



**MINUTES OF THE WAVERLEY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON  
TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 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, Planning, Sustainability and Compliance
Tara Czinner	Director, Corporate Services
Shane Smith	Acting Director, Assets and Operations
Ben Thompson	Director, Community, Culture and Customer Experience

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

*At the commencement of proceedings at 7.01 pm, those present were as listed above.*

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

*At 8.25 pm, during the consideration of item CM/6.3/26.04, the meeting adjourned for a short break. At 8.27 pm, the meeting resumed.*

At 9.34 pm, following the vote on item CM/6.16/26.04, the meeting adjourned for a short break. At 9.44 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 Spicer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item CM/6.10/26.04 – Community Shabbat Dinner and informed the meeting that he is General Franchise Deputy of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

### **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  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

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

- CM/4.1/26.04 Confirmation of Minutes – Council Meeting – 24 March 2026.
- CM/6.1/26.04 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting – 11 December 2025 – Minutes.

- CM/6.2/26.04 Surf Life Saving Committee Meeting – 17 March 2026 – Minutes.
- CM/6.5/26.04 Delivery Program 2025-2029 – Six-Monthly Progress Report.
- CM/6.6/26.04 Precinct Policy and Procedures and Code of Practice for Precincts – Adoption.
- CM/6.8/26.04 Sydney Roosters – Community Partnership Agreement – Update.
- CM/6.9/26.04 Investment Portfolio Report – March 2026.
- CM/6.11/26.04 Local Government Civics Program for Young People.
- CM/6.15/26.04 Signage and Plaques in Public Places Guideline.
- CM/6.18/26.04 Bondi Beach Beautification – O'Brien Street, Hall Street and Glenayr Avenue.
- CM/6.20/26.04 North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club – Lease and Licence – Exhibition Outcome.
- CM/7.1/26.04 Microplastic Pollution.
- CM/7.3/26.04 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).
- CM/7.4/26.04 Footpath Rectification Works – Bondi Junction Commercial Area.
- CM/10.1/26.04 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – 1 Bondi Road, Bondi Junction – Lease.

#### 4. Confirmation of Minutes

##### **CM/4.1/26.04 Confirmation of Minutes - Council Meeting - 24 March 2026 (A26/0030)**

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

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

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

#### 5. Mayoral Minutes

##### **CM/5.1/26.04 National Local Government Summit on Social Cohesion and Antisemitism (A23/0698)**

##### **MOTION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Spooner

That Council:

1. Notes the request from Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) Australia to the Mayor for Waverley Council to co-host the annual National Local Government Summit on Social Cohesion and Antisemitism on 26–27 November 2026.

2. Partners with CAM Australia, the Commonwealth and NSW Governments and the Office of the Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism to co-host the event.
3. Notes that the Mayor, supported by Council staff, will present to the conference on Council's Strategy to Combat Antisemitism, which was adopted by Council in March 2025.
4. Notes that Council will support the conference by providing in-kind support in the form of Council officer time only and no direct financial contribution will be required.
5. Notes that the conference venue is currently being finalised and will be held at a location in the Greater Sydney region and not within the Waverley local government area.

**AMENDMENT**

Mover: Cr Fabiano  
Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That clause 2 be amended to read as follows:

'Partners with CAM Australia, the Commonwealth and NSW Governments and the Office of the Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism to co-host the event, subject to:

- (a) Ensuring that as co-host, Council advocates for the Summit program to reflect a broad and inclusive approach to social cohesion, including addressing antisemitism, Islamophobia and all forms of racism, religious intolerance and extremism.
- (b) Requests that the Summit include participation from a diverse range of multicultural, multi-faith and community representatives, including those from communities affected by different forms of racism and discrimination, with particular regard to local Waverley communities.
- (c) Notes that Council's role as co-host is subject to appropriate governance arrangements, including oversight of program principles to ensure alignment with Council's commitment to inclusion, non-discrimination and social cohesion.'

