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Open Studio Day

The Mayor of Waverley Sally Betts, Chair of the Public Art Committee Cr Angela Burrill and the Director of Recreation, Customer & Community Services Cathy Henderson welcomed artists Maria Buchner, Lucas Davidson and Aileen Huynh to their six month residency in Waverley.

■ For more information, contact Wendy Hee, Cultural Development Officer 9386 7919 or visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/things_to_do/arts_and_culture/AIR_program

To find out more about the artists and what they will be doing during their residency visit Council's website www.waverley.nsw.gov.au

Locals, artists, art students and the general public are invited to meet the current residents at an Open Studios Day on 19 April 2013 at the Bondi-Waverley School of Arts, 138 Bondi Road. Buses 333, 380/1/2.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There is a number of big projects happening around Waverley at the moment and 2013 is shaping up to be a really productive year.



We are pleased to have reached the next stage of the Bondi Plan of Management. Three commissioned design professionals took part in a Design Workshop with Council's Open Space Planning team. Concept plans are being developed and will be put to the community for comment from April in preparation of the Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Master Plan.

It's very exciting that these designers have a chance to have into the future look and feel of our iconic Bondi Beach, Bondi Park and Bondi Pavilion.

We are finalising the concept design for the Stage 2 and 3 improvements for Bondi Road which is on the south side from Avoca Street to Denham Street and on the northern side from Penkivil Street to east of Wellington street.

Waverley, Woollahra and Randwick Councils will be hosting the Eastern Suburbs Cancer Council's Relay for Life on May 18 at McKay Sportsground, Centennial Park. The event starts at 9.30am so please join us in showing our support for being proactive in the fight against cancer.

Relay for Life is a community event for people of all ages, and from all walks of life who have lost a loved one to the disease.

I'll be there on the day with my team the Mayoral Mavericks, so if you are unable to attend the event, please show your support by sponsoring us. For more details about the event, to register a team, or sponsor a team go to www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2013/eastern_suburbs_2013

The first of our 'Meet the Mayor' events will be taking place on March 24 in Hunter Ward. Please come along and join us for a cup of tea and a chance to meet your ward Councillors and talk to us about what matters to you in your neighbourhood.

If you can't make it on the day, you can always tell us about your issues or concerns by calling our Customer Service Centre on 9369 8000 or via email info@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Mayor Sally Betts

Recognising our local heroes



Local Hero Award Winners with Member for Coogee, Bruce Notley-Smith (left), Member for Vacluse Gabrielle Upton (far right) and Mayor Sally Betts (second from right).

Waverley is a great place to live because of the amazing people in our community. Council honours those who make an outstanding contribution to our community through our annual Local Heroes Awards.

This year's winners were announced at a ceremony on Tuesday 5 February at Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre. Rabbi Dovid Slavin won the title this year for Local Hero of the Year, and John Williamson Fox received a certificate of achievement for his substantial contribution to our community. Our Waverley Young Hero of the Year 2013 is 18-year-old David Chan.

Rabbi Dovid Slavin is a well known local figure and founded Bondi's Our Big Kitchen, a community

kitchen where food is prepared for those less fortunate. The 'big kitchen' is all about bringing the community together, and anyone who wants can go in there to cook and prepare food.

David Chan's passion, drive and administrative capabilities were instrumental in pioneering and developing numerous Sydney Boys High School community outreach programs.

John Fox was awarded a certificate of achievement for his marvelous contributions to the Waverley community through his extensive volunteer work with young people and the Bondi Skate Park.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for the contribution you make to our community.

Seniors Week

15–22 March 2013

Friday 15 March

Seniors Fair Day

10am – 2pm

Oxford Street Mall
Bondi Junction

*Live entertainment, activity
and information stalls and
Friday's Farmers Market*

Call 9386 7999

Monday 18 March

'Saltwater People of the Fatal Shore' exhibition

9.30am–9pm

Waverley Library all week
Call 9386 7777

Let's Go Surfing

10–11am

Bondi Beach

Free lessons all week
for seniors

Bookings essential
Call 9365 1800

Tai Chi

6–7.30pm

Community Room
Margaret Whitlam
Recreation Centre
Waverley Park,
Bondi Road

Call 9389 5010

Tuesday 19 March

'How to Draw Ghosts' exhibition

10am–5pm

Bondi Pavilion Gallery
Bondi Beach

Poetry Circle and Word Play with John Arena

10.30am–12.30pm

Ruby's Place
Chapel by the Sea
95 Roscoe Street
Bondi Beach

Call 9130 3445

Table Tennis

11.15am–1.15pm

Indoor Sports Court
Margaret Whitlam
Recreation Centre
Waverley Park,
Bondi Road

Call 9389 5010

Wednesday 20 March

Seniors Citizens Concert

1.30–2.30pm

High Tide Room
Bondi Pavilion
Bondi Beach

*Jazz standards and
cabaret classics with
Cassy Darval and the
Bossa Beats.*

Call 8262 3400

1950s Trivia Afternoon

2–4.30pm

War Memorial Hospital
12 Birrell Street, Waverley

*Afternoon tea and live
entertainment*

Bookings essential
Call 9387 2885

Thursday 21 March

Seniors Morning Tea

9.30am–12noon

Waverley Library
Denison Street
Bondi Junction

- Free delicious morning tea
- Local history films chosen by the Books, Movies & More Group
- Behind the Scenes Library Tour
- Cryptic Crosswords intro with Ralph Penglis

Harmony Day Celebration

10am–1pm

Mill Hill Courtyard,
31–33 Spring Street
Bondi Junction

- Come dressed in orange or traditional costume of your country of origin
- Free BBQ, performances, music, dance and food.
- Pick up a bargain from our secondhand foreign language book sale run by FOWL

Call 9386 7923

Ideas and Flicks by the Sea

7.30pm

Ruby's Place,
Chapel by the Sea
95 Roscoe Street
Bondi Beach

Call 9130 3445

Friday 22 March

Bondi Senior Singers

10am–12noon

Easts, Spring Street
Bondi Junction

Workshop and concert

Table Tennis

11.15am–1.15pm

Margaret Whitlam
Recreation Centre

Waverley Park
Bondi Road

Call 9389 5010

Waverley's Mens Shed

12noon–2pm

War Memorial Hospital
12 Birrell Street, Waverley

Official opening of the first Mens Shed in the Eastern Suburbs – by Member for Coogee, Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP – followed by BBQ.

