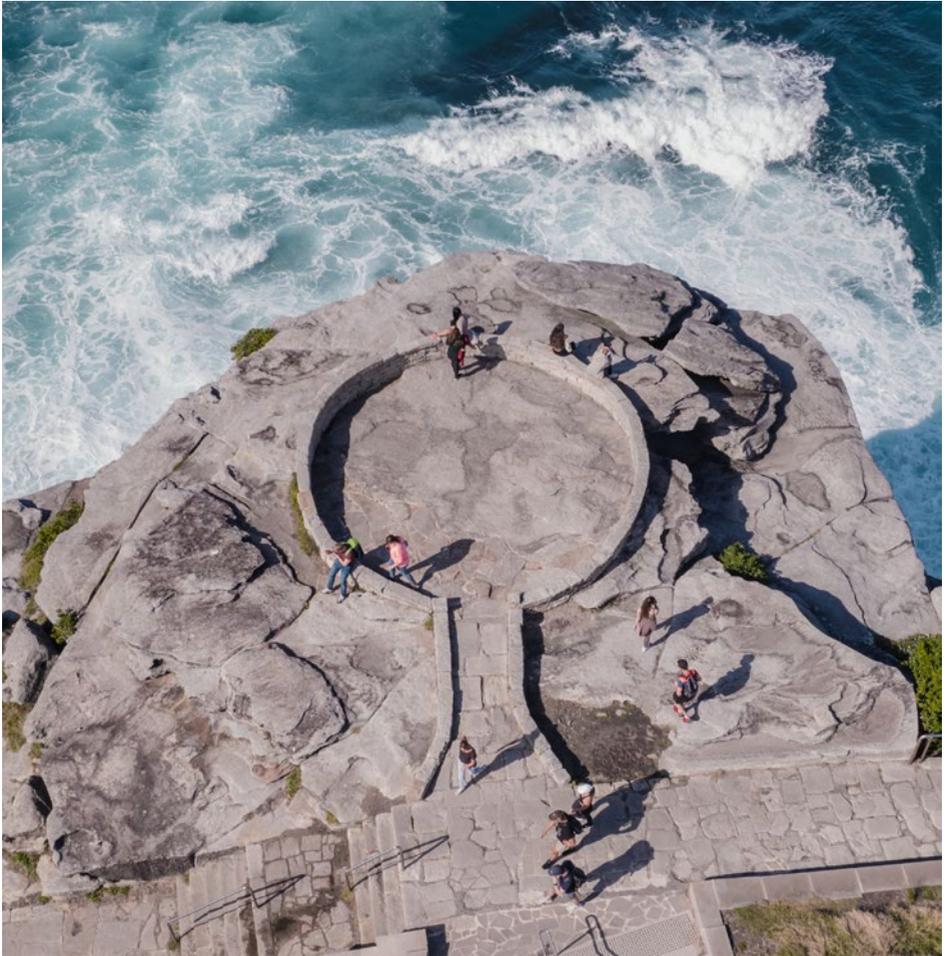


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Message from the Mayor

Welcome to our autumn edition of Waverley News, Waverley Council's guide to the best events, experiences and local offerings to enjoy this season.

It's another busy time of the year at Council as we progress several of our key building projects including the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade (page 6), the Boot Factory building at Bondi Junction (page 9) and Tamarama Surf Club (also page 9). Our restoration and upgrade of the Boot Factory includes a new Community and Seniors Centre and will be home to our first Thinker in Residence program. Construction has begun on our streetscape upgrade of Curlewis Street,

Bondi Beach (page 8) and the project is proudly funded by NSW Government in association with Waverley Council. The North Bondi shops and bus terminus (page 8) is also set for an upgrade to maximise areas for new public space, balance bus operations with other functions of the village centre and ensure safe pedestrian movement.

In sustainability news, we're continuing to inspire and empower our community towards achieving our target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2035 through programs, education and rebates. Our Net Zero Month of Action in March inspired people to make the net zero transition and sign-up to our Net Zero Alliance. For more details, visit waverley.nsw.gov.au/NetZero.





In the Customer Service space, we've moved to online payments and bookings (page 10) for many services including Council rates, parking permits and household clean-up collections. These improvements to our services aim to make your experience with the Council "easy as".

