

# **Minutes**

## **Penkivil Precinct General Meeting**

Held on Monday 8 April 2013 at Waverley Council Chambers  
Corner Bondi Road and Paul Street, Bondi Junction

**Meeting commenced at 7:40pm**

**In Attendance:**

Precinct Co-Convenor: Bruce Morrow (Chairman)  
Acting Minutes Secretary: Susie Hoppe  
Transport Representative: Keith Bryars

Councillors: Tony Kay, Bill Mouroukas

Guest Speaker: Ms. Gabrielle Upton MP

Number of persons in attendance: 18  
Number of persons eligible to vote: 13

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Ms Gabrielle Upton MP State Member for Vacluse  
Parliamentary Secretary for Tertiary Education and Skills

Ms Upton introduced her assistant, Ms Nicole Hatton, and explained that she works with Bruce Notley-Smith, Member for Coogee, and local Councillors to address issues raised with her electorate office. Ms Upton also addressed issues brought to her attention prior to the Penkivil Precinct and raised at the previous meeting.

Ms Upton then addressed local issues which were raised with her, outlined potential solutions and sought feedback from the residents present, as follows:

- Major roads – working with RMS on issues raised regarding New South Head Road and Old South Head Road
- Wellington Street and Bondi Road intersection – Presented petition to Parliament and raised the issue with the Minister. Aim to bring greater safety to intersection. Potential solutions, namely traffic lights and concrete splitter with no right hand turn, each involve flow on impacts. A meeting has been arranged between Council and the RMS on 29 April to further investigate a safe solution for the issue.
- Boat Trailer Parking - If a boat is registered, under 4 tonnes and less than 7.5m length, it can legally be parked. A Working Group has been set up to address this issue. Woollahra Council is represented on the Working Group. Two solutions have been identified:
  1. A 1 hour parking prohibition;

2. Change the relevant State Government Act so that if a trailer in one position for more than 3 months, notice could be given and if not moved, the trailer could be transferred.
- Flood Street – left/right turn on New South Head Road. Want to retain Left Turn. Right turn presents sight line difficulties. Possible solution perhaps to lower splitter / Jersey Curve barrier.
  - 389 Bus – On weekends and public holidays, the bus causes slowing of traffic heading to the City, as cars can park on the left hand side going west.
  - Exempt and Complying Development – Residents have complained that there is little notice prior to such development taking place. Probably a need to reassess controls for complying development.

A question and answer session followed. Issues and discussion are outlined below:

Wellington Street intersection with Bondi Road: Suggestions:

- Make lights similar to those at the Penkivil and Bennett Street intersections with Bondi Road.
- Remove traffic lights at the Post Office intersection.
- Use Ocean Street South as a model: it has a red arrow right turn to Bondi Beach, which allows pedestrians time to cross.
- Consider use of roundabouts.
- Make Bondi Road car free. (Suggestion by one of the residents).
- Safety is the major issue, not maintaining traffic flows. Need to boost public transport. RMS needs to accept that a complete review of transport systems in Eastern suburbs and Bondi, in particular, is required.

Response: A review is being undertaken of Eastern suburbs buses. Light rail from Randwick to City is under consideration. Ms Upton will talk to Minister for Transport regarding City bound buses. These buses are often full at Bondi Beach or half way up Bondi Road, leaving potential passengers further along the route stranded.

Planning White Paper:

- Concerns regarding complying development will be much intensified with the new planning system being proposed by the State Government.
- The community is not well versed in the planning system and terminology and will find it very difficult to conceptualise the type and scale of development which will result from planning controls.
- Council should be requested to identify the key issues for the community.

Response: Council and community need to review and respond to paper. Council to be asked to provide a briefing to at future Precinct meeting.

Private Certifiers

- Many people have concerns regarding the quality of private certifiers and the quality of the work they approve.

Response: Ms Upton to follow-up the issue with the Minister for Planning.

Complying Development:

- Issues Council included in its submission against complying development need a response.
- The State government needs to listen to submissions.

Smoking at bus stops:

- Did a law get passed against smoking at bus stops?

Response: Ms Upton will research and advise.

**APOLOGIES:**

Sally Betts, Mary Doyle, Julia Attard, Bob Williamson

Moved: Eva Vargas          Seconded: Ruben Solomon

Motion Carried

**CONVENOR'S REPORT**

On 20 March a Combined Precincts Meeting was held. This meeting was attended by Councillors Kay and Mouroukas, and Convenor Bruce Morrow.

The meeting addressed the following:

- Presentation by Bronwyn Kelly on *Waverley Together – WT (3)*.
- Presentation by Margaret Diebert regarding Graffiti.
- Presentation of new Precinct Handbook to support the work of the Precinct Executives – some suggestions were made from the floor for some clarifications or additions to the text.
- Report of the Precinct Review Committee, which promotes and supports the work of the Precinct Executives.
- General Issues
  1. Mowing of verges – reinstatement of Council's responsibility
  2. Identification and removal of drug tags (shoes hanging on street cables) identifying places where drug trades occur.
  3. Noted that Council cannot touch Foxtel cables. Locations should be reported to Foxtel with request for removal.

