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*Waverley Council lifeguards encourage social distancing in the sun*

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to our special “Thank you” edition of Waverley in Focus, Waverley Council’s annual community magazine.

2020 has been a year like no other. Our community continues to face the ongoing challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, but compassion, resilience and determination have characterised the way Council and community have dealt with the unprecedented events of the past few months.

I am proud of our community for responding with kindness and selflessness in the face of adversity; from residents banding together in January to help people affected by bushfires to the many acts of kindness witnessed across Waverley under COVID-19 restrictions. We have always had a strong sense of community and it’s been wonderful to see this come to the fore this year when most needed.

Council has worked hard to support the community and business throughout the pandemic. Our business relief package continues to support local businesses, and we are working with the Bondi & Districts Chamber of Commerce through the Keep it Local campaign to promote local businesses who have had to adapt to changing restrictions.

Council officers have worked tirelessly to ensure our essential services were not interrupted this year, as well as delivering great projects and initiatives for everyone, which you can read about in this edition. Policy and actions with positive social impact and civic benefits has been enacted along with supporting infrastructure.

Council is ready to help beach visitors follow NSW Health’s current public health orders (PHOs) and health advice through our comprehensive Summer 2020-21 Outdoor Public Spaces Operational Management Plan detailed on pages 6 and 7.

The Plan outlines the arrangements for the management of outdoor public space across the Waverley Council local government area, including Waverley’s beaches, parks and coast walk, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our fantastic Beach Ambassadors and other Council staff will be available to help, and Council will continue to manage our beaches and open spaces in line with our Summer Plan.

This is not going to be a normal summer, so I encourage everyone to continue to use our public places safely. If you intend to use our beaches, parks and outdoor spaces and they look busy, please come back another time or use that time to visit one of our many local businesses.

On behalf of everyone at Waverley Council and my fellow Waverley Councillors, I would like to thank the community again for their kindness and resilience in 2020. Please, continue to stay safe, and have a wonderful festive season and summer in Waverley.

*Paula L Masselos*

**Paula Masselos,**  
Mayor of Waverley



# THANK YOU WAVERLEY



Waverley – you deserve a big virtual pat on the back! 2020 has thrown many challenges our way, but compassion, resilience and determination have characterised the way Council and community have dealt with the unprecedented events of the past few months. As we prepare to welcome 2021, let's celebrate the efforts that helped us through the difficult times.

Waverley  
YOU  
GOT  
THIS!

## Business Relief package

Council's relief package continues to support local businesses through a range of measures including fee waivers and rent relief. Small business drives the Waverley economy and we congratulate our small business owners and employees for diversifying and adapting to the changing restrictions.

To find out how we can help, email [business@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:business@waverley.nsw.gov.au) or visit our website. And remember, shop local this festive season!

## Bushfire support

In February 2020, the NSW government on behalf of all local councils, commissioned the not-for-profit organisation GIVIT to coordinate the provision of much-needed goods and services to bushfire-affected communities across the state. As part of this initiative, staff from Waverley

Council were deployed to Councils in bushfire-affected regions to support those communities. There was also an outpouring of support from the eastern suburbs community, including Waverley's four surf clubs. In January, Bondi Surf Club acted as a relief centre, with hundreds of residents and businesses volunteering their

time to sort through more than 30 truck-loads of supplies donated by the community for evacuation centres and firefighters on the NSW South Coast. The Club also set aside a further 80 pallets of supplies to support tourism events post-recovery. Council supported the Club's relief efforts by providing logistical management and other measures.



Mayor Paula Masselos and Bondi Surf Club president Brent Jackson thanks Council officer Patrick Connor (pictured centre) for providing coordination support during the Club's donation drive.

## Connected communities

Our priority is to help keep the community safe and connected. Earlier in the pandemic, we launched our Connected Waverley Facebook group as a way for people to share volunteering opportunities, promote grassroots, community-led initiatives, connect and support neighbours and request assistance and share resources. We also developed community cards for each household in Waverley to enable residents to offer and request support during this pandemic. Through our Community Housing Manager, we continue to liaise with our social and affordable housing tenants to ensure they are supported. We continue to provide our Waverley Community Living Program, with one-on-one support and services by remote and face-to-face means.

## Keep it Local

As part of our \$1 million per-month Business Relief Package, we enlisted the Bondi & Districts Chamber of Commerce to provide consulting and advisory services to help with our planning for medium and long-term relief measures once pandemic restrictions have eased or ended. Together we also launched Keep it Local, an online directory to support and promote local business. See page 11 for more.

## Community Small Grants

Council allocates funds of approximately \$100,000 each financial year for small grants. These funds give community members the opportunity to take the lead on addressing issues and creating outcomes that are important to them. With Council recently endorsing an increase in the amount of funding available to applicants, there's never been a better time to apply for grants of up to \$5,000. See our website for more.

## Community groups

Council continues to support local essential services providers, grassroots initiatives and community groups such as the Waverley Community and Seniors Association, Our Big Kitchen and others, in helping vulnerable people and assist to contain the spread of COVID 19.

## Waverley Library

The community embraced reading during the pandemic with more than 240,000 books and other material borrowed from Waverley Library this year. During the pandemic closure, the library continued to offer online resources for members and staff provided welfare checks on registered clients of our Home Library Services. Turn to page 13 for more about how the library adapted in 2020.

