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February 2026	Motion 1: Bondi Precinct questions the validity of this mayoral minute and where this “positive” feedback was gathered. The community through the Combined Precincts and the Bondi Precincts have submitted over eight “motions of protest” about these commercial events throughout 2025 and this is on public record on the council website. We request data and information regarding referenced feedback in the Mayoral minutes. We would also like an explanation as to why the community feedback that is documented in motions and minutes throughout 2025 was not referenced at all. The community is concerned about misrepresentation of community sentiment in relation to commercial events on public parkland at the beach.	Thank you for your feedback on the Mayoral Minute at the March 2026 Council meeting. A Mayoral Minute is a report submitted directly by the Mayor to a Council meeting, used to highlight urgent, strategic, or significant matters without prior notice. A Mayoral Minute is introduced at the discretion of the Mayor and is then voted on by Councillors at the meeting. The Precinct’s feedback has been noted by Council in previous reports.	Community , Culture and Customer Experience	Complete
	Motion 2: Bondi Precinct requests traffic counts and data which support both these proposed changes. We would also like costings for each of these changes, as we see both as having a major negative impact on O’Brien and Hall Street traffic flow. We request that these designs and any	A traffic survey was undertaken in February 2025. This survey considers a weekday peak hour (both morning and afternoon). Traffic modelling was performed based on this survey. This is available for viewing on Have Your Say Waverley. As this design is still in the early stages, costs have not been developed. This will be developed and shared with councillors prior to any decision being made.	Assets and Operations	Complete

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	affected traffic flow be given to the Waverley Local Traffic Forum for further review. We also express concern about the” inlane bus stop” proposals and request feedback from Transport NSW on this.	Drivers are expected to see some minor delays as a result of these bus stops. Typically, the delay for vehicles seen when waiting for a bus is similar to that of a vehicle waiting whilst a driver parallel parks. This happens frequently throughout Glenayr Ave and Hall St at current. The expected benefits to bus reliability and travel times are considered to outweigh the impacts to private vehicles in this instance. Further, providing in-lane bus stops increases the kerbside length available for parking. This reduces the pressure on parking, allowing more people to stop and visit the Hall Street commercial area. Transport for NSW and Transdev John Holland have been consulted.		
	Motion 3: Bondi Precinct is concerned about the 5.2% rate increase. This increase comes at a time of unpredictable economic worldwide turmoil which has flow-on impact on the council and individuals. BP is concerned that Council has not adequately considered the increased risk with their current budget. We are seriously concerned with prioritization, additional borrowing, prudence and overall risk management. There seems to be expenditure in the proposed budget which does not appear to have benefit the whole community. BP requests a meeting with the General Manager and also documentation of how council is managing the changed risk circumstances.	Council rates will be increased by 5.2% as per the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW (IPART) determination. IPART determines these rates for all Council’s across NSW. Further information can be viewed online at https://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/documents/document/final-rate-pegs-and-components-all-councils-2026-27 In regard to the matters discussed at the 21 April 2026 Council Meeting, regarding CM/6.3/26.04 - Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2026-27, Budget and Long Term Financial Plan 7.1 - Exhibition (SF25/5151) the final resolution of Council is as follows: DECISION That Council: 1. Treats Attachment 5 of 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)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993. The attachment contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.	Corporate Services	Complete

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		2. Publicly exhibits the draft Pricing Policy, Fees and Charges 2026-27, draft Budget 2026-27 and draft Long Term Financial Plan 7.1 attached to the report for 28 days, subject to the following amendments: (a) Bringing forward \$200,000 to develop the Bondi Road Streetscape Master Plan in the 2026–27 Capital Works Program, with funding to be provided from the 2026–27 Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) Renewal – Street Footpaths Program. (b) Allocating \$500,000 to the construction of the CSIRO viewing platform in the 2027–28 financial year on the assumption that the full amount is grant funded from external sources. (c) Amending the tables on pages 133, 137 and 141 of the attachments under separate cover, prior to public exhibition, to include the total unrestricted balance of each year in the reserve balance statement of the LTFP. 3. Notes that the projected total project cost of the redevelopment of the Council Chambers site as at April 2026 is \$32.31 million (revised from \$18.93 million from the previous LTFP to retain the Chambers site) with a proposed funding strategy comprising \$5 million of anticipated grants, \$9.86 million from the Council general fund and a projected funding shortfall of \$17.45 million to be funded via loan financing. 4. In accordance with sections 621 and 623 of the Local Government Act 1993, borrows \$17.45 million to fund the redevelopment of the Council Chambers site according to the project delivery schedule. 5. Authorises the General Manager or delegate to source the loan from approved financial institutions, with officers to prepare a report to Council on the loan details in the second quarter of financial year 2026-27 6. Notes that the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) 7.1: (a) Will be reviewed annually in line with the Operational Plan and Annual Budget (b) Sets out the projects and initiatives that Council intends to invest in and the associated resource requirements for the next 11 years. It considers and utilises a range of options for achieving balanced budgets over the life of LTFP 7.1, likely including borrowing, realising efficiencies and cost reductions within Council		

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		operations, applying reserve funds earlier than forecast in LTFP 7.1, reducing or rescheduling the capital expenditure program and increasing revenue to fund specific programs and initiatives. As such, we are currently asking residents to have their say on the following documents: Draft Operational Plan 2026/2027 includes the Budget and the Statement of Revenue Policy - Our Operational Plan, Waverley 2027, outlines how Council will deliver on the expectations of the community in alignment with the Waverley Community Strategic Plan 2025/2035 and Delivery Program 2025/2029. The Operational Plan includes the Budget, the Statement of Revenue Policy and the Stormwater Management Service Charge. Proposed Pricing Policy, Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/2027 - The schedule of Fees and Charges is a list of all chargeable services and facilities offered to the community. <i>Fees and charges are determined by Council each year and contribute towards providing services and facilities for the Waverley local government area.</i> Draft Long Term Financial Plan 7.1 (2026/27 - 2036/37) - The Long-Term Financial Plan 7.1, identifies key projects that Council is planning to fund in the next 11 years and is updated on annual basis. The Plan identifies opportunities for future income and economic growth. We encourage the Bondi Precinct to submit their feedback via Council's Have Your Say website at https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/integrated-planning-reporting. Submissions close Thursday 21 May 2026. The General Manager is not able to attend the next Precinct Meeting to discuss this matter as she would not be able to provide any detailed information on 'the cost implications of world events on rising fuel prices and other price increases'.		

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		This is a very broad topic and one that doesn't fall within the remit of local government.		
Next meeting: 3 June 2026				