

WAVERLEY NEWS

Winter 2024



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Message from the Mayor



Welcome to our winter 2024 edition of Waverley News, Waverley Council's guide to the best events, experiences and local offerings to enjoy this season.

Community is at the heart of everything we do at Council and we're committed to creating a socially connected and resilient community with plenty of opportunities for us to come together, be safe and belong. That's why I am delighted to announce this winter's new community program, A Place for Us!

A Place of Us celebrates our community and our spaces with a program of curated events that invite you to discover and explore our dedicated community venues and connect with your loved ones, friends and neighbours.

From the return of Bondi Festival 2024 to Bondi Pavilion and the surrounding area from 5 to 21 July, to the opening of the Boot Factory building at Bondi Junction, we have a space, event or offering for everyone! At Waverley Council, we are very conscious of the high cost of living, so we've made many of these events free, which is good news for families.



A Place
for Us



Bondi
Festival



Major
Projects

We're putting the final touches on our transformation of the former shoemaking factory at the rear of Norman Lee Place at 27-33 Spring Street. This new community venue and Innovation and Knowledge Hub will be the heart of innovation in Waverley and include a new Community and Seniors Centre, multi-purpose community spaces, a cafe and revitalised courtyard. The Boot Factory will also be home to our first Thinker in Residence pilot program, which aims to innovate, support and engage with the Waverley community in actively addressing priority environmental issues in the areas of sustainability, climate resilience and circular economy.

As well a range of curated events and activities at our iconic community venues, we have several streetscape, playground and other upgrades in the pipeline across the Waverley area including Charing Cross CBD, Scott Street Reserve, Bronte, Curlewis Street, Bondi Beach and Waverley Cemetery.

We look forward to welcoming you to Waverley this winter and enjoying *A Place for Us!*

Paula Masselos
Mayor of Waverley

A Place for Us – Creating space for community in Waverley

Explore free community events happening across iconic Waverley spaces this winter!

Waverley Council is all about community and we aim to provide plenty of opportunities for us to come together, be safe and belong.

That's why we are proud to **put on a range of free events**, provide dedicated community spaces, and a program of activities across our venues, created with the community in mind.



Something for Everyone at the Pavilion

A place for locals. A place for arts and culture. A place for fun. A place for us.

Whether you're into art, music or just having fun, you'll always find a great way to spend the day at Bondi Pavilion. Here's just a selection of highlights free for the community this winter:

- **Bondi Festival** – an astonishing arts line-up of theatre, cabaret, comedy and more
- **Lunchtime Concerts at The Pav** – grab your lunch and enjoy some free music
- **Waverley Art Prize** – an exhibition of Waverley artists' prize-winning work
- **Free Family Movies** – watch Wonka and the Minions at the theatre for free
- **Bondi Story Room** – immerse yourself in the real-life stories of Bondi
- **Music in the Atrium** – with Brendan Gallagher and Kirston Neyens



For lots more, check out the Bondi Pavilion website



Free Family Fun Days

As well as ongoing programming at our iconic venues, we will be taking over local green spaces and streets this July for a series of family fun days. So clear your diaries for a day of free kids entertainment, activities and a sweet treat for the whole family!

- **Sat 6 July** – Garu Courtyard, Bondi Pavilion (special Bondi Festival edition)
- **Mon 8, Tues 9, Wed 10 July** – Bondi Junction Oxford Street Mall
- **Mon 15, Tues 16, Wed 17 July** – Garu Courtyard, Bondi Pavilion
- **Sat 27 July** – Waverley Park

Library Activities for Little Ones

A place for stories. A place for creativity. A place for learning. A place for us.

As well as our adult program of events at the Library, we're proud to run weekly activities for little ones, including:

- **Book Babies** – introducing your babes in arms to the magic and joy of stories and rhymes

- **Story Time Fun** – capturing the imaginations of toddlers and pre-schoolers with stories, rhymes and craft
- **Rocking Rhyme Time** – a high energy morning of dancing, music, rhymes and stories

Active Seniors Sessions at Margaret Whitlam

A place for sports and rec. A place for wellness. A place for Seniors. A place for us.

