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A message from the MAYOR

Spring is fighting valiantly to take over from winter and people are starting to get out and about after a few icy months. I hope you have had an opportunity to look at some fun things happening around Waverley. We are in the process of rolling out some major building projects the community have been asking for.

Here is a snapshot of some of our projects.

Our vision is to make Waverley a wonderful place to live, work and play so we want to make our parks and streets more attractive. A few new murals at Bondi Skate Park and Palmerston Avenue (along the wall of the Bronte Public School) are now complete with the help of our local communities. The South Bondi toilets are complete, the Marks Park amenities building will be complete in October and construction on the North Bondi toilets is in progress. Next will be the new toilets in our depot building behind Bondi Surf Life Saving Club and the community toilets in Bronte Park.

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Bondi Junction continues to be a hub of activity with work on our Complete Streets strategy, the traffic congestion around Oxford Street West, the civic precinct and the bike path progressing.

The new children's playground at Macpherson Park is complete and we will soon upgrade the playground at Thomas Hogan Reserve in Francis Street, Bondi, Dickson Park on Wellington Street, Bondi, and O'Donnell Street Reserve in North Bondi. We are also upgrading the parklet in New Street, Bondi.

Tamarama's new state-of-the-art storm water harvesting recycling project is underway and by summer it will be completely hidden under a refurbished park like the one we have at Bondi Park South, which most people don't even realise is there. The Burge Street wall at South Head Cemetery is complete with the new trees growing well and the internal work in Waverley Cemetery is making a difference. The internal roads have been fixed, including Fig Tree Lane, and we have almost gotten rid of all the orange security tape. The new fence along Fig Tree Lane is a huge success and the temporary fence on Trafalgar Street is a big improvement. We have completed the documentation of all the graves in South Head Cemetery and are now working on Waverley Cemetery, which is

a critical element to enable us to present our business case to our residents to show how we intend to protect and continue operating our cemeteries into the future.

The new pathways in Bondi Park are complete and the work on stabilising the first tunnel under Queen Elizabeth Drive is in progress. We are waiting to see the concept designs for the refurbishment of the Bondi Pavilion, which is really exciting as we want to start the work in 2017. The new Campbell Parade Washingtonian trees in the median strip north of Beach Road are absolutely beautiful – they have replaced the cement and are making the area much more inviting.

Bondi Junction continues to be a hub of activity with work on our Complete Streets strategy, the traffic congestion around Oxford Street West, the civic precinct and the bike path progressing.

Enjoy spring and all our new projects. It is such a lovely time of the year.

Sally Betts, Mayor of Waverley

Tally Betts





# Working with OUR COMMUNITY

The best thing about Waverley is its people and how they contribute to make this such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

# **Volunteering in Waverley**



Joe Coelho is a volunteer whose extensive library experience is proving beneficial for Waverley Library. He's

not only labelled and cleaned the shelves in the Local History Collection but is incorporating his passion for photography with an initiative he calls "photography above the awning."

The facades of some buildings in the Waverley area often hold historical significance and Joe's keen to preserve their architectural merit through his photography. These photos will be included on Waverley Library's new website and will be preserved for generations to come.

Joe said being a volunteer is very enriching and allows him the flexibility he needs to care for his ailing parents. He believes volunteering need not be for retirees but can be beneficial for younger people too.

"Young people can gain self-esteem and volunteering could actually provide an avenue into work," he said.

# Palmerston Avenue Community Project

A collaboration between Bronte residents, local artists, corporate volunteers and Council has resulted in the unveiling of an artwork of grand proportions. The 75 metre concrete retaining wall of Bronte Public School has been transformed, much to the delight of residents.



Mural artists Caroline Kite and Sophie Scott

This community-led neighbourhood improvement project was initiated by the Bronte Precinct and supported by the Ward Councillors: Cr Kay, Cr Mouroukas and Cr Strewe.

Over three weekends, 60 volunteers contributed their time and painting skills to the creation of a whale mural considered by locals as "evocative of the sea, in keeping with the location." This is the second stage of a two year project, including a street garden planted and maintained by residents. The whale centrepiece incorporates a mosaic and resin eye feature. The 'colour by numbers' design was adopted by artists Caroline Kite and Sophie Scott who were "extremely touched by the support and enthusiasm shown by all volunteers."

The mural, completed this July, was kicked-off by over 20 corporate volunteers from Genband Telecommunications who cleaned and primed the entire wall. The mural layout was then led by artists Kite and Scott, keenly supported by many other volunteers from their employer, architecture firm Allen Jack + Cottier. The final stage culminated with neighbours attending a working bee to complete the painting as well as maintain their street garden.