Bookings essential
RSVP 9369 0215



Portable lifeguard towers a welcome addition

As a measure to further increase safety at our beaches, Waverley Council installed portable lifeguard towers at both North Bondi and Bronte Beaches in January. Both towers are fitted with first aid kits, oxygen and defibrillators, and can be moved according to conditions and events.

The decision to trial the towers was made unanimously by Council in July last year to improve observation and provide excellent presence for the public while having minimal impact on amenity.



It's been another busy summer for Council. This summer saw the hottest day on record for Bondi Beach, with temperatures reaching 44.9 degrees on Friday 18 January. We have also had extremely rough conditions and high winds on more than one occasion. Well done to our lifeguards for keeping people as safe as possible in such extreme conditions. A special thanks also goes out to our tree team, who work tirelessly following storms in the LGA to remove tree branches and make areas safe and tidy.

Council has been working on improvements to ovals 2 and 3 of Waverley Oval. The ovals are used all the time by local sport teams and are an important resource for the community. We totally rebuilt these two ovals, which included re-levelling the field, soil conditioning, installation of a new irrigation system and connecting it to the new water harvesting system at Waverley Pavilion. Both fields also had new turf laid and new goal posts installed. I'm really happy with the improvements. Thanks to our staff who worked hard to get the work done.

We are in the final stages of developing our updated community strategic plan *Waverley Together 3*. The community plan is your plan for the future, outlining the direction you want Council to work towards over a ten year period. Council has been consulting with a panel of residents since November to update the plan. This consultation process is now complete and Council is currently drafting *Waverley Together 3*, which will be on public exhibition in May.

You will have 28 days to make comment on the document, which will be considered before it is finalised and adopted by Council. Thank you to those residents who put their hands up to be part of the consultation, your feedback is appreciated and has been an integral part of this process. The consultation feedback has not only gone into *Waverley Together 3*, but will also be reflected in our *Delivery Plan* and *Operational Plan*.

Tony Reed
General Manager

Community liaison vehicle



NSW Police launched our community liaison vehicle on Friday 8 February. As part of this exciting program, Waverley Council has provided a vehicle for the Eastern Suburbs Local Area Command.

The car will be mainly used by the Crime Management Unit including the Crime Prevention Officer and Youth Liaison Officer and will have huge benefits for our community.

Waverley Council maintains an excellent relationship with our Local Area Command. It is important that we continue to nurture and

develop this partnership in order to maximise the best crime prevention outcomes for our community.

This new police vehicle is an excellent example of us working together to strengthen our partnership and show our mutual commitment to providing a safe and comfortable environment for our residents and visitors to enjoy.

Look out for the vehicle which you will be able to spot at some of our community events in the future such as City to Surf.

People's Choice Award Best design in Waverley



2012 award winner

Nominations for the Waverley Design Awards have now closed and we are asking you to vote for your favourite as part of the People's Choice Award.

The Waverley Design Awards publicly recognise outstanding contributions to Waverley's built environment through innovative contemporary design and heritage conservation.

All of the nominations are available to view online at haveyoursaywaverley.com.au/designawards

Once you've picked your favourite, simply click the 'Cast your vote!' tab and tell us what you love most about the design. Provide your email address and you could be the lucky winner of a \$50 gift voucher for Westfield Bondi Junction.* Voting closes at 6pm on Friday 29 March 2013.

Winners will be announced at a special ceremony on 17 April 2013 at the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre.

■ For more information, please contact Muriel Maher, Strategic Planner, on 9369 8053 or email murielm@waverley.nsw.gov.au

*Terms & conditions apply. See the website for more information.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Waverley's Commercial Activity

Council does biannual audits of all ground floor properties for lease in the Waverley LGA to provide an indicator of the economic health of the LGA.

The audit notes if the property is occupied and the type of businesses being conducted. Ground floor commercial activity is reliant on adequate visitations (dollar spend), strong infrastructure, accessibility by foot, public transport and/or parking. A measure of ground floor commercial activity is recognised as a good indicator of economic activity in a commercial centre as a whole. The mix of tenants in commercial areas indicates market trends as well as the needs of the local community which they service.

The results of the latest audit are below. This audit was done by Council's Place Management (Commercial Centres) in late January 2013.

Commercial occupancy levels February 2013

	%
Bondi Junction Commercial Centre*	96
Charing Cross	97
Macpherson Street	95
Bronte Beach	100
Bondi Road	96
Campbell Parade, Bondi Beach	98
North Bondi	94
Hall Street	96
Gould Street	98
Glenayr Avenue	100
Murrivierie Street	100
Curlewis Street	97
Rose Bay Village – North & South	97

Further information to assist new and current businesses can be found at www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/information/doing_business

Forever Fabulous photo exhibition

Oxford Street Mall 19 March – 16 April Waverley Library 31 May – 15 June

Forever Fabulous is part of Seniors Week, 17–24 March. We are committed to supporting seniors who fulfil the theme of Seniors Week, *Live Life*. This year, we recognise seniors in the community who offer exceptional care or support within the community, such as Kerry O'Sullivan (pictured on the front cover of this magazine) who cares for her sister Geraldine.

deliciously diverse



18–22 March Participating food outlets, Bondi Junction

Experience Waverley's cultural diversity by enjoying Harmony Week lunch time specials or meal deals. For more information call 8305 8419.