To social inclusion news, and over 20 weeks starting in April, researchers at UNSW and The George Institute will bring together our older adults and preschoolers in a range of fun 2-hour weekly playgroup activities in Waverley Council's early education and care centres. To take part in this intergenerational research program, call 8052 4365 or email integrity-study@georgeinstitute.org.au.

To our beaches, and Waverley Council continues to promote the Float to Survive water safety message (page 5) in partnership with Randwick City Council. We also recently held a water safety day

with the South East Sydney Multicultural Water Safety Committee for 120 newly arrived migrants keen to learn more about beach safety, safe rock fishing and CPR skills.

And to events, Bondi Pavilion (page 13) continues to delight audiences with a diverse and eclectic mix of programming from theatre and comedy to music and art. Our free Movies in the Park (page 13) community event also returns to Varna Park, Waverley Park, the Pavilion and Kimberley Reserve in April and May.

We hope you continue to enjoy our services, facilities and programs, and please contact us if you need help or have any feedback.

Paula Masselos
Mayor of Waverley

Stay safe at Waverley's beaches this autumn

Waverley's three beaches Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte are popular year-round. Our professional Lifeguards patrol our beaches 365 days a year as follows:

- High season (6am–7pm) – first week October through to first week April
- Low season (7am–5.30pm) – second week April to last week September (weekends from 6am)

To help keep safe in the water, always swim between the red and yellow flags, only swim during patrol hours and follow instructions from our lifeguards.

If you get into trouble in the water, signal for help and "Float to Survive". Our five steps to float are:

1. Keep calm and control your breathing
2. Lean back
3. Extend your arms and legs
4. Gently rotate your arms and legs in a circular motion
5. Signal for help with your hand if you can.

If you get caught in a rip:

- Float and go with the flow of the water
- Control your breathing
- Don't try to swim against the current
- Raise an arm or call out for help



In the 2022/23 financial year



Visitors
4.5 million



First aids
3,176



Patrol hours
40,050



Preventative actions
20,824



Rescues
1,548



Scan the QR code for our translations of key beach safety messages in 15 languages

What's happening in the Lawson Ward



Update on Charing Cross Streetscape

We're upgrading the Charing Cross business precinct to improve the area's economic and social vibrancy and make it safer, more accessible and sustainable. Council's head contractor will begin undergrounding overhead powerlines along Bronte Road soon and the main streetscape upgrade works will commence mid-2024. Businesses will remain open during work and pedestrian access will be prioritised to minimise disruption. Works will be carried out in small sections at a time to localise the construction footprint and allow other parts of Bronte Road to function unimpeded. Highlights of the project include wider footpaths, a new raised

pedestrian crossing, improved options for outdoor dining and new street trees, and the integration of multi-function smart poles with EV chargers. Council's head contractor and internal staff will be on-site regularly to answer questions and liaise with businesses and residents as required. Council will prioritise maintaining access to shopfronts during works and encourages the community to continue to support our local businesses throughout the construction period. This will be supplemented with promotion through Council's social media and other channels.



To stay up to date with the latest news, scan here

What's happening in the Hunter Ward



Clifftop Walkway Upgrade

We're improving safety for all users of the Clifftop Walkway at Eastern Reserve, Dover Heights and Diamond Bay Reserve by upgrading sections of the coastal footpath. The current works at Eastern Reserve began in late January and will take about seven months to complete, weather permitting. This project provides a more permanent solution to temporary remediation works carried out in 2020. This exciting project is proudly co-funded through the NSW Government's Public Spaces Legacy Program and Waverley Council.

Eastern Reserve Pumping Station

Sydney Water is building new infrastructure to divert the flows from the last three remaining ocean outfalls in Sydney to the Bondi Resource Recovery Facility. The Refresh Vaucluse Diamond Bay project is currently in detailed design with further investigations and options analysis being considered for the new pump station in Eastern Reserve. Council is continuing to work closely with Sydney Water to ensure the impacts on residents, the community and our beautiful cliff line park and reserves are carefully considered, and our residents fully informed, before any works are constructed on site.