A special thank you to Tera Nova of Charing Cross for generously supplying tiles for the mural's mosaic.

This project, based on consultative community feedback, is an example of what can be achieved through residents getting involved via Connected Waverley's Neighbourhood Improvement Projects. Please visit **waverley.nsw.gov.au/connected** for more information.

## Want to become a volunteer?

Contact our Local Connections Coordinator on **9083 7925** or **connected@waverley.nsw.gov.au.** More information is available at **waverley.nsw.gov.au/community/projects\_and\_participation/volunteering.** 



We want to make Waverley a wonderful place to live and play, so apart from making sure the streets and parks are clean and green we are working in partnership with you to make them fun and attractive.

## Bondi Skate Park Mural

A Council-funded and Public Art Committee initiative to upgrade the existing murals at Bondi Skate Park is well under way.

A talented team of artists, all with unique ties to Bondi, began painting murals in June. Their goal is to freshen up the Skate Park with new murals while including important messages about skate etiquette, safety and inclusiveness.

Brad Page, a local skater and Aboriginal artist, has been selected to paint a dedicated Indigenous mural on the east facing wall of the fish bowl. His depiction of a whale will tie in with the fish motif in the park, which derives from the Aboriginal rock carving on North Bondi Headland.

This is an extensive project that will see murals covering close to 70 square metres of wall space. The first phase of the project is nearing completion, with the remainder of the work to be completed in time for summer.

## One tree per child

In June, we joined forces with Bourke Shire Council and the charity DoSomething to launch the international tree planting project, One Tree Per Child, at Bondi Beach.

Olivia Newton-John and DoSomething's Jon Dee co-founded the project, which aims to have every primary school child plant at least one tree as part of a school activity. The trees will be planted in school grounds, in gardens at home, in our parks and along our streets.

Along with Bourke, we were the first NSW council to sign up to the project and begin recruiting schools to plant trees. There are now 14 councils involved in Australia, who are all helping their local schools plant one tree per child. Kesser Torah was the first of our schools to sign up, followed by Bondi Beach, Bondi, Bronte and Galilee schools.

The Federal Minister for the Environment Greg Hunt attended with new Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and announced he would support a pilot project and provide \$300,000 in funding for 100,000 trees to be planted by the One Tree Per Child program.

# **Public** Art

Did you know we have self-guided walking tours of public art in the Waverley area?

Our streets, parks and public places are enriched by public art that has been created by both national and international artists. Not only do these walking tours provide an opportunity to view the works of art, they also offer a chance to explore the area in a new way.

There are two walking trails: one in Bondi Junction and the other in Bondi Beach. Details of each trail as well as maps can be found on our website **waverley.nsw.gov. au/recreation/arts\_and\_culture/ public\_art.** 





School kids planted new trees at Bondi Park for the launch of One Tree Per Child



# Recognising our **COMMUNITY**

# Waverley's Local Heroes

We recognised the achievements of six of our community leaders in August at our Local Hero Awards 2015.This years' Local Hero Award was presented to Rabbi Mendel Kastel for his contribution to Jewish House.

The Awards are held every year but this year, we also recognised the 'Best of the Best' Local Hero from the last four years. This award was presented to Rabbi Dr Dovid Slavin for his dedication to Our Big Kitchen and The Yeshiva College. John Wright OAM was awarded the Waverley Lifetime Achievement Award for 60 years of volunteer work in our community. Mayoral Certificates of Commendation were presented to three deserving recipients:

- Grant Trebilco, co-founder of OneWave.
- Grant McMah was recognised for 38 years of service to North Bondi Surf Club.
- Sue Underwood of the Beaches Outreach Project (BOP).

Congratulations to all of our Local Heroes and thank you for the enormous contributions you make to our community.



Left: Grant McMah, Rabbi Dr Dovid Slavin, John Wright, Grant Trebilco, Rabbi Mendel Kastel; Right: Mayor Sally Betts with Dalia Pisk, who accepted the commendation on behalf of Sue Underwood

# Nib Award 2015

#### The annual Nib: Waverley Library Awards for Literature recognise excellence in literary research.

Over \$250,000 has been awarded since The Nib began in 2002 and each year the winner receives \$20,000 in prize money. The Alex Buzo shortlisted prize winners and the People's Choice prize each receive \$1000. This year, to mark the ANZAC centenary, a special World War I Centenary Literary Prize of \$3000 will also be awarded. This prize will be given to the book that best illustrates the hardship and strength of Australian servicemen and women during World War I and is sponsored by the Bondi Junction RSL Sub-Branch, North Bondi RSL Sub-Branch and Rose Bay RSL Sub-Branch.