Waverley Council Place Management Office

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Have your say: Bronte Cutting car park

Council is assessing four options to improve parking operations at Bronte Cutting car park, and we would like you to tell us which option you prefer.

The proposed improvements will help provide a faster, more efficient and safer parking service for residents, businesses and visitors in Bronte.

For more information about each option and to complete our online survey, please visit haveyoursaywaverley.com.au/brontecarpark

You can also pick up a hard copy of the survey from the existing booth at the car park, our Customer Service Centre, 55 Spring Street Bondi Junction, or email yourtrafficsurvey@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Submissions close on Friday 12 April 2013.

Our new garbage compactors take to the roads

Council has recently had the first of eight new garbage compactors delivered. The remaining seven are due to arrive over the coming weeks.



The Mercedes Cab Chassis are Euro 5 EEV, which means they are at the cutting edge of environmentally friendly technology. Euro 5 EEV is approximately 30 per cent cleaner than the Euro 5 standard. The truck features a flexible service system, that reads how much work the truck has done and schedules the component services accordingly. This means the truck does not waste any oil or other lubricants by having them replaced too early and less petroleum product waste.

Safety wise, they feature all wheel disc brakes with ABS and ASR (traction control), roomy cabins and excellent visibility with extra cameras for the driver, a speed limiter and a low entry cabin to make it easier to get in and out.

We are proud to say Waverley is the first to use this cab chassis in Australia as a waste and recycling collection vehicle.

Keep a look out for them as they come to a street near you!

Bondi Pavilion THE CENTRE OF BONDI CULTURE

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bondi Latin American Festival

**Sunday 10 March, 1–9pm,
Bondi Pavillion**



This year the festival is being produced by the South American Community itself and will showcase a fresh line-up of artists, performances, dancers, exotic food and drinks, and in the tradition of Latin American culture.

Book your tickets now at www.easybookings.com.au

Bondi Wave Music Industry Conference

**Friday 17 May, 10am–3.30pm
High Tide Room, Bondi Pavilion**

This free industry conference is designed to provide an overview of everything you need to know about working in the music industry.

For more info or to register, contact the Bondi Pavilion on **83623 3400** or email bondipav@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

Head On photo festival

17 May–23 June, Bondi Pavilion Gallery

The largest photo festival in Australia and the second largest in the world will be back to activate Bondi Pavilion with exhibitions and events. For more information on what is in this year's program visit: www.headon.com.au

Bondi Wave Music Course

The Bondi Wave music course is currently open for enrolments. Designed to develop the musical skills of young bands (12–18 yrs) and musicians, focusing on song writing, stage craft and professional industry development.

Students will also take part in a rock concert at Bondi Pavilion Theatre and then go on to record their music with a professional audio engineer. The course will run from 20 May – 3 August and will break for the school holidays. To find out more, call Bondi Pavilion's music programs coordinator on **8362 3404**.



THEATRE

Upcoming Productions

Cut Snake, 12–23 March

Lenny Bruce: 13 Daze Un-Dug in Sydney 1962, 9 April – 4 May

The Removalists, 14 May – 15 June

More info www.rocksurfers.org or call **1300 241 167**



GALLERY

Eternity – Violetta Dineva

5–17 March 2013, 10am–5pm daily

How To Draw Ghosts – Damian Broomhead

19–31 March 2013, 10am–5pm daily



BONDI
PAVILLION

For more information call the Bondi Pavilion on **8362 3400** or visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au

Dumping is dumb



Illegal dumping is the unlawful disposal of waste on public or private land. The most commonly dumped items in NSW include household whitegoods, furniture, household garbage as well as construction and demolition waste. It is estimated that NSW Councils' spend an average of \$400,000 per year in clean-up and disposal of illegally dumped rubbish.

Dumped rubbish creates an eyesore, often generates more dumped rubbish and litter, causes stormwater pollution, attracts vermin, can block access and cause a trip hazard and fire risk. Many items that could be reused or recycled are lost.

But it doesn't have to be this way!

All Waverley residents are entitled to two free 'Your Call collection' services each year. Council also provides an additional free scheduled clean up collection. This means that Waverley households can get three free pickups per year.

To book in your free clean up service or find out when your next scheduled collection is, simply call Council's Resource Recovery Hotline on **9369 8000** or go to www.waverley.nsw.gov.au.

Already in 2013, Council has investigated 121 dumps, given 80 verbal warnings to rubbish dumpers, and issued six infringements. You can help Council keep our streets clean by calling **9369 8000** if you see someone dumping rubbish on your street. Our Waste Enforcement Officer will come and investigate!

Got too many leaves this autumn?



You can feed them to your garden with a free compost bin and tutorial from Council.

Get free compost bins and wormfarms from Council's 'Compost Revolution' program.

Enjoy Council's free workshop and online tutorial to brush up your compost and wormfarming skills.

Composting and wormfarming are easy and don't smell. They turn your garden and kitchen scraps into fertiliser for your plants. Compost with council and watch your garden grow!

■ **Order your free compost bin or wormfarm today.**

Go to www.compostrevolution.com.au, do the tutorial and take the quiz.

