Floodplain Management Committee meeting held on 18 February 2026 attached to the report.

### **CM/6.3/26.03            Resident Parking Scheme Review Committee Meeting - 19 November 2025 - Minutes (SF25/4204)**

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

Mover:     Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council notes the minutes of the Resident Parking Scheme Review Committee meeting held on 19 November 2025 attached to the report.

### **CM/6.4/26.03            Waverley Transport Forum Meeting - 19 February 2026 - Minutes (SF26/1096)**

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

Mover:     Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council notes the minutes of the Waverley Transport Forum meeting held on 19 February 2026 attached to the report.

**CM/6.5/26.03 Investment Portfolio Report - February 2026 (SF25/3747)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the Investment Summary Report for February 2026 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/6.6/26.03 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee - Annual Report 2025 (SF23/1230)****MOTION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Spicer

That Council notes the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's Annual Report 2025 attached to the report, as prepared by the former chair of the Committee.

**AMENDMENT**

Mover: Cr Fabiano  
Seconded: Cr Lewis

That the following clause 2 be added to the motion:

'Officers organise a workshop with Councillors and independent ARIC members no later than June 2026 to discuss Council's strategic audit and risk program and opportunities for improvement.'

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

**DECISION**

That Council notes the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's Annual Report 2025 attached to the report, as prepared by the former chair of the Committee.

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

**CM/6.7/26.03 Code of Meeting Practice - Prohibition of Councillor Briefings (SF25/332)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes that Councillor briefings have ceased as of 1 January 2026, in accordance with the new Code of Meeting Practice.
2. Disestablishes the Strategic Property Review Committee.
3. Disestablishes the Capital Works Review Committee.
4. Notes the question-and-answer process set out in the report as a replacement for Councillor briefings.

**CM/6.8/26.03 Resident Parking Scheme Review - Exhibition (A24/1034)**

*Cr Merten declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this item and informed the meeting that she has a parking permit.*

**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the Existing Conditions Report for the Resident Parking Scheme Review attached to the report (Attachment 1).
2. Notes the outcomes of the community consultation on Phase 1 of the Resident Parking Scheme Review attached to the report (Attachment 2)
3. Publicly exhibits the draft key strategies from the Resident Parking Scheme Review attached to the report (Attachment 3) for a minimum of 28 days, subject to the removal of Key Strategy 4.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period no later than June 2026.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 4.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

**DECISION**

That Council:

1. Notes the Existing Conditions Report for the Resident Parking Scheme Review attached to the report (Attachment 1).
2. Notes the outcomes of the community consultation on Phase 1 of the Resident Parking Scheme Review attached to the report (Attachment 2)

- Publicly exhibits the draft key strategies from the Resident Parking Scheme Review attached to the report (Attachment 3) for a minimum of 28 days, subject to the removal of Key Strategy 4.
- Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period no later than July 2026 Committee meetings.

**Division**

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

**Against the Motion:** Cr Spooner.

**CM/6.9/26.03 Beach Accessibility - Update (A21/0205)****MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Spicer  
Seconder: Cr Townsend

That Council notes the update on beach accessibility at Bondi Beach, as set out in the report.

**CM/6.10/26.03 Bronte Surf Life Saving Club and Community Facilities Building Upgrade - Project Update and Stage 3 Pricing (A20/0329)****MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

- Notes the project update on the Bronte Surf Life Saving Club and Community Facilities Upgrade, as set out in the report.
- Notes the value engineering achieved and approves Stage 3 of the works.
- Officers prepare a progress report to Council in July 2026.

**CM/6.11/26.03 Wairoa Community Centre, 2B Brighton Boulevard, North Bondi - Lease - Exhibition (A19/0704)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

- In accordance with section 47A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, publicly notifies and exhibits for 28 days the proposal to grant a lease of up to five years to Playgroup NSW for part of the Wairoa Community Centre at 2B Brighton Boulevard, North Bondi.
- Approves in principle the granting of a lease of up to five years and authorises the General Manager or delegate to negotiate the terms of the lease with Playgroup NSW.

3. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period to consider any submissions and grant the lease.