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

**Division**

**For the Amendment:** Crs Fabiano and Wy Kanak.

**Against the Amendment:** Crs Frazer, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Nemes, Spooner, Spicer, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

**DECISION**

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#### **Division**

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

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

*S Gutnick (on behalf of Combat Antisemitism Movement), M Berkon (on behalf of Jews Against the Occupation '48) and Rabbi M Ulman addressed the public forum.*

### **CM/5.2/26.04          Minimising Adverse Impacts of Potential Fuel Shortages (A26/0585)**

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

Mover: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that the General Manager convened the Crisis Management Team in March 2026 to undertake fuel crisis management planning to minimise any potential impacts on Council services and that this work continues.
2. Notes that the Crisis Management Team has commenced fuel management planning and scenario modelling to ensure Council's critical services can continue to operate with minimal disruption to residents if fuel availability is limited.
3. Notes that officers are working closely with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils and Local Government NSW to secure fuel for priority services in the case that fuel supply is limited or rationed.
4. Notes that the current fuel crisis has had an impact of an estimated \$30,000 per month on Council's 2025–26 operational budget.
5. Officers investigate the potential to fast track the purchase of emerging electric vehicle technologies for our waste collection trucks and operational vehicles to future-proof these critical services.
6. Officers assess the likely impacts of the fuel crisis on the draft 2026-2027 Budget prior to final adoption in June 2026 and present options for Council to consider that will offset the likely impacts.
7. Investigates options for on-site fuel storage at the Alexandria Integrated Facility in partnership with Woollahra Council.
8. Advocates for the NSW Government for the ability to use the Domestic Waste Charge as a short-term funding source to offset the financial impacts of the fuel crisis on Council's general operations.

## 6. Reports

### CM/6.1/26.04 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting - 11 December 2025 - Minutes (A25/2309)

#### MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council notes the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 December 2025 attached to the report.

### CM/6.2/26.04 Surf Life Saving Committee Meeting - 17 March 2026 - Minutes (SF26/1691)

#### MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council notes the minutes of the Surf Life Saving Committee meeting held on 17 March 2026 attached to the report.

### CM/6.3/26.04 Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2026-27, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 7.1 - Exhibition (SF25/5151)

#### MOTION

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council:

1. Treats Attachment 5 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. Publicly exhibits the draft Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2026-27, draft Budget 2026-27 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 7.1 attached to the report for 28 days, subject to the following amendments:
  - (a) Bringing forward \$200,000 to develop the Bondi Road Streetscape Master Plan in the 2026-27 Capital Works Program, with funding to be provided from the 2026-27 Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) Renewal – Street Footpaths Program.
  - (b) Allocating \$500,000 to the construction of the CSIRO viewing platform in the 2027-28 financial year on the assumption that the full amount is grant funded from external sources.
3. Notes that the projected total project cost of the redevelopment of the Council Chambers site as at April 2026 is \$32.31 million with a proposed funding strategy comprising \$5 million of anticipated grants, \$9.86 million from the Council general fund and a projected funding shortfall of \$17.45 million to be funded via loan financing.

4. In accordance with sections 621 and 623 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, borrows \$17.45 million to fund the redevelopment of the Council Chambers site according to the project delivery schedule.
5. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to source the loan from approved financial institutions, with officers to prepare a report to Council on the loan details in the second quarter of financial year 2026-27.
6. Notes that the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 7.1:
  - (a) Will be reviewed annually in line with the Operational Plan and Annual Budget development.
  - (b) Sets out the projects and initiatives that Council intends to invest in and the associated resource requirements for the next 11 years. It considers and utilises a range of options for achieving balanced budgets over the life of LTFP 7.1, likely including borrowing, realising efficiencies and cost reductions within Council operations, applying reserve funds earlier than forecast in LTFP 7.1, reducing or rescheduling the capital expenditure program and increasing revenue to fund specific programs and initiatives.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 2 AND 3 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