Waverley residents even get free delivery.

■ **Want a workshop?**

Book at www.cityeastcc.com.au

or call City East Community

College on **9387 7400**.





Waste & Recycling Survey wraps up

A big thank you to all of our residents who participated in our recent Waste & Recycling Survey.

We had a significant number of responses and are working hard to sift through the many comments and suggestions about how we can improve our services to meet your needs.

We'd also like to congratulate the winners of the two great prizes on offer for completing the survey:

- **Paul Szabo** will take home the double pass for the Tamarama Rock Surfers 2013 season
- **Jill Sale** will receive a \$100 Westfield Bondi Junction gift voucher.

We will keep you updated on our website with the outcomes of the survey and how these may influence the delivery of waste and recycling services in Waverley.

■ Visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/wastesurvey or email sujj@waverley.nsw.gov.au for more information.

FREE ECO-WISE WORKSHOPS



Waverley Council is excited to be offering its popular free workshop series again in 2013!

This year's program will include a mix of exciting new workshops, as well as some regulars always in demand, that will help you save money and reduce your impact on the environment.

Learn to grow your own mushrooms at home, set up a safe and effective greywater system in your house and garden, make preserves and pickles with food in season, repair your bike yourself and many more valuable skills.

Bookings are essential for all events – email Council's Environment Education Officer at environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au or call **9369 8045**.

MAKE YOUR OWN PICKLES AND PRESERVES

Thurs 14 March, 10–12 noon
Waverley Council Chambers

SAFE GREYWATER RE-USE

Wed 20 March, 6.30–8.30pm
Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre

SEED SAVING WORKSHOP

Sat 23 March, 2–4pm
Waverley Community Garden, Bondi Junction

BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Wed 27 March, 6–9pm
Bondi Junction

ECO-MUSHROOM WORKSHOP

Wed 10 April, 1–3pm
Waverley Council Chambers

FROM WASTE TO RESOURCE

Thurs 18 April, 6.30–8.30pm
Waverley Council Chambers

BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Wed 24 April, 6–9pm
Bondi Junction

BIRDS IN BACKYARD

Wed 8 May, 9.30am–12.30pm
Barrett House, Randwick

SMALL SPACE GARDENING

Sat 18 May, 10–12noon
Waverley Community Garden, Bondi Junction

WINTER WARMING

Sat 11 May, 10–12noon
Theaterette, Waverley Library, Bondi Junction

BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Wed 22 May, 6–9pm
Bondi Junction

RAINWATER TANK TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

Wed 12 June, 6.30–8.30pm
Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre

LOVE LEFTOVERS, REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Thurs 20 June, 1–3pm
Waverley Council Chambers

BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Wed 26 June, 6–9pm
Bondi Junction



■ For more information, visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/environment/whats_on

Securing a water sensitive future

Waverley Council's Mayor Sally Betts formally declared the new Bondi Stormwater Harvesting Scheme open on Friday 14 December, 2012.

Council was successful in securing a grant of \$465,000 from the NSW Government's Climate Change Fund, to construct an innovative stormwater harvesting and re-use scheme at Bondi Beach, which will save 50 million litres of drinking water annually.

The Bondi Stormwater Harvesting Scheme is a water recycling scheme which uses stormwater currently discharged at the southern end of Bondi Beach to be used for park irrigation across Bondi Beach and the toilets in Bondi Pavilion and in South Bondi Park.

The scheme includes a solar energy power plant which is installed on the roof of Bondi Pavilion, providing green energy for the carbon neutral operation of the scheme. Its operation is fully automated with intelligent water quality monitoring and measurement and will be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



By using recycled water, we are saving precious drinking water, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving money and improving water quality at Bondi Beach.

The Bondi Scheme is a flagship stormwater harvesting project progressing Waverley towards a water sensitive future.

■ For more information about the scheme visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bondistormwater



TOP: Member for Coogee Bruce Notley-Smith MP, with Member for Vaucluse, Gabrielle Upton MP checking out some of the monitoring equipment inside the tank

BOTTOM: Mayor Sally Betts launches the project

Waverley Together 3 – your community plan

Council has been consulting with a panel of residents about how we can improve your community long term plan, *Waverley Together 2*.

The consultation process is now complete with residents attending three panel sessions between November 2012 and February 2013. Thank you to those who attended, your feedback has been invaluable in this process. A summary of the outcomes of these sessions is available on Council's website.

The next step is the development of *Waverley Together 3*, which Council is currently drafting. Community feedback is being included in *Waverley Together 3*, our draft *Delivery Program* and *Operational Plan*.

These documents will be on public exhibition in the coming months. You will have a period of 28 days to submit comments, which will then be considered by Council before each is adopted.

For more information visit: www.waverley.nsw.gov.au

Waverley Art Prize dates for 2013



Calling all artists, a reminder to work on your entries to the Waverley Art Prize. This year entries close 31 May 2013. The grand Opening Night of this popular exhibition is Thursday 4 July 2013. Entry forms will be on www.wwas.org.au at Easter.

WAVERLEY ART PRIZE SURVEY

Council has supported the Waverley Woollahra Art School to run the Waverley Art Prize since 1986. The organisers invite local residents and artists to have their say on improving the competition to attract more entries, sponsors and art-buyers.

Please take a few minutes to complete the on-line survey on Council's website which closes 31 May 2013.

■ www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/things_to_do/arts_and_culture/waverley_art_prize

Get your song on: community choirs



The Citizens at the 2012 Bondi Wave concert

BONDI SINGS, COMMUNITY CHOIR

**Tuesdays 7.30–9pm,
Music Studio, Bondi Pavilion**

Bondi Sings community choir is currently looking for new singers. Led by professional choir director Lorraine Chai, the group plans to perform at various events in 2013. No auditions or previous experience required.