Scan here to find out more about the upgrade



Scan the QR code for project updates

What's happening in the Bondi Ward



North Bondi Shops and Bus Terminus Upgrade

We'll be upgrading this area to make it more functional and aesthetically pleasing for our residents, local businesses and visitors. Council is looking to maximise areas for new public space, balance bus operations with other functions of the village centre, minimise impacts on parking and ensure safe pedestrian movement. Public exhibition closes on Sunday 14 April.

Hall Street Improvements

The project aims to formalise the existing closure at the Hall Street and Old South Head Rd intersection by constructing a cul-de-sac, continuous footpath and new landscaping to improve the overall amenity of the area. The design is aimed at improving traffic infrastructure and enhancing pedestrian safety.

Curlewis Streetscape Upgrade

Construction has begun on our streetscape upgrade of Curlewis Street, Bondi Beach, from Campbell Parade to Old South Head Road. Highlights of the project include approximately 60 new trees, upgrades to pedestrian safety, improved space for outdoor dining, electric vehicles charging stations and a separated two-way bike path. Works will be staged and businesses will remain open throughout construction. This project is proudly funded by NSW Government in association with Waverley Council.



To find out more about your local projects and have your say, scan here

What's happening in the Waverley Ward



Boot Factory transformation

Council's restoration and upgrade of the Boot Factory building in Spring Street, Bondi Junction, is due for completion mid-year. This revamped community facility will include a new Community and Seniors Centre, flexible community spaces, a cafe at the Spring Street entry and upgrades to Norman Lee Place courtyard. The Boot Factory will be home to innovation in Waverley to ensure we keep pace with the knowledge economy. It will also be home to our first ever Thinker in Residence program.

Tamarama Surf Club update

The Tamarama Surf Club upgrade is in the final stages of completion. Our contractor Schiavello has completed the remaining structural and roofing works and internal fit-out is commencing. The project is on track for completion towards the middle of year. The upgrade will provide new and improved amenities to cater to the needs of modern lifesaving, public education and engagement with the community. This project is part funded by the Australian Government via the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



Scan here to read more about the Boot Factory



To find out more about the upgrade, scan here

Using our online services to submit and renew parking permits or book a clean-up collection is easy as!

Waverley Council has moved to online payments and bookings for many services. You can now access the services you need with the press of a button from the comfort of your home or office.

The new online service allows customers to submit new applications and renewals online. We accept payments online for Council rates, commercial waste services and venue hire. You can also make Licensing, Permit and Planning payments.

To register for e-Rates, scan the QR code below. To book a clean-up collection, see the Waste and Recycling section of our website via the next QR code. Waverley residents are eligible for one scheduled collection per year, plus can book online for an additional two 'Your Call' collections per calendar year.



Mayor Paula Masselos posting the first parking permit issued via our online system. Easy as!

If you need help with any of the above, you can also live web chat with our friendly Customer Service team.

These are just some of the ways we are making improvements to our services. Everything is *easy as* with Waverley Council!



Register for e-Rates



Book a clean-up collection



Apply for a parking permit



Discover Waverley Cemeteries, where every grave tells a story



Waverley Cemetery had its first burial in 1877 and is the final resting place of more than 100,000 souls including poet Henry Lawson, Olympian Sarah “Fanny” Durack and bookseller William Dymock. It is owned and operated by Waverley Council.

Our other cemetery, South Head General Cemetery at Vacluse, is a treasured place of reflection and remembrance to the local community. It also contains graves that were moved from the Devonshire Street Cemetery in 1901, to allow for the construction of Central Railway Station.

Burial options

Recently we consulted with the community about our plans to build 20 memorialisation walls, each containing 38 ash interment niches, along Quinn Road at Waverley Cemetery, located on the clifftop between Bronte and Clovelly Beaches. These will complement the existing burial options at the working cemetery including in-ground burial plots.



Finding your loved ones

Looking for a distant relative isn't always easy, but our Cemeteries website provides the tools for how to navigate an extensive database of death notices and family history resources including the Ryerson Index and NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Explore our archives

Our Waverley Cemeteries website contains an extensive collection of biographies about our most notable cemetery "residents" across arts and culture, politics and law, health services, business and society, sport and law. You can read about our resident illegal bookmaker and executioner in our "unique stories" section.