4. Locations of tags to be reported to Police Area Command.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM FEBRUARY MINUTES**

- Non functioning light globes at King Street now fixed.
- 296 Birrell Street – Council following up re rubbish dumping.
- Faded pedestrian lines Corner Birrell and Murray Streets – Council following up.
- Wellington Street Bondi Road intersection – already discussed under guest speaker item above.

### **INVITATIONS**

History and the Law - Talk by Michael Kirby – Waverley Historical Society – at Club Bondi Junction Auditorium, Gray Street 6.30 for 7pm on 2 May.

Waverley Council Workshop, 6 May - Changing Demographic Profile.

Community Safety Committee Meeting 27 March

The meeting was advised that Council is republishing the 2011 Directory of Services for Older People.

### **REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Bill Mouroukas reported as follows:

- Karate school advertisements on electricity poles on Bronte Road and Birrell Street – Council should be alerted if advertisements seen;
- Councillors Kay and Mouroukas arranged restoration of lighting on Cenotaph;
- Dead spots on nature strip on north side of Birrell Street – Lack of turf on bare areas will be rectified;
- Minister's Award for Women in Local Government – Elected Representative – Sally Betts on 6 March;
- Report of privet being removed from noxious weeds list is not true: it is listed as Class 4 Noxious Weed.
- Waverley Council Surfers' Code – Sign has been designed and to be installed;
- E-Waste Day – Sunday 26 May at Syd Einfeld Drive Carpark, corner Grafton and Grosvenor Streets (entry from Grosvenor).

Ms Upton left the meeting at this point. Further recognition of the presentation and thanks for providing the presentation was given.

## **TRAFFIC REPORT**

Keith Bryers reported as follows:

### **Main Issues:**

The main issues are Wellington Street/ Bondi Road intersection, Old South Head Road/Flood Street intersection and buses on Bondi Road.

### **Issue: Ausgrid remedial works**

Ausgrid should have advised Council of its program for the work. The majority of the asphalt conservation works has completed, e.g. Park Parade, Birrell Street.

### **Issue: Parking meters at Bronte**

Council is looking at idea of installing parking meters at Bronte. A public forum was held from 9am to midday on Saturday 30 March.

Tony Kay advised that 4 options were put forward:

1. retain barriers – existing situation
2. retain barriers - unmanned
3. parking meters – time restriction 4 hours
4. Parking meters – unlimited time.

When a report is prepared for Council, there will be a further opportunity for community comment.

## **DA REPORT**

On behalf of Bob Williamson, the meeting was advised by the Convenor that there was only one matter significant enough to be brought to the Precinct's attention:

### **Issue: 4 Bon Accord Avenue**

Objections have been received.  
Report yet to be completed.

## **PROPOSED DA FOR WAVERLEY COLLEGE**

Mark Glendenning of Glendenning Szoboszlay Architects presented the proposed scheme, which involves the upgrading of the Arts, Conlon, Link, TAS, Gym and Pool buildings between Birrell and Salisbury Streets, Waverley. The DA is expected to be lodged with Council in May. Similar presentations are to be made to other affected Precincts.

The meeting was advised that the works will not involve any increase of staff or student or numbers. There are currently 1300 students at the main campus and 290 in the lower school.

Works will be undertaken over a number of years, starting with the Pool building then the Gym and TAS, in late 2013 and early 2014. Work in the interior of the Art building will follow.

Following queries regarding parking problems in the area, Mark Glendenning advised that the educational needs of students take priority. Parking is only addressed in a small way at this stage.

Contact details and drawings of the proposals were given to the Convenor for reference.

#### **ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY MINUTES:**

Motion that the minutes of the previous meeting be received –  
Moved: Eva Vargas                      Seconded: Lynda Hall  
Motion carried.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Election of 2013 Precinct Committee

Bill Mouroukas took the Chair.  
He declared all positions vacant, and advised that only residents in the Penkivil Precinct are eligible to vote.

He expressed thank to all the outgoing executive members for their input.

The new Precinct Committee members are:

##### **Convenor**

Nominated: Mary Doyle  
Declared Convenor

##### **Secretary**

Nominated: James Szczepanski  
Declared Secretary

##### **DA Representative**

Nominated: Bob Williamson  
Declared DA Representative

##### **Traffic Representative**

Nominated: Keith Bryars

Declared Traffic Representative

**Assistant Member to Precinct Committee**

Nominated: Susie Hoppe

Declared Assistant Member

Motion put that the nomination be accepted.

Moved: Bruce Morrow

Seconded: Eva Vargas

Motion carried

Bruce Morrow then thanked all who had assisted him during his time as Convenor and congratulated the new Precinct Committee on their election.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION OF FORSHADOWED MOTIONS**

**Issue: Withholding Bond Money prior to removal goods dumped on streets by exiting tenants.**

Foreshadowed by Lynda Hall.