To view Christmas/New Year library opening times, visit [waverley.nsw.gov.au/services/library/home](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/services/library/home)



## Bondi Beach COVID-19 testing clinic

The Bondi Beach COVID-19 drive-through testing clinic has conducted more than 50,000 tests since it opened in April! Council will continue to support St Vincent's Health and NSW Health in their efforts to prevent community transmission of COVID-19 through increased testing. Remember, if you are feeling unwell, please get tested and stay at home until you receive a negative result.

The Bondi Beach drive-through testing clinic is open **9am to 5pm** daily.



Images:

1. Waverley Library: Grab & Go orders waiting for pick up at Waverley Library in March 2020.



# HAVE A COVID-SAFE SUMMER IN WAVERLEY



The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we use our public spaces. Waverley Council's Summer 2020-21 Outdoor Public Spaces Operational Management Plan outlines Council's measures for managing its beaches and open spaces in a COVID-safe way and in line with Public Health Orders (PHOs) and health advice.

The Plan outlines the arrangements for the management of outdoor public space across the Waverley Council local government area, including Waverley's beaches, parks and coast walk, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Beach Ambassadors and other Council staff are available

to help, and Council will continue to manage our beaches and open spaces in line with our Summer Plan.

For a safe summer, always remember to:

- Stay at least one towel-length apart from others unless from the same household
- Wear a mask when appropriate
- Ensure outdoor gatherings are limited to numbers outlined in the current Public Health Orders
- Wash your hands / use hand sanitiser
- Stay home if unwell
- Get tested
- Follow instructions from Lifeguards, Rangers, Beach Ambassadors and the police



## Our friendly Beach Ambassadors

Our Beach Ambassadors are here to make your visit to Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama beaches as safe and enjoyable as possible. They work in tandem with our Rangers to help inform the community about the latest Public Health Orders and health advice, so do say hello to the team in bright blue shirts next time you are visiting our area. Our Beach Ambassadors and Rangers don't have the power to fine people for breaking the Public Health Orders (PHOs), so please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 if you see anything that you believe is outside the PHOs. Through cooperation and kindness, we can all help keep each other safe.

*Images:*

1. Waverley lifeguards promoting social distancing
2. One of our friendly Beach Ambassadors
3. Aerial view of Bondi Beach
4. COVID-safe Beach bag essentials
5. Waverley Lifeguards tips for staying safe



## Managing crowds

This is not going to be a normal summer, so be sure to plan your trip before you leave home. Check our website and social media channels for up-to-the minute information about how busy our beaches are. Also keep a look out for advisory messages at bus stops, train stations and on major roads. If you intend to use our beaches, parks and outdoor spaces and they look busy, please come back another time or use that time to visit one of our many local businesses - they need your support. We will be making sure our beaches don't get too crowded and that everyone can enjoy our beautiful public spaces safely. If we do reach capacity, then access to the sand will be restricted until numbers stabilise so that everyone has a turn! Most importantly, if you are feeling unwell, please stay at home and get tested, and remain in isolation until you receive a negative result.

For updates on beach capacity, visit [waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au) or follow Waverley Council on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)

## Transport options

Before you hop in the car, check parking availability at Bondi and Bronte with the Park n' Pay app. If you are catching public transport and can't social distance, remember it's highly recommended to wear a mask.

If you're spending the day outside, please remember to stay COVID safe by keeping one towel-length apart from the person next to you unless you are from the same household and ensure outdoor gatherings are limited to numbers outlined in the current Public Health Orders.

For more transport options, visit [hellobondi.com.au/getting-around/transport/](http://hellobondi.com.au/getting-around/transport/)



## Beach bag essentials

Heading outdoors? Don't forget to pack your hat, sunglasses, water, sunscreen, a mask and sanitiser when heading to the beach. We will be making sure our beaches don't get too crowded and that everyone can enjoy our beautiful public spaces safely.

## Alcohol-free zones

To keep our beaches, parks and streets safe, we have a number of alcohol-free zones in place throughout the year. Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte beaches, coastal parks and public streets are classified as alcohol-free zones. This means you are not permitted to consume alcohol in these areas. Rangers work closely with the Police to ensure the restrictions are observed and to help keep everyone safe.

A reminder that smoking is not permitted at Waverley's beaches. Please dispose of your rubbish thoughtfully and always bin your butts.



## Surf safety

There is no such thing as a "safe" beach. Surf and weather conditions can change at any moment, so our Council Lifeguards recommend beachgoers:

Always swim between the red and yellow flags, never swim outside them.

Do not swim directly after a meal or if under the influence of alcohol.

Only swim when the red and yellow flags are flying. If there are no flags, the beach is closed or unpatrolled.

Do not panic if caught in a current or undertow. Raise one arm into the air to signal for lifeguard assistance. Float until help arrives.

Do not struggle if seized with a cramp. Raise your arm for help and float. Keep the part of your body that is cramping perfectly still.

Do not swim if unsure of surf conditions. Always seek the advice of a lifeguard or lifesaver.

If you witness an in-water emergency, please inform our Council Lifeguards, or if it is after hours, dial Triple Zero (000) and ask for the Police. Our current lifeguard patrols hours are 6am to 7pm at Waverley's three beaches.



# MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE



Although the final four months of the 2019-20 financial year were financially challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council completed a range of existing projects making Waverley a better place to live, work and visit. We have planted more trees, widened footpaths, increased safety lighting and have helped our residential buildings and schools reduce their carbon footprint. We have invested and diverted significant funds to assist businesses and the community through the impacts of the pandemic whilst supporting the construction industry and local jobs.