2. Publicly exhibits the draft Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2026-27, draft Budget 2026-27 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 7.1 attached to the report for 28 days, subject to the following amendments:
  - (a) Bringing forward \$200,000 to develop the Bondi Road Streetscape Master Plan in the 2026–27 Capital Works Program, with funding to be provided from the 2026–27 Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) Renewal – Street Footpaths Program.
  - (b) Allocating \$500,000 to the construction of the CSIRO viewing platform in the 2027–28 financial year on the assumption that the full amount is grant funded from external sources.
  - (c) Amending the tables on pages 133, 137 and 141 of the attachments under separate cover, prior to public exhibition to include the total unrestricted balance of each year in the reserve balance statement of the LTFP.
3. Notes that the projected total project cost of the redevelopment of the Council Chambers site as at April 2026 is \$32.31 million (revised from \$18.93 million from the previous LTFP to retain the Chambers site) with a proposed funding strategy comprising \$5 million of anticipated grants, \$9.86 million from the Council general fund and a projected funding shortfall of \$17.45 million to be funded via loan financing.

**AMENDMENT 1**

Mover: Cr Lewis  
Second: Cr Masselos

That clause 4 be amended to read as follows:

‘Defers consideration of borrowing \$17.45 million to fund the redevelopment of the Council Chambers site to the Council meeting in August 2026, with officers to prepare a report to that meeting on the future of the Council Chambers in the context of the Bondi Junction Master Plan.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

**AMENDMENT 2**

Mover: Cr Spooner

Seconder: Cr Merten

That clauses 3, 4 and 5 be deleted.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE CHAIR.

**DECISION**

That Council:

1. Treats Attachment 5 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.
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4. In accordance with sections 621 and 623 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, borrows \$17.45 million to fund the redevelopment of the Council Chambers site according to the project delivery schedule.
5. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to source the loan from approved financial institutions, with officers to prepare a report to Council on the loan details in the second quarter of financial year 2026-27.
6. Notes that the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 7.1:
  - (a) Will be reviewed annually in line with the Operational Plan and Annual Budget

development.

- (b) Sets out the projects and initiatives that Council intends to invest in and the associated resource requirements for the next 11 years. It considers and utilises a range of options for achieving balanced budgets over the life of LTFP 7.1, likely including borrowing, realising efficiencies and cost reductions within Council operations, applying reserve funds earlier than forecast in LTFP 7.1, reducing or rescheduling the capital expenditure program and increasing revenue to fund specific programs and initiatives.

**Division**

**For the Motion:** Crs Fabiano, Lewis, Masselos, Merten, Spooner and Wy Kanak.

**Against the Motion:** Crs Frazer, Nemesh, Spicer, Stephenson, Townsend and Westwood.

**CM/6.4/26.04 Operational Plan 2026-27 - Exhibition (A25/2092)**

**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

That Council:

1. Publicly exhibits for 28 days:
  - (a) The draft Operational Plan 2026–27 (Waverley 2027), including the Budget and the Statement of Revenue Policy, attached to the report (Attachment 1).
  - (b) The Rating Structure for 2026–27 contained on page 79 of the draft Operational Plan 2026–27. In accordance with sections 497, 516, 518, 529(2)(d), 534, 535 and 548(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), it is proposed that the following rates and charges be set for every parcel of rateable land within the local government area for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027:
    - (i) An ordinary rate of 0.068895000 cents in the dollar subject to a minimum rate in accordance with section 548(3) of the Act per assessment on all rateable land categorised Residential in accordance with section 516 of the Act and sub-categorised Ordinary in accordance with section 529(2)(b) of the Act.
    - (ii) An ordinary rate of 0.36376600 cents in the dollar on all rateable land categorised Business in accordance with section 518 of the Act and subcategorised Ordinary in accordance with section 529 (2)(d) of the Act.
    - (iii) An ordinary rate of 0.85292000 cents in the dollar on all rateable land categorised Business in accordance with section 518 of the Act and subcategorised Bondi Junction in accordance with section 529(2)(d) of the Act.
  - (c) The Domestic Waste Management Service Charge being set at \$681 per service per annum for the financial year 2026–27 in accordance with section 496 of the Act.
  - (d) The Stormwater Management Service Charge contained on page 82 of the draft Operational Plan 2026–27 in accordance with section 496A of the Act for the financial year 2026–27 as follows:

