

# WAVERLEY NEWS

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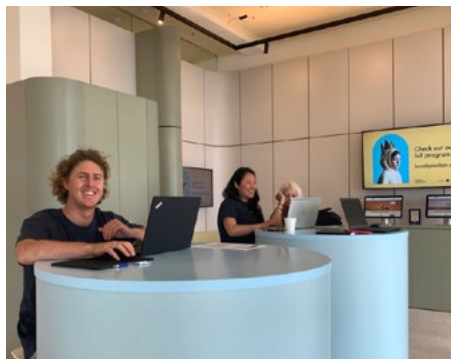
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## Customer Service Centre

55 Spring St, Bondi Junction,  
NSW 2022

9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday



## Bondi Pavilion Welcome Centre

Queen Elizabeth Drive,  
Bondi Beach NSW 2026

10am – 4pm, Monday to Sunday

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Waverley Council acknowledges the Bidjigal, Birrabirragal and Gadigal people who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

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# Message from the Mayor

## Waverley News autumn edition

Sydney WorldPride, Flickerfest and the Volvo Ocean Lovers Festival. Art exhibitions and sell-out theatre performances at Bondi Pavilion. Play space openings and the completion of the Bondi Junction Cycleway and Streetscape Upgrade.

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It's been an action-packed start to 2023 in Waverley and the excitement continues throughout the cooler months as we keep working to get things done.

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Bondi Pavilion continues to thrill audiences with a diverse range of programming and the hotly anticipated openings of our restaurant tenancies Bondi Promenade and Glory Days Bondi. The Pav's Welcome Centre is also open seven days a week for Council services including parking permits and rates.

Our restoration of the Boot Factory building at Bondi Junction is nearing completion and the upgrade of the Waverley Park play space and fitness station is underway.



We continue to seek feedback on a range of initiatives including our Bondi Bounce parklet project funded by the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces Program. We have installed five parklets between Bondi Junction and Bondi Beach and they will remain in place for a trial period of six months. Feedback from the community will help determine whether the parklet trial should be extended, or alternatively, if the spaces should be considered and designed as permanent landscaped spaces with seating.

We continue to raise awareness of the Uluru Statement From the Heart and build support for the Voice to Parliament referendum. The statement calls for

two substantive changes: a Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement making and truth-telling about our First Nations history. We believe the statement is a path forward for justice and self-determination for First Nations Peoples in this country.

Waverley Council was one of the first organisations in Australia to declare a target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and a target of 2035 for our community, and we're making great strides in this space through our electric vehicle charging station network and other sustainability measures. Our environmental goals are informed by our commitments to the community, the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, circular economy principles and a long-standing commitment to embed environmental sustainability in Council's policies.

We are working with schools and families to establish a network of Safe Routes for Walking to School. Active travel such as walking and cycling is now the least common way for children in Australia to travel to school and we're hoping to change that.

And we're celebrating our community's achievements through our Waverley

Local Hero Awards, Small Grants program and other initiatives.

If you would like to lodge a request with Council, please visit our website or contact Customer Service on 9083 8000 or [info@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@waverley.nsw.gov.au). You can also lodge an instant request and upload images using the free Snap Send Solve app.

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Have a great autumn school holidays and please stay safe on the roads and at our beaches.

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# Belgrave Street Reserve already a local favourite



Our latest park upgrade, Belgrave Street Reserve, was officially opened on a beautiful sunny day in March, with ice blocks, and coffee all round. Over 100 people came to the ribbon cutting by Councillor Tim Murray, and Member for Coogee Dr Marjorie O'Neill.

The new equipment is natural timber, designed for creative play, with plenty of grass to run on. The park is extended with the fence pushed out and importantly has two safety gates, which means carers can enjoy letting kids run around.

A big thank you to the many community members who we spoke to during our consultation, and to all who contributed ideas. The Open Space Planning team was grateful for the input into the design process and the outcome is aesthetically pleasing, and most importantly it's fun!

Belgrave Street Reserve is already popular as a stop on the walk to or from school, and families are using the play spaces every day.

Make sure you stop by to check it out if you haven't already.

