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28 November 2022	<p>Motion 1 This Precinct requests that for all future Sculpture by the Sea events traffic control personnel allocated to the Ashley St., Cross St., Darling St., Mirimar Ave., Thompson St., Turner St, and Walaroi Crescent enclave “One Way” system are all fully trained and are rostered on duty between 0700 and 1700 hours every day for the full duration of the event.</p> <p>Rationale. The fundamental issue is safety and compliance with safety measures adopted by Waverley Council. There were numerous incidents of non-compliance with the temporary “one way” traffic flow system throughout the duration of the event. The offenders were vehicles associated with construction work at the No 13 Thompson St. demolition site (DA-178/2021). The initial instances on Monday, October 24 was reported by email to Councillor Tony Kay who</p>	Motion sent to Traffic and Transport Manager who will take this into consideration when planning the 2023 Sculpture by the Sea event.	Assets & Operations	Finalised

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	<p>referred the matter to Council officers.</p> <p>Whatever action was taken by Council, it was not effective as a resident photographed a large truck travelling south on Mirimar Ave a few days later.</p> <p>Another resident photographed a similar transgression this time featuring a “stand off” between a vehicle and an ambulance. This resident received advise from a Council officer (see below). This is reply NOT entirely consistent with feedback obtained by Councillor Kay.</p>			
<p>28 November 2022</p>	<p>Motion 2: Bronte Precinct requests that Council make an assessment of the Bike Lane on Oxford Street between Denison St and Newland St, and furthermore that the results be available and used for the Birrell St proposal.</p>	<p>CLC has forwarded motion forwarded to Project Manager and Community Engagement lead. Awaiting response.</p>	<p>Assets & Operations</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>28 November 2022</p>	<p>Motion 3: This Precinct requests that the Council’s Tree Management Officer be formally commended for his decision to decline the Application (TPO-287/2022) from Pacific Plus</p>	<p>Motion forwarded to Council’s Tree Management Team.</p>	<p>Assets & Operations</p>	<p>Finalised</p>

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	<p>Constructions for the destruction of a large mature Angophora costata tree located adjacent to the northern boundary of the No13 Thompson St. construction site.</p> <p>There was no scientific validation provided by Pacific Plus Constructions for the destruction of this mature indigenous native tree. Angophora costata are one of the few large native tree species that can tolerate the salt laden air that predominate in coastal areas throughout the Greater Sydney Basin. Such large mature flora are an essential element in the retention of local indigenous fauna.</p>			
Actions / Questions from the meeting				
	<p>1. Precinct submission for Tree height current controls to remain at 5m canopy rather than reducing to 3m canopy.</p>	<p>At the 6 December Strategic Planning Meeting, the Tree Policy was adopted, with some amendments. The approval to prune on private land stays at 3 meters. http://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2022/12/PD_20221206_MIN_677.PDF</p> <p>DECISION That Council: 1. Adopts the Tree Management Policy attached to the report (Attachment 1), subject to the following amendments:</p>	Assets & Operations	Finalised

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		<p>(a) Page 47 of the agenda, clause 5.5.1, Pruning and Maintenance – Add the following paragraph at the end of the clause: ‘Council will consider tree pruning to retain a previously established view and there is a history of the identified tree(s) being pruned to restore pre-existing views.’</p> <p>(b) Page 48 of the agenda – Add a new clause 5.6.4, Dead Trees, to read as follows: ‘Generally, where a tree has died, it will be removed and replaced with a tree of similar or suitable species.’</p> <p>(c) Page 48 of the agenda, clause 5.7.2, Offset Planting – Amend to read as follows: ‘When permission is granted to remove a tree or trees on private land and there is insufficient planting space on site to accommodate a mature tree(s) of similar dimensions, the applicant will be asked to contribute to offset tree planting on public land in accordance with the Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges. Refer to the Tree Management Guidelines, Section 5 “Trees on Private Land”, sub-section “Offset tree planting” for further details.’</p> <p>2. Adopts the Tree Management Guidelines attached to the report (Attachment 2), subject to the following amendments: Minutes of Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting 6 December 2022 This is page 10 of the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2022</p> <p>(a) Page 67 of the agenda, Exempt Vegetation – In the last paragraph, delete ‘DCP’ and add ‘Guideline’.</p> <p>(b) Page 67 of the agenda, Exempt Vegetation – In the second dot point of the last paragraph, delete ‘5m’ and add ‘five (5) metres’.</p> <p>(c) Page 67 of the agenda, Exempt Vegetation – In the last paragraph, amend the first dot point to read as follows: ‘Pruning of a hedge (refer to Definitions) by no more than 20 per cent of its height and width in any 12-month period.’</p> <p>(d) Page 69 of the agenda, Offset Tree Planting – In the paragraph at the top of page, amend the second sentence to read as follows:</p>		

