

**Minutes of Bondi Beach Precinct Meeting**  
**13 October 2014: 7:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**Ocean Room Bondi Pavilion**

Chairperson: Lenore Kulakauskas

Meeting opened at 19:07

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Welcome: We acknowledge this land as the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia, and specifically the Kadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and acknowledge the Aboriginal Elders both past and present.

Apologies: Mayor Sally Betts, Cr Joy Clayton, Anthony Marich, Cr Wy Kanak, Paul Paech

The good news about NYE being cancelled was announced. Everyone was very happy. DA-281/2014 was read out.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

An email received from Paul Paech was referred to as he thought the minutes did not accurately reflect a question and answer about the Hall St sub-committee. As the Convenor had a clear recollection of the question and answer she proposed to include the following and amend the minutes:

*The Convenor replied to a question from Paul Paech as to the status of the Hall St sub-committee by advising that the sub-committee had not yet been formed as she was giving thought as to how to go about the process.*

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Unanimous

The email also asked what steps had been taken to set up the sub-committee. The steps being taken were actually on the Agenda at *Item 9 – Hall St visioning exercise in November*.

Further the email requested that various motions be put to the meeting. Common practice is that a mover of a motion needs to be present to propose the motion and speak to it. If Paul is still interested in presenting these motions he is welcome to do so at the Hall St visioning meeting in November.

Proposed that minutes be accepted with amendment.

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Ray Johnson

Unanimous

**3. Business arising**  
**RESPONSE REPORT BONDI BEACH**

<b>Waverley Council Response Report to Bondi Beach Precinct motions from August and presented to October 2014 meeting</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Response</b>
11 August 2014	<p>MOTION 1: That a wider range of residents be notified when a significant street tree on either private or public land is to be removed, and that the Precinct is advised as to whether this will occur.</p> <p>REQUEST 1: That a relevant council officer attend the next Bondi Beach Precinct meeting to discuss the Tree Policy.</p> <p>Meeting advised that Bernie offered to come, but it was decided there was sufficient info given and as he lives in the Blue Mountains this would be an onerous task.</p>	<p>Motion was sent to the Executive Manager, Clean and Attractive Waverley and to the Strategic Tree Planning Officer for reply. With regards to notification of tree removals for significant trees:</p> <p>Our policy for applications to remove or do major work on any significant tree is that the applicant must lodge a DA and not a tree permit application. A report from a specialist or consulting arborist is also required. With these applications the relevant Precinct and Councillor are then notified. Unfortunately, when the tree at 32 was nominated for inclusion on the Significant Tree Register in 2011 it was not considered significant by our consulting arborists so this level of notification did not apply to this particular tree.</p> <p>The application for removal of the Eucalypt was received in February 2014. Normally, notification only goes out to adjacent and opposite properties as per Council guidelines.</p> <p>However, on this occasion we extended the properties notified to both sides of the street from Lamrock Lane to Lucius Street to include 4 properties opposite and 4 properties either side. No responses were received.</p> <p>We have discussed the level of notification required to remove a tree on private property which may be considered a prominent feature of a streetscape and have agreed the area of notification should be widened beyond adjacent neighbouring houses. The extent of notification will be on a case by case basis depending on the impact of the loss of the tree.</p> <p>As explained before, our new Tree Management Officer gave permission for the removal of the tree based on his inspection and the two reports from consulting arborists.</p>
	<p>QUESTION 1: Could Council please advise their justification for the following relationship:</p>	<p>The question was referred to the Executive Manager, Shaping Waverley who has</p>

	<p>The relationship between a parking policy which endorses a <i>neutral impact</i> in relation to off-street parking, <i>and</i>, a final outcome, where displacing public parking spaces with a driveway would result in a significant reduction of on-street parking.</p>	<p>suggested that the Precinct be advised that the Waverley Development Control Plan will be considered by Council and will be put on public exhibition in the near future. The precinct will be notified of the WDCP exhibition period and they are welcome to make a submission to this document and either propose specific amendments or suggest changes they would like to see in the future.</p>
	<p>MOTION 2: That the Mermaids be recreated in bronze and placed in their original position on the big rock at Ben Buckler. Further that the mermaids be lit up of a night. That Bondi Beach Precinct be involved in this project. Meeting advised that LK will email Hugh Norton's investigations to Cathy Henderson.</p>	<p>Motion was sent to the Director, Waverley Life who advised that this proposal will be considered as part of the process of developing Waverley Council's Public Art Master Plan, and has been referred to that process. Additionally if Council is in the process of identifying any sites for public art in Bondi, the possibility of referencing the Mermaids may be included.</p>
	<p>MOTION 3: That the relevant Departments note concerns for any future licensed premises at 78 Campbell Pde (currently described as Bondi Courthouse Bar &amp; Grill) in view of the history of ongoing issues associated with this venue. It is also requested that Council make submissions to OLGR in this regard, and that Bondi Beach Precinct are notified as to whether this will occur.</p>	<p>Motion was sent to the Executive Manager - Building Waverley, to the Executive Manager - Shaping Waverley, and to the Executive Manager - Safe Waverley for noting and consideration.</p>
	<p>MOTION 4: That Council be urged to develop and implement a management plan that addresses the negative impact on the residential amenity due to the continuing intensification of commercial operations in the Hall St Town Centre.</p>	<p>Motion was sent to the Executive Manager - Building Waverley and to the Executive Manager - Shaping Waverley for noting and consideration.</p>
	<p>REQUEST 2: That a relevant council officer attend the next Bondi Beach Precinct meeting to discuss the functioning of the WDAP. Meeting told that as there is</p>	<p>Information on the WDAP is attached.</p>