## Bondi Cycleway and Streetscape Upgrade

Waverley Council's Bondi Junction Cycleway and Streetscapes Upgrade

project reached another milestone with the completion of streetscape works along Spring Street. These works will enhance the retail experience of this busy area of Bondi Junction and already the area is looking greener and more inviting. The upgrade is a priority of Waverley Council's Complete Streets Project to enhance Bondi Junction and its spaces by greening and beautifying footpaths and public places, making meeting places more vibrant and appealing, and improving connections for cycling, walking and access to public transport. The Cycleways project has received significant funding the Commonwealth and New South Wales Government through the \$240 million jointly funded Pinch Point Program to make Sydney's metropolitan road network more efficient for



all transport users, supporting 1000 direct and indirect jobs.

## Seven Ways

Council completed its streetscape upgrade at the Seven Ways community village centre located at the intersection of Glenayr Avenue, Warners Avenue and Blair Street, Bondi. There is now a large green space for families to play as well as new seating and planting. The new village plaza has helped meet residents' social and recreation needs whilst supporting local small business.

## Notts Avenue Safety & Streetscape Upgrade

In early December 2020, Council was preparing to unveil its safety and streetscape upgrade of Notts Avenue, Bondi Beach. This has been a significant project to transform one of Waverley's most highly-visited locations. The upgrade includes a 10km/h shared zone, new paving, upgraded balustrades, a shade structure, mature trees and a stunning cantilevered northern lookout. The project will improve the safety and amenity for residents and businesses as well as the one million or so people who visit the Bondi to Bronte Coastal Walk each year.

## Diamond Bay Reserve Boardwalk remediation works

In June 2020, we completed necessary maintenance and repairs to the boardwalks between Eastern Avenue Reserve and Diamond Bay Reserve. The remediation works





included securing timber balustrades with additional fixings, ensuring stairways and walkways were secure and replacing stainless-steel wires, posts, timber handrails, some stair treads and walkway timbers. Over the next two years it is our intention to completely replace Eastern Avenue and Diamond Bay Reserves' boardwalks.

## Bronte Village Centre Upgrade

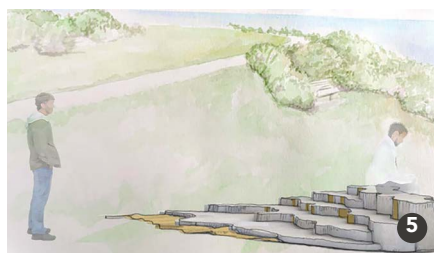
In 2020, we completed our upgrade of the Bronte Beach village centre. The upgrade provides a unique arrival experience for users of Bronte Park, Village Centre and Bronte Beach. We improved pedestrian safety by increasing the available footpath for pedestrians along Bronte Road and provided an integrated link that connects the park, beach and village centre with the bus interchange. We planted extra trees, installed bicycle parking and improved the overall look and feel of our beautiful Bronte village.



## Bondi Pavilion Restoration & Conservation Project

In June 2020, we commenced our restoration of the iconic Bondi Pavilion with head contractor BuildCorp. The heritage restoration will take around 18 months to

complete and include new and improved amenities, a Bondi Story Room, a new tourist centre/box office, a community radio station, renovated community spaces and a renovated art gallery and theatre, just to name a few. We are also working to appoint a vibrant mix of retail businesses through a tender process to operate from the iconic building from when it reopens. We can't wait to unveil the new and improved Bondi Pavilion in 2022!



## Bondi Memorial Project

In August 2020, Waverley Council and LGBTQ+ health organisation ACON announced that Urban Art Projects will be commissioned to create the Bondi Memorial Project at Marks Park, Tamarama. UAP's concept design Rise was one of six shortlisted designs for the permanent memorial to acknowledge the gay and transgender people who were targeted in homophobic attacks from the 1970s to 1990s in Sydney. Several of these crimes took place in Marks Park on the Bondi coastline. UAP's six-level stone terrace representing the six bands in the pride flag responded beautifully to the project's guiding principles of remembrance, diversity, inclusion, justice and acceptance. Construction of the memorial is expected to take place in 2021. Council is contributing \$100,000 to the project with ACON contributing a further \$64,000 through donations. To donate, visit [bondimemorial.com.au](http://bondimemorial.com.au)

## The Boot Factory

In September 2020, Council endorsed the preferred option of the Innovation Civic Hall for the Boot Factory in Spring Street Bondi Junction, and the design of fit-out of the building. It follows

the completion of the investigation of a Knowledge and Innovation Hub precinct within the Waverley local government area, as defined by the Council resolution in October 2017. Staff will start to work soon on the future operational management model for the Innovation Civic Hall (illustrated- below) with a report to come back to Council on final costings, programming, sponsorship and staffing. Officers will also further investigate a maker space at Waverley Library, with a report to come back to Council. The Boot Factory, a former shoemaking factory at the rear of Norman Lee Place at 27-33 Spring Street, was completed in 1892 by William Sidaway and Son and was last restored by Council in 1986. It has been vacant since 2007, and in 2013, Council undertook significant remedial structural works to ensure the stability of the building until an alternative use could be found.

## Arden Street Safety Upgrade

To ensure we provide a safer environment for the local community, we are about to start on the final stages of the Arden Street Safety Upgrade. The construction on this project has been staged across 2020/21.

For the first part of the upgrade, we relocated the existing state bus stop to help visibility, installed new signage and formalised the school bus zone.