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		<p>‘Generally, for every tree removed, the replacement of three (3) off-site trees will be required with pot size dependent on the canopy spread of the tree(s) to be removed as assessed by Council.’</p> <p>(e) Page 69 of the agenda, Offset Tree Planting – In the paragraph at the top of the page, delete the last two sentences and add: ‘The applicant will be charged an offset planting fee that includes the purchase, supply, planting and a 12-month maintenance program for the tree(s) as per Council’s Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges.’</p> <p>3. Publicly exhibits the following changes to the Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges for 28 days with officers preparing a report to Council following the exhibition period:</p> <p>(b) Section 31, Trees – Add a new entry to read as follows: ‘Pensioner concession of 75% discount for Offset Tree Planting’.</p> <p>(b) Section 31, Trees – Amend the ‘Offset Tree Planting’ entry to read as follows: ‘Offset Tree Planting Private Trees/Tree Permits, including purchase, supply, planting and a 12-month maintenance program’.</p>		
	<p>2. Tamarama Surf Club Kiosk</p>	<p>Council’s Community Engagement Team confirmed that the Tamarama Surf Club will be undertaking their own consultation for the kiosk.</p> <p>Council will help promote the consultation to ensure all members of the community have the chance to contribute and have their say.</p> <p>Council’s Engagement Team is reaching out to the consultant engaged by the Club and leading the Tamarama Surf Club consultation to get an understanding of their engagement plans, and when it will take place so that Council can keep the community informed as well.</p>	<p>Assets & Operations</p>	<p>In progress</p>
	<p>3. Bronte Gully Sewer Seepage Alex gave an update on a long-standing issue in Bronte Gully with the presence</p>	<p>With Precinct to follow up with EPA and Sydney Water.</p>	<p>Precinct</p>	

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	<p>and leakage of raw sewerage from a Sydney Water Sewer Outlet during heavy rain. For background; old stormwater systems often overflowed into the sewerage systems when at capacity due to heavy rainfall. Over the past year of La Niña rainfall, this has been a regular occurrence. Toilet Paper and untreated sewerage flows onto the ground from the outlet, then into the open air stormwater stream that eventuates at the beach.</p>			
	<p>4. Sculpture by the Sea report</p>	<p>With Precinct to submit feedback to Council.</p>	<p>Precinct</p>	
	<p>5. Cats and their impact on their environment</p>	<p>With Precinct to follow up with Council in 2023.</p>	<p>Precinct</p>	
	<p>6. Alma raises issue of Streetscapes across Waverley. She is annoyed with the mess, the unauthorised planting of verge gardens and the lack of pride of residents and the council to maintain the street verges. When will this change?</p> <p>What is the process once approval is granted for verge gardens? Does council check them to make sure approved things are being planted? That it's safe, that no hazards are in the way? Dangers to pedestrians, cars etc</p>	<p>This matter was sent to Council's Local Connections team.</p> <p>They have advised that once a resident receives approval for their proposed verge garden, they can commence planting.</p> <p>Council conducts checks on verge gardens as part of the ongoing care and maintenance of public street gardens. This is done during the rounds that Council's Open Spaces team conducts.</p> <p>As part of our approval process, the garden is assessed on its compliancy with Council's Verge Garden guidelines. These have been designed to ensure safety to pedestrians, traffic, and allow continued access for waste removal and other council services.</p> <p>If a resident has an issue with a verge garden, they can report it to council by calling Customer Service on 02 9083 8000.</p>	<p>Community, Culture & Customer Service</p>	<p>Finalised</p>

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		They could also email us at publicgardening@waverley.nsw.gov.au .		
	<p>7. Flood Study</p> <p>David raises the recent surprise package/ disturbing letter residents received in the post re a Flood Study rating their property with for a zero, low, medium or high flood risk. Residents are deeply concerned for the effect this will have on property value, insurance premiums, development opportunities and costs associated to name a few. There was no warning given to residents, no other local council has undertaken this study, it is believed Waverley Council was given a grant. Given there have been no floods here, the accuracy is questioned. Houses in the same street are rated differently, and often houses on a higher part of the hill are rated medium while one at the bottom is low, making no sense.</p> <p>It is suggested council needs to re-assess the methodology here the reasons for the study and the impacts.</p> <p>Cr Kay raised this with council as a problem. What was the investigative process involved? Why? Reiterated the</p>	<p>Council has started to collate, review and address the feedback we have received from the Flood Study so we can respond to those who asked specific questions and create a detailed report on the questions raised.</p> <p>To ensure all enquiries are properly addressed we have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engaged an independent flood consultant to review all of the submissions and provide guidance on the concerns. 2. Sought advice on insurance implications for both Council and residents. <p>This process will take approximately 2-3 months to complete with a proposed report to Council in November/ December 2022.</p> <p>Please note that if you have any specific concerns relating to your situation, you can email Nik Zervos, Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services Nikolaos.Zervos@waverley.nsw.gov.au who will register your issues and follow up with you directly.</p>	Assets & Operations	In progress

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	shock to residents and the many questioned and complaints he personally had. Council officers could not explain.			