	extensive info available on the website, it was decided a council officer to read this out would be redundant	
	MOTION 5: That the pressures on the public areas of Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion require that these valuable assets be defended against the demands by commercial users and that these areas be used overwhelmingly for passive purposes.	Motion was sent to the Director, Waverley Life and to the Open Space Planning Manager for noting/inclusion to the feedback received on the current draft of the Bondi POM which recently was on public exhibition.
	MOTION 6: That as the underground carpark will have a net gain of 0 parking spaces, it should not go ahead. It is proposed instead that any money allocated for this for this go towards other Bondi Beach infrastructure.	Motion was sent to the Director, Waverley Life and to the Open Space Planning Manager for noting/inclusion to the feedback received on the current draft of the Bondi POM which recently was on public exhibition.
	MOTION 7: Due to the absence in the BBP&PPOM of specific recommendations regarding the Bondi Pavilion, Council is asked to ensure that this signature building's pivotal role in the area and the wider community is included in the plan.	Motion was sent to the Director, Waverley Life and to the Open Space Planning Manager for noting/inclusion to the feedback received on the current draft of the Bondi POM which recently was on public exhibition.

RJ stated there was an issue with garages being rented out for storage and other non-parking uses leaving residents to park in the street. He has observed that they are not fined. RJ asked to email through specific evidence of this for follow-up. Discussion ensued about parking across or in driveways blocking street access. If there is enough space for a pram or wheelchair, parking in driveway is allowed.

**QUESTION 1 (for parking officer): Are areas on corners of streets that do not block vision unnecessarily being considered as potential parking spaces?**

Proposed: Ray Johnson

Seconded: Graham Fuller

Unanimous

**MOTION 1 (for parking officer): That Council considers changing regimes for residential parking permits so they are based on the length of a vehicle.**

Proposed: Ray Johnson

Seconded: Graham Fuller

Unanimous

#### **4. Festival of the Winds traffic problems**

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION 2 (for the GM and relevant Directors):** In view of the increased and increasing numbers of residents living at Bondi Beach, and the increased number of restaurant visitors mainly due to the Hall St development it is requested that Council look at all events that are likely to cause traffic problems in light of extra managed public transport, more road closures and increased freeway times along Bondi Rd.

#### **5. Amalgamation**

Discussion ensued and the question **to be sent tomorrow before the Tuesday night Council meeting.**

**QUESTION 2 (for the Mayor, cc to all councillors):** Is Council intending to hold a plebiscite (the direct vote of all the members of an electorate on an important public question) to obtain the community's feedback about future council amalgamations? If not what other measures is it taking to gauge this feedback?

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Unanimous

#### **6. Art Deco update**

Hugh Norton was not present due to the stormy weather, so Lenore Kulakauskas advised how they were invited, along with James Phillips, a heritage architect, to attend a presentation on the project to Councillors prior to a workshop on this topic. This was a first for the community and the project looks set to continue. Thanks were given to the previous Mayor, Cr Wakefield, who was present, for the crucial part he played in this project taking off.

#### **7. Creative Uses for Bondi Pavilion**

Discussion ensued and it was determined there was strong community support for some type of innovative Museum/ Bondi Story Room alongside a Visitors Information Centre in the Pavilion.

#### **8. Alcohol Issues: update Bar 34**

DA -417/2014 10, 11, 12 Hall St: An objection will be lodged as to height and general appearance. No reason for LEP requirements to be changed

DA-360/2014 30/6-8 Jacques Ave: The applicants for this DA along with their architect were present. They gave an outline of their proposal which they hope will turn the building into a 'giver', by installing various environmental measures.

The meeting endorsed that when their building work is completed they and their architect be invited to give a presentation to the community on what they have achieved.

DA-88/2013/A 1 Jacques Ave: An objection will be lodged, especially as the additional unit being requested again, had been knocked back during original negotiations.

#### **9. Hall St – visioning exercise in November**

After a meeting between the Convenors of Bondi Beach and Bondi Precincts and the Director Peter Monks, it was decided to follow the Charing Cross example and hold a ‘visioning’ workshop at the combined 19 November meeting (Bondi Beach and Bondi Precincts). The resident who ran the CC workshop is happy to give advice about how to run something similar.

#### **10. General Business**

A request received from Gabrielle Upton for volunteers for the National Parks and Wildlife programmes was read out. No-one accepted.

Jane asked why there were so many rocks in the sand – advised that it is pumice washed up from underwater volcanic eruptions off New Zealand.

Jane asked about the 24/7 cnr Hall and Gould’s application for 24 hour trading. Precinct will lodge an objection.

**MOTION 3 (for Parks officer): That due to residents’ concerns about the quality of the parklands and particularly the park at the south end of the beach, it is requested that attention be paid to these areas. They also request that attention be given to the extremely high number of bindiis presently in the parklands.**

Proposed Graham Fuller

Seconded Lenore Kulakauskas

Unanimous

**MOTION 4 (for Beach Manager): That Council ensure that the drink vendors do NOT position their carts across the beach ramp entrances.**

Proposed Graham Fuller

Seconded Ray Johnson

Unanimous

**MOTION 5 (for the Mayor, councillors and GM): That Bondi Beach Precinct is very happy with the new exercise area and congratulate Council on a job well done.**

Proposed Graham Fuller

Seconded Marilyn Tanner

Unanimous

Meeting closed at 21:19

Lenore Kulakauskas Convenor 14 October 2104