Now we will:

- Upgrade the pedestrian crossing signals
- Widen the footpath
- Install kerb treatments to slow traffic

Sign up to Council's enews for details.

*Images:*

1. Campbell Parade
2. Seven Ways streetscape upgrade
3. Diamond Bay Reserve boardwalk
4. Bondi Pavilion Restoration and Conservation Project
5. Bondi Memorial artist's impression

# SUSTAINABILITY IN WAVERLEY



We've been working hard to make sustainability second nature in our community and at Council. Here are some of the ways we're supporting positive environmental change.

## Solar shining in our suburbs

Sunshine is spreading across our 'hood with local schools, clubs and apartment buildings joining the solar power revolution. Participants in Solar my School, Solar my Club and the new Solar my Strata pilot program are receiving tailored Council support to help navigate the often complex process of capturing renewable energy on their rooftops.



### Congratulations to:

- Bondi Beach and Clovelly public schools which join nine other local schools in powering their buildings with sunshine
- North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club and Nefesh Synagogue who are soaring towards solar in the near future
- The folks at Penkivil Gardens who recently installed a 10kW system to power their apartment building's common areas.



For more info or to register interest:

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## New ways to get rid of it right

Waverley's problem waste recycling stations continue to expand and accept more products! This year, we added x-rays, light globes and oral care to the long list of items that can be recycled at Waverley Library and the Customer Service Centre, such as batteries, mobile phones and ink cartridges. The stations offer a free, safe and easy way to recycle items that shouldn't be placed in our kerbside bins.

There's more to look forward to in 2021 with plans to launch a series of drop-off recycling events to safely dispose, recycle and reuse problem waste. Next year, residents will be able to drop off bulk cardboard, polystyrene, soft plastics, textiles and e-waste at the Waverley/Woollahra Depot on 67a Bourke Road in Alexandria. The first drop off will be held on Saturday 6 February.

Find our more:

[waverley.nsw.gov.au/waste](https://waverley.nsw.gov.au/waste)





## The waste calendar has gone paperless

To help reduce our environmental impact, the 2021 waste calendar is going online and will not be distributed to all households. Find your collection days on the free RecycleSmart app or on our website. For those who prefer a printed calendar, these will be available on demand.

Find out more:

**[waverley.nsw.gov.au/collectionday](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/collectionday)**



## KEEN TO KNOW MORE ABOUT COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES?

Sign up to **[secondnature.org.au](http://secondnature.org.au)** and join the thousands of Waverley residents receiving info on how to make sustainability second nature in their lives.



## Waverley's winning ways: sustainability initiatives taking top gongs in 2020



### Building Futures Program:

Winner in Environmental Leadership and Sustainability – Local Government NSW Excellence Awards

### Making Sustainable

#### Procurement Second Nature:

Winner in Sustainable Procurement Achievement - Local Government Procurement National Awards

### Collaboration for Impact:

Winner in Community Partnership and Collaboration – Local Government Professionals Award and Behaviour Change in Waste at the Local Government NSW Excellence Awards

### 3-Council Public Electric Vehicle Charging Network:

Winner in Innovative Leadership and Management - NSW Local Government Excellence Awards

### Solar my School:

Winner in Public Service Design – Good Design Awards

## Vive la Compost Revolution

Compost Revolution is celebrating its 10th birthday! What started as a joint initiative between Waverley, Woollahra and Randwick councils has turned into a nation-wide program with 33 councils now part of the revolution. In the eastern suburbs alone, more than 14,000 households participate in the program, with an estimated saving of more than 16 million kilos of food waste and 20,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases.

To find out more, sign up or snag a discount on composting and worm farming gear, visit **[compostrevolution.com.au](http://compostrevolution.com.au)**



## Summerama sticking around all summer long

Get ready for a Summerama festival like no other! In 2021, Summerama will be taking place throughout January to March with a range of activities planned to connect you with nature. From photography and poetry competitions through to treasure hunts, film nights and beach clean ups, there's something for everyone at next year's festival.



Images:

1. Solar panels Bondi Beach Public School
2. Problem waste recycling station
3. Compost Revolution
4. Summerama



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE



2020 has been an interesting year for engagement! Due to COVID-19, face-to-face opportunities were halted and we moved to online methods to ensure everyone could still engage in Council's decision-making process.

Since March, we have run over 10 webinar sessions, enabling many of you to watch and join in from the comfort of your own home. Considering the success and take-up of these online sessions, we will look to continue running these, even as the COVID-19 restrictions are easing.

Also, with Council meetings moving online, and community members unable to attend in person, we accepted video recording and written speeches to ensure you were still able to have your voice heard.

Throughout 2020, we had 50 consultations provided via Have Your Say Waverley. We heard from about 3000 community members, who either filled in a survey, contributed an idea, or completed a poll – this doesn't even include those who attended a webinar or emailed us directly! The projects you were most interested in were the Bronte Surf Club and Community Facilities Upgrade, Bondi Memorial Public Artwork, and the potential Timed Off-leash Dogs Trial at Mackenzies Bay.

## Projects currently seeking feedback

During the summer holiday period, we are conscious that many of you will be travelling and potentially unable to provide your feedback on projects. As such, the projects currently on consultation will be open until at least 31 January, if not later.

### Current consultations are:

- Draft Community Engagement Policy and Strategy
- Housing Advisory Committee
- Draft Local Character Statements
- Bondi Story Room and community radio at Bondi Pavilion

During the summer holiday period, we are conscious that many of you will potentially be unable to provide your feedback on projects. As such, the projects currently on consultation will be open for longer than usual.