Stormwater Management Service Charge		
Category	Unit	Fee or charge
Residential property	per property	25.00
Residential strata property	per property	12.50
Business property	per 350 m2 (or part thereof)	25.00
Business strata property	per 350 m2 (or part thereof) levied equally to strata unit entitlement with a minimum of \$5	25.00

2. Authorises the General Manager to make any necessary editorial and content changes to the draft Operational Plan 2026–2027, including the Budget, for public exhibition to give effect to Council’s resolution.
3. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

**CM/6.5/26.04            Delivery Program 2025-2029 - Six-Monthly Progress Report (A23/0576)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:     Cr Nemesh  
 Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council notes the six-monthly progress report on the Delivery Program 2025–2029 attached to the report.

**CM/6.6/26.04            Precinct Policy and Procedures and Code of Practice for Precincts - Adoption (A25/2181)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:     Cr Nemesh  
 Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Adopts the Precinct Policy and Procedures attached to the report (Attachment 1)
2. Adopts the Code of Practice for Precincts attached to the report (Attachment 2).

**CM/6.7/26.04            Inbound Donations and Philanthropic Partnerships Policy - Exhibition (A20/0047)**

**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover:     Cr Spicer  
 Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes the investigation into the development of a philanthropic partnership policy to support the delivery of the Community Strategic Plan, capital works and infrastructure programs and community services, as set out in the report.

2. Publicly exhibits the draft Inbound Donations and Philanthropic Partnerships Policy attached to the report for 28 days.
3. Investigates opportunities to establish additional deductible gift recipient (DGR) endorsement for donor tax deductions to broaden the potential donor pool.
4. Investigates opportunities to improve the application process for inbound donations and philanthropic partnerships, including more accessible and user-friendly and processes.
5. Officers prepare a report to Council in July following the exhibition period, with findings and recommendations from the exhibition period and the investigations included in the recommendation.

**CM/6.8/26.04            Sydney Roosters - Community Partnership Agreement - Update (A25/0632)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:        Cr Nemesh  
Secunder:    Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes and community benefits of Council's Community Partnership Agreement with the Eastern Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club (Sydney Roosters) for the 2025–26 season.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council on the agreement for the 2026–27 season by April 2027.

**CM/6.9/26.04            Investment Portfolio Report - March 2026 (SF25/3747)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:        Cr Nemesh  
Secunder:    Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the Investment Summary Report for March 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/6.10/26.04 Community Shabbat Dinner (A23/0698)**

*Cr Spicer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this item and informed the meeting that he is General Franchise Deputy of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.*

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Notes the arrangements for the community Shabbat Dinner to be held at Bondi Pavilion on 29 May 2026, as set out in the report, subject to the following amendments:
  - (a) Invitations being both invitation-only and open to the public.
  - (b) The cost to attend the dinner being a donation, which will go towards the Unite for Bondi – Bondi Terror Attack Appeal.
2. Allocates up to \$160,000 (excluding GST) to deliver the event, with the greatest cost going towards security and infrastructure.
3. Officers pursue opportunities for grants and sponsorship with the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies to offset the cost of the event, noting that sponsorship conversations have commenced.

*M Goldman (on behalf of NSW Jewish Board of Deputies) and Rabbi M Ulman addressed the public forum.*

**CM/6.11/26.04 Local Government Civics Program for Young People (A25/1839)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council approves the design and development of an online civics education program for young people, as set out in the report.