Tony Kay proposed that council officers be asked to respond.

This Precinct Committee asks Council to investigate whether the suggestion for real estate agents to be able to withhold bond for a delayed period of 24 hours after tenants leave to enable the removal of refuse and old furniture from tenants.

**DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT FORESHADOWED**

**Issue: Transition Bondi**

Lance Lieber reported on the achievements of Transition Bondi in the last 4 years. The Waverley Park Communal Garden has been established. There is a weekly dinner and talk at the Chapel by the Sea. Community gardens have been established around the area.

A recent grant from Waverley Council has enabled a series of 12 workshops to be held. Transition Bondi Leaflets giving details of these talks and events were handed out. All are welcome to attend the meetings and activities.

**Issue: Waverley Park Sub Committee**

Eva Vargas, Julia Vargas and Susie Hoppe are the members of the Sub Committee.

Motion: The Precinct Committee requests Council to provide an update on progress and works to Waverley Park.

Moved: Eva Vargas                      Seconded: Lynda Hall  
Motion carried.

**Issues: Trees outside units and lifts at Westfield**

Richard Lewis raised 2 matters for further consideration:

- Objection to 2 trees planted outside units at 49 Bennett Street.
- Control over operation of Westfield lifts.

**FORESHADOWED MOTION FOR NEST MEETING**

The following matters were foreshadowed to the next meeting.

**Issue: Birds in Restaurants**

Eva Varga raised concern.

**TRAFFIC/PARKING ISSUE REPORTS**

**Report by Syd Young lodged.**

To be forwarded to Community Consultation Co-ordinator.

Location of matter of concern is the intersection Ocean Street South and Bondi Road Traffic Lights.

Cars parking to 10 am preventing cars proceeding through the intersection.

**Meeting Closed** at 9.50 pm

**Next Meeting:** 7.30pm, Monday 8 June 2013

**REQUEST**

If you have a matter for which you propose the Precinct consider a motion, and that motion is at all complex, would you please write the motion down before the meeting and hand it to the Convenor. This helps people clearly understand your motion when it is put and helps the Secretary to report the motion in your words in the Minutes.

## Summary of Motion and Resolutions

Motion Number	Motion	Proposers	Resolution	Action
1	Apologies be accepted	Moved: Eva Vargas Seconded: Ruben Solomon	Carried	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting be received and adopted.	Moved: Eva Vargas Seconded: Lynda Hall	Carried	
3	Election of new Precinct Executive	Refer to Minutes	Refer to Minutes	
4	Position of Assistant Member be created on the Executive	Moved: Bruce Morrow Seconded: Eva Vargas	Carried	
5	Council to provide and update on the progress of works on Waverley Park.	Moved: Eva Vargas Seconded: Lynda Hall	Carried	Councillors to report back to Precinct.

## Summary of Service Desk Requests

Motion Number	Motion	Proposers	Action
1	Eva Vargas reported that she has contacted Ausgrid numerous times to replace a street light globe that no longer works.	Eva Vargas	Further action by Eva Vargas has resulted in the matter being resolved.
2	Lynda Hall reported that the pedestrian lines have faded into near obscurity on the corner of Birrell and Murray Sts.	Lynda Hall	Request 193247 Closed. Assigned to: Traffic Engineer Customer: Precinct, Penkivil Description: At the Precinct meeting Lynda Hall advised that the lines on the pedestrian crossing at the corner of Birrell and Murray streets have faded to near obscurity.
3	Lynda Hall reported repeat offenders dumping rubbish outside the dwelling of 296 Birrell St.	Lynda Hall	Request 193248 Closed. Assigned to: Public Places Cleansing Supervisor Customer: Precinct, Penkivil Description: At Precinct meeting Lynda Hall advised that repeat offenders have dumped rubbish outside of 296 Birrell Street.

4	Request 174703 Closed. Assigned to: Tree Management Officer Customer: Precinct, Penkivil		Description: A block of residential home units at 54-64 Bondi Road has a considerable number of trees in the front garden area. The recent strong winds have damaged at least one branch which appears to be hanging by a thin strip of bark. This branch is obscuring the No Right Turn sign at the North Western corner of Bondi Road and Paul Street intersection. Could Council please dispatch a tree officer to inspect and take any appropriate action. Please also note there is at least one dead tree in on the same property which leans into the public airspace near the bus shelter. Council officer is requested to assess any potential risk to the public of this dead tree falling. Lodged by Convenor over the Internet
5	Request 174701 Closed. Assigned to: Construction Supervisor Customer: Precinct, Penkivil		Description: A small area of (footpath) pavers directly adjacent to 180 Bondi Road have sunk and require resetting. Lodged by Convenor.

**No Service Desk request open at the time the Minutes prepared.**