To be kept in the loop as these projects progress, and to be notified of any upcoming consultations, please head to [haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au](https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au)





# KEEP IT LOCAL



Small businesses have a big impact. They are the heart and soul of Waverley and it's this community who has been hit particularly hard by the effects of COVID-19. As part of our response to support small businesses, Waverley Council and the Bondi & Districts Chamber of Commerce launched Keep It Local, an initiative to help Waverley residents buy local and support local.

Keep It Local is Waverley's one-stop shop for local business listings, discounts, news and initiatives. It's a dedicated website designed for businesses to list their information and make it easy for residents to search and source from local suppliers.



## Easy ways to support small businesses

### Dine-in or take-out

# 1

With restrictions easing and the weather warming up, there's never been a better time to dine in at our cafes or restaurants. If you prefer to stay indoors, let the food come to you! Many of our local eateries offer takeaway and delivery options.

### Buy a gift card

# 2

For anyone leaving their Christmas shopping to the last minute, gift cards make for great presents.

### Write a review

# 3

If you've had a positive experience with a local business, tell the world by writing a Google review! Not only will your review put a smile on someone's face, it'll also help boost the reputation of the business online and bring new customers to their door.

As we head into the festive season, please keep your local business legends in mind and shop with them wherever possible.

Visit [keepitlocal.bondichamber.com.au](https://keepitlocal.bondichamber.com.au) for information on local events, discounts and offers.

Images:

1. Badlambs Barbershop
2. bRU Coffee
3. Gertrude & Alice
4. Heart Cafe

# OUR COMMUNITY

## Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award 2020

It was another fantastic year for the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award, which celebrates excellence in research and writing in Australia. It is the only major national literary award of its kind presented by a local council. For the first time in its 19 year history, the Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award moved its awards presentation online. We were joined by Host Benjamin Law, Mayor Paula Massellos, Head Judge Jamie Grant, Max and Saphira Moran (representing the Mark Moran Group) and all 2020 Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize winners. Congratulations to our 2020 winners:

### Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award (\$20,000)

- Fathoms: The World in the Whale by Rebecca Gigg (Scribe Publications)

### Nib People's Choice Prize (\$1,000)

- The Deceptions by Suzanne Leal (Allen & Unwin)

### Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize (\$1000)

- After the Count: The death of Davey Browne by Stephanie Convery (Penguin)
- FATHOMS: the world in the whale by Rebecca Gigg (Scribe Publications)
- The Deceptions by Suzanne Leal (Allen & Unwin)
- Friends and Rivals: Four Great Australian Writers; Barbara Baynton, Ethel Turner, Nettie Palmer, Henry Handel Richardson by Brenda Niall (Text Publishing)
- The Hilton Bombing; Evan Pederick and the Ananda Marga by Imre Salusinszky (Melbourne University Publishing)
- The Stranger Artist: Life at the edge of Kimberley painting by Quentin Sprague (Hardie Grant Publishing)

The Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award is administered and presented annually by Waverley Council with the generous support of Principal Sponsors Mark and Evette Moran and the ongoing commitment and assistance of our community partner Gertrude and Alice Bookshop and Café.

Missed the award presentation? Watch it on demand at [waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/nib)

## Waverley Art Prize 2020

The Waverley Art Prize has continued to attract some of Australia's most cutting-edge artists. This year was no different, with over 70 artworks received in a variety of mediums from painting, drawing and printmaking. Our esteemed Judges George Raftopoulos and Laura Jones chose artworks that push the boundaries of storytelling in a modern age.

Congratulations to our winners:

### Waverley Art Prize Winner

Still Life Day – Phil James

### The Mayor's Prize

In the landscape of Spring – Rowan Robertson

### Oil painting prize

Puts on new Nikes, walks out of Myer – Luke Kennedy

### Drawing Prize

Union street – Catherine O'Donnell

### Mixed Media

Sorry – Sarah Edmondson

### Printmaking

Anthropocene – Luke Cornish

### Acrylic Prize

Summer – Suzanne Alexander

Check out the Gallery at [wwas.org.au/galleries](http://wwas.org.au/galleries)

## Waverley Youth Art Prize 2020

The Waverley Youth Art Prize encourages creativity in young local artists to celebrate Waverley's future creators. On its 34th year, we had much to celebrate as Waverley's young artists each showcased their unique take on the 2020 theme 'Framed,' which asked artists to create an artwork about someone inspiring.

This year we received over 160 entries, all of which were exhibited in our first ever online exhibition.

Artists and this year's Judges Cameron Stead and Kim Luetwyler enjoyed the impressive range of artworks received. Judge Kim Luetwyler said "This next generation of talented artists will be one to watch!"

Congratulations to our winners:

### Senior Category – 1st

Georgia Lu – LULU

### Senior Category – Highly Commended

Mia MacCormick - Faceless

### Intermediate Category – 1st

Samantha Klein – Shadows and Shades of my Sister

### Intermediate Category – Highly Commended

Rachel Li – Mirror me

### Junior Category – 1st

Ludmilla Monaco – Joshua

### Junior Category – Highly Commended

Zoe Klein – Self Portrait in the style of Margaret Preston

Leo Masnick – Me and My World

### Best Interpretation of the Theme

Laila Rich – Born of Water and Spirit

### Best New Media Artwork

Teonie Quach – Frame It!