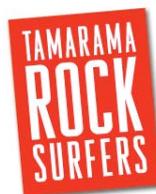
■ To find out more about either group, contact Bondi Pavilion's music programs coordinator on 8362 3404 or benk@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

BONDI SENIOR SINGERS CHOIR

**Mondays 10am–12noon,
Music Studio, Bondi Pavilion**

The Bondi Senior Singers Choir is always open for seniors to join and be part of a wonderfully warm group that has been running for many years. The group is free. This year the group will perform at nursing homes in the local area as well as Bondi Pavilion's end of year seniors concert.

A night at the theatre



Waverley Council's resident theatre company, the Tamarama Rock Surfers (TRS) with Arthur Productions present *Cut Snake* at the Bondi Pavilion Theatre from 12–23 March 2013.

Time 8pm
Tickets \$25

Kiki wants to dance the tango on Mount Kilimanjaro with a bearded lady, Jumper is in love with a snake called Trix and Bob's an ordinary bloke who might just hold the secret to time travel. A comedy about growing up, dying young, and being extraordinary no matter what.

Upcoming shows include *Creatures of Nightfall*, *Lenny* by Benito De Fonzo and *The Removalists* by David Williamson.

Waverley residents get \$20 tickets to Bondi Pavilion Theatre shows when booking online and typing postcode 'local2026', even if you don't live in the 2026 postcode.

■ For more information and bookings visit www.rocksurfers.org



Searching for the Bondi groove...

Aileen Huynh is the video artist behind www.georgedotplay.com and one of Waverley's Artist in Residence.

She graduated from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) Acting course in 2010. She also holds a Bachelor of Creative Arts in Performance from the University of Wollongong where she trained in acting, theatre making and production.

During her residency, GeorgeDotPlay wants to capture the Bondi Groove. She's on the lookout for people who move in Waverley's parks and beaches: joggers, yogis, skaters, dancers.



■ If you want to find out more, call Aileen 0423 233 866.



New play spaces in Waverley

Bronte Playground opened in December 2012

We now have a number of exciting new and recently upgraded play spaces in Waverley. These include Bronte Park Playground, the Children's Learner Cycle Path at Dudley Page Reserve and Varna Park Playground.

To find out more visit: www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/play

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PLAY

Waverley Council is preparing a Play Strategy to guide the improvements and maintenance of play spaces over the next ten years.

To have your say, please fill out our online survey at www.haveyoursaywaverley.com.au before 31 March.



A family enjoys the new Children's Learner Cycle path at Dudley Page Reserve.

Drawing competition!

Draw your perfect play space for the chance to be on the cover of the next edition of *Waverley in Focus*! Visit the website for further details.



Eating Out

in & around BOND!

Tired of going to the same local restaurant all the time? Our Eating Out Guide is now available online.

Search by location, cuisine, outdoor and more. Start eating your way around Waverley and experience all the different flavours on offer.

www.bondieatingout.com.au



Library News...

Sharing the love @ Waverley Library

Free chocolates put a smile on many a face at Waverley Library on Library Lovers Day. Those whose idea of love also involves favourite books and thought provoking speakers were well catered for in the week-long festivities.



Mayor Sally Betts with the 2012 NIB award winner Jane Gleeson-White.

The NIB 2012

The Waverley Library 'Nib' Award for Literature is a prestigious award that attracts entries from authors across Australia.

Here, 2012 winning author of *Double Entry*, Jane Gleeson-White, describes the difference the 'Nib' has made to her literary career:

"I was excited 'just' to be shortlisted for the Nib Waverley Library Award for Literature, because I've always admired the award and the calibre of its shortlists and winning books. At a time when writers are increasingly under pressure to produce books as fast as possible, to take shortcuts, write superficially, in order to stay afloat financially, an award which values and rewards research seems to me extraordinarily important.

"And so I was beyond excitement when I was told that *Double Entry* had actually won the award. The \$20,000 I won will allow me to continue writing, to work on my next book and to keep promoting *Double Entry* in the UK, Europe and the United States, where it's just been published. It is every writer's dream: acknowledgement of one's work and the money to buy the time to keep writing.

"I am grateful beyond measure to everyone involved in the Nib and this year in particular to Waverley Council for keeping it going when the major sponsor withdrew its support."

The Nib Literary award supports excellence in research, literary merit, readability and value to the community and was proudly sponsored by Waverley Council with the support of Friends of Waverley Library, Gertrude & Alice Bookshop and Cafe, and Dymocks Bondi Junction. More information about the award including all finalists and judges comments can be found on Waverley Library's website.



Mayor Sally Betts helping children distribute chocolate hearts for Library Lovers Week.

It was an appropriate time to celebrate *Pride and Prejudice's* 200th year of publication with author, lecturer and president of the Jane Austen Society of Australia, Susannah Fullerton, launching her new book *Happily Ever After: Celebrating Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice* at a special Library event. Susannah spoke about how her work examines the revolutionary style of *Pride and Prejudice*, the famous characters, the wide-ranging reactions to the book and the unusual interpretations of it (zombies!). Wine and very elegant nibbles completed the scene for the evening.

This year is also the Friends of Waverley Library (FOWL) 20th anniversary. This group works tirelessly behind the scenes to promote the Library and to raise funds for many of the public programs and events the Library offers. On Sunday 24 February, as part of their AGM, the Friends presented a special address by The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG. The former High Court Judge, and Foundation Patron of Friends of Libraries Australia from 1994 to 2010, gave a fascinating and insightful reflection on books that have influenced him throughout his life. It was a warm and passionate speech that touched on issues of significance to us all.