# Garden Awards 2015

The Waverley Garden Awards 2015 are now open. This triennial event is a way for us to celebrate all the wonderful gardens in Waverley. We want to recognise and reward the contribution of residents in making our area a vibrant, diverse, creative, cohesive and sustainable place to live. We invite you to nominate your own, or even your neighbour's, garden in the Waverley area.

There are four categories to enter in for all types of green thumbs, including kids.

Gardens will be marked against select criteria from a panel of judges. Our guest judge this year is award-winning landscape designer and horticulturist, Myles Baldwin. From 2001 to 2012, Myles was Head Gardener at historic Bronte House – he's been responsible for creating some of Australia's most significant gardens.

Nominees will be invited to a special award ceremony at the beautiful Bronte House later this year.

If you know a garden worthy of a nomination and for more information, visit waverley.nsw.gov.au/gardenawards Nominations close 5pm Friday 16 October 2015.

Stay tuned – the winners will be announced in November.

Make history and cast your vote in the People's Choice Awards at **haveyoursaywaverley.com.au**. If the book you choose gets the most votes you'll go in the running to win a prize pack. Head to **waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib** for more information.

# Waverley-Woollahra's new SES HEADQUARTERS

We were delighted to join our neighbours at Woollahra to celebrate the opening of the new SES headquarters in Bondi Junction in mid-July.

Residents from both Waverley and Woollahra turned up to check out the new facility, meet the volunteers and learn about the role the SES plays in emergencies such as storms and floods.

SES

Previously located in Zetland, the move to Bondi Junction has been welcomed by the volunteers and residents alike as it means quicker response times in the event of emergencies.

Local Unit Controller Kim Edwards said her team is enjoying their new digs. She tells us a little about being a member of the SES family.



#### Tell us about your day job...

I'm a scientist and lawyer with experience in consumer protection

law, intellectual property law, compliance, research and analysis. I run a business that helps businesses look after their customers and the environment by complying with consumer protection and environmental laws and requirements.



# How did you become a SES volunteer?

I saw an ad in the local paper over 10 years ago. It encouraged people of all ages and any fitness level to become volunteers. I liked the idea of learning new skills and meeting new people – it sounded like something different so I gave it a go.

# How long have you been Local Controller?

I've been the Local Controller for the Waverley/Woollahra Unit around six years now. It involves a bit of everything but mainly focuses on making sure the unit is running efficiently and has enough appropriately trained volunteers ready to respond to the community's needs. There's also the business side of things like handling our finances – I've been able to use skills I harnessed from running my own business.

# What would you say to someone who is looking to join the SES?

I'd say give it a go! It's a great opportunity to learn so many new skills – first aid, leadership, teamwork, project management, not to mention field skills such as learning how to safely work at heights or use a chainsaw. It's also a fantastic way to meet new people.

We're all like a family – we take care of each other. There's definitely a real sense of comradery.

## **Interested in becoming a volunteer?**

Visit **ses.nsw.gov.au**. Residents are reminded the SES emergency hotline for help is **132 500**.



# OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Our parks and open spaces are constantly in high demand so our focus is to make sure we have enough recreation facilities throughout the area. We're also making sure our parks look their best and cater to people of all ages.



The iconic Bondi Pavilion

# Improving our Bondi Beach, Park and Pavilion

Bondi is such an iconic place – it's recognised around the world because of its beauty. We're improving the area for future generations to enjoy.

We've been realigning and upgrading paths and we'll soon be installing new trees, turf, a new irrigation system and lighting at Bondi Park on the just south of the Pavilion. Once this is complete our focus will turn to improving the area of the park from Queen Elizabeth Drive all the way to South Bondi toilets, including new picnic shelters.

As you would have seen we're rebuilding the toilet block at North Bondi. There'll be more men's and women's toilets plus two new and wheelchair accessible family change rooms. The exterior will also look very different – the new block will have a green roof.

Two historic tunnels below Queen Elizabeth Drive are also receiving some attention. The tunnels were built in 1928 to provide pedestrian access under the street to the beach – they extended far into the beach as groynes but were demolished as a security measure during World War II.

One of the tunnels also provided women with access straight from the beach to the women's bathroom and change room.

Both tunnels were in a bad state and were in urgent need of repairs. One tunnel will be filled in and closed permanently and the other will undergo a renovation to better accommodate storage and equipment needs for Council's lifeguard service.

