

## Bronte Precinct Meeting

Monday 12 November 2018

Bronte Public school Hewlett street Bronte

Meeting opened at 7pm-Attendance 10 people

Councillors in attendance—Marjorie O’Neill, Mayor John Wakefield

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 13 August 2018

The minutes tabled were confirmed as a true record of the meeting,  
Grant Beard----- Max Setz

3. Council contribution to Pensioner rates rebate

The rebate is funded 45% by the council and 55% by State Government, the rebate has remained at this level since 1993. Currently there are 1,882 pensioner ratepayer accounts in Waverley.

**Motion put forward to Council by CR. O’Neill**

As part of its deliberations for developing its 2019-2020 budget, receives a report on the financial implications of increasing its voluntary contribution to the pensioner Concession rates Rebate so that the total rebate equates to 25% of the average Pensioner rate charge.

**General Managers comment**

If Council chooses to add to its voluntary rebate in order to raise the level of subsidy to 25%, an extra \$103 would need to be added for each eligible pensioner account, this would result an approximate cost to budget of \$187,720.

Consensus of meeting was that this idea is worth considering.

4. PROPOSED PRECINCT, SYSTEM RESTRUCTURE

It has been proposed there be a restructure to Waverley’s Precinct System. Four proposed restructure models were tabled for consideration, time was limited to consider the matter, Bronte Precinct meeting will discuss this matter in 2019.

5. SCULPTURE BY THE SEA (SxS)—Post Mortem

Residents expressed their opinion on the 2018 event. The meeting thought that although the annual event bought good publicity for Waverley Municipality, there were a number of concerns attached to this event

**Benefits to ratepayers?**

**Costs to ratepayers—2017--\$86,586,**

**Approved budget for 2018 \$77,500, plus \$20,000 to \$25,000 for temporary visual amenity improvement works in Marks Park.**

In addition Council also provides SxS with a significant amount of in-kind support which is difficult to measure and provide costs for. eg: maintenance and repairs to open spaces, management of traffic and transport, waste removal etc.

The contract for SxS is due for renewal so now is the time to make recommendations towards an improved event for 2019.

- Ensure that SxS make good any damage, especially to Marks Park.
- Better public transport planning, thus getting people out of their cars.
- a Traffic Management Plan is needed for this event in the future.

## 6. Reports

Police-no report as meeting is to be held late November

### Traffic

Alfred, Darling and Read Streets

Yellow lines indicating “No Stopping” were painted at the corners of these streets a few years ago. Visibility for motorists is severely reduced when cars are parked illegally, especially on the south east corner. The yellow lines are frequently ignored or misunderstood by motorists. Parking infringements occur about every day and especially on weekends. The nearby corner of Alfred and Hewlett streets has “No stopping” signs, rather than yellow lines, which seem to be more effective.

**Motion**-Proposer: Grant Beard- Endorser:Max Setz.

Bronte Precinct requests that “No stopping” signs be erected on the four corners of the intersection of Alfred street with Darling and Read streets instead of ,or in addition to, the yellow lines .

- Suggestion to be made to Telford buses that they follow the 360 route and avoid Belgrave Street.

**Development applications;** none imminent.

## 7. General Business

- Preface: Land & Environment Proceedings No.220827 of 2018.

On September 22, 2017, the Council received Development Application No. DA-404/2017 involving the land known as 21 Thompson Street, Tamarama (Lot 43). This site is now referred to by locals as “the Quarry”. This DA was refused by the WDAP. Subsequently the applicant commenced proceedings in Class 1 of the Land & Environment Court. Some residents have been advised by Wilshire Webb Staunton Beattie Lawyers acting for Waverley Council that they will be able to give evidence should they so choose.

In respect to this property this applicant has consumed an inordinate amount of Council resources since 2011. The attached summary spreadsheet provides a just a simple timeline of what has occurred.

Rationale. In some areas of law actions initiated by individuals can be viewed by the Courts as “vexatious’ - i.e.” instituted without sufficient grounds and serving only to cause annoyance”. The WDAP was chaired by Justice Stein. Should not the WDAP decision bring closure to this matter especially as the fourth reason cited by the WDAP goes

back to noncompliance by this applicant to a condition applied by L&EC No. 10256 of 2012?

**Motion.** Proposer, Michael Donnan----- Endorser; Bob Dickson  
Bronte Precinct requests Council to advise if there are any limitations on any applicant in respect to a specific property in regard to Council resources allocated?

- **Foxes in Tamarama Gully**

The subject of foxes in Tamarama Park has been raised in previous Precinct meetings. Previous replies from Waverley Council could be best summarised as any action about these pests as being in the “too hard” basket.

The damage foxes do to local fauna is well documented. The environment at Tamarama must be very supportive of fox lifestyle as the resident vixen is now displaying her second litter of cubs (photos presented to the meeting)

**Motion:** Proposer; Michael Donnan                      Seconder: Grant beard  
Waverley Council seek the services of a fox eradication specialist to have these pests removed.

- **Noise abatement.** On Tuesday, November 6, 2018 (Melbourne Cup Night) very loud “music” was played from adjacent to Tamarama Surf Club until 11.30 pm. The “music” had commenced mid-afternoon that day.

The volume of this noise was excessive. It drowned out radio and TV as well as making phone reception problematic. Bronte Precinct requests that residents be advised by Council as to:

**Motion:** Proposed Michael Donnan                      Seconded : Alma Douglas

- (a) Whether this function had been sanctioned by Council,
- (b) If Council has a guideline on maximum noise emission, and
- (c) To whom in Council residents should contact during such breaches of Environmental guidelines.

- **Coastal Walk**

The coastal walk at Waverley Cemetery has wooden steps at the southern end and synthetic steps at the northern end. The synthetic steps have a yellow line painted along their edges {nosing} to improve visibility. The wooden steps do not. It is difficult to see the edges of the wooden steps, especially in the low light and when the steps are wet. This is a safety issue.

**Motion:** Proposer Grant Beard--- Seconder Alma Douglas

Bronte Precinct request Council to paint yellow lines along the edges {nosing} on the coastal walk as they are a trip hazard in low light.

- **Bus Route 361**

Changes to bus route in the Bronte area, 361, was discussed and general concerns raised on the impact of changes to residents between Bondi Beach and Bondi Junction.

Councillor O'Neill informed the meeting she intends to put a motion to Council concerning the changes to the bus services.

- Mayor John Wakefield advised that Council is keeping an eye on Lime bikes operating in Waverley Municipality. Also negotiations regarding lifting the \$1 parking fee are well on the way.

Meeting came to a close at 9pm  
With thanks to all who attended