**CM/6.12/26.03 Tender Evaluation - Catering Services (SF25/5814)**

**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Treats the attachments to the report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as they relate to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The attachments contain commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Under section 178(1)(a) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*, accepts the preferred tenderer Flavours Catering and Events for the supply of catering services for Council and Council Committee meetings, strategic Councillor workshops and roundtable meetings, as per the schedule of rates attached to the report.
3. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to enter into contract on behalf of Council with the preferred tenderer for three years with two one-year options.
4. Notifies unsuccessful tenderers of the decision in accordance with section 179 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

**CM/6.13/26.03 Tender Evaluation - SSROC Panel - Fire Control and Associated Services (SF17/2878)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

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 fire control and associated services for three years with two one-year options at the discretion of SSROC and Council:
  - (a) Airmaster Corporation Pty Ltd.
  - (b) Fire Control Solutions Trust.
  - (c) Newsound Fire Services Pty Ltd.
  - (d) Optima X Prime Pty Ltd.

(e) Synergy Fire & Security Pty Limited.

3. Notes that SSROC will notify unsuccessful tenderers of the decision in accordance with section 179 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

## 7. Notices of Motion

### **CM/7.1/26.03 Housing Development Authority and State Significant Development - Website Information (A11/0500)**

#### **MOTION**

Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Merten

That Council:

1. Develops and publishes a dedicated webpage and associated downloadable information resources explaining the Housing Development Authority (HDA) and State Significant Development (SSD) processes as they apply within the Waverley local government area (LGA), including:
  - (a) The statutory assessment pathway.
  - (b) The role of Department of Planning Housing Infrastructure (DPHI) as the consent authority.
  - (c) Council's advisory/referral role.
  - (d) How residents can make submissions and access project documentation.
2. Lists on Waverley's webpage all known HDA/SSD housing sites within the LGA, noting:
  - (a) Site address.
  - (b) Link to the relevant State Government project page.
3. Updates this information as required, based on official State Government notifications.
4. Via the Community Planning Advocate, undertakes community information sessions as follows:
  - (a) Each Precinct, as well as for the Combined Precinct.
  - (b) Two general community information sessions.
5. Requests that developers update their hoardings where necessary to accurately portray the intended development.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION.

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

#### **UNANIMOUS DECISION**

That Council:

1. Notes that it is currently in the process of developing a webpage with information explaining the Housing Development Authority (HDA) and State Significant Development (SSD) processes as they apply within the Waverley local government area (LGA), including:
  - (a) The statutory assessment pathway.
  - (b) The role of Department of Planning Housing Infrastructure (DPHI) as the consent authority.
  - (c) Council's role.
2. Lists on Waverley's webpage all known HDA/SSD housing sites within the LGA, noting the site address.
3. Via the Community Planning Advocate, undertakes community information sessions as follows:
  - (a) The Combined Precinct.
  - (b) One community information session.

**CM/7.2/26.03                      Voluntary Planning Agreements and State Significant Development  
(A11/0500)**

**MOTION**

Mover:     Cr Masselos  
Seconder: Cr Merten

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to:

1. Raise concerns regarding the anticipated negative impacts on residential amenity and local infrastructure caused by State Significant Development applications with or without concurrent rezoning in the Waverley local government area (LGA).
2. Request that:
  - (a) All such applications are expected to be consistent with Council's Planning Agreement Policy and Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme, including contribution calculation method.
  - (b) Council be a party to any planning agreement offered under such applications.
  - (c) Contributions offered under such applications provide public benefit to local residents of the Waverley LGA and deliver local infrastructure to fully accommodate the additional density introduced by the associated application.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

**CM/7.3/26.03            Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade - Completion of Footpaths - SP2  
(A23/0580)****MOTION**

Mover:     Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1.    Notes that:
  - (a)    Work on the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade is nearing completion, with positive community and business feedback about the look and feel of the upgrade.
  - (b)    Council voted to cease all works associated with Separable Portion 2 (SP2), although some significant preliminary works such as laying conduits under the footpaths and road crossings is complete for the future installation of undergrounding overhead wires.
  - (c)    There is strong community and business calls to complete footpath works for the area covered by SP2 given the uneven, unesthetic and dilapidated state of the footpath as a result of these works and age.
2.    Commences works for SP2 consistent with the materials used in SP1 to complete the footpath pavement upgrade at Six Ways, including:
  - (a)    The area at the corner of Bronte Road and Carrington Road that incorporates the Robin Hood Hotel.
  - (b)    The corner of Bronte Road and Victoria Street incorporated by the Ezy Mart shop and opposite the corner of Cass Brothers.
  - (c)    The area of Carrington Road and Victoria Street that takes in the Charing Cross Hotel down to the electrician.
3.    Notes that the footpath pavement upgrade works:
  - (a)    Do not progress the closing of the left-hand turn slip lane from Bronte Road to Carrington Road.
  - (b)    Do not progress the traffic control signal and lighting installations at Six Ways.
4.    Ensures that the contractor appropriately remediates the road surface of Bronte Road between Neighbourhood Cellars and High Street, which is the area used by the contractors to store toilet facilities, barriers, cement works and other building materials.
5.    Allocates funds in the 2026–2027 Capital Works Budget to deliver the footpath pavement upgrade works.