Walking tours

Friends of Waverley Cemeteries run walking history tours of Waverley Cemetery every Saturday. Their

volunteers are passionate about sharing their knowledge of the people, monuments and social significance of the cemeteries and have an interest in genealogy, social and local history and the preservation of the memories and deeds of our notable cemetery residents. Tour fees help pay for the restoration and upkeep of monuments in our two cemeteries to preserve them as national icons and examples of Victorian and Edwardian era cemeteries.

Become a volunteer

Volunteering at Waverley Cemeteries helps preserve our heritage sites and helps you connect with other people with shared interests. To volunteer as a researcher, guerrilla weeder or photographer in our cemeteries, contact Friends of Waverley Cemeteries.



Scan here to find out more about our cemeteries

What's on this autumn



NSW Youth Week

11-21 April

Enjoy a night of emerging young bands at the Pavilion on April 13 and the WAVES Music Festival on 5 May at Bondi Park.



Movies in the Park

Our free Movies in the Park community event returns with *Wonka* on Saturday 13 April at Varna Park; *Minions: The Rise of Gru* (Saturday 20 April, Waverley Park); *Paddington* (Saturday 27 April, Bondi Pavilion) and *Happy Feet* (Saturday 4 May, Kimberley Reserve). Enjoy free popcorn from around 5pm and movies at sundown.



Anzac Day

Join us at 7.45am on Thursday 25 April for our Anzac Day service at Waverley Memorial Gardens, Waverley Park. The service is arranged by the Council and Bondi Junction/Waverley RSL Sub-Branch.



Bondi Pavilion

Events this autumn include Bri Lee book launch (3 April), author Jonathan Seidler in conversation with Brigid Delany (30 April) and the Dennis Golding exhibition, *POWER – The Future is Here* (until 5 May). Kids will love learning parkour and silks on 20 and 21 April and VR experiences from 24 – 27 April.



Mark and Evette Moran Nib Literary Award

Nominations are now open for our annual Nib Literary Award celebrating excellent research, readability and value to the community. It's presented with the support of principal sponsors Mark and Evette Moran and assistance from community partner Gertrude and Alice Bookstore Cafe.



Scan here for the latest news on the Nib Award

Autumn School Holiday Program

Don't hit the snooze button! Our autumn School Holiday Program has plenty of activities to keep young ones entertained and learn new skills.

Bondi Pavilion

Our community cultural meeting place offers a great line-up of theatre performances and kid-friendly activities. Bondi Pavilion Art Gallery and the Bondi Story Room are just some of the attractions for families at our lovingly restored beachside venue.

Waverley Library

A vibrant place of learning and fun with a variety of author talks, workshops, art activities and more.

Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre

Enjoy a range of sports run by professional coaches to get the heart rate going and make new friends.



Waverley Woollahra Art School (WWAS)

Creative types will thrive through a range of workshops to nurture the artist within. Explore different art mediums, learn new skills and make friends.



Places fill up fast so be quick and scan here to sign up



We're here to help families through all stages of life

Early education and care

Residents and those who work in Waverley can access a range of services for children ages 0-5 including four early education centres, a family day care service and a Family and Community Support Worker. We also support the Bondi Toy Library (based in the Waverley Library) and Bondi Beach Playgroups.

Young people

We offer exciting programs for self-expression including the Waverley Youth Art Prize, Bondi WAVE program at Bondi Pavilion Music Studio, Waverley Council Youth Summit and National Youth Week in April.

Over 55s

Our Waverley Community & Seniors Centre holds a mind, body and fitness program at Waverley Library and Tai Chi – Qigong at Bondi Pavilion. We provide affordable sport and recreation for seniors at the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre including table tennis. The Waverley Housing for Older People program provides secure affordable housing for people over 55 years.

Access and inclusion

We plan and design for our diverse community by providing safe, healthy and inclusive services and spaces. Check out our website for more information about the Waverley Community Living Program, Waverley Disability Inclusion Plan and our Access and Inclusion Panel.

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NSW 2022

9am–5pm, Monday to Friday

 **Bondi Pavilion Customer Service**

Queen Elizabeth Drive,
Bondi Beach NSW 2026

10am–4pm, Monday to Sunday



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Pavilion



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What's on



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Library



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Zero Alliance



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Help save paper by registering to receive your rates notice by email. Scan the QR code to register today to view and pay your rates online. It's that easy!

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