

COMBINED PRECINCTS MEETING

Waverley Council Response Report to Motions from March 2025 Combined Precincts' meetings				
Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
March 2025	Motion 1: That the Combined Precincts requests Council officers to develop and lodge a submission on the Companion Animals Act 1998 to the Office of Local Government (OLG) following input from Waverley's Precincts.	<p>Council's submission on the Companion Animals Act 1998 to the Office of Local Government (OLG) took Waverley's Precincts historical concerns into consideration. The submission was approved Council's Executive Leadership Team and was subsequently endorsed by Council in May 2025.</p> <p>The NSW Government is now analysing the submissions and formulating the next steps of the review, including further public consultation opportunities.</p> <p>The Combined Precincts will be informed of the next steps once they are announced by the NSW Government.</p>	Planning, Sustainability and Compliance	In progress
	Motion 2: That this meeting of Combined Precincts reminds Council of its obligation to engage seriously with the community on matters of significance, and expresses our concern (specifically focused on those Precincts around the Bondi Basin) about the recent decision of Council (March 2025) to reinstate the massively disruptive New Years Eve parties which residents finally managed to stop more than a decade ago.	<p>As per the Council resolution on 18 March, the following was decided:</p> <p>DECISION</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertakes an expression of interest (EOI) process to grant a licence for a New Year's Eve event at Bondi Beach to a suitably qualified organisation. 2. Includes assessment criteria for impact on the local community, stage placement and build, transport planning and the feasibility of holding the event this year. 3. Officers assess an appropriate fee for the holding of the event, which will support arts, culture, events and place activation in Waverley. 4. Investigates support from Destination NSW for the proposed event. 	Community, Culture and Customer Services	Complete

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		<p>5. Officers assess the EOI responses and prepare a report to Council.</p> <p>6. Writes to the following stakeholders informing them of this motion:</p> <p>(a) The Minister for Arts, Music and Night-Time Economy, John Graham 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 Member for Wentworth, Allegra Spender MP.</p> <p>(e) Destination NSW.</p> <p>(f) Bondi and Districts Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>(g) All Precincts.</p> <p>The Combined Precinct's feedback will be included in the report going back to Council in April 2025.</p> <p>At the 29 April Council Meeting, Council resolved the following:</p> <p>DECISION That Council:</p> <p>1. Treats 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 report contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.</p> <p>2. Notes the evaluation of expressions of interest for a suitably qualified organisation to be granted a licence to</p>		

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		<p>deliver a New Year's Eve event at Bondi Beach, as set out in the report.</p> <p>3. Grants a licence to Fuzzy Operations to deliver the New Year's Eve event at Bondi Beach on 31 December 2025.</p> <p>4. Notes the following inclusions as part of the Fuzzy Operations submission:</p> <p>5.</p> <p>(a) Free, family friendly community event, adjacent to the 18+ ticketed event, from 6 pm to 9 pm.</p> <p>(b) 9 pm fireworks and midnight countdown with fireworks.</p> <p>(c) Local community presale access.</p> <p>(d) Local creatives engagement for paid event performance opportunities.</p> <p>(e) Partnerships with local businesses for dining/attendance packages.</p> <p>(f) Community charity fundraising opportunities.</p> <p>(g) First Nations engagement and accessibility and inclusion attendance provisions.</p> <p>(h) Well-known international festival partnership will carry multiple levels of audience engagement from locals to visitors to internationals.</p> <p>5. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to complete negotiations and execute a licence agreement with Fuzzy Operations to deliver the New Year's Eve event at Bondi Beach in 2025 and 2026, with an option for one further year, subject to Fuzzy Operations complying with the terms and conditions of the licence.</p> <p>Council is working very closely with the event producer to minimise impact on the local community including a strict finish time of 12.30pm, and extensive transport to move</p>		

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		attendees out of the area swiftly following the event. Council and the event producers will keep the local community informed of any impacts and measures in place to minimise any impact on the community.		
	<p>Motion 3: The Combined Precincts invites Council to write to the bus authority, with the idea to suspend or curtail certain routes to Bronte Beach for one day of the year (Christmas Day). Suggestions include: 379 terminating at Charing Cross and the 360 terminating before Laurie and Gipps Street.</p>	<p>On 18 February 2025, Council passed the following motion:</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. 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 	Community, Culture and Customer Services	In progress

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		<p>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 Vacluse, 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>		

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		<p>8. Notifies the Precinct Committees of this mayoral minute.</p> <p>View the full meeting minutes at https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/</p> <p>On 17 June, Council resolved the following:</p> <p>CM/7.12/25.06 Bronte Park - Christmas Day Consultation (A24/1173) UNANIMOUS DECISION</p> <p>That Council provides additional management and provisions to manage the increase in visitation at Bronte Park on Christmas Day 2025, as set out in the report (enhanced Option 3).</p> <p>Option 3 - Additional management and provisions.</p> <p>This option would provide a higher level of management in relation to transport options, toilet facilities, cleaning and security than what was provided for Christmas Day in 2024. This option would potentially see a significant reduction to risks and various impacts by increasing the number of services provided and infrastructure in place to manage large crowd numbers, accessibility, safety and cleaning measures.</p> <p>View the report full meeting minutes at https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/</p>		

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		We will continue to keep the Precincts and community informed on the detail of these additional management and provisions including transportation.		
	Motion 4: The Combined Precincts asks Council to examine the bike route on Martins Avenue to enhance safety for users.	This is being considered as part of the LATM (Local Area Traffic Management Study) through improvements to the intersection of Martins Avenue and Ocean Street. This is also an ongoing strategic Council priority and continues to be a priority in the draft Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan which was open for community feedback on Have Your Say until 8 June.	Assets and Operations	In progress
ACTION				
	Action: CLC to send Executives the link to the short film on YouTube - Our Park, Waverley Park.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xh9NLSCobv4 https://www.youtube.com/@waverleyactiongroupshortfi1079 https://waverleyactiongroup.org.au/	Executive Services	Complete
	Action: CLC to arrange a microphone for the next Combined Precincts Meeting in Mill Hill following requests from attendees.	There will be a microphone for the July Combined Precincts Meeting.	Executive Services	Complete

Next meeting: 10 July 2025