**FORESHADOWED MOTION**

Mover:     Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Townsend

That Council:

1.    Notes that it has considered and discussed the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade on the following occasions:

- (a) CM/7.10/20.12 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Design Options Analysis.
  - (b) CM7.10/21.04 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Community Consultation.
  - (c) CM/7.15/21.06 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Community Consultation Outcomes.
  - (d) CM/7.10/21.07 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (e) CM/7.12/22.05 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (f) CM/7.10/22.11 – Petition – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade Project.
  - (g) CM/8.7/22.11 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Economic Impact and Footpath Repairs (notice of motion).
  - (h) FC/5.5/23.04 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (i) CM/7.5/23.12 – Tender Evaluation – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Preliminary Electrical Works.
  - (j) CM/7.17/24.07 – Tender Evaluation – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Civil Works.
  - (k) CM/7.3/25.04 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 February 2025 – Minutes.
  - (l) CM/7.3/25.06 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 March 2025 – Minutes.
  - (m) CM/8.4/25.06 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Cycleway (notice of motion).
  - (n) CM/7.1/25.08 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 29 May 2025 – Minutes.
  - (o) CM/7.12/25.08 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (p) CM/7.1/25.09 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 24 July 2025 – Minutes.
  - (q) CM/8.7/25.09 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade and Festival (notice of motion).
  - (r) CM/8.3/25.10 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Footpath Seating Fee Waivers (notice of motion).
  - (s) CM/8.4/25.12 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – SP2 (notice of motion).
  - (t) FC/5.5/26.03 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade and Festival.
2. Notes that Council has considered and discussed Separable Portion 2 (SP2) (Six Ways Upgrade and loss of Bronte Road slip lane) civil works on the following occasions subsequent to the civil works tender award:
- (a) CM/7.3/25.04 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 February 2025 – Minutes.
  - (b) CM/7.3/25.06 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 March 2025 – Minutes.
  - (c) CM/7.1/25.08 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 29 May 2025 – Minutes.

- (d) CM/7.12/25.08 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (e) CM/7.1/25.09 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 24 July 2025 – Minutes.
  - (f) CM/8.4/25.12 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – SP2.
3. Notes that the total cost of SP1 civil works construction is expected to be approximately \$5.65 million.
  4. Notes that the total cost of electrical undergrounding is expected to be approximately \$4.88 million.
  5. Notes that the total estimated cost of the original SP2 civil works proposal was approximately \$3 million, and a materiality upgrade matching SP1 has been estimated to cost \$2.75 million per Option 4 outlined in CM/7.12/25.08 (without the likelihood of receiving grant funding).
  6. Notes that Council on completion of SP1 will make good the rest of Bronte Road up to Carrington Road.
  7. Notes that defect rectification by the contractors is underway and will be complete prior to project completion.

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.

THE FORESHADOWED MOTION THEN BECAME THE MOTION.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 6.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

#### **DECISION**

That Council:

1. Notes that it has considered and discussed the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade on the following occasions:
  - (a) CM/7.10/20.12 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Design Options Analysis.
  - (b) CM7.10/21.04 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Community Consultation.
  - (c) CM/7.15/21.06 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Community Consultation Outcomes.
  - (d) CM/7.10/21.07 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (e) CM/7.12/22.05 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (f) CM/7.10/22.11 – Petition – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade Project.