**CM/6.12/26.04 Parklet Policy - Exhibition (SF25/1336)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council:

1. Publicly exhibits the draft Parklet Policy attached to the report for 28 days.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council no later than July following the exhibition period.

**CM/6.13/26.04 Strata Parking Enforcement Framework - Exhibition (A16/0667)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Spicer  
Seconded: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Invites expressions of interest (EOI) from owners corporations in the Waverley local government area to participate in an on-demand strata parking management scheme.
2. Publicly exhibits the draft Strata Parking Guidelines attached to the report for 42 days.
3. Officers prepare a report to Council on the outcome of the EOI and exhibition, including resourcing requirements to administer the scheme.

**CM/6.14/26.04 Bronte House - Capital Works and Community Access (A02/0250-06)****MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Westwood  
Seconded: Cr Townsend

That Council:

1. Notes the works being carried out at Bronte House and that public access to the gardens will be accommodated with open days during the works when safe to do so.
2. Officers prepare a report to Council with scope, costings and funding sources for the upcoming works to be adapted to support community access to Bronte House, addressing toilet and kitchen facilities, access and safety issues (including the gardens) and any other works required.
3. Undertakes an expression of interest process to identify suitable proposals for a tearoom service commensurate with the available facilities and heritage and maximising public access and enjoyment of Bronte House.
4. Officers further progress a plan for public access and programming following the completion of works, with a report to be prepared to Council.

**Division:**

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

**Against the Motion:** Cr Masselos.

**CM/6.15/26.04 Signage and Plaques in Public Places Guideline (A25/1841)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the investigation into the feasibility of establishing a commemoration and memorialisation framework for the Waverley local government area, including opportunities to strengthen recognition of significant community contributions and major civic projects.
2. Notes the draft Signage and Plaques in Public Places Guideline attached to the report (Attachment 1), which:
  - (a) Establishes a clear and consistent governance framework for signage and plaques in public places.
  - (b) Enables commemorative recognition of significant community contributions, civic milestones and major infrastructure projects.
  - (c) Supports transparent and equitable decision-making for requests for recognition.
3. Notes the draft Signage as Remote Supervision – Implementation Guideline attached to the report (Attachment 2), which strengthens Council’s approach to public safety, risk management and the effective use of signage in public spaces.
4. Approves the continuation of Council’s existing position of not permitting private memorials on public land, noting the long-term operational, equity, asset management and public space impacts associated with personal memorialisation.

**CM/6.16/26.04 Coastal Landslips Remediation - Update (SF25/6468)****MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nimesh  
Seconder: Cr Frazer

That Council:

1. Approves the following prioritisation program for landslip remediation projects, as set out in the report:
  - (a) North Bronte Park Cliff Collapse – Stage 1.
  - (b) North Bronte Park Cliff Collapse – Stage 2.
  - (c) Rodney Reserve Landslip – Stage 1.
  - (d) South Bondi Landslip and Footpath Remediation Project.
  - (e) Rodney Reserve Landslip – Stage 2.
2. Allocates \$420,000 to the North Bronte Park Cliff Collapse as part of the 2025–26 third quarter budget adjustment to commence work as outlined in the report.

3. In respect of the Rodney Reserve landslip, defers Option 1 (remediation of Landslip A to eliminate identified risks and to reinstate the permanent fence line along the original alignment) and considers funding in the draft Long Term Financial Plan to be reported to Council in April.
4. In respect of the South Bondi Landslip and Footpath Remediation Project:
  - (a) Notes that the Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Plan of Management and South Bondi Park Master Plan proposes removal the lower footpath connection between the amenities block and promenade (currently closed off due to a landslip) and upgrades the main staircase and upper footpath to improve capacity and connectivity.
  - (b) Approves the commencement of detailed design for South Bondi Park footpath improvement upgrades based on the Plan of Management.
  - (c) Approves funding for the South Bondi Park footpath improvement upgrade works in the 2026–2027 Capital Works budget to allow construction to commence.
  - (d) Due to South Bondi Park footpath improvement upgrade works commencing in the shorter term, approves the permanent closure of the lower footpath connection between the amenities block and promenade with signage and fencing on site to reflect this change and advertise the future upgrades works to the community.
5. Notes that the draft Coastal Management Program, currently in development, will provide important strategic guidance on how to proactively manage and fund coastal landslips and infrastructure improvements in the future.

