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| February 2025 | <p>Motion (1) Affordable Housing over next 5 years is a concern. BP would like also to see more transparency around existing commitments being made and their progress and inclusion in the annual report of a KPI on the annual increase to affordable dwellings or bedroom numbers.</p> <p>BP would also like to see the suggested % of money collected from VPA's that goes towards the affordable housing program be increased from 25% to 40%</p> | <p>In November 2024, Council resolved to investigate allocations of planning agreement contributions. In applying these policies, Council needs to ensure reasonableness while aiming for maximum community benefit. We are examining the interrelationship between the Planning Agreement Policy and Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme and report to Council in April. Council staff will comment on the Precinct motion in this report.</p> | Planning, Sustainability and Compliance | Complete |
| | <p>Motion (2) Waverley Council to check water drain overflow covers at and between 84 to 86 Francis Street to avoid a dangerous situation occurring</p> | Request completed by Bondi Beach cleansing crew in late April 2025/ | Assets and Operations | Complete |
| | <p>Motion (3) BP asks Waverley Council to review the structure of water drainage overflow for the whole of Francis Street.</p> | <p>Council is reviewing the entire LGA as part of the Flood Study.</p> <p>Council is also undertaking extensive pipe inspections across the LGA. We have inspected close to 15% of the pipes in the LGA in the last 12 Months with a plan to do a further 15-20% in the next 12 months (with a focus in areas where issues exist).</p> | Assets and Operations | In progress |
| | <p>Motion (4): Bondi Precinct requests that Waverley Council urgently acts to provide soft plastic recycling to Waverley residents or collaborates with Randwick Council to allow</p> | Council's Waste Management Team is currently exploring door step recycling for problem waste items including soft plastics for residents. A report will be coming to the June or July Council meeting, where the next steps will be decided by Council. | Assets and Operations | In progress |

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| | Waverley residents to use the Randwick soft plastic recycling depot | | | |
| | <p>Motion (5): That Waverley Council take immediate action to address the safety hazards posed by E-bikes parked illegally, dumped, or abandoned and ridden on footpaths in the Bondi Precinct area and across Waverley, particularly for vulnerable pedestrians like those with prams or mobility aids. This action should include: - increased enforcement of existing e-bike parking and riding regulations - targeted education campaigns for e-bike riders on footpath safety - investigation and implementation of additional safety measures, such as: designated parking areas and signage and hubs - collaboration with e-bike rental companies to implement responsible parking and riding practices and either significant fines or a total ban if failure to do so continues</p> | <p>Council is actively working with Share Bike operators, neighbouring Councils and TfNSW on this matter.</p> <p>Three E-Bike parking hubs / pavement markings were installed in Bondi Junction late last year.</p> <p>Council is continuing to look for more locations for hubs across the LGA and will continue to work with E-Bike operators for solutions.</p> <p>Council also recently submitted a Shared micromobility enquiry to State Government, to suggest updated regulatory frameworks to allow Council to manage Bike Share systems. This work is progressing at the State level.</p> <p>Enforcement and impounding are continually being discussed with the providers. We have found that under the legislation it is difficult to impound bikes because we need to substantiate that they have been abandoned for 7 days or more. This is still an option that we are investigating.</p> <p>Rangers continue to monitor proactively to ensure compliance.</p> <p>Currently the process to remove Share Bikes causing an obstruction is for Rangers to call directly to the Share Bike main contact numbers and lodge the complaint, giving the Share Bike company 3 hours to move the bike/s that are causing the obstruction.</p> <p>Fortnightly meetings with the Share Bike companies are proving valuable as Council is bringing to light the ongoing issues and complaints caused by the placement of share bikes in within Waverley Municipality.</p> | Planning, Sustainability and Compliance | In progress |

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| | | <p>There has been a significant reduction in complaints regarding Share Bikes within Waverley Council over the past few weeks.</p> <p>Please also note the recent Decision from Council at the March 2025 Council Meeting:</p> <p>CM/6.3/25.03 Micromobility Parking and Management (A17/0445) DECISION That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the significant increase in trips taken on shared bikes in Waverley, with a 350% increase between 2021 and 2024. 2. Acknowledges the problems caused by the uncontrolled proliferation of shared bikes in Waverley and the community concerns regarding their operation. 3. Prepares a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to be negotiated with bike share providers, requiring operators to cover costs of implementing the MoU, including infrastructure and enforcement. The MoU should define: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Permissible bike numbers within the local government area. (b) Designated parking locations (c) Geofencing and enforcement. (d) Service level agreements addressing relocation and placement of bikes. (e) Data sharing for Council monitoring. (f) The maximum speed at which e-bikes can operate electrically assisted being 20 km/h. (g) Process by which helmets must accompany e-bikes. 4. Requires the terms of the MoU to be agreed to within four weeks of this resolution, with Council reserving its right to take additional | | |