# **Waverley Park**

Waverley Park is now home to a new bocce court and upgraded cricket nets. We're installing synthetic turf on the field next to the Oval (playing field 2), we'll be putting in improved sports lighting and building three new multipurpose courts. This will help increase access to much-needed sporting facilities by local kids' sporting teams and adults.



Newly completed bocce court



Upgraded cricket nets



# Dickson Reserve, Bondi, and O'Donnell Street Reserve, North Bondi

Thank you to everyone who gave us their feedback and told us what they wanted to see at these two play spaces.

We've analysed your feedback for O'Donnell (pictured below) and have put together a consultation summary report, which will is available on our website. This will help us finalise our design so we can get cracking on building a new play space in early 2016.

We're still going through your feedback for Dickson. Once we finalise this, we'll put a consultation summary report together before we get on with finalising our design. We're working on timings currently and expect this project to heat up in 2016.



# New greenery along Campbell Parade, Bondi Beach

A few months ago, we transformed the northern end of Campbell Parade. What was once a concrete median strip is now a lush green area that's framed by 7-metre high Washingtonian Palms.



# Thomas Hogan Reserve, Bondi

We're looking to upgrade Thomas Hogan Reserve and have been talking with you to see what you'd like to see happen. Jump onto **haveyoursaywaverley.com.au** to view the concept plans and provide us with your feedback.



# **Did you know?**

Council officially named Macpherson Street on 22 September 1885. Then, in May 1887, the Macpherson Park was officially named. They were both named after John Macpherson, an alderman who served on Waverley Council for 28 years – nine as Mayor.

# Macpherson Park, Waverley

A revamped Macpherson Park, the first of our play spaces to be upgraded as part of our Play Space Strategy, reopened on Saturday 29 August. Check out the picture below.







# **ENVIRO NEWS**

# What you value in your neighbourhood

Thanks to those of you who completed our 'Protecting Waverley's Beauty' Community Sustainability Survey. Nearly 500 people responded.

In this survey we discovered what you appreciate, as well as what you do and think about the environment surrounding us all. Here's what you told us:

# Lifestyle and natural environment got a big tick in what you value

Not surprisingly, most love our beautiful beaches, open spaces and village life.

#### Environmentally, you're motivated by: your love of nature, health and cleanliness, and making a difference and community

More than 50 per cent of respondents felt their 'love of nature' motivates them to be more environmentally sustainable.

Environment sustainability means different things to different people

#### Want more information?

Email us at environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Common themes included: 'protecting what we have for future generations', 'being responsible for our actions' and 'working together as a community'.

#### You care most about pollution and our natural wonders

Litter, illegal dumping, protecting wildlife and bushland, and water pollution were picked as the top environmental issues of concern.

# You want to do more but are not sure how

While most respondents think looking after the environment is important and they could do more to live a sustainable life, they're unclear of what to do, what's available and what Council is doing.

# What next?

Your survey responses will help inform how to best communicate and involve you in our environmental plans and goals.

Protecting our place – let's make it second nature. After all, it's our home and a big part of who we all are.

# PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY TO REDUCE PLASTIC BAGS

It's a sad truth – plastic bags litter our beautiful local beaches and pose a huge threat to marine life. That's why we're currently working together with residents and local businesses to reduce the use of plastic bags in the Bondi Beach area and protect our coastal environment.

# Talking to business

Staff recently spoke to local cafes, food outlets and retailers about their current plastic bag use, barriers to using alternatives with ideas for ramping up use of alternative solutions. These were further discussed at a forum in June and we were able to identify creative strategies and potential partnership opportunities to minimise plastic bags.

# Working with community

Program ideas from this forum are being developed further by a group of passionate local sustainability leaders that were part of our community 'Sustainability by the Sea' initiative. 'Sustainability by the Sea' brought together leading sustainability experts from our area for a 'blue sky' thinktank and action-generating session, designed to develop strategies for a more sustainable Waverley. Attendees discussed innovative ideas and ways to bring them to life, including waste and energy initiatives.

Many of the 'Sustainability by the Sea' crew are part of a waste working group that's now guiding the direction and implementation of our plastic bag reduction program.

Keep your eyes peeled for the rollout of these joint Council and community initiatives in coming months!



# Vocal locals: What people think of the new Tamarama Stormwater Recycling System

Construction on Tamarama's new state-of-the-art stormwater recycling system is well underway. A giant tank and filtration system has been installed and we're working around the clock to refurbish the park before summer.

Based on successful systems already in place at Bondi and Bronte, the system will collect, clean and recycle polluted stormwater that would otherwise flow into the gully and beach. The filtered water will then be used to water the park and in the Tama Beach toilets.

