

Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the December 2025 Bondi Precinct meeting

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
December 2025	<p>Motion 1: “The Bondi Precinct supports the recent proposals in the draft Coastal Reserves Plan of Management document to investigate step-free sealed path connections from upper Marks Park down to the coastal walks, McKenzies Lookout and Gaerloch reserve, as well investigate step-free access to Hunter Park & Coastal Walk”.</p>	Whilst the Round 2 Consultation for the Coastal Reserves Plan of Management closed 9 November 2025, the Precincts feedback has been sent to the Open Space Planning team for consideration and will be included in the Consultation Report to go to Council in March 2026.	Assets and Operations	Complete
	<p>Motion 2: Bondi Precinct requests that Plans of Management to be made available ASAP to the public and at least 8 weeks in advance for the licenced events to be held at Bondi Beach on 31st December, 20th February and 21st February, for likely disruption to beach, carpark and park access and for details of revenue to be collected from these events, against costs to be incurred, to be made public, so ratepayers can see the direct economic benefits these events will bring to our council coffers.</p>	<p>The licence agreements with Fuzzy Operations is commercial in confidence and cannot be released publicly.</p> <p>Fuzzy Operations has delivered to approximately 11,000 homes in the surrounding area details including event day impact, bump in and bump out. One has already been delivered, with a reminder being delivered closer to the event.</p> <p>Residents can apply for a GIPA.</p>	Community, Culture and Customer Experience.	Complete
Questions				
	<p>No acoustic monitoring – the noise levels from these events - *** Emily Scott will look into assessing the noise impact</p>	<p>In regard to the NYE Event, the Sound Management process was as follows:</p> <p>An increased level of noise will be experienced from three stages; the main stage in Bondi Park and smaller stages in Bondi Pavilion and Archer Park (behind the Children’s Playground). The dates and times of amplified music will be as follows:</p> <p>Tuesday 30 December:</p>	Community, Culture and Customer Experience	Complete

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		<p>14:00 - 16:00 Soundcheck and time alignment 50-100% amplification (intermittent)</p> <p>Wednesday 31 December:</p> <p>15:00 – 17:30 Sound check 50-70% amplification (intermittent)</p> <p>18:00 – 00:30 EVENT IS LIVE 75-100% amplification Fireworks at 9pm (8mins) and midnight (12mins)</p> <p>00:30 Amplifiers wound down, no sound amplification beyond 01:00 Monitoring of the sound levels by an accredited acoustic engineer will be conducted to ensure that sound emissions from the site comply with EPA regulations.</p> <p>An event hotline will operate from Friday 19 December until Monday 5 January - including during the event. Please use this Hotline to report or discuss any event-related issues.</p> <p>The hotline phone number is 02 9699 2454.</p> <p>Fuzzy is excited and proud to present Elrow at Bondi Beach for New Year's Eve. Fuzzy also acknowledges the support of Waverley Council and NSW Police. All event-related activities will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions required by Waverley Council and the EPA.</p> <p>A similar process has been developed for the Mighty Hoopla and Crowded House events.</p> <p>Sound Management: An increased level of noise will be experienced from one stage (Golden Hour) and four stages (Mighty Hoopla). The dates and times of amplified music will be as follows:</p> <p>Thursday 19th February 2026</p> <p>12:00 - 13:00 Soundcheck and time alignment 50-100% amplification (intermittent)</p>		

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		<p>14:00 - 16:00 Soundcheck and time alignment 50-100% amplification (intermittent)</p> <p>Friday 20th February 2026: Golden Hour</p> <p>17:00 – 23:00 EVENT IS LIVE 75-100% amplification</p> <p>22:00 Amplifiers wound down, no sound amplification beyond 22:00</p> <p>Saturday 21st February 2026: Mighty Hoopla</p> <p>12:00 – 13:30 Sound check</p> <p>14:00 – 23:00 EVENT IS LIVE 75-100% amplification</p> <p>22:00 Amplifiers wound down, no sound amplification beyond 22:00</p> <p>Monitoring of the sound levels by an accredited acoustic engineer will be conducted to ensure that sound emissions from the site comply with EPA regulations.</p> <p>An event hotline will operate from Friday, 13th February – Thursday, 26th February 2026 - including</p> <p>during the event. Please use this Hotline to report or discuss any event-related issues.</p> <p>The hotline phone number is 02 9699 2454.</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Problems of parking for residents when large beach events take place – and the need for a traffic management plan specifically for each event - Where to park? – overcrowded already, especially when Campbell made one-way - *** Emily Scott to look into people parking in other zone areas from their normal zone 	<p>As advised to the Precinct Conveners in December 2025, Council considered options to alleviate residents parking in the Bondi beach area on NYE.</p> <p>The first option would be to allow allowing all the Area 8 permit holders park outside their area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While feasible would require significant communication and a buffer period on either side of the actual duration of the event. In practice the enforcement team just would not infringe during that time. We also anticipate having to field some additional 	Assets and Operations	Complete

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		<p>infringement complaints around confusion it caused. No signs could be changed in the timeframe.</p> <p>2. Implementation feasibility notwithstanding, given all the surrounding areas (11,12, 4, 6) are oversubscribed and with existing parking challenges, we would also anticipate limited effectiveness and an uptick of concerns from residents in those areas.</p> <p>The second option would be to consider increased meter pricing (termed dynamic metered parking pricing) to manage visitor demand, as most of Area 8 is metered / RPS excepted. Lower demand for those spaces would increase supply for residents. However this would require a change to Council's fees & charges or approval as part of the event via Council. This is therefore not feasible for this event but will be considered for future events.</p>		
	<p>There was great concern about why the Bondi Beach NYE function contract is not being revealed – Emily Scott advised it was redacted legally because of “Commercial-in-confidence”</p> <p>_ The point was raised “Transparency is Absolute” – why is Council arguing to ‘Commercial –in-confidence’, which is contrary to ‘openness’? – *** Jessica Ilacqua to investigate</p>	<p>The report to Council was about the EOI not the contract, which was signed under delegation. The contract did not go to Council.</p> <p>The report to Council on the EOI was confidential as per the Local Government Act because it contained commercial information.</p> <p>The contract can be requested formally under the GIPA Act.</p>	Corporate Services	Complete
	The ‘Crown Lands Act’ and use of funds derived from Crown Land was raised; the use of these funds is subject to legal	Council spends a significant budget annually on managing the crown land, and the income received from the event (and other events) is reinvested into this annual program.	Assets and Operations / Community,	Complete

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	requirements including transparency and accountability in how they are spent. *** Emily Scott to get clarification and will check		Culture and Customer Experience	
Next meeting: 11 February 2026				