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| | | <p>enforcement actions against shared bike operations if the MoU timeframe has not been met.</p> <p>5. Conducts a six-month bike share parking trial, starting June 2025, using designated parking areas on footpaths and on-street (where appropriate), focusing on high-traffic areas like Bondi Junction, Bondi Beach and Bronte Beach.</p> <p>6. Requires the MoU to provide that operators address bike placements hindering pedestrian access, especially for those with disabilities, within two hours of notification.</p> <p>7. Implements an enhanced enforcement regime, including increased ranger patrols, monitoring (physical and data-driven and impounding of improperly parked bikes.</p> <p>8. Issues fines for non-compliance in line with the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Regulation 2022 for a class 2 item at a cost of \$1,320 per item.</p> <p>9. Urges the NSW Government to implement a State-run tender process for bike share services with clear operational controls and to allocate a portion of the generated revenue to local councils for infrastructure and enforcement.</p> <p>10. Officers prepare a report to Council in June 2025 with a deliverable management plan.</p> <p>11. Informs the following stakeholders of this motion:</p> <p>(a) The Member for Wentworth, Allegra Spender MP.</p> <p>(b) The Member for Vacluse, Kellie Sloane MP.</p> <p>(c) The Member for Coogee, Marjorie O'Neill MP.</p> <p>(d) The Mayor of Woollahra, Cr Sarah Swan.</p> <p>(e) The Mayor of Randwick, Cr Dylan Parker.</p> <p>(f) All Waverley Precincts.</p> <p>(g) Share bike operators:</p> <p>(i) Lime.</p> <p>(ii) Ario.</p> | | |

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| | | (iii) HelloBike. | | |
| | <p>Motion (6): Bondi Precinct is concerned about rubbish dumping from developments and general street dumping. We request the Council to inform the precinct on their proposals to counteract such dumping – (perhaps making landlords / owners and real estate agents to take responsibility). Is this possible?</p> | <p>Council manages illegal dumping in a variety of ways. This includes:</p> <p>Development Development / building sites must be managed in accordance with the <u>conditions of consent</u>. These conditions are imposed to ensure that the construction process does not adversely impact the local community. Council does not oversee and control all construction activities. Construction approval and activity including ongoing monitoring and compliance is mainly the responsibility of Building Certifiers, also known as accredited or Principal Certifiers (PC). In Waverley, most developments are overseen by private PCs appointed by the developer or property owner. Council can also act as a PC if appointed.</p> <p>If a resident believes that the construction site is dumping waste and operating outside its Conditions of Consent, they should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact the Principal Certifier (PC) first. Explain the issue, noting the time/dates it occurred and provide images/videos if possible. The PCs contact details will be located on the façade of the construction site. If the contact details cannot be located, <u>contact Council</u> to request the details. 2. If the PC has not addressed resident concerns, Council will investigate. We ask that residents include all evidence of correspondence (i.e., email and photos/videos) with the PC. Photos/videos that are time stamped assist Council resolve the matter. <p>If Council is satisfied there may be an issue, Council will conduct a site inspection and gather any evidence. Council may issue a warning for non-compliance, an order and/or penalties. Council</p> | Assets and Operations / Planning, Sustainability and Compliance | Complete |

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| | | <p>will work with the construction site to ensure it complies with the Conditions of Consent.</p> <p>Strata Many Strata Management's implement bylaws which can set out clear expectations around waste management by using on-site signage, guides for new residents and maintaining an adequate number of bins to meet the property's needs. Council provides a waste management by-law template free of charge to all strata developments in Waverley. Council also offers a service to help buildings get their waste management in order. They meet you on site and provide tailored advice. In the event of persistent illegal dumping Council may seek to recover costs from Strata who fail to contain illegal dumping that is being caused by their residents. More information about the support Council provides to apartments in Waverley can be viewed at https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste_and_recycling/waste_management_for_apartments</p> <p>General Street Dumping Council runs regular educational campaigns on illegal dumping and encourages a circular economy and the reduction of household and business waste. Waverley residents have one scheduled collection per year, plus can book an additional two 'Your Call' collections per calendar year.</p> | | |

