



WAVERLEY  
COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE BOOT FACTORY, SPRING STREET, BONDI JUNCTION ON  
TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2026**

**Present:**

Councillor Michelle Stephenson (Chair)	Bondi 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 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

*At the commencement of proceedings at 10.19 pm, those present were as listed above.*

*Cr Wy Kanak attended the meeting by audio-visual link.*

## **PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE**

The Chair read the following Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

*God, we pray for wisdom to govern with justice and equity. That we may see clearly and speak the truth and that we work together in harmony and mutual respect. May our actions demonstrate courage and leadership so that in all our works thy will be done. Amen.*

*Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our local government area.*

### **1. Apologies/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 Frazer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in item PD/5.2/26.06 – Planning Proposal – Heritage Policy Implementation and informed the meeting that he is friends with Jesse Lockhart Krause and Kristin Koslowski.

## **ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

### **MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

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

- PD/3.1/26.06 Confirmation of Minutes – Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting – 5 May 2026.
- PD/5.1/26.06 Waverley Business Forum Meeting – 5 March 2026 – Minutes.
- PD/5.3/26.06 Display of Goods on the Footpath Policy – Adoption.
- PD/5.5/26.06 Private Pot Plants on Public Land.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

**PD/3.1/26.06 Confirmation of Minutes - Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting - 5 May 2026 (A26/0032)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council confirms the minutes of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 5 May 2026 as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

### 4. Mayoral Minutes

There were no mayoral minutes.

### 5. Reports

**PD/5.1/26.06 Waverley Business Forum Meeting - 5 March 2026 - Minutes (A26/0120)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council notes the minutes of the Waverley Business Forum meeting held on 5 March 2026 attached to the report.

**PD/5.2/26.06 Planning Proposal - Heritage Policy Implementation (A20/0261)**

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Defers this item to a Councillor briefing.
2. Requests a three-month extension from the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure from 16 June 2026 to 16 September 2026.

**Division**

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

**Against the Motion:** Nil.

**PD/5.3/26.06 Display of Goods on the Footpath Policy - Adoption (A26/0694)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council adopts the Display of Goods on the Footpath Policy and Guidelines attached to the report.

**PD/5.4/26.06 Waverley Local Planning Panel - Membership (A26/0497)**

*Cr Frazer declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this item and informed the meeting that he is friends with Jesse Lockhart Krause and Kristin Koslowski.*

**MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Stephenson

That Council:

1. Treats the attachment 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 attachment contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.
2. Reappoints the following expert members to the Waverley Local Planning Panel (WLPP) up to 30 June 2029:
  - (a) Heather Warton.
  - (b) Oliver Klein.
  - (c) Elizabeth Kinkade.
  - (d) Megan Jones.
3. Appoints the following community representatives to the WLPP up to 30 June 2029:
  - (a) Claire Edwards.
  - (b) Jesse Lockhart Krause.
  - (c) Kristin Koslowski.
  - (d) Maria Atkinson.

**Division**

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

**Against the Motion:** Nil.

**PD/5.5/26.06 Private Pot Plants on Public Land (A26/0678)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Nemesh

That Council:

1. Notes that Council's existing Public Gardening Policy, Verge Garden Guidelines and associated strategic framework support community greening outcomes through approved verge gardens, planter boxes and coordinated landscaping treatments.
2. Notes that officers reviewed the approaches of comparable councils, including the City of Sydney, Randwick City Council and Inner West Council, and that none currently support informal private removable pot plants on public land.
3. Does not amend the Waverley Development Control Plan (DCP), Public Gardening Policy or Verge Garden Guidelines to permit private removable pot plants within the public domain, including on footpath verges and within laneways, for the reasons set out in the report.
4. Continues to support compliant verge gardens under the existing Public Gardening Policy.

**PD/5.6/26.06 Briefing Paper - Bondi Junction Vision and Master Plan (A25/0985)****MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Stephenson

Seconder: Cr Spooner

That Council notes resolution CM/3.1/26.06E and that a Councillor briefing on the Bondi Junction Vision and Master Plan will be scheduled at a time and date to be advised by the General Manager.

**6. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

**7. Meeting Closure****THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.27 PM.**

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**SIGNED AND CONFIRMED**  
**CHAIR**  
**7 JULY 2026**