**CM/6.17/26.04          Shared E-Bike Parking and Management Trial and E-Micromobility Sharing Schemes Reform (A17/0445)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:      Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes of the community consultation attached to the report (Attachment 4) on the shared e-bike parking and management trial.
2. Makes permanent the dedicated shared bike parking areas installed as part of the trial and continues to monitor and refine as required, subject to no net loss of vehicle parking throughout the local government area (LGA) at each shared bike parking area location.
3. Installs additional dedicated shared bike parking areas at the locations set out in the report and allocates \$20,000 in the 2025–2026 Capital Works Program for their delivery, subject to officers considering designated parking areas at Charing Cross at the following locations:
  - (a) 78 Carrington Road.
  - (b) 240 Bronte Road.
  - (c) 13 Albion Street.

- (d) 218 Bronte Road.
4. Authorises the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to refine the parking area designs should on-site circumstances warrant changes and to develop operating authorisation conditions for all share bike operators within Waverley, in line with updated legislation, including no-go and go-slow zones, as preliminarily identified in the report.
  5. Allocates future fees collected from share bike operators to the management of share bikes and the provision of additional active transport infrastructure.
  6. Continues to investigate options for an integrated mobility hub in Bondi Junction in the medium-to longer-term.
  7. Approves the submission to Transport for NSW attached to the report (Attachment 1) on E-micromobility sharing schemes reform.
  8. Officers prepare a report to Council no later than the July Council meeting identifying additional dedicated shared bike parking areas throughout the LGA, along with funding sources to implement the parking zones.

**CM/6.18/26.04      Bondi Beach Beautification - O'Brien Street, Hall Street and Glenayr Avenue  
(A25/0484)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the dilapidated condition of the streetscape at the junction of O'Brien Street, Hall Street and Glenayr Avenue, Bondi Beach ('Six Ways').
2. Notes that the Bondi Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study has identified the intersection as a priority.
3. Publicly exhibits the design options for the intersection attached to the report.
4. Notes that both designs include landscaping improvements and will increase amenity through new street trees, garden beds, upgraded pedestrian crossings and opportunities for outdoor dining and seating.
5. Officers prepare a report to Council following the exhibition period.

**CM/6.19/26.04 North Bondi Shops and Bus Terminus Upgrade - Project Update (A22/0183)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that North Bondi Village is situated within a complex bus terminus that makes landscape and layout changes to the streetscape difficult to achieve.
2. Approves the concept design for the North Bondi Shops and Bus Terminus Upgrade attached to the report and proceeds to detailed design.
3. Notes that the concept design includes a program of practical, incremental improvements, including continuous footpath treatments, renewal of concrete road slabs, landscaping, planter beds and line marking.
4. Investigates converting the existing pedestrian crossing into a raised pedestrian crossing during detailed design, in collaboration with Transport for NSW.
5. Investigates the viability of in-ground tree planting at appropriate locations during detailed design.
6. Collaborates with Transport for NSW to develop more substantive future terminus changes in line with bus operational needs.

**CM/6.20/26.04 North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club - Lease and Licence - Exhibition Outcome (A25/0714)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Grants a lease to North Bondi Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated for the North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club building and Advanced Rescue Life Saving Facility for 20 years on the terms and conditions set out in the report.
2. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to complete negotiations and execute all necessary documentation to finalise the matter.

