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Why I love my suburb

Who are you? My name is David Walsman. I have lived with my daughter and cheeky dog, Matilda near the beach at Bronte for three years. I'm the founder of My Organic School. We are a social enterprise which runs Community Organic Veggie Box Co-ops in schools throughout Sydney.

What I like most about living here is: As an avid surfer I was drawn to the ocean. Bronte offers a wonderful sense of community around the Surf Life Saving Club, ocean pool, cafes and park.

Favourite local spot for coffee? Kim and Ian at Salina's café down at Bronte Beach create a warm, owner run, local vibe.

How do you start your day? A sunrise walk with my dog followed by a work-out with Troy from East Side Crew, a healthy organic breakfast and then I get my daughter off to school.

Favourite local restaurant? My healthy go to restaurant is Nalinis on Bronte Rd which serves up delicious vegetarian Indian street food and supper yummy vegan icecream.

Where do you grab your bread and groceries? I buy from local independent providores on Bondi Rd and bread from Iggys in Bronte. All of my fruit and veggies come from the local My Organic School Community Veggie Box Co-op at Bronte Public School. The Co-ops can be accessed by everyone in the local community.

Tell us a favourite weekend ritual: Whipping up buckwheat pancakes with my daughter which we eat in one of the gazebos in Bronte Park overlooking the ocean.



Cafe Salina in Bronte.

Gazebos at Bronte Beach.

Then we'll take the dog for a swim and play down at Mackenzies Bay.

Favourite local park? Bronte Gully is a serene example of remnant native rainforest and a great place to run my dog off the leash.

One thing I'd like to change about my suburb is: Waverley Council is reviewing its pesticide policy and specifically its use of Glyphosate (Roundup) in our public open spaces. I'd love the council to follow the lead of French local councils and ban the use of dangerous toxins in our community.

Tell us about a favourite local business: I have to give our eastern suburbs organic co-ops a plug at Bronte. Clovelly Public. Waverley. Woollahra. Bourke Street and Crown Street Public Schools, supplying affordable, fresh proto their local duce community. We also run a healthy eating education curriculum, "Veggie Buddies", which we teach at the schools in our network.

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