- (g) CM/8.7/22.11 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Economic Impact and Footpath Repairs (notice of motion).
  - (h) FC/5.5/23.04 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (i) CM/7.5/23.12 – Tender Evaluation – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Preliminary Electrical Works.
  - (j) CM/7.17/24.07 – Tender Evaluation – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Civil Works.
  - (k) CM/7.3/25.04 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 February 2025 – Minutes.
  - (l) CM/7.3/25.06 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 March 2025 – Minutes.
  - (m) CM/8.4/25.06 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Cycleway (notice of motion).
  - (n) CM/7.1/25.08 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 29 May 2025 – Minutes.
  - (o) CM/7.12/25.08 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (p) CM/7.1/25.09 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 24 July 2025 – Minutes.
  - (q) CM/8.7/25.09 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade and Festival (notice of motion).
  - (r) CM/8.3/25.10 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Footpath Seating Fee Waivers (notice of motion).
  - (s) CM/8.4/25.12 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – SP2 (notice of motion).
  - (t) FC/5.5/26.03 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade and Festival.
2. Notes that Council has considered and discussed Separable Portion 2 (SP2) (Six Ways Upgrade and loss of Bronte Road slip lane) civil works on the following occasions subsequent to the civil works tender award:
- (a) CM/7.3/25.04 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 February 2025 – Minutes.
  - (b) CM/7.3/25.06 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 27 March 2025 – Minutes.
  - (c) CM/7.1/25.08 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 29 May 2025 – Minutes.
  - (d) CM/7.12/25.08 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – Project Update.
  - (e) CM/7.1/25.09 – Capital Works Review Committee Meeting – 24 July 2025 – Minutes.
  - (f) CM/8.4/25.12 – Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade – SP2.
3. Notes that the total cost of SP1 civil works construction is expected to be approximately \$5.65 million.
4. Notes that the total cost of electrical undergrounding is expected to be approximately \$4.88 million.

5. Notes that the total estimated cost of the original SP2 civil works proposal was approximately \$3 million, and a materiality upgrade matching SP1 has been estimated to cost \$2.75 million per Option 4 outlined in CM/7.12/25.08 (without the likelihood of receiving grant funding).
6. Notes that Council on completion of SP1 will make good the rest of Bronte Road up to Carrington Road and Victoria Street.
7. Notes that defect rectification by the contractors is underway and will be complete prior to project completion.

**Division**

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

**Against the Motion:** Crs Lewis, Masselos and Wy Kanak.

*H Tanner and S Bodnar addressed the public forum.*

**CM/7.4/26.03                      Domestic and Family Violence Accommodation and Support Program (SF26/761)**

**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes the renovation and refurbishment of 2A Edmund Street, Queens Park, providing an additional six affordable units as part of Council's Affordable Housing portfolio.
2. Further notes that since October 2024, Council has increased its affordable housing stock by 12 dwellings, a 50% increase.
3. Notes that Council has previously allocated two affordable housing dwellings to provide accommodation and support to residents escaping domestic and family violence (CM/8.6/25.05).
4. Allocates a further two affordable housing units from Council's portfolio to provide accommodation and support to residents escaping domestic and family violence, once the renovation and refurbishment of 2A Edmund Street is complete.

**AMENDMENT**

Mover: Cr Fabiano

Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That the following clause 5 be added to the motion:

'Officers prepare a report to Council in 12 months.'

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

**DECISION**

That Council:

1. Notes the renovation and refurbishment of 2A Edmund Street, Queens Park, providing an additional six affordable units as part of Council's Affordable Housing portfolio.
2. Further notes that since October 2024, Council has increased its affordable housing stock by 12 dwellings, a 50% increase.
3. Notes that Council has previously allocated two affordable housing dwellings to provide accommodation and support to residents escaping domestic and family violence (CM/8.6/25.05).
4. Allocates a further two affordable housing units from Council's portfolio to provide accommodation and support to residents escaping domestic and family violence, once the renovation and refurbishment of 2A Edmund Street is complete.

**CM/7.5/26.03            Waste Management and Product Stewardship - National Coordination  
(A21/0322)**

**MOTION**

Mover:        Cr Fabiano  
Seconder:    Cr Merten

That Council:

1. Notes the increasing operational and financial pressures faced by local governments in delivering waste collection, recycling and resource recovery services, including growing cost pressures on ratepayers.
2. Notes that many decisions relating to product design, packaging and material composition occur upstream in national and global supply chains, while local governments remain responsible for managing the resulting waste within their communities.
3. Seeks national coordination in the following areas:
  - (a) Greater national coordination and consistency in product stewardship and other waste reduction initiatives to reduce regulatory fragmentation across jurisdictions.
  - (b) Continued collaboration between governments, industry, and local government to support efficient and sustainable waste and recycling systems.
  - (c) Consideration of approaches that support efficient and practical waste management outcomes across the supply chain while minimising cost impacts on households, councils and ratepayers.
  - (d) Policy settings that provide regulatory certainty for industry while supporting sustainable waste and recycling systems and long-term investment in domestic recycling and resource recovery infrastructure.
  - (e) Any future policy development in this area be undertaken through consultation with industry, state, and local government to ensure balanced economic and environmental outcomes.