**CM/6.21/26.04 Tender Evaluation - Bondi Golf and Diggers Club Project - Head Contractor (SF26/1552)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson  
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

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 preferred tenderer Progroup Management Pty Ltd for the supply of the head contractor services for the Bondi Golf and Diggers Club Project for the sum of \$492,833 (excluding GST).
3. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to enter into contract on behalf of Council with the preferred tenderer.
4. Notifies unsuccessful tenderers of the decision in accordance with section 179 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*.

**CM/6.22/26.04 Tender Evaluation - SSROC Panel - Digitisation, Storage and Destruction of Council Records and Associated Services (SF17/2878)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson  
Seconder: Cr Nemesh

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 digitisation, storage and destruction services for Council records and associated services for three years with two two-year options at the discretion of SSROC and Council:
  - (a) Category 1 – Digitisation:
    - (i) Fujifilm Data Management Solutions Australia Pty Ltd.
    - (ii) Grace Records Management (Australia) Pty Ltd.
    - (iii) The Information Management Group Pty Ltd.
    - (iv) ZircoDATA Pty Ltd.

- (b) Category 2 – Scan-on-demand:
  - (i) Fujifilm Data Management Solutions Australia Pty Ltd.
  - (ii) Grace Records Management (Australia) Pty Ltd.
  - (iii) The Information Management Group Pty Ltd.
  - (iv) ZircoDATA Pty Ltd.
- (c) Category 3 – Secure storage:
  - (i) Government Records Repository.
  - (ii) Grace Records Management (Australia) Pty Ltd.
  - (iii) The Information Management Group Pty Ltd.
  - (iv) ZircoDATA Pty Ltd.
- (d) Category 4 – Secure destruction:
  - (i) Grace Records Management (Australia) Pty Ltd.
  - (ii) Shred-X Pty Ltd.
  - (iii) ZircoDATA Pty Ltd.
- (e) Category 5 – Document conservation:
  - (i) Government Records Repository.
  - (ii) Record Partners Pty Ltd.
  - (iii) The Information Management Group Pty Ltd.
- (f) Category 6 – Digital mailroom:
  - (i) Fujifilm Data Management Solutions Australia Pty Ltd.
  - (ii) Grace Records Management (Australia) Pty Ltd.
  - (iii) The Information Management Group Pty Ltd.
- (g) Category 7 – Consultation and strategy:
  - (i) Fujifilm Data Management Solutions Australia Pty Ltd.
  - (ii) Grace Records Management (Australia) Pty Ltd.
  - (iii) Record Partners Pty Ltd.
  - (iv) The Information Management Group Pty Ltd.

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/7.1/26.04 Microplastic Pollution (A21/0318)

#### MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes growing scientific concern regarding microplastic pollution and its impacts on marine ecosystems and potential human health.
2. Notes findings from the Australian Microplastic Assessment Project indicating increasing levels of microplastics in NSW coastal waterways, including the identification of Bondi Beach as a microplastic hotspot.
3. Recognises the role local governments can play in reducing microplastic pollution through stormwater management, procurement practices, environmental monitoring and community education.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council outlining opportunities for Council to reduce stormwater pollution and microplastic pollution, including consideration of:
  - (a) Opportunities to improve stormwater filtration systems, including the role of additional gross pollutant traps and stormwater quality improvement devices to improve water quality and reduce microplastics at our beaches and waterways.
  - (b) Measures to minimise the escape of expanded waste, including polystyrene and plastic debris into the environment.
  - (c) Opportunities to strengthen compliance and education regarding construction site waste management and plastic containment.
  - (d) Community education initiatives to reduce microplastic pollution.
  - (e) Opportunities to improve monitoring and reporting of microplastics in local waterways, including partnerships with research organisations such as the Australia Microplastic Assessment Project.
  - (f) Implementation costs, feasibility and potential partnerships with the community and other stakeholders

**CM/7.2/26.04 Code of Meeting Practice - Attendance by Councillors at Meetings by Audio-Visual Link (SF26/1841)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Townsend  
Seconder: Cr Westwood