The Margaret Whitlam centre is a sports and recreational space for all to enjoy and hosts a regular program of activities to support seniors to improve their physical and mental health, including: table tennis, Tai Chi, pilates, yoga, and strength and conditioning.

We will also be putting on a Musical High Tea for Seniors, with the Mayor and Di Bird Trio, on Friday 19 July at Easts.



Check out more about
A Place for Us

What's happening in the Lawson Ward



Boot Factory Upgrade

The countdown is on to the opening of the Boot Factory building in Bondi Junction! We have transformed the former shoemaking factory at 27-33 Spring Street into a community facility and future home to our first Thinker in Residence pilot program.

Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade

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. Bulk electrical works have begun as part of our streetscape upgrade, which will take around six months to complete. At time of print, we are preparing to appoint a contractor to: install wider footpaths, a new raised pedestrian crossing, improve options for outdoor dining and new street trees, and the integration of EV chargers. Please continue to support local business which will remain open during works.

Bronte Surf Life Saving Club update

It's all systems go for the Bronte Surf Life Saving Club redevelopment after the revised Development Application [DA-455/2022] was approved. Waverley Council is delighted that the project has reached this milestone and look forward to working in partnership with the club and architects, Warren and Mahoney, to see the new building and facilities come to life.



Scan here for more updates on the club



Find out more about the Charing Cross Upgrade

What's happening in the Hunter Ward

Clifftop Walkway Upgrade

Waverley Council is upgrading and improving the safety of Clifftop Walkway (Eastern Reserve, Dover Heights and Diamond Bay Reserve). In May, Council voted to progress the project as per the approved development application. At time of print, construction work for the boardwalk and lookout are about to recommence and will take about four months. Works have commenced at Eastern Reserve, including emergency stormwater priority upgrades at George Street and Ocean View Avenue. This 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 ocean outfalls in Sydney to the Bondi Resource Recovery Facility. The Refresh Vaucluse Diamond Bay project is currently being designed and options are being considered for the new pump station in Eastern Reserve. The Council is working closely with Sydney Water to consider the impacts on residents, the community and the environment before any works begin.



For project updates,
scan the QR code



South Head Cemetery plan of management

South Head Cemetery, Vaucluse is a place of historical significance. As heritage-listed Crown land, a Plan of Management (PoM) is required. Council recently exhibited the draft PoM for community feedback on this valued place of remembrance in our community.

What's happening in the Bondi Ward



Curlewis St Streetscape Upgrade

Our streetscape upgrade of Curlewis Street, Bondi Beach, from Campbell Parade to Old South Head Road is progressing, with the first few substages of works between Campbell Parade and Glenayr Avenue now almost complete. The project aims to make the area safer and more enjoyable to visit and promotes active transport by providing a separated two-way bike path from Campbell Parade to Wellington Street, shared paths for pedestrians and bike riders, raised pedestrian crossings, more trees and plantings, multifunction poles and six new electric vehicle charging stations. Remaining works in the first stage are expected to be completed by early August. This project is proudly funded by NSW Government in association with Waverley Council.

Gould St Street Party

Join us on Saturday 20 July from 11am to 4pm for our first ever Gould St Street Party! Made possible through support from NSW Government's Open Streets Program, Gould St Street Party is a new, all-inclusive addition to our 2024 Bondi Festival program. We recently sought Expressions of Interest (EOI) from emerging and established artists, performers and entertainers to be a part of this all-ages event. Check out incredible local talent alongside local brewers, shopping pop ups, makers' workshops and an array of eats and beats in the heart of Bondi.



Scan here to Have Your Say on projects open for feedback

What's happening in the Waverley Ward



Tamarama Surf Club Upgrade

The Tamarama Surf Club upgrade project is in its final stages! The upgrade will provide new and improved amenities to cater for lifesaving, public education and engagement needs within the community. This project is part funded by the Australian Government.