### Best Three dimensional creation

Marie Khoury – Sunflowers in the Dark

### Mayor's Prize

Tasman Alexandar Bates – The colour of me

Marie Khoury – Sunflowers in the Dark

Eloise North – Colour Connections

### Packing Room Prize

Mabel Chen – Margaret Atwood



## Keeping the community connected through books, music and craft

While the COVID-19 pandemic kept us physically apart, we knew the need for people to connect was stronger than ever. That's why we were committed to modifying our programs and services to keep in touch with our community – virtually.

### Library lovers

Reading has always been a joy to our local community, but with more time at home this year, Waverley Library was in demand! Waverley Library launched Grab & Go and Ready, Set, Borrow to ensure people could get their Library fix safely. We moved over 170 workshops, author talks and discussion groups online, and launched the Waverley Library App allowing access to the library, its member services and collections from any smart device 24/7.

### The power of music

Music has the incredible ability to bring people together, boost your mood and encourage creativity. We saw this demonstrated through a number of our music programs which were adjusted to online platforms. The Bondi WAVE Youth Band Songwriting Program produced 12 original songs, our seniors' concerts are streamed on Facebook live, allowing the entire community to enjoy performances by local musicians, and Council's seniors' choir, the Sunshine Singers, is so successful online that they've even acquired some new recruits!

### Learn a new skill

Many of our newly online programs such as the School Holiday, Sydney Craft Week and Festival of the Winds programs taught our community weird and wonderful things – like how to crochet, how to design a tattoo, how to make and fly a kite and loads more! Thousands of people joined us online, exploring their creativity whilst learning something new.

## Staying connected

Staying connected while being physically apart is no easy feat. This year has been a challenge for us all and as a result of the pandemic, many of our community services were turned upside down and inside out. From hosting fitness classes for seniors via Zoom or presenting parenting workshops online, we've had to adapt our services to work in a new world. With restrictions now easing, many of our services are now recommencing in person as well as online.

To find out what community programs are available to you, visit [waverley.nsw.gov.au/community](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/community)

## Volunteering in Waverley

Interested in getting involved with your local community, connecting with neighbours and caring for our beautiful green spaces? Join Waverley's volunteering program! Whatever your interest or skillset, Waverley's volunteering program has a place for you. Hear from some of our current volunteers on what they do and why.

### May & Zoe – Bushcare volunteers

"We've been volunteering with the Bronte Waterfall Bushcare Group for a number of years after deciding to spend more time outdoors and get to know our community. The tranquillity and challenge of doing something outside our comfort zone has been very rewarding."

### Julia –Volunteer art teacher

"I run art workshops for children in the Waverley Community Garden. I decided to start volunteering as a meaningful way to feel connected to my local community after a long stint living overseas. My favourite thing about the job is spending time in the garden getting to know my neighbours and being blown away by the incomprehensible skills of 5-year-olds. They draw like tiny Basquats!"

### Gregory – Friends of Waverley Cemetery volunteer

"I am one of five Walking History tour guides at Waverley Cemetery. When people think about volunteering, their initial thought process is often about the 'gift' of giving. However, it's not until you start 'giving' that you realise this isn't the gift it's what you receive in return that's the real gift."

To find out more or to sign up visit [waverley.nsw.gov.au/volunteering](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/volunteering)



## Small Grants Program

Each year, we ask community members to get in touch with Council if they have a great idea that would benefit the local community but need some help getting their project off the ground. In 2020, Council provided \$112,510 to support activities delivered by 31 local residents, businesses, schools and community groups. These grants are designed to help improve our public spaces, protect our environment, and deliver social, cultural or recreational benefits to the Waverley community. Some of the funding from this year's grants went towards:

- Installing solar panels at Nefesh Synagogue and Yeshiva College
- Presenting a photographic exhibition called Head On at Bondi Beach
- Delivering a Seaside Scavenge event focussed on educating the community about waste reduction and the circular economy

To find out more about Waverley's small grants program, or to get a head start on your application for next year's grants program visit [waverley.nsw.gov.au/smallgrants](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/smallgrants)

# DID YOU KNOW?



Council has worked hard to support the community and business throughout the pandemic. We have helped keep our community connected and informed through our offerings of online programs, community consultation and events. Many projects progressed during the height of restrictions and many more are underway.

It has been a busy year and we are looking forward to making Waverley an even better place in 2021.

## Did you know that in 2020?



**50+**

community consultations held via our Have Your Say Waverley engagement website



**1,500+**

people participated in more than 25 of our online sustainability workshops



**3,000+**

people participated in our community engagement



**5,900**

reports logged via Snap Send Solve



**6,000**

tonnes of recycling collected



**21,125**

visits to our Customer Service centre in Spring Street, Bondi Junction



**65,900**

calls to our fantastic Customer Service team



**240,000+**

books and other material borrowed from Waverley Library. Go you good readers!



**\$1 million**

value per month of our Business Relief Package at the start of the pandemic.



# Community Language Translations

## Summer beach patrol hours

Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama:

6am to 7pm

## Lifeguard tips for staying safe at the beach

### English

- Protect yourself from the sun. Always wear a hat, sunglasses, a shirt and factor 30+ sunscreen. Drink plenty of water.
- Smoking and alcohol are not allowed on the beach.
- Never leave your valuables unattended.
- Only swim between the red and yellow flags. Never swim where you see the 'Dangerous Current' sign.