That Council:

1. Notes that:
  - (a) The new Model Code of Meeting Practice that came into effect in 2026 prohibits Councillors from attending Council meetings or Council Committee meetings via audio-visual link other than for reasons of ill-health, other medical reasons or because of unforeseen caring responsibilities.
  - (b) At its meeting on 28 March 2026, the NSW Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) passed the following motion:

'To extend the allowable reasons for AV attendance at council meetings to include professional commitments, personal hardship, necessary travel and breastfeeding— noting that the current very restricted allowable reasons act as a barrier to female participation.'
  - (c) On 1 April 2026, the Prime Minister declared a national fuel crisis.
2. Endorses the motion passed by ALGWA on 28 March 2026.
3. Notes the further hardship this new ban has created for rural and regional councillors, particularly in light of the national fuel crisis.
4. Calls on the NSW Government to urgently review the allowable reasons for attending Council meetings and Council Committee meetings via audio-visual link:
5. Writes to the following stakeholders informing them of this motion:
  - (a) Minister for Local Government – The Hon Ron Hoenig MP.
  - (b) Shadow Minister for Local Government – The Hon Tim James MP.
  - (c) Minister for Women – The Hon Jodie Harrison MP.
  - (d) Shadow Minister for Women – The Hon Melissa McIntosh MP.
  - (e) Local Government NSW.
  - (f) The NSW Branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association.
  - (g) The Country Mayors Association.

**CM/7.3/26.04 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) (A26/0591)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the important role that automated external defibrillators (AEDs) can play in improving survival rates from incidents of cardiac arrest.
2. Notes that Council has 13 AED units installed across its public buildings and two units externally accessible in parks.
3. Investigates additional park locations within the local government area where AED units could be installed to expand coverage.
4. Officers prepare a report to Council on the outcome of the investigation.

**CM/7.4/26.04 Footpath Rectification Works - Bondi Junction Commercial Area (A26/0592)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh  
Seconded: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Notes the outstanding footpath rectification works around Club Bondi Junction in Ebley Street and Bronte Road required as part of a condition of development consent.
2. Notes that Council officers are currently in the design phase for the works, with design scheduled to be completed by June 2026 and construction to commence in Q1 2026–2027.
3. Notes the outstanding footpath rectification works in Oxford Street between Bondi Road and Adelaide Street, Bondi Junction.
4. Officers consider expediting these works as part of the 2026–2027 Capital Works program.

**8. Questions with Notice**

There were no questions with notice.

**9. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

**10. Closed Session****CM/10/26.04 Closed Session****MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Spicer

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/10.2/26.04 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion

This matter is considered to be confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(g) 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 advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

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 10.11 pm, Council moved into closed session.*

**CM/10.1/26.04 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - 1 Bondi Road, Bondi Junction - Lease (A10/0597)**

*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)(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. Grants a lease to Auralis Retreats Pty Ltd for 1 Bondi Road, Bondi Junction, for up to five years on the terms and conditions set out in the report.
3. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to complete negotiations and execute all necessary documentation to finalise the matter.

**CM/10.2/26.04            CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion (SF26/1851)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover:        Cr Nimesh  
Seconded:    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)(g) of *the Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.
2.     Notes the update on Council’s involvement in the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion, as set out in the report.
3.     Investigates amending the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy to better enable Councillors to claim legal expenses in discharging the functions of civic office, including reasonable legal expenses related to the Royal Commission should Councillors be required to seek their own legal advice.
4.     Officers prepare a report to Council on the outcome of the investigation.

**11.    Resuming in Open Session**

**CM/11/26.04            Resuming in Open Session**

**MOTION / DECISION**

Mover:        Cr Nimesh  
Seconded:    Cr Stephenson

That Council resumes in open session.

*At 10.25, 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 10.27 PM.**

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**SIGNED AND CONFIRMED**  
**MAYOR**  
**19 MAY 2026**