4. Writes to the following stakeholders with this request:
  - (a) Member for Coogee – Marjorie O’Neill MP.
  - (b) Member for Vaucluse – Kellie Sloane MP.
  - (c) State Minister for the Environment – The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC.
  - (d) Member for Wentworth – Allegra Spender MP.
  - (e) Federal Minister for the Environment and Water – Senator the Hon Murray Watt.
  - (f) Federal Minister for Industry and Innovation and Minister for Science – Senator the Hon Tim Ayres.
5. Notes that this resolution seeks to encourage constructive dialogue and coordination between governments, industry and local government and does not seek to prescribe specific regulatory or legislative measures.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO THE MOTION.

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

### **UNANIMOUS DECISION**

That Council:

1. Notes the increasing operational and financial pressures faced by local governments in delivering waste collection, recycling and resource recovery services, including growing cost pressures on ratepayers.
2. Seeks national coordination in the following areas:
  - (a) Greater national coordination in waste reduction initiatives to reduce regulatory fragmentation across jurisdictions.
  - (b) Continued collaboration between governments, industry, and local government to support efficient and sustainable waste and recycling systems.
  - (c) Consideration of approaches that support efficient and practical waste management outcomes across the supply chain while minimising cost impacts on households, councils and ratepayers.
  - (d) Policy settings that provide regulatory certainty for industry while supporting sustainable waste and recycling systems and long-term investment in domestic recycling and resource recovery infrastructure.
  - (e) Any future policy development in this area be undertaken through consultation with industry, state, and local government to ensure balanced economic and environmental outcomes.
3. Writes to the following stakeholders with this request:
  - (a) Member for Coogee – Marjorie O’Neill MP.

- (b) Member for Vaucluse – Kellie Sloane MP.
  - (c) Minister for the Environment – The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC.
  - (d) Member for Wentworth – Allegra Spender MP.
  - (e) Minister for the Environment and Water – Senator the Hon Murray Watt.
  - (f) Minister for Industry and Innovation and Minister for Science – Senator the Hon Tim Ayres.
4. Notes that this resolution seeks to encourage constructive dialogue and coordination between governments, industry and local government and does not seek to prescribe specific regulatory or legislative measures.

**CM/7.6/26.03          Mardi Gras (A25/0088)**

**MOTION (WITHDRAWN BY CR MERTEN)**

That Council:

1. Notes:
  - (a) That the NSW Liberals have called for the defunding of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade.
  - (b) That Council proudly marched in the 2024 and 2025 Mardi Gras Parades.
  - (c) That Council has a longstanding relationship with Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and Sydney World Pride, including events such as the Marks Park Sunrise (Rise Memorial), festival and event launches, the Bondi Beach Dance Parties, alongside many other events over many years.
  - (d) The mayoral minute of September 2025 in support of ACON's 40-year anniversary.
2. Deeply values our LGBTQIA+ residents, who make a considerable contribution to the diversity of Waverley, and welcomes many LGBTQIA+ tourists visiting Sydney for Mardi Gras.
3. Affirms its support for the current funding arrangements of the NSW Government for the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras and does not support the calls for defunding.
4. Writes to Chris Minns (Premier of NSW), Kellie Sloane (Leader of the Opposition), Marjorie O'Neill (MP for Coogee) and the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras informing them of this resolution.

**CM/7.7/26.03          Public Tree Planting Tracker (A22/0383)****MOTION**

Mover:      Cr Merten  
Seconded: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1.    Notes:
  - (a)    That the application for a NSW Government Greening our City grant was unsuccessful.
  - (b)    That NSW Government Greening our City grant was focused on supporting greater canopy plantings.
  - (c)    The update on the outcomes of the Public Domain Tree Inventory Project and progress on the recommendations as reported to the Strategic Planning and Development Committee in November 2025.
  - (d)    The ongoing commitment to expand and protect Waverley's urban tree canopy, including Council's target of planting 400 public trees per year and/or 35% of green cover by 2032.
  - (e)    Council's replacement tree planting policy that when permission is granted to remove a tree or trees on private land and there is insufficient planting space on site to accommodate a mature tree(s) of similar dimensions, the applicant will be asked to contribute to offset tree planting on public land.
  - (f)    That community members care deeply about local trees and their benefits for habitat, lifestyle and business.
  - (g)    The current implementation of the asset management system as part of ICT Modernisation Program, which includes a comprehensive tree asset database.
2.    Investigates opportunities, as part of the asset management system implementation, to develop an online tree planting tracker and map including locations, species and timelines to allow community members to stay informed about Council's public tree planting program across the local government area.
3.    Develops appropriate signage to be installed on-site with each new public tree planting to support community awareness and engagement with Council's planting program, including QR code links to Waverley's Urban Greening and Cooling Strategy and tree planting targets, the benefits of street trees and how to contact Council for further information about street trees.
4.    Creates a new program that allows community members to nominate a location for a public tree planting (e.g. reserves, parks, kerbs, verges, traffic islands, etc) for Council investigation, advice and support.
5.    Officers prepare a report to Council on progress by August 2026.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 1, 2, 3 AND 5.