Scott Street Reserve Playground Upgrade

We're planning a beautiful upgrade of the playground at Scott Street Reserve, Bronte. Our proposed improvements will provide new play experiences, whilst retaining the site's "pocket park" character. Care has been taken to consider neighbouring properties, the retention of mature trees, and existing services.

Long-term Winter Licences for Waverley Community Sporting Facilities

Waverley Council is establishing winter long-term licences for up to five years for the sporting facilities at Waverley Park (and Hugh Bamford Reserve), ensuring that Council's limited facilities are equitably and transparently shared among sporting clubs and organisations. Shortlisted applicants have been invited to formally apply.

Miller Street Upgrade, Bondi

We're proposing to create a safer space for all road users in Miller Street, as well as a more vibrant streetscape for the community to enjoy. We asked the community for feedback on two design options and we will keep you updated on the outcome.



Find out more about the Tamarama Surf Club Upgrade



Find out more about the Scott Street Reserve Playground Upgrade

Our new online services make life admin “Easy as!”

Have you tried our new online parking permits and clean-up collection booking services?

We’re excited to provide access to the services you need with the press of a button, from the comfort of your home or office.



The new online services allow customers to submit new parking permit applications and renewals online along with organising a clean-up collection at a time that suits you. This extends our accessibility to customers by accepting payments online for Council rates, commercial waste services and venue hire. You can also make Licensing, Permit and Planning payments.

Join the thousands of residents and ratepayers enjoying the convenience of these new online services these past few months.

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.

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. We aim to make our services “Easy as!”



Register for e-Rates



Book a clean-up collection



View payments page



Making Sustainability Second Nature in Waverley



As the whales start their migration across our beaches, we've been delivering a range of educational programs and environmental activities:



Love Our Coast

Explore our new program of events to help us better understand, love and protect our coast, from movie screenings and beach cleans to talks with young activists and historians.

Being Nature Positive

On 6 June, over 130 people, fairy wrens, passing whales and a sea eagle, joined Council and Planet Ark for our first Love Our Coast event - to restore coastal habitat at Marks Park, in advance of National Tree Day.

Charging the East

We were proud to be win Local Government Professionals *Special Project Initiative Award Population over 150,000* for The Eastern Suburbs Electric Vehicle Charging Project, which we deliver alongside Woollahra and Randwick Councils. Following funding



from NSW Government, we will be rolling out another 51 EV charging ports across our LGA.



Repair Café

We're running our first ever Repair Café on 20 July! No need to book, just bring along your clothing, books, jewellery and more to give them a second life. You can also BYO bike for a bike maintenance workshop to tune up your wheels and skills on the day.



Community Environment Survey

Our beautiful corner of the world needs care to continue to thrive – and Council cannot do this alone. Please help us better understand community attitudes, participation levels and needs regarding our environmental sustainability programs by taking this survey – and you could win a Second Nature umbrella.



The sun is setting on Solar my School

After 7 successful years, the Council-run Solar my School program, which has helped hundreds of schools across New South Wales install solar power, is heading off into the sunset.

In total, 122 schools installed solar through this Council-run program, collectively representing a remarkable 5.9 megawatts of solar capacity. This is equivalent to powering 1,300 Australian homes and will contribute to reducing 6,520 tonnes of carbon emissions per year!

The success of the program led to it being expanded to 13 other LGAs around NSW and was the recipient of many awards for leadership and design, including NSW Green Globes, Cities Power Partnerships and LG Professionals Association National Award.

What's on this winter



Bondi Festival 2024

Waverley Council is thrilled to announce the return of Bondi Festival, from 5 to 21 July, at Bondi Pavilion and surrounds. This inclusive festival of first-class theatre, comedy, cabaret and interactive experiences offers something for everyone. Alongside the world-class arts line up, visitors can also enjoy Bondi's famous ice-skating rink and the legendary Bondi Vista Ferris Wheel. Bondi Festival is our winter celebration of local artists, immersive performances and playful offerings for audiences of all ages.