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| | | <p>Council requests that people notify Council of any items illegally dumped on public land through the Snap Send Solve app, via our website form or by calling Customer Service.</p> <p>Council also encourages the public to report dumping quickly to assist with our investigations and enforcement.</p> | | |
| | <p>The matter of ‘events’ occurring / held on beaches, on ‘free spaces’ across Waverley, and the rubbish left behind. It was agreed that the picking up of rubbish after these events, particularly ‘planned events’ - needs to be ‘USER PAY’, and should not have to be borne by Waverley residents through their rates.</p> <p>Motion (7): Rates being used to pay for clean –up after these major events that generate direct income for the council. Bondi Precinct would like to understand the Council’s plans for a user pay scheme for clean-ups after all future events.</p> | <p>Regarding the activity at Bronte Beach on Christmas Day 2024, Council moved the following motion on 18 February</p> <p>CM/6.1/25.02 Bronte Park - Christmas Day Consultation (A24/1173)</p> <p>DECISION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes that Waverley’s beaches are frequented by hundreds of thousands of visitors over the summer period. 2. Notes the significant improvements made to the operations and communications for the Summer Safe 2024–2025 program, including the additional services, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Community open space ambassadors. (b) User pays policing. (c) Security guards. (d) Council rangers. (e) Public place cleansing staff and additional waste facilities. (f) Traffic management. (g) Lifeguard services. (h) Toilet facilities. | Assets and Operations | Complete |

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| | | <p>3. Writes to the NSW Premier, the Hon Chris Minns MP, advocating for some costs including user pays policing to be covered by the State Government and not cost-shifted to the residents of Waverley for the 2025–26 Summer Safe Program.</p> <p>4. Provides copies of the letter sent to the Premier to: (a) The Member for Vaucluse, Kellie Sloane MP. (b) The Member for Coogee, Marjorie O’Neill MP.</p> <p>5. Notes community and resident feedback in relation to the use of Bronte Park and Beach on Christmas Day 2024, specifically the rubbish and waste.</p> <p>6. Officers prepare a report for Council no later than June 2025 with an analysis on options and recommendations for the Summer Safe 2025–26 program with a specific focus on Christmas Day celebrations at Bronte, including: (a) Whether Council facilitates a free or ticketed event. (b) Consideration of crowd restrictions and capacity issues. (c) Restrictions on the permissibility of glassware, including glass bottles. (d) Additional waste management services. (e) A summary of any extra costs associated with these approaches. (f) Implications for traffic management and public transport.</p> <p>7. Undertakes community consultation with the Bronte community seeking feedback on Council’s operations for the 2025–26 Summer Safety Program and specifically Christmas Day including Council’s online community engagement website (Have Your Say) and a community forum to be held in April 2025.</p> <p>8. Notifies the Precinct Committees of this mayoral minute</p> | | |

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| | | <p>View the full meeting minutes at https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/</p> <p>Should Council adopt a paid ticketed approach, then costs (including cleaning) would be incorporated into the ticketing. Council will be undertaking community consultation on this matter as per the Mayoral Minute.</p> | | |
| | <p>Motion (8): Bondi Precinct is concerned about the proposal at the first Waverley Council meeting last year regarding a proposed basketball court on public land at the Pavilion. Bondi Precinct request that the Council conduct a proper review of this proposal including community feedback and find an alternative location.</p> <p>Bondi Precinct request that the basketball hoops at the courts corner Blair and Mitchell streets be reinstated</p> | <p>On 26 November 2024, Council passed the following motion:</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigates the feasibility, including risks, costs and the approval process, of providing a full-size basketball court or two half-courts north of Bondi Pavilion close to the children's playground. 2. Officers prepare a report to the March 2025 Council meeting on the outcomes of the investigation, including an estimate of costs to plan and construct a full-size basketball court or two half-courts. <p>Following Council Officers report to the March Meeting, on 18 March, Council passed the following motion:</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigates a leasing or licensing agreement with the Catholic Church for the public use of the basketball court on the corner of Blair Street and Mitchell Street, North Bondi. 2. Officers prepare a report to Council on the terms and conditions of the agreement, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Length of tenure. | Assets and Operations | In progress |

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| | | <p>(b) Financial or in-kind contributions for the repair and ongoing upkeep and security of the facility.</p> <p>(c) Timing for agreement execution and any required capital works.</p> <p>3. Progresses design, consultation, approvals and construction of a modified half-court in Bondi Park, located to consider the future playground expansion.</p> <p>4. Continues to investigate alternative locations for new multi-function hardcourts, as set out in adopted strategies and plans of management.</p> <p>We will continue to keep the Precinct informed on this matter.</p> | | |
| Next meeting: 9 April 2025 | | | | |