Tama locals Harry, Kevin and Neil are all excited about the project. What do you think?



Harry Vasutabu, Barista at Tamarama Kiosk

Harry: "I definitely notice after heavy rain the beach gets polluted so it's good to see this water filter will help clean stormwater before it ends up in the sea. Collecting rainwater for use at Tamarama Park is definitely a step in the right direction. We'll get to enjoy the rain a second time."



Kevin Bullock and Neil Isherwood, Air Stewards and regular Tama Beach visitors

**Neil Isherwood:** "I'm a fan of anything that keeps the beaches clean."

**Kevin Bullock:** "Reusing rainwater in toilets and the park is a win-win for us and the environment."



Construction of the stormwater recycling system

Share your thoughts at **facebook.com/WhatsOnWaverley** To find our more visit **waverley.nsw.gov.au/environment/water\_and\_coast** 

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# Bondi Beach cleans up at National Awards

At the recent Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Beaches Awards held in Darwin, we picked up the National Environmental Sustainability Award for our work at Bondi Beach.

We won the National award after winning the Keep New South Wales Beautiful Blue Stars Clean Beaches state title in December 2014, riding ahead of 18 other finalists.

Our nomination was supported by several environmental projects, including stormwater, coastal, and waste management initiatives, and biodiversity conservation designed to preserve our marine species and maintain the quality of the sea water and surrounding flora.





# **BONDI JUNCTION**



Last year you told us what was most important in terms of services and overall improvements in Bondi Junction. We received over 700 pieces of feedback. Thank you to everyone involved.

Using this information we developed our vision for Bondi Junction. We also ran a naming competition – we wanted to know what we should name the area's transformation. The winning name was... *Bondi Junction: Heartbeat of the East.* 

Our vision for Bondi Junction has three outcomes. We want the area to be known for its 'Great Places', be home to 'Improved Transport' and give scope to a 'Sustainable Bondi Junction'.

# Our vision for Bondi Junction is:

A world-class place within the greater Sydney area. A destination where people want to be – an accessible, safe place that meets our current and future needs, and exceeds our expectations.

To be the heartbeat of the east – bringing people together from all over the eastern suburbs, and from further afield to live, work and connect.

# Our Complete Streets Strategy

One part of the Great Places initiative is our Complete Streets Strategy.

There are three Complete Streets projects in full swing.

- Brisbane Street Square the relocation of seating and bins, together with the planting of two trees and the installation of improved lighting will not only beautify the Square, but will make it a more functional space.
- 2. Urban Interventions these interactive projects have been very popular and include the Urban Lounge, which provides additional public seating in Spring Street, a giant wall Jigsaw on the corner of Gray Street and Bronte Road and a bike hub with space for 10 bikes on Bronte Road. Watch this space – more will be revealed soon.



Giant Gray Street Jigsaw pop up

**3. More Greenery** – we plan to install 90 square metres of garden beds and ten street trees along Oxford Street, between Denison and Newland Streets.



Artist's impression of Oxford Street revamp

Improving the safety of pedestrians is also paramount and we're happy to say we've recently completed an upgrade to pram ramps at 10 crossings and intersections in Bondi Junction.

# Bondi Junction Civic Heart

Another project in the works is Bondi Junction Civic Heart. The Civic Heart involves creating an inviting community, cultural and civic facility in keeping with our Bondi Junction vision. The proposed site for the civic facility is within the Council-owned properties contained within the block bound by Spring, Ebley, Newland and Denison streets. Our library needs to be the central attraction together with a Seniors Centre. All our services need to be of a high quality to meet the needs of Waverley residents. We're also researching activities currently lacking in Bondi Junction, or ones which may add vitality and activity to the space and we're looking into the adaptive reuse of our heritage listed Boot Factory.

We're currently at the second stage of our Civic Heart project, which involves conducting background studies and exploring various options for exhibition to the community.

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Want more information? For the latest on Bondi Junction projects please visit waverley.nsw.gov.au.

# **BONDI JUNCTION**



# **UPDATE ON OUR CYCLEWAY**

We're committed to building a cycleway through Bondi Junction and are working through some issues relating to its location. Council has resolved to run design workshops with RMS, Transport for NSW, NSW Police, Sydney Buses, as well as relevant traffic and urban design experts, for solutions to the cycling access issues in Bondi Junction, specifically around Bronte Road, Denison Street and Oxford Street in front of the bus depot. At the same time we're investigating Syd Einfeld Drive as an alternate or additional route. A Council workshop will then consider the results of the design workshops. We're confident we'll be able to deliver a cycleway route that's in the best interests of all our residents and visitors, and enable the transformation of Bondi Junction into the most sustainable, liveable and vibrant urban centre in Sydney.