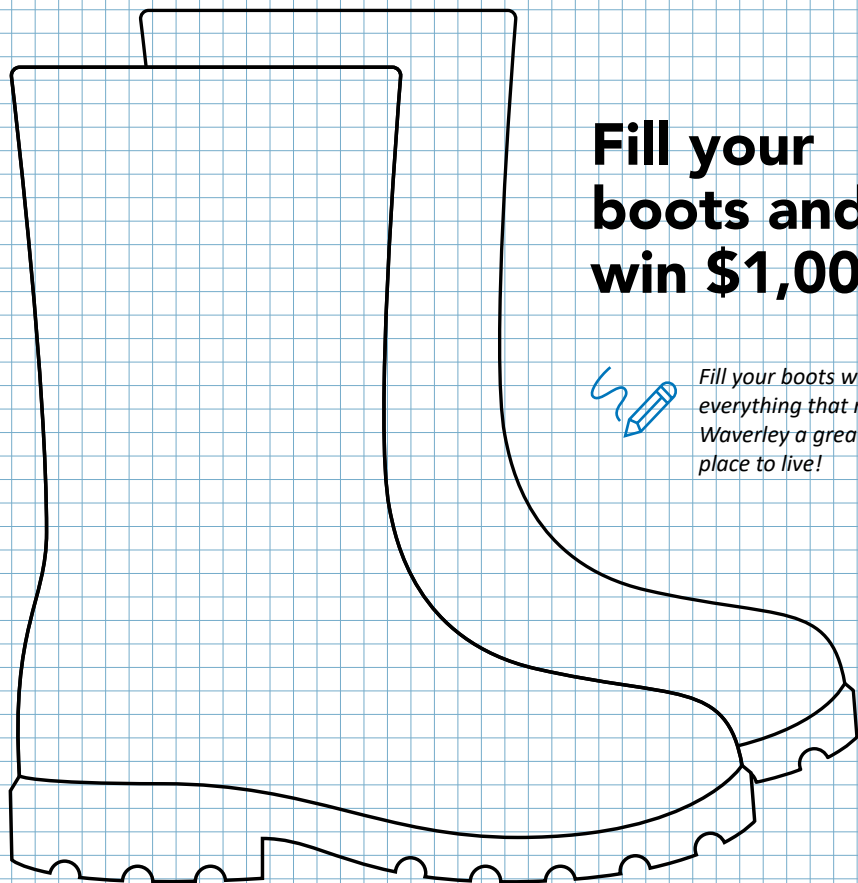
2024 Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award

With a major prize of \$40,000, Mark & Evette Moran Nib Literary Award is Waverley Council's annual celebration of the best in Australian research-based literature. Submissions are judged on literary merit, quality research, readability and value to the community. Other prizes on offer include the Nib People's Choice Prize (\$4,000) and the Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize (6 x \$1,500). Nominees will be eagerly awaiting 8 August when the 2024 long list is announced. All winners will be announced at a public event on 27 November.



To book tickets,
scan the QR code

[Check out our Second Nature sustainability events on page 12.](#)



Fill your boots and win \$1,000!



Fill your boots with everything that makes Waverley a great place to live!

We're nearly finished restoring and upgrading the Boot Factory on Spring Street in Bondi Junction. Breathing new life into the building, we are transforming the former shoe making factory into a place for the community.

To celebrate, we're giving you the chance to win one of two \$1,000 Westfield gift vouchers (one for adults and one for under 18s) by designing your very own Waverley boot. The competition closes **2 August** so make sure you get your entries into us by then!




Find out more about the competition (and print your own A4 competition card)




Find out more about the Boot Factory





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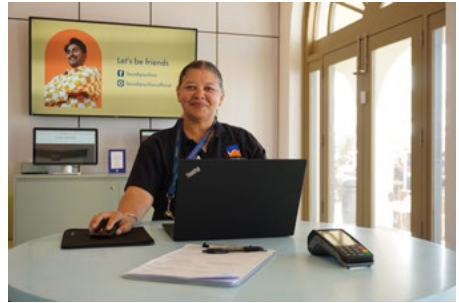
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10am–4pm, Monday to Sunday



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What's on



Waverley Library



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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.