32-48 Denison Street, Bondi Junction
www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/library





Waverley's convict councillor

The builder and first licensee of the Charing Cross Hotel was London-born William Newland.

In 1826, aged 19, he was tried at the Old Bailey court for theft and selling stolen goods and received a sentence of transportation to Australia for seven years. On the way here his ship stopped in Bermuda and he spent over two years of his sentence in the tropics. Convict records describe him as "5'1" tall, ruddy freckly complexion, light brown hair, hazel eyes with tattoos on both arms". He arrived in Australia in 1830 and gained his freedom three years later.

In 1839 he married Frances (Fanny) Ruttel in St James Church in Sydney. Irish-born Fanny was a free woman working as a servant in a Sydney household. They had a large family of 10 children many of whom died in infancy, a sad, but common, fate at this time. Their children were: Frances, Michael, John, Christopher, Philip, Eleanor, William, Jane, Florance and Edward.

William Newland borrowed £600 from the Saving Bank of NSW to build the Charing Cross Hotel which he opened in 1857. As public halls were in short supply in these early days, a large room on the second floor of the hotel was popular for holding meetings, including the early meetings of Waverley Council.

The hotel was initially known as Newland's Hotel and Newland's Inn. In 1859 when the Council applied the name Charing Cross to the locality the hotel was re-named the Charing Cross Hotel. Although it has been completely renovated, with none of the original building remaining, the Charing Cross Hotel still sits on its original site.

William and Frances were highly thought of and the hotel had an excellent reputation. Now a prominent local businessman William Newland became a member of the first Waverley Council in 1859–1860.

In an article in the newspaper *Eastern Suburbs Daily* on

11 November 1924 one of Charing Cross's oldest residents, Henry Brailey, recalls the hotel:

"This is a fine pub – built of stone, two stories high, erected and kept by William Newland, afterwards an Alderman of Waverley.... It was a very well conducted [public] house, with a fine room over the bar, used as a Council room by the Waverley Council, by [Masonic] lodges, and public meetings. There was a large family of the Newlands... who were a credit to their parents."

Frances Newland died in 1896, 13 years after her husband William.

It is a classic Australian colonial story: William Newland arrived in Australia in chains, yet went on to build the Charing Cross Hotel and found respectability as a member of the first Waverley Council. What a journey! Today the Charing Cross Hotel still stands and Newland Street, Bondi Junction remembers the convict, his wife and large family.

For more information on our fascinating local history see the Local Studies website on Council's website, www.waverley.nsw.gov.au, or email Kimberly O'Sullivan, Local Studies Librarian, kimberlyo@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

ENGLISH

Community choirs run every week at Bondi Pavilion. Make new friends and learn great songs, even perform in a concert. To find out more about either group, contact Bondi Pavilion's music programs coordinator on **8362 3404** or benk@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

A reminder that our beaches and surrounding parks are alcohol-free zones. This is not only during summer, but all-year-round.

Waverley is celebrating Seniors Week 2013 from 15–24 March with a variety of exciting arts and cultural activities just for seniors.

Waverley Council is excited to be offering its popular free workshop series again in 2013! This year's program will include a mix of exciting new workshops, as well as some regulars always in demand, that will help you save money, make new friends and reduce your impact on the environment. Bookings are essential for all events – email Council's Environment Education Officer at environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au or call **9369 8045**.

Are you interested in what's happening in your area and want to have your say? Why not get involved with your local precinct committee? To find your precinct and meeting times call **9386 7924**.

Call Waverley Council on **9369 8000**, visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au or ring TIS on 131 450 to connect you with us.

SPANISH

La Municipalidad organiza coros comunitarios todas las semanas en el Bondi Pavilion. Entable nuevas amistades, aprenda canciones fabulosas, incluso actúe en un concierto. Para obtener más información acerca de cualquiera de los grupos, póngase en contacto con el coordinador de programas musicales del Bondi Pavilion, llamando al 8362 3404 o enviando un mensaje de correo electrónico a benk@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

Le recordamos que nuestras playas, y los parques que las rodean, son zonas donde se prohíbe el consumo de bebidas alcohólicas no solamente en el verano, sino durante todo el año.

Waverley celebrará la Semana de las personas de la tercera edad (Seniors Week) 2013 desde el 15 al 24 de marzo, con una serie de interesantes actividades artísticas y culturales exclusivas para personas mayores.

¡La Municipalidad de Waverley tiene la satisfacción de volver a ofrecer su popular serie de talleres gratuitos en el 2013! El programa de este año incluirá una combinación de nuevos talleres interesantes y algunos de los regulares, siempre muy solicitados, que le ayudarán a ahorrar dinero, entablar nuevas amistades y reducir el impacto en el medio ambiente. Es esencial reservar para todos los eventos; envíe un correo electrónico al Funcionario de Educación Ambiental de la Municipalidad (Council's Environment Education Officer) a environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au o llame al 9369 8045.

¿Le interesa lo que sucede en su zona y desea expresar su opinión? ¿Qué le parecería participar en el comité de su distrito? Para ubicar el distrito que le corresponde y averiguar los horarios de las reuniones, llame al 9386 7924.

Llame a la Municipalidad de Waverley al 9369 8000, visite www.waverley.nsw.gov.au o llame al Servicio de Traducción e Interpretación (TIS, por su sigla en inglés) al 131 450, para que lo comuniquen con nuestra oficina.

