



WAVERLEY
COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON
TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2026**

Present:

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| 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:

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| Emily Scott | General Manager |
| Sharon Cassidy | Director, Assets and Operations |
| Fletcher Rayner | Director, Planning, Sustainability and Compliance |
| 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. There were no addresses in respect of the meeting.

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

Following the prayer and acknowledgement of Indigenous heritage, a motion moved by Cr Westwood and seconded by Cr Nemesh to allow Cr Wy Kanak to attend the meeting and the following Strategic Planning and Development Committee meeting by audio-visual link due to medical reasons was put and declared carried unanimously.

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/Leaves of Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair called for declarations of interest and none were received.

ITEMS BY EXCEPTION

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

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

- FC/3.1/26.03 Confirmation of Minutes – Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting – 10 February 2026.
- FC/5.1/26.03 Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Meeting – 5 November 2025 – Minutes.
- FC/5.2/26.03 Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting – 11 November 2025 – Minutes.
- FC/5.3/26.03 Council Resolutions – Status Update.
- FC/5.5/26.03 Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade and Festival.
- FC/5.7/26.03 Capital Works Program – Update.
- FC/5.8/26.03 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach – Pedestrian Crossings.
- FC/5.9/26.03 Oxford Street and Ruthven Street Intersection, Bondi Junction – Safety Upgrades.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

FC/3.1/26.03 Confirmation of Minutes - Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 10 February 2026 (A26/0031)

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 10 February 2026 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4. Mayoral Minutes

There were no mayoral minutes.

5. Reports

FC/5.1/26.03 Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel Meeting - 5 November 2025 - Minutes (SF25/766)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the minutes of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Panel meeting held on 5 November 2025 attached to the report.

FC/5.2/26.03 Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting - 11 November 2025 - Minutes (A25/0221)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 November 2025 attached to the report.

FC/5.3/26.03 Council Resolutions - Status Update (SF25/4815)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the status of outstanding resolutions from September 2021 to January 2026, as set out in the attachment to the report.

FC/5.4/26.03 Celebrating 2026 in 2026 (A25/0436)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Approves the Celebrating 2026 in 2026 proposal set out in the report (noting that final details of activations are subject to change).
2. Approves the following additional activities, with a report to come back to Council no later than April with costings, time frames and options for:
 - (a) Incorporating a curated exhibition within the Bondi Pavilion Art Gallery celebrating the cultural evolution and history of Bondi, highlighting the people, places and movements that have shaped the precinct.
 - (b) Establishing an artisan retail precinct as part of the event program to showcase local design, creativity and craftsmanship, supporting local businesses and celebrating Bondi success stories.
 - (c) Delivering a curated tasting trail featuring Bondi's most recognised food and beverage operators, enabling visitors to sample signature offerings from local venues and further supporting the local hospitality sector.
 - (d) Including a live performance stage at Dolphin Court, featuring local musicians, DJs and performers, to activate the precinct and support Bondi's creative and hospitality economy.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 2 AND THE ADDITION OF A NEW CLAUSE 2(e).

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION

That Council:

1. Approves the Celebrating 2026 in 2026 proposal set out in the report (noting that final details of activations are subject to change).
2. Approves the following additional activities, subject to a report coming back to Council no later than April with costings, time frames and options for:
 - (a) Incorporating a curated exhibition within the Bondi Pavilion Art Gallery celebrating the cultural evolution and history of Bondi, highlighting the people, places and movements that have shaped the precinct.
 - (b) Establishing an artisan retail precinct as part of the event program to showcase local design, creativity and craftsmanship, supporting local businesses and celebrating Bondi success stories.

- (c) Delivering a curated tasting trail featuring Bondi's most recognised food and beverage operators, enabling visitors to sample signature offerings from local venues and further supporting the local hospitality sector.
- (d) Including a live performance stage at Dolphin Court, featuring local musicians, DJs and performers, to activate the precinct and support Bondi's creative and hospitality economy.
- (e) Including local schools as part of the celebration.

Division

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

Against the Motion: Crs Spooner and Wy Kanak.

FC/5.5/26.03 Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade and Festival (A23/0580)**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the plans for a Charing Cross festival to take place on Saturday 30 May 2026, as set out in the report.

FC/5.6/26.03 Petition - Brisbane Street, Bondi Junction - Parking Enforcement (A25/0032)**MOTION**

Mover: Cr Townsend

Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council:

1. Notes the petition requesting stricter enforcement of non-resident parking in Brisbane Street, Bondi Junction.
2. Notes that parking officers regularly patrol Brisbane Street as part of daily operations.
3. Notes that in response to concerns raised, patrols will be increased from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm for a period of time, in a targeted campaign to deter non-compliance.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 3.

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

UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes the petition requesting stricter enforcement of non-resident parking in Brisbane Street,

Bondi Junction.

2. Notes that parking officers regularly patrol Brisbane Street as part of daily operations.
3. Notes that in response to concerns raised, patrols will be increased from 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm for eight weeks, in a targeted campaign to deter non-compliance.

FC/5.7/26.03 Capital Works Program - Update (A21/0532)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Treats Attachment 1 of 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 attachment 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 progress on the Capital Works Program and the update on key projects and Strategic Asset Management Plan programs, as set out in the report.

FC/5.8/26.03 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach - Pedestrian Crossings (A03/0801)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Installs a raised pedestrian crossing at the entrance of Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach.
2. Installs a zebra crossing at the exit of Queen Elizabeth Drive.
3. Applies for grant funding to support project budgeting.
4. Authorises the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the designs should detailed design information and on-site circumstances warrant changes.

FC/5.9/26.03 Oxford Street and Ruthven Street Intersection, Bondi Junction - Safety Upgrades (A20/0069)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Westwood
Secunder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that the quick-build safety measures implemented at the intersection of Oxford Street and Ruthven Street, Bondi Junction, in September 2025 have successfully addressed the safety concerns raised by the community.

2. Notes the retention of the current kerb extensions, planters and signage as a permanent safety solution, given their semi-permanent construction and effectiveness.

6. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

7. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.19 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
CHAIR
5 MAY 2026