# **OUR CEMETERIES**

Waverley has two of the most beautiful Cemeteries in Australia. In addition to Waverley Cemetery's amazing location in Bronte it has a rich heritage and historical value and is the resting place of many people who helped shape Australia, including poets Henry Lawson and Dorothea Mackellar and aeronautical pioneer Lawrence Hargrave.

Council has rejected the idea of borrowing an extraordinary amount to build a Pavilion in the gully. Contrary to some outside commentators, we have no intention of letting the Cemetery fall into disrepair.

Our short term plan has delivered some good results – we have fixed up internal roads and staircases, we have replaced the old fence on Fig Tree Lane and the broken fence on Trafalgar Street and we'll continue to repair and replace all the internal fencing. We're also about to commence fixing the grand entrance.

At long last we're upgrading our internal systems and documenting our assets properly so we can deliver



our long-term goal, which is to keep an operating Cemetery and ensure it's well maintained and improved. We're looking forward to working

#### **Over at South Head...**

We've repaired the sandstone wall on Burge Street that had fallen down and we've planted new trees. with our community on long term strategies for both Waverley and South Head Cemeteries. You can find more information on the current repair and renewal work on our website **waverley.nsw.gov.au.** 



# LAYERS OF DIVERSITY

Our community comprises many cultural groups. One of the largest cultural groups in our area is the Jewish community. Around 17 per cent of our population identifies themselves as Jewish.

Waverley's Jewish community is incredibly diverse – there are people from all corners of the world.

To acknowledge their contribution, we set out to record their unique tales through a project called Eat, Pray, Naches: Jewish Community Stories.

During 2015 we collected stories from over 100 local Jewish postwar immigrants and their families. We had a great cross-section of people from all migration waves and countries around the world.

The stories all illustrated the strong connections our Jewish community has to Waverley. Even Waverley itself is named after the house built by Australia's first free Jewish settler, Barnett Levey, in 1827. Levey is recognised as the father of theatre in Sydney and was the first of many to make the eastern suburbs his home.

Sadly, later waves of Jewish migrants came to Australia after WWII under very different circumstances – fleeing discrimination and persecution in their countries of origin. Many migrants said when they first arrived in the eastern suburbs they found a community which allowed them religious and social freedom. Culturally significant centres such as synagogues, kosher businesses and Jewish schools were already established and new faces easily met like minded people with similar backgrounds.

Bondi Beach, offering sun, sand and a sense of belonging, became one of those social meeting places for the Jewish community in the 1960s and 1970s. In particular, the steps in front of the Bondi Pavilion became known as the 'Jerusalem Steps' because it was such a popular meeting spot for young Jewish people in the Waverley area.

The Eat, Pray, Naches exhibition was at Waverley Library during the month of September. If you didn't get a chance to catch it head to **epn.org.au** for amazing photographs, stories and videos from local Jewish post-war immigrants.

Thank you to everyone involved in Eat, Pray, Naches exhibition stories: Alex Ryvchin, Andrew Havas OAM, Bernard Jacoby, Elana Benjamin, Morris Eskin and Natayana Gross, Peter Berger, Ruth Leiser, Tami Sussman, Bob Sitsky, Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM, Dianne Armstrong, Eleanor Saul, Gertie Gellinek, Henry Benjamin, Jody Somogy, Leon Goltsman, Melanie Lindenberg, Michele Molnar, Miriam Guttman-Jones, Peter Halas, Rabbi Mendel Kastel, Rose Fekete, Susan Bures AM, Thomas Wolf, Velvel Lederman, Vic Alhadeff. Thank you also to all 77 people who shared their stories on the Eat, Pray Naches website.



Main image: Polish immigrant – Benjamin Schonfeld in his mixed business store; above: four generations of the Van Ber Poorten family

# **COMMUNITY LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS**



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By working with our residents we developed our vision for Bondi Junction. We also ran a naming competition – we wanted to know what you thought we should name the area's transformation. There were some great suggestions and the winning name was... Bondi Junction: Heartbeat of the East.

Our vision for Bondi Junction has three outcomes. We want the area to be known for its 'Great Places', be home to 'Improved Transport' and give scope to a 'Sustainable Bondi Junction'.