HUNGARIAN

A tanács minden héten közösségi kórusokat szervez a Bondi Pavilion-ban. Ismerkedjünk meg új személyekkel és tanuljunk meg új dalokat, és még szerepeljünk is koncerten. Mindegyik csoportról való további tájékoztatásért lépjen kapcsolatba a Bondi Pavilion zenei programvezetőjével a 8362 3404-es telefonszámon vagy a benk@waverley.nsw.gov.au cím alatt.

Figyelmeztetjük, hogy tengerpartjaink valamint a környező parkok alkoholfmentes zónák. Nem csak nyáron, hanem az egész év folyamán.

Waverley az idősebbek részére szervezett sokfajta érdekesítő művészeti és kulturális tevékenységgel ünnepli a 2013-as Idősebbek Hetét március 15.-től 24.-ig.

A Waverley tanács örömmel kínálja fel újra 2013-ban a népszerű ingyenes műhelysorozatát! Az év programban lesznek érdekesítő új műhelyek, valamint a mindig kedveltek, amelyek segítenek önnek pénzt spórolni, új személyekkel megismerkedni és környezetére kevesebb behatással lenni. Minden programra jelenti fontos – küldjön email-t a tanács környezeti oktatásszervezőjének az environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au címen vagy hívja a 9369 8045-ös számot.

Érdekl-e önt, hogy mi történik a környékén, és hozzá akar-e ehhez szólni? Kapcsolódjon be a helyi környéki bizottság munkájába. Hogy megtudja, hogy mikor találkozik a bizottság hívja a 9386 7924-es számot.

Hívja a Waverley tanácsot a 9369 8000-es telefonszámon, keresse fel a www.waverley.nsw.gov.au címet vagy hívja a Telefonos Tolmácsszolgálatot a 131 450-es telefonszámon, hogy kapcsolják össze velünk.

GREEK

Ο Δήμος διοργανώνει χορωδίες κάθε εβδομάδα στο Bondi Pavilion. Κάνετε νέους φίλους και μάθετε μεγάλα τραγούδια, και ακόμα παρουσιαστείτε σε κονσέρτο. Για να μάθετε περισσότερα γι' αυτές τις ομάδες, επικοινωνήστε με τον συντονιστή των προγραμμάτων μουσικής του Bondi Pavilion στο 8362 3404 ή στο benk@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

Υπενθύμιση ότι οι ακτές μας και τα γύρω πάρκα είναι ζώνες ελεύθερες από αλκοόλ. Αυτό δεν είναι μόνο για το καλοκαίρι, αλλά για όλο το χρόνο.

Το Waverley γιορτάζει την Εβδομάδα των Ηλικιωμένων το 2013 στις 15-24 Μαρτίου με ποικιλία συναρπαστικών καλλιτεχνικών και πολιτιστικών δραστηριοτήτων μόνο για ηλικιωμένους.

Ο Δήμος του Waverley με χαρά προσφέρει τη δημοφιλή δωρεάν σειρά εργαστηρίων και πάλι το 2013! Το φετινό πρόγραμμα θα συμπεριλαμβάνει μίγμα συναρπαστικών νέων εργαστηρίων, καθώς και μερικών τακτικών που ζητούνται πάντα, αυτό θα σας βοηθήσει να εξοικονομήσετε χρήματα, να κάνετε νέους φίλους και να μειώσετε την επίπτωσή σας στο περιβάλλον. Οι κρατήσεις είναι σημαντικές για όλες τις εκδηλώσεις – στείλετε email στον Υπεύθυνο της Εκπαίδευσης Περιβάλλοντος του Δήμου στο environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au ή καλέστε το 9369 8045.

Σας ενδιαφέρει τι συμβαίνει στην περιοχή σας και θέλετε να πείτε τη γνώμη σας; Γιατί να μην αναμιχθείτε στην επιτροπή της περιοχής σας; Για να μάθετε ποια είναι η περιοχή σας και τις ώρες συνδέουσας καλέστε το 9386 7924.

Καλέστε τον Δήμο του Waverley στο 9369 8000, επισκεφτείτε www.waverley.nsw.gov.au ή καλέστε την TIS στο 131 450 για να σας συνδέσουν μαζί μας.

SIMPLIFIED CHINESE

市议会每周都在邦代阁 (Bondi Pavilion) 举办社区合唱团活动。参加合唱团是结识新朋友、学唱新歌曲, 甚至是参加音乐会表演的好机会。查询有关任一活动小组的更多信息, 请致电8362 3404联系Bondi Pavilion音乐活动协调员或发送电子邮件至benk@waverley.nsw.gov.au。

爱心提示: 我们的海滩和周边公园均为禁酒区。不仅是夏季禁酒, 而且全年禁酒。

Waverley将于3月15日至24日庆祝“2013年度高龄人士周”, 届时将专为高龄人士举办丰富多彩的艺术文化活动。

Waverley市议会将于2013年再次隆重举办一系列倍受欢迎的免费讲座! 今年的活动将包括众多新推出的精彩讲座, 以及一些常年供不应求、旨在帮助您节省金钱、结识新朋友和减少您对环境影响的常规讲座。所有活动均需预订——请发送电子邮件至市议会环境教育主管environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au或致电9369 8045。

您关心自己周围发生的事情并想表达自己的见解吗? 何不参与与您所在小区的委员会活动? 查看您所在的小区 and 会议时间, 请致电9386 7924。

致电Waverley市议会9369 8000, 访问 www.waverley.nsw.gov.au, 或致电翻译与传译服务 (TIS) 131 450要求接通我们。

RUSSIAN

Каждую неделю в Павильоне Бондай (Bondi Pavilion) Совет проводит занятия хора. Вы сможете познакомиться с новыми друзьями, разучить красивые песни и даже принять участие в концерте. Чтобы подробнее узнать о каждой группе, свяжитесь с координатором музыкальных программ Павильона Бондай по номеру 8362 3404 или на сайте benk@waverley.nsw.gov.au.