**AMENDMENT**

Mover:      Cr Frazer  
Seconded: Cr Townsend

That clause 4 be deleted.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

## **DECISION**

That Council:

1. Notes:
    - (a) That a NSW Government Greening our City grant application focused on supporting greater canopy plantings was unsuccessful.
    - (b) The update on the outcomes of the Public Domain Tree Inventory Project and progress on the recommendations as reported to the Strategic Planning and Development Committee in November 2025.
    - (c) The ongoing commitment to expand and protect Waverley's urban tree canopy, including Council's target of planting 400 public trees per year and/or 35% of green cover by 2032.
    - (d) Its replacement tree planting policy; in particular, when permission is granted to remove a tree or trees on private land and there is insufficient planting space on site to accommodate a mature tree(s) of similar dimensions, the applicant will be asked to contribute to offset tree planting on public land.
    - (e) Community members care deeply about trees and their benefits for habitat, lifestyle and business.
    - (f) The current implementation of the asset management system as part of ICT Modernisation Program, which includes a comprehensive tree asset database.
  2. Officers investigate opportunities to develop an online tree planting tracker and map including locations, species and timelines to allow community members to stay informed about Council's public tree planting program across the local government area.
  3. Enhances its current signage that is installed on-site with each new public tree planting to include links to Waverley's Urban Greening and Cooling Strategy, tree planting targets, benefits of street trees and how to contact Council for further information about street trees.
  4. Creates a new program that allows community members to nominate a location for a public tree planting (e.g. reserves, parks, kerbs, verges, traffic islands, etc) for Council investigation, advice and support.
  5. Officers prepare a report to Council by October 2026, including outcomes on cost, feasibility and recommended next steps.
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8. **Questions with Notice**

There were no questions with notice.

## 9. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

## 10. Closed Session

### CM/10/26.03 Closed Session

#### MOTION / DECISION

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/10.2/26.03 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Building Upgrade - Financial Contributions

This matter is considered to be confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(c) 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, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

CM/10.5/26.03 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Oxford Street and Spring Street, Bondi Junction - State Significant Development - Direct Negotiation Update

This matter is considered to be confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(c) 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, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

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 9.28 pm, Council moved into closed session.

**CM/10.1/26.03      CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Trade Debtors - Debt Write Off (SF24/3672)**

*Council dealt with this item in open session.*

**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)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains discussion in relation to the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer.
2. Writes off bad trade debts amounting to \$21,593.21 as set out in Attachment 1 of the report, in accordance with clause 213(3) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.
3. Notes that \$6,965.90 has been written off by the General Manager for the period 1 May 2025 to 28 February 2026, in accordance with clause 213(3) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

**CM/10.2/26.03      CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Building Upgrade - Financial Contributions (A18/0375)****MOTION / 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)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
2. Recovers \$219,230 in outstanding contributions from Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club for the completed club building upgrade over a period of 10 years as a condition of the future long-term lease.

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

*S Fox and Z Scott-King (both on behalf of Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club) addressed the public forum.*

**CM/10.5/26.03            CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Oxford Street and Spring Street, Bondi Junction - State Significant Development - Direct Negotiation Update (A18/0123)**

**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover:     Cr Nemesch  
 Secunder: Cr Lewis

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)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
2.     Notes the due diligence assessment undertaken to date as part of the direct negotiation process with Apt.Residential regarding the State Significant Development proposal at 410–432 and 147–183 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction, as set out in the report.

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

**11. Resuming in Open Session**

**CM/11/26.03            Resuming in Open Session**

**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover:     Cr Nemesch  
 Secunder: Cr Spicer

That Council resumes in open session.

*At 10.17 pm, Council resumed in open session.*

***Resolutions from closed session made public***

*In accordance with clause 14.17 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.*

**12. Meeting Closure**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.22 PM.**

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**SIGNED AND CONFIRMED**  
**MAYOR**  
**21 APRIL 2026**