You can check out Council's vision on page 12 of this edition of Waverley in Focus or jump online to **waverley.nsw.gov.au.** 

We want to get an idea of how many people read our translation page. Unjumble these letters to create the name of iconic area in Waverley: TONJN BUIONCDI. Email your answers to **communications@waverley.nsw.gov.au** or call **9083 8065.** 



# Russian

Работая совместно с нашими жителями, мы составили представление о том, как должен выглядеть район Bondi Junction. Мы также провели конкурс на лучшее название – мы хотели узнать ваше мнение о том, какое название нужно дать преобразованиям в районе. Мы получили несколько интересных предложений, и победителем стало наименование: Bondi Junction: Сердцебиение Востока.

Наше видение района Bondi Junction содержит три основных момента: мы хотим, чтобы район был знаменит своими «интересными местами», имел «улучшенный транспорт» и заложил предпосылки для создания «устойчивого района Bondi Junction».

Вы можете ознакомиться с представлениями Муниципалитета (Council's vision) на стр. 12 газеты Waverley in Focus или он-лайн на сайте **waverley.nsw.gov.au.** 

Мы хотим узнать, сколько человек читает нашу переведенную страницу. Распутайте данные слова, чтобы прочитать название известного района в Waverley: TONJN BUIONCDI. Пришлите свои ответы по эл.почте на адрес **communications@waverley.nsw.gov.au** или позвоните по номеру **9083 8065.** 



Grazie alla collaborazione con i nostri residenti abbiamo messo a punto la nostra visione per Bondi Junction. Abbiamo inoltre fatto un sondaggio per scegliere il nome, volevamo sapere come vorreste che chiamassimo la trasformazione della zona. Ci sono stati dei suggerimenti fantastici e il nome vincitore è .... Bondi Junction: il cuore pulsante dell'est.

La nostra visione di Bondi Junction si prefigge tre risultati. Vogliamo che la zona sia famosa per i suoi 'Posti fantastici', un servizio di trasporto migliore e che renda possibile la 'Bondi Junction sostenibile'.

Potete leggere la Council's vision a pagina 12 di questa edizione di Waverley in Focus oppure andare online al sito **waverley.nsw.gov.au.** 

Vogliamo avere un'idea di quante persone leggono la nostra pagina tradotta. Decifrate queste lettere per creare il nome di una zona iconica di Waverley: TONJN BUIONCDI. Inviate le vostre risposte via email a **communications@waverley.nsw.gov.au** oppure chiamate il numero **9083 8065.** 



Έχουμε αναπτύξει το όραμά μας για το Bondi Junction σε συνεργασία με τους κατοίκους μας. Κάναμε επίσης ένα διαγωνισμό για την ονομασία - θέλαμε να γνωρίζουμε από εσάς πώς θα έπρεπε να ονομάσουμε το μετασχηματισμό της περιοχής. Υπήρξαν κάποιες εξαιρετικές προτάσεις και το νικητήριο όνομα ήταν ... Bondi Junction: Ο Παλμός των Ανατολικών Προαστείων.

Το όραμά μας για το Bondi Junction έχει τρία στοιχεία. Θέλουμε η περιοχή να είναι γνωστή για τα «Σπουδαία Μέρη» της, να είναι το κέντρο για «Βελτιωμένες Δημόσιες Μεταφορές» και να δίνει προοπτική σ' ένα« Βιώσιμο Bondi Junction».

Μπορείτε να ελέγξετε το Council's vision στη σελίδα 12 αυτής της έκδοσης του Waverley in Focus ή πηγαίντε απευθείας στο διαδίκτυο στο **waverley.nsw.gov.au.** 

Θέλουμε να λάβουμε μια ιδέα για το πόσοι άνθρωποι διαβάζουν τη μεταφρασμένη σελίδα μας. Βάλτε σε σειρά τα ανακατεμένα αυτά γράμματα για να σχηματίσετε το όνομα εμβληματικής περιοχής του Waverley: TONJN BUIONCDI. Στείλτε τις απαντήσεις σας στο **communications@** waverley.nsw.gov.au ή τηλεφωνήστε στο **9083 8065.** 



通过与广大居民携手合作,我们制订了 Bondi Junction愿景。此外,我们还举办了 一个命名竞赛——因为我们想知道您认 为该地区华丽转身更后我们应当如何为 之命名。我们收到了不少好建议,最后 胜出的名字是……Bondi Junction:东部动 感地带。

我们的Bondi Junction愿景有三个目标。 我们希望该地区能够以迷人的"动感地带" 而远近闻名,能够拥有"更完善的交通", 能够成为令人耳目一新的"可持续发展的 Bondi Junction"。

您可以查看本期《Waverley in Focus》 第12页上的Council's vision 或直接浏览 waverley.nsw.gov.au。

我们希望了解有多少人在浏览我们的译 文页面。请使用以下字母拼出Waverley 的一个标志性地区的名字:TONJN BUIONCDI。然后请将您的答案发送至 communications@waverley.nsw.gov.au 或 致电9083 8065。



Desarrollamos nuestra visión para Bondi Junction a través del trabajo con nuestros residentes. También organizamos una competencia de nombres porque queríamos saber cómo les parecía que deberíamos llamar a la transformación del área. Hubo excelentes sugerencias y el nombre ganador fue... Bondi Junction: Heartbeat of the East (Bondi Junction: el Pulso del Este).