Напоминаем вам, что наши пляжи и прилегающие к ним парки являются безалкогольными зонами. Это распространяется не только на летний период, но и на весь год.

С 15 по 24 марта Совет Уэверли отмечает Неделю пожилых людей 2013года, в ходе которой, специально для пожилых, будет проводиться множество увлекательных мероприятий культуры и искусства.

Совет Уэверли вновь рад предложить серию популярных бесплатных семинаров в 2013! Программа нынешнего года включает разнообразные новые семинары, а также и прошлые, оказавшиеся очень популярными. Они помогут вам сэкономить деньги, приобрести новых друзей и минимизировать вредное влияние на окружающую среду. Для участия во всех мероприятиях необходимо бронирование – напишите электронное письмо Инспектору по экологическому образованию Совета (Council's Environment Education Officer) на адрес environment@waverley.nsw.gov.au или звоните по номеру 9369 8045.

Вас интересует происходящее в вашем районе и вы хотите выразить свое мнение? Почему бы не принять участие в деятельности своего районного комитета? Чтобы узнать о принадлежности к району и времени собраний, звоните по номеру 9386 7924.

Звоните в Совет Уэверли по номеру 9369 8000, посетите сайт www.waverley.nsw.gov.au или звоните в Службу TIS по телефону 131 450, и они соединят вас с нами.



What's on in Waverley

MARCH

Seniors Week

15–22 March

See page 4 for a program of what's happening around Waverley.

Deliciously Diverse

18–22 March, Participating food outlets, Bondi Junction

Experience the cultural diversity of Waverley by enjoying special Harmony Week lunch time specials or meal deals.

For further information call **8305 8419**.

Exhibition: How To Draw Ghosts, Damian Broomhead

19–31 March, 10am–5pm Daily
Bondi Pavilion Gallery

A series of colourful oil pastel drawings depicting scenes from the first years of the Sydney colony and focusing on the interactions between the British and the indigenous inhabitants of the Sydney region.

Senior Citizens Concerts at the Pavilion

20 March, 10 April, 15 May,
1.30–2.30pm, High Tide Room,
Bondi Pavilion

Harmony Day Celebration in the Mill Hill

Thursday 21 March, 10am–1pm
The Mill Hill Centre
31–33 Spring St, Bondi Junction

Join us for a free BBQ, cultural performances, music, dance and food. Come dressed in orange or traditional costume. Prizes for best dressed. The event is jointly organised by Waverley Council, the

Adult Migrant English Program at City East Community College, MTC work Training Solutions and Echo Neighbourhood Centre.

For further information call **9386 7923**.

Seniors Week Morning Tea

Thursday 21 March, 10.30am–12noon, Waverley Library

Enjoy films from 'Books, movies and more' and the launch of our new monthly Cryptic Crosswords.

Harmony Day Author Talk, John Ogden: Saltwater People of the Fatal Shore

Thursday 21 March, 6–7.30pm
Waverley Library

A fascinating history featuring our local beaches and the remarkable people who live along our shores.

Cost: \$5 at the door/\$4 FOWL & Library members. No bookings required.

Film screenings: KidzFlicks Sydney International Festival of Films by Children

19–24 March, Waverley Library

Open-door, continuous screenings of this year's entries to the KidzFlicks Festival.

Free, no bookings required.

Amabile trio concert: a celebration of women composers

Sunday 17 March, 2.30–4.30pm
Waverley Library

A unique recital presented by Friends of Waverley Library in celebration of International Women's Day.

Books, movies and more discussion group

28 March, 25 April, 30 May,
10.30am–12noon
Waverley Library

A lively, friendly and fun discussion group. Fun for all and morning tea provided. No bookings required.

Sydney Tango Salon Festival

29 March–7 April

Bondi Pavilion

Milongas, performances and workshops. For more information visit www.stsfestival.com

FOWL Last-Sunday-of-Month Booksale

31 March, 28 April, 26 May, 1–4pm

APRIL

School holidays program

15–26 April, Bondi Pavilion, Waverley Library and Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre

Fun, low cost activities for children including arts, crafts, workshops and storytelling.

For more info visit www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/holidayprograms

Cryptic Crosswords two-day course with Ralph Penglis

16 & 23 April, 6–8pm

Waverley Library

Bend your brain learning the secrets of solving seemingly impenetrable cryptic crosswords.

Cost: \$20 general/\$15 FOWL & Library. Bookings essential at www.mca-tix.com.au or **1300 306 776**.

Playday on the Mall: a fun time for kids

Saturday 20 April

Oxford Street Mall, Bondi Junction

Celebrating children's play and the value it brings to our community. Free activities include: petting farm, creative activities, face painting and magic shows.

MAY

Your Best Seller Starts Here – six-week writing course with Berwyn Lewis

9 May – 13 June, 6–8pm
Waverley Library

Cost: \$200; \$190 for Library members; \$180 FOWL/conc.

Bookings essential at www.mca-tix.com.au or **1300 306 776**.

Bondi Wave Music Industry Conference

Friday 17 May, 10am–3.30pm
(registrations from 9.30am)
High Tide Room, Bondi Pavilion,
Bondi Beach

This free conference provides an overview of everything you need to know about working in the music industry. Top industry professionals come and share their experiences.

For more information or to register for the event contact the Bondi Pavilion on **83623 3400** or email bondipav@waverley.nsw.gov.au.



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