### Japanese

- 日差しから身を守りましょう。必ず帽子やサングラスやシャツを身に付け、日焼け止めクリーム30+もお忘れなく。水分もたくさん取りましょう。
- ビーチでは、喫煙や飲酒が禁止されています。大切な物は放置しないこと。
- 泳ぐときは、必ず赤黄色の旗の間で泳ぐこと。
- 「Dangerous Current(危険潮流)」という標識が出ているところでは絶対泳がないこと。

### Chinese

- 保護自己免被曬傷。你一定要戴帽、戴太陽眼鏡、穿着襯衫、及塗上30%系數的太陽油。飲大量的水。
- 在沙灘上是不准吸煙及飲酒的。切勿在沒有人看管情況下留下貴重物品。
- 只准在紅旗與黃旗之間游泳。
- 在見到「Dangerous Current (水流有危險)」標誌的地方切勿游泳。

### Portuguese

- Proteja-se do sol. Use sempre um chapéu, óculos de sol, uma camisa e um protetor solar com factor 30+. Beba muita água.
- Não é permitido fumar e beber bebidas alcoólicas na praia. Nunca abandone os seus objectos de valor.
- Nade apenas entre as bandeiras vermelhas e amarelas.
- Nunca nade onde houver um aviso 'Dangerous Current' (corrente perigosa).

### Korean

- 태양빛으로부터 몸을 보호하십시오. 항상 모자와 선글라스, 셔츠를 입고, 안 전지수 30+의 자외선 차단 크림을 바르십시오. 다량의 수분을 섭취하십시오.
- 해변에서 흡연과 음주는 허용되지 않습니다.
- 귀중품을 절대로 방치하지 마십시오.
- 빨간색 깃발과 노란색 깃발 사이에서만 수영하십시오. 'Dangerous Current' (위험한 조류) 표시가 있는 곳에서는 절대로 수영하지 마십시오.

### French

- Protégez-vous du soleil. Portez toujours un chapeau, des lunettes de soleil, une chemise et une crème solaire 30+. Buvez beaucoup d'eau.
- Il est interdit de fumer et de boire de l'alcool sur la plage.
- Ne laissez jamais vos d'objets de valeur sans surveillance.
- Ne vous baignez qu'entre entre les drapeaux rouges et jaunes. Ne vous baignez jamais où vous voyez le panneau « Dangerous Current (courant dangereux) ».

### Spanish

- Protégase del sol. Siempre use un sombrero, anteojos para sol, una camisa y loción protectora solar con factor 30+. Beba mucha agua.
- No se permite fumar ni beber alcohol en la playa. Nunca deje sin vigilar sus efectos personales.
- Solamente nade entre las banderas rojas y amarillas
- Nunca nade donde vea el aviso 'Dangerous Current' (corriente peligrosa).

### Greek

- Προφυλάξτε τον εαυτό σας από τον ήλιο. Φοράτε πάντα καπέλο, γυαλιά ηλίου, πουκάμισο κι αντιηλιακό δείκτη προστασίας 30+. Πίνετε πολύ νερό.
- Απαγορεύεται το κάπνισμα και η κατανάλωση αλκοόλ στην παραλία. Μην αφήνετε ποτέ, ανεπιτήρητα τα πολύτιμα, αντικείμενά σας.
- Κολυμπάτε πάντα μεταξύ των κοκκινοκίτρινων σημαίων.
- Μην κολυμπάτε ποτέ εκεί που υπάρχει πινακίδα Dangerous Current' (Επικίνδυνο Ρεύμα).

### Italian

- Proteggersi dal so e. Mettere sempre un cappello, occhiali da sole, una maglietta e crema solare con fattore di protezione 30+. Bere molta acqua.
- In spiaggia non è consentito fumare o bere alcolici.
- Non lasciare mai oggetti di valore incustoditi.
- Fare il bagno solamente fra le bandiere rosse e gialle. Non fare mai il bagno dove c'è il cartello 'Dangerous Current (corrente pericolosa)'.

### Indonesian

- Lindungi diri Anda dari matahari. Kenakanlah selalu topi, kacamata hitam, baju dan 30+ sunscreen. Minumlah banyak air.
- Dilarang merokok dan minum minuman keras di pantai.
- Jangan sekali-kali meninggalkan barang berharga Anda.
- Berenanglah hanya di antara bendera-bendera merah dan kuning. Jangan sekali-kali berenang jika Anda melihat tanda "Dangerous Current" (arus berbahaya).

### Hungarian

- Védekezzünk a naptól. Mindig viseljünk: kalapot, napszemüveget, inget és 30+ faktoros napolajat. Igyunk sok vizet.
- Dohányzás és alkohol fogyasztása tilos a strandokon.
- Értékeinket soha ne hagyjuk őrizetlenül.
- Csak a sárga és a piros jelzőzászlók között ússzunk. Soha ne ússzunk olyan helyen ahol 'Dangerous Current' (veszélyes ár) jelzőtábla van kitéve.

### Polish

- Zabezpiecz się przed słońcem. Noś zawsze nakrycie głowy, okulary przeciwsłoneczne, koszulkę oraz używaj krem z filtrem ochronnym SPF 30+.
- Palenie i picie alkoholu na plaży jest wzbronione. Nie zostawiaj kosztowności bez nadzoru.
- Kąpiel dozwolona tylko między czerwonymi i żółtymi flagami.
- Nie kąp się w miejscach oznaczonych 'Dangerous Current' (niebezpieczne prądy morskie).