Nuestra visión para Bondi Junction tiene tres resultados. Deseamos que el área sea conocida por sus "Excelentes Sitios", sea el centro de un "Transporte Mejorado" y dé lugar a una "Bondi Junction Sostenible".

Puede leer acerca de la Council's vision en la página 12 de esta edición de Waverley in Focus o verla por Internet, en **waverley.nsw.gov.au.** 

Queremos tener una idea de cuántas personas leen nuestra página de traducciones. Ponga las siguientes letras en el orden correcto para crear el nombre de un área icónica de Waverley: TONJN BUIONCDI. Envíe sus respuestas por correo electrónico a: **communications@waverley. nsw.gov.au** o llame al **9083 8065.** 

# WHAT'S ON IN WAVERLEY

# OCTOBER

## **Bushcare Essentials** SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 8.30AM-4PM

Would you like to help keep our coastal bush beautiful and abundant with life? If you are interested in becoming a bushcare volunteer, then our upcoming Bushcare Essentials training session is for you.

Free but bookings essential via email at **bushcare@waverley.nsw.gov.au**.

# Garage Sale Trail SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

Are you a bargain hunter? Join in the fun and frivolity of Garage Sale Trail, which is set to ignite Waverley's recycling mojo for the fourth year in a row! For more details visit garagesaletrail.com.au.

# NOVEMBER

**Sculpture by the Sea** 22 OCTOBER-8 NOVEMBER

Bondi to Tamarama Coastal Walk

See the spectacular Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk transformed into a 2km long sculpture park featuring over 100 sculptures by artists from Australia and across the world. Head to **sculpturebythesea. com** for more info.

# Bondi Beachfest SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 3PM

The Beach Boys will headline the first ever Bondi Beachfest.

Special guests include: The Whitlams | Busby Marou | Kim Churchill | Sahara Beck.

For more information please visit **bondibeachfest.com.au.** 

# DECEMBER

**Carols by the Sea** wednesday 9 december, 6–8.30PM

#### Bondi Beach

This lovely evening encourages the community to come together in the spirit of Christmas to sing to their heart's delight!

Carols by the Sea will take place in the northern side of Bondi Park. Bring a rug or cushion to sit on, a donation of cash or nonperishable food items for local charity Norman Andrews House and of course your singing voices and Christmas spirit!

To see our full program of events visit **waverley.nsw.gov.au.** 

# **Precinct Meetings**

Our precinct system is a great way to get involved. These are regular meetings run by residents with support from Council.

# **Bronte Beach**

14 October, 7.30–9.30pm – Lugar Brae Church Hall, Lugar Brae Lane

## North Bondi

28 October, 7pm–9pm St Annes Church, cnr Blair and Mitchell streets

#### **Bondi Junction**

28 October, 6.30–8.30pm Waverley Library Theatrette

# Rose Bay 2 November, 7.30–9.30pm

Third floor Waverley Council Chambers

## Vaucluse/Diamond Bay

5 November, 7.30–9.30pm Kimberley Reserve Hall, Military Rd

# Queens Park

**11 November, 7–9pm** Waverley Library Theatrette

#### Bronte 16 November, 7 pm–9pm Bronte Public School, Hewlett Street

# Dover Heights

**23 November, 7.30–9.30pm** Body Express, 157 Military Rd Dover Heights

# Charing Cross (AGM)

**25 November, 7.30–9.30pm** Mary Immaculate Church - 45a Victoria Street

## South Bondi/Watson

25 November, 7.30–9.30pm Waverley Council Chambers

## Bronte Beach

2 December, 8–9.30pm – Lugar Brae Church Hall, Lugar Brae Lane

## Penkivil

7 December, 7.30–9.30pm Third floor Waverley Council Chambers

## Bondi Beach

7 December, 7–9pm Ocean Room, Bondi Beach Pavilion

Bondi 7 December, 7– 9pm Ocean Room, Bondi Beach Pavilion

# Want more information?

waverley.nsw.gov.au or call our Community Liaison Coordinator, on 9083 8120.