# Over 7,000 cyclists voting with their wheels every week

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We are delighted to announce that we have completed the final section of the Bondi Junction Cycleway. Waverley Mayor Paula Masselos officiated at the festive ribbon-cutting ceremony on a gorgeous March morning with happy residents and cyclists in attendance.

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As the Mayor noted in her speech, “this project allows people of all ages and abilities, including families, to hop on a bike and travel safely to their chosen destination.”

There is no doubt there was pent up demand for the cycleway with numbers of bikes on the path going up every week, averaging 7,500 last month.

The Bondi Junction Cycleway and Streetscape Upgrade is part of the priority greening and beautifying project from Complete Streets which focuses on making our urban environment more appealing, more cyclist and pedestrian friendly, and prioritises easier access to public transport. The anticipated



reduction in car usage also moves us closer to Waverley Council’s target of Net Zero emissions by 2035. Tick, tick, and tick!

The project includes fifty new trees, installation of street furniture and garden beds, replacement of roads and footpaths and a new separated two-way cycleway.

Hop on your bike and come try it out.

# Waverley gardening collective



Did you know that every single day in Waverley, gardeners meet on quiet street corners, cul-de-sacs, fenced off areas and parks to roll up their sleeves and take part in the growing trend of community gardening? Waverley has around 14 community gardens which exist in parks, laneways, large nature strips and even cul-de sacs. While Council has supported all the gardens, most just began with a small group of keen locals with a great idea!

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Spending time outdoors is a great way to reduce stress and improve happiness, health, and wellbeing.

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You can garden all year round at any age, and it provides endless opportunities for learning, a form of exercise, connection to others, and of course allows you to reap the rewards of your efforts! Just ask the members of the Hewlett Street community garden in Bronte.

Not only does their garden produce useable fruits and vegetables all year-round, at their annual Christmas get together they enjoyed refreshments prepared with ingredients, sourced from the garden.

To find out more about community gardening or to get involved email [connected@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:connected@waverley.nsw.gov.au)





## Bounce your way to Bondi Beach – Bondi Bounce parklets

The popular walk from Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach has just become a lot more inviting. We've installed five temporary parklets to enjoy as you wind your way through the streets to our iconic beach.

Created in alignment with Sydney World Pride celebrations, the parklets are colourful sitting areas which provide al fresco places for a chat, as well as rest and recovery along this busy walking route. The parklets are perfect touchdowns for visitors and residents, particularly elderly members of the community or children who need a break on their walk.

Easily identifiable by their gorgeous rainbow colour scheme and design, you can “bounce” from one parklet to the next by following the coloured dots on the footpath. Currently installed for a

six-month trial period, we would love to know if you've used these urban 'mini parks' and if they've hit the spot. We are collecting feedback to determine the future of the parklets and whether the trial should be extended, or alternatively, made permanent.

To have your say, visit [haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondi-bounce](https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondi-bounce). Feedback closes 30 April.

To compliment Bondi Bounce, Council has also launched a Bondi Beach Cultural Walk along the same path with 40 illuminating historical highlights which you can access by scanning the QR codes on the blue dots. Have a relaxing walk and learn the hidden history of our home by the sea, all at the same time.



# Have your say about the future of Waverley Park

We're reviewing the Plan of Management (PoM) and Masterplan for the beloved Waverley Park and want your input. Waverley Park is one of the east's largest recreational public green spaces and the PoM will help map the future of the park for the next decade.

In 2021 we asked for feedback to help shape the PoM and Masterplan and now we want to make sure we've captured your ideas for future upgrades in the park and the ongoing maintenance of the space.

To read the draft PoM and provide your feedback, visit [haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/waverley-park-plan-of-management](https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/waverley-park-plan-of-management).

Feedback closes at 5pm, Monday 1 May.

# Bondi WAVE

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Do you have a child or know a young person who sings or plays a musical instrument and is interested in joining a band to learn and play original songs?

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Bondi WAVE is a 12-week course that teaches school aged children from year 5/6 to year 12 who live in Waverley/ Woollahra/Randwick LGAs, how to write and arrange original music. This year we are back in the newly refurbished Bondi Pavilion Music Studios!

