

Supporting cultural diversity in the Waverley Community

UPDATES & HIGHLIGHTS FROM

June 2008 – July 2009



Flavours of Waverley

“Waverley will be a vibrant, welcoming and inspiring place to live, work and play with its diverse population, creative culture, enriching lifestyle, stunning natural features and distinctive neighbourhoods.”

WAVERLEY COUNCIL'S VISION



Our changing community

Waverley is made up of established and transient communities, long term residents, business owners, workers, day trippers, national and international visitors all of whom add to the diverse cultural landscape of the area. This makes Waverley such an interesting and unique place to be.

We have long-standing Jewish, Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Italian, Greek, Irish, English and New Zealander communities. Newly emerging communities include South African, South American, Korean and Chinese.

Thank you and farewell...

to Helen Mantziaris who has retired from the Community Worker Multicultural role after many years with Waverley Council. Best wishes with your future endeavours, Helen!

Joanne Harney started in this position in July 2009.

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For more information

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Sydney Eruv



Council maintains various sections of the Sydney Eruv which are located in the Waverley LGA. This includes some railings and flag posts at Bondi Beach.

The virtual fence symbolises the community, and defines the area within which orthodox Jewish people are able to undertake various outdoor activities on the day of the Sabbath. This makes the Eruv very important for the Jewish community.

Moving forward

Council has developed a new Vision, on public display in our Waverley Together 2 Strategic Plan 2010–2022. This incorporates and builds on the old vision, guiding council activities into the next decade.

We are also updating our Multicultural Policy and strategies to support and enhance our culturally diverse community.

These strategies will be updated annually in Council's Management Plan and showcased through the Multicultural Annual Report.

We will upload this dynamic policy on the website once it is complete!

Festival of the Winds

This much-loved festival celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2008. The day featured the work of world renowned Indian kite maker Asghar Belim.



Seniors Centre

More than half of Waverley's Hungarian, Polish, Italian and Greek speakers, and a third of Russian and Ukrainian speakers are over 65.

The Waverley Community and Seniors Centre in Spring Street, Bondi Junction offers activities for these groups – including the Greek and Italian Group and Russian Veterans Group. Exercise groups, language classes and excursions are also on offer.

For more info call Antoniette on **9386 7900**.

Library

The Waverley Library holds a number of community language collections, based on community need, and reviewed annually against demographic and other information.

The Library's Russian Language collection is second only to that of the State Library. Other language collections are Chinese, Polish, French, Hungarian and Spanish.

Visit the Library at 32–48 Denison St, Bondi Junction (Phone **9386 7777**).

Communications

At regular intervals during the year, the Mayor's column was translated and placed in the Russian *Horizon Community Newspaper*. Media releases were also shared with Russian and Jewish papers.

Key points from Waverley's community newsletter *Waverley in Focus*, were translated into Hungarian, Chinese, Spanish, Greek, and Russian.

We continue to maintain a pool of accredited language aides to improve communication with our non-English speaking customers. The pool currently consists of nine language aides providing assistance in Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Japanese, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

In 2008/09 language aides provided in the order of 138 services. The Translating and Interpreting Service was also used on 31 occasions.

Council's Compliance Division identified a need for information in Chinese for small business proprietors. They produced and distributed an education brochure specifically targeting this community need.



Did you know?

Citizenship ceremonies

Council conducts monthly citizenship ceremonies, welcoming an average of 50 new citizens a month. People come from a range of countries including the UK, Ireland, South Africa, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Korea, Japan, India, Malaysia and China.

Childcare centres

More than a third of families in Waverley's two childcare centres at Bondi Junction are from culturally & linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

Staff

At the end of June 2009, 12% of Council's workforce of 729 people was identified as speaking a language other than English (LOTE) at home.

New settlers

Migrants and refugees have historically formed a major part of the Waverley community. Although the demographics have changed significantly over the years, migrant communities still make up an important part of the population. According to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) Settlement Database, 3,717 permanent arrivals settled in Waverley in the five years from July 2004 to June 2009.

Events

Celebrating cultural diversity

Ocean Care Day is a community festival celebrated at the Bondi Pavilion to highlight the unique relationship that Pacific Island cultures have to the ocean.

The South American Festival attracted over 1,500 people and featured over 200 artists, showcasing Latin American food, culture and music.

The Global Table multicultural street festival celebrated its fifth year at Oxford Street Mall, Bondi Junction, with food stalls, dance and music from around the world.



Polish

Jeżeli ta informacja nie jest zrozumiała, proszę skontaktować się z agencją tłumaczy TIS (Translating and Interpreting Service) pod numerem **131 450** i poprosić o połączenie z Radą Miejską (Waverley Council) pod numerem **9369 8000**. Odpowiemy na wszystkie pytania poprzez polskiego tłumacza.

Spanish

Si no entiende esta información, póngase en contacto con el Servicio de Traducción e Interpretación (Translating and Interpreting Service/TIS), llamando al **131 450** y pídale que le conecten con el Consejo Municipal de Waverley (Waverley Council) teléfono **9369 8000**. De esa manera contestaremos su consulta por medio de un intérprete.

Greek

Εάν δεν καταλαβαίνετε τις πληροφορίες αυτές παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνήστε την Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (TIS) στο **131 450** και ζητήστε να σας συνδέσουν με τη Δημαρχία του Waverley στο **9369 8000**. Θα απαντήσουμε τις ερωτήσεις σας μέσω του διερμηνέα τους.