### Russian

- Защитите себя от солнца. Всегда носите головной убор, Солнцезащитные очки, футболку и пользуйтесь защитным кремом 30+. Пейте как можно больше воды.
- Курение и употребление спиртных напитков на пляже запрещены.
- Никогда не оставляйте без присмотра личные вещи.
- Купание разрешено исключительно в зоне, ограниченной красными и желтыми флажками. Никогда не заплывайте в зону, обозначенную знаком «опасное течение» (Dangerous Current).

### Thai

- ปกป้องตัวคุณเองจากแสงแดด ควรสวมหมวก แว่นกันแดด เสื้อ และ ทาครีมกันแดด SPF 30+ ดื่มน้ำมากๆ
- ห้ามสูบบุหรี่หรือเสฟสุราบนชายหาด อย่าทิ้งของมีค่าไว้โดยไม่มีผู้ดูแล
- ว่ายน้ำในบริเวณระหว่างธงสีแดง และสีเหลืองเท่านั้น
- อย่าว่ายน้ำในบริเวณที่คุณเห็นป้าย Dangerous Current (คลื่นอันตราย) เด็ดขาด

### Hindi

- स्वयं को सूर्य से बचाएँ. हमेशा एक हैट, धूप का चश्मा, एक शर्ट पहने और फैक्टर 30+ सनस्क्रीन लगाएँ. अधिक पानी पिएँ.
- समुद्र तट पर धूमपान और मददपान की अनुमति नहीं है. अपनी मूल्यवान वस्तुओं को बनी नगिरानी के न छोड़े.
- केवल लाल और पीले फ्लैग के बीच ही तैरे.
- जहाँ आप 'खतरनाक धारा' चहिन देखे वहाँ की न तैरे.

### Arabic

- احمي نفسك من الشمس. ارتدي دائماً قبعة ونظارات الشمس وقميص وضع عامل 30+ الواقي من الشمس. اشرب الكثير من الماء. لا يسمح بالتدخين وتناول الكحول على الشاطئ.
- لا تترك أبداً مقتنياتك الثمينة بدون ملاحظة.
- قم بالسباحة فقط بين الأعلام الحمراء والصفراء.
- لا تقم بالسباحة أبداً أينما ترى علامة "Dangerous Current (تيار خطر)".

# Events in Waverley

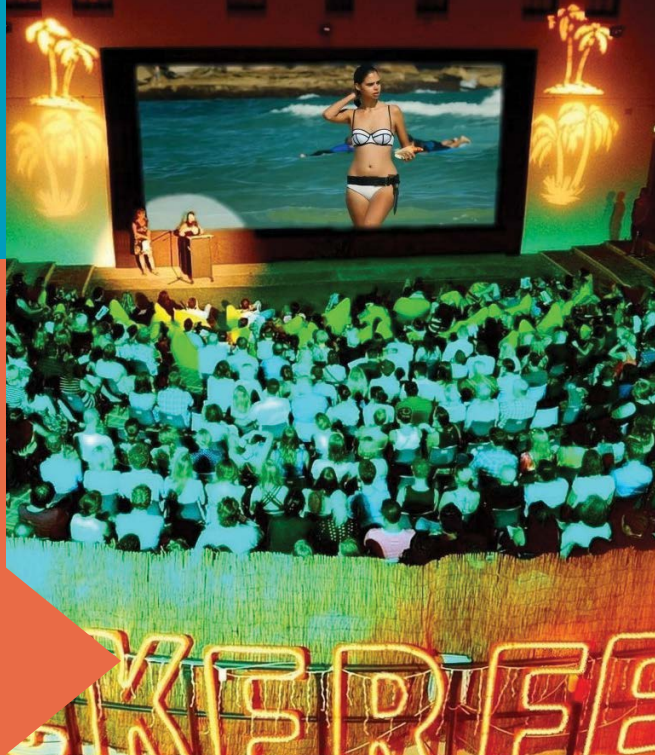
## Flickerfest

22 – 31 January  
North Bondi Park (next to North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club)

The 30th annual Flickerfest International Short Film Festival returns to Bondi this summer. The COVID-safe event will run for 10 days in January under the stars at Bondi Beach.

It's Australia's leading Academy Award accredited and BAFTA-recognised Short Film Festival and will showcase some of the best of short films from Australia and around the world.

Get your tickets at  
[flickerfest.com.au](http://flickerfest.com.au)



## Summer School Holiday Program

11 – 22 January 2020  
Online and in person activities

Keep the kids happy, creative and active these holidays with a fabulous array of activities on offer through our Summer School Holiday Program. This program includes both free and paid activities for children online and in person at Waverley Library, Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre and workshops presented by Waverley Woollahra Art School.

Get your tickets at  
[waverley.nsw.gov.au/shp](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/shp)

## Public Forums at Council Meetings

Have something to say to Councillors?

Public forums are an opportunity for members of the public to address Council on matters of public importance that are not listed on the meeting agenda. To speak at a public forum, you must register before 3pm on the Monday before the Council meeting. Places are limited to four speakers per public forum, and each address must be no longer than three minutes.

For more information, or to register to speak at a public forum visit [waverley.nsw.gov.au/council](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/council) or call 9083 8000.



## Changes to Development Applications

From 1 January 2021, Development Application lodgements will only be accepted via the NSW Planning Portal at [planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA)

Find out more at [waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au)

## Precinct Meetings

Our Precinct system is a great way to get involved in the community. Precinct meetings are regular meetings run by residents with support from Council.

For more information visit [waverley.nsw.gov.au](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au) or call Council's Community Liaison Coordinator on 9083 8120.