Each week our groups are mentored by a rotating roster of industry professionals including Jim Elliot from the Cruel Sea, Luke O'Loughlin from I Know Leopard and Brendan Gallagher from Karma County. The program includes a final concert performance in the Bondi Pavilion Theatre and a professional recording in the Bondi Pavilion Music Studios.

Whether you're new to music or an experienced player, the Bondi WAVE program is a fantastic introduction to playing in a band and creating original music.



Already in a band or looking to start a band? Even better. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up!

# Waverley children and family services

Community focused Preschool & Early Education for children aged 0-5



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## Start Strong Preschool in Long Day Care | Preschool for children aged 3 to 5 years

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Our high-quality Preschool Program provides school readiness & transition through:

- Play based learning
- Community focused programs
- STEAM, language, bush kinder

- Social and emotional skills and development
- Dharawal language, intergenerational program and research
- Above ratio qualified Early Childhood Teachers

Our 3 to 5 years Preschool Program is government funded and provides families all the benefits of Preschool education in an extended hour setting – 7:30am to 6pm. We have limited vacancies – join our waitlist or hop on our website for more information.



# Dharawal Language Program



Gujaga Foundation has led the immersion of an Early Years Dharawal Language Program within Waverley Council early education services. The language program is a rich addition to our education program to support our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

Young children will learn words and culture through activity, story and song covering two units, with themes of Me, My Family and Friends (meeting & greeting, kinship, body parts, friends, days and numbers) and Environment (river, bush, beach, animals & plants).

We are excited that the program will continue so that in time language and culture is embedded in our practices.

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**The young children of Waverley are becoming active agents in helping to keep one of the oldest living cultures alive.**

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# The Global Table



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The Global Table is coming to Bondi Junction on Sunday 7th May 2023 in a vivid celebration of our cultural diversity.

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More than just your average food festival, Waverley Council's Global Table is a celebration of food and music from around the world. Up to 2,500 people are expected to join us for a meal at the 35m long communal table.

Bite into food, culture, and entertainment from all over the world with community song and dance groups featured from every continent.

Join us for One Table, Many Cultures.

# Going Electric in Waverley

To enhance outcomes for our densely populated community, Council actively encourages sustainable housing design and development to make our homes better – to live in, for the environment and for future generations. Recently, several new sustainability provisions were included in the Waverley Development Control Plan to support a transition to all-electric appliances and vehicles, which can be powered by renewable energy. This will help ensure safer and healthier suburbs by reducing the pollutants and particulates from burning fossil fuels and helps address climate change by reducing greenhouse emissions.

It means new developments include Electric Vehicle charging and provide dedicated circuits and cabling to manage future charging demand, as more people switch to electric transport. Council is also providing on street EV chargers, including in Grafton Street and Castlefield Street, with more coming soon.

Council is working with experts to provide resources and information to help residents Go Electric. At an Electric Homes Info night at the Pav in March, lots of locals turned out to hear Chris



Barnes from Choice Magazine outline available technologies and see Mark La Brooy from Three Blue Ducks quickly whip up a delicious meal on an efficient induction cooktop.

The next Go Electric event in April will help strata buildings seeking EV charging or Solar advice. To find out more contact [secondnature@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:secondnature@waverley.nsw.gov.au).



## Being Nature Positive

Council's ability to manage trees in public and private spaces is critical to ensuring sustainable, liveable, and resilient neighbourhoods, because our urban vegetation provides shade and shelter, improves air quality, absorbs carbon and rainfall, cools local environments, and supports our local wildlife.

With support from the NSW Government's Greener Neighbourhoods Program, Council is developing a strategy to enhance our greenspaces with suitable shrubs and trees and make our community Nature Positive – which is a term used to describe where nature is being repaired and is regenerating

rather than being in decline. This strategy aligns to Council's tree management, development guidance, community engagement and compliance programs and will provide targets and accountability for protecting and growing our urban vegetation.

If you would like to green up around your dwelling you can request a street tree by emailing [treemgt@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:treemgt@waverley.nsw.gov.au) or you can join our Living Connections program and receive free native seedlings and guidance to turn your garden into a haven for some birds and pollinators. Head to our website to apply [waverley.nsw.gov.au/livingconnections](https://waverley.nsw.gov.au/livingconnections).

# Swap and Wash – reusable takeaway container trial

Enjoy takeaway without the waste

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In partnership with the NSW EPA and rePlated, Waverley Council is supporting seven Bondi food outlets to trial reusable takeaway containers, through a 'Swap and Wash' system.

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The aim of this trial is to help reduce waste and litter from single-use takeaway packaging which remains a key litter item across our beaches. To get involved customers simply purchase a rePlated Mealbox at one of the participating retailers when they order a takeaway meal. It's all part of how we're making waste avoidance second nature at Waverley Council.

This project is a NSW Environment Protection Agency, Waste Less Recycle More initiative funded by the waste levy.



Scan the QR code to find participating food outlets and to learn more!

# Waverley Says Yes



In November last year, Waverley Council unanimously voted to support the Uluru Statement From the Heart which calls for two substantive changes: a Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement making and truth-telling about our First Nations history. On the 25 February, Waverley Council held a community breakfast event at the Bondi Pavilion to kick off the official start of the 'yes' campaign to raise awareness for the Voice to Parliament referendum in support of From the Heart organisation's week of action.

Community members participated in many productive conversations with

key guests; Indigenous lawyer, Eddie Synot, who has worked on the Uluru dialogue since 2018, Assistant Minister for Trade and Manufacturing, Senator Tim Ayres, and Member for Wentworth, Allegra Spender. Visit Council's dedicated Uluru Statement webpage to register your interest in our education campaign which will see the delivery of an open community forum event and several community training workshops.

The free workshops will help build a deeper understanding of the Voice to Parliament and create confidence in community members to discuss their knowledge with others.



# Introducing our Northern Parks Team



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We want to send a big shout out to our Northern Parks team who work so hard to keep Waverley's northern parks beautifully maintained all year round.

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If you enjoy Rodney Reserve, Thomas Hogan Reserve, Clark Reserve, or any of the other beautiful spaces in the northern part of Waverley, it's thanks to this great team.

A special congratulations to Open Spaces Supervisor, Justin Kolodynski for receiving the Runner Up Award for Excellence in Safety in this year's Waverley Council Staff Awards!



# Events

## What's On Waverley

Discover local events at  
**waverley.nsw.gov.au/events**  
**bondipavilion.com.au/whats\_on**



### School Holiday Fun

We have more than 30 activities to entertain the kids these autumn school holidays. From Micro:bit LED workshops, craft, theatre, author talks, sports programs, to hip hop dance.

Check out our program and join us this April!

### Bondi Pavilion

#### 11 April – 21 April

Don't miss Australian Theatre for Young People's acting courses, Bondi Pavilion Clay Studio's ceramic classes, and amazing Mermaid workshops.

Inspire the kids with a trip to the theatre! A Little Bit of Blue by Little Wing Puppets is a fun interactive environmental detective story that the whole family will love and ROFL (Rolling on the Floor Laughing) sees The Listies tackle the most terrifyingly tortuous family situation of all: BEDTIME. Hilarious, ridiculous fun for your kids that will have the whole family in stitches.

### Waverley Library

#### 11 April – 20 April

Look no further than Waverley Library, if you're looking for fun, educational activities with a variety of author talks, workshops, and craft activities on offer. Sign up your arty book lovers and their friends for a day of creating!

### Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre

#### 11 April – 20 April

We unite with dedicated sports coaches and professionals to bring you the most exciting sports focused programs in the east! Don't miss our array of activities, including tennis, football, archery, dance, basketball and more!

### Waverley Woollahra Art School

#### 11 April – 21 April

WWAS is a not-for-profit art school offering courses by practising artists. Learn new skills, make new friends, and share new experiences, build your own holiday program by selecting one or multiple workshops over the two-week schedule. Half-day workshops (3hrs) run in the morning and afternoon each day and full-day workshops (6hrs) for those wishing to extend their skills.

Places fill up fast so be quick and sign up!

Cut me out and place me on your fridge so that you don't miss a thing!