

**MINUTES OF BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING (COMBINED BONDI BEACH & BONDI PRECINCTS MEETING)  
9 FEBRUARY 2015: 7:00PM TO 9:00PM: OCEAN ROOM BONDI PAVILION**

Chairperson: Lenore Kulakauskas (with Gabi Tobias as Chair for Bondi Precinct)  
Mayor and all Bondi Ward Councillors attended

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

**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:** Anthony Marich.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

An amendment was made to the minutes and endorsed by a majority of residents.

The amendment refers to Item 6 Polo Match and 3 further questions were added to accurately reflect the discussion which ensued. As well as the question as to how it was intended to remove the manure from the sand, the following questions were also raised at the meeting:

- I. How has potential damage to the beach been assessed?*
- II. What is the actual payment to Council for this event?*
- III. How has the safety of the horses been assessed particularly as they will be playing on soft sand?*

Amended Minutes accepted

Proposed: Marilyn Tanner

Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas

Voting: Unanimous

**3. Business arising**

Discussion arose about Motion 2 below in the Response Report:

*A Traffic Management Plan, with input from Police, STA and RMS will be developed and submitted for approval by the Traffic Committee to mitigate the potential impact of Festival of the Winds on Bondi traffic in 2015*

and whether Council should prepare Traffic Management Plans for ALL events.

**QUESTION TO MAYOR AND RESPONSE:**

**Q: What are the procedures for obtaining Traffic Management Plans.**

**R: Mayor will send criteria for traffic management plan to Lenore from Lorna Bussell. LK will post to Bondi Beach Precinct Facebook page and also email out.**

**4. Speaker: local Remo Guiffre (of RemoGeneralStore fame) speaking about his new book.**

Thanks were given to Remo for this entertaining talk. Copies of his book can be purchased at Gertrude & Alice.

**5. Christmas/NYE 2014/5 discussion**

Input from residents summarised below

- Advice received that events are approved by the council event manager, large events then go to Councilor's to vote on.
- Coogee NYE event is a community event and well perceived
- Mayor spoke about cost of one day function compared to whole community (security, cleaning etc. many dept.'s involved)
- Those present preferred an event that could satisfy the Waverley community
- Suggestion to lobby State Govt for funds to maintain beach.
- Cr Wakefield spoke about previous events and their merits of disadvantages
- Mayor stated Police had closed the Beach Road Hotel and the Bucket List on NYE and stopped youths at Bondi Junction from coming to the beach.

Overall there was a positive response to this Christmas New Year 2014/5 with no events and no fencing.

**6. Bondi Beach Polo Match update**

- Report by LK on meeting with Cathy Henderson that the event will not be going ahead until 2016 and then only if it complies with strict regulations.
- Article from *Wentworth Courier* displayed – see *Appendix A*
- GT, a vet, spoke about the safety of the horses and how the sand at Bondi Beach was entirely unsuitable for horses playing polo.
- Cn Wy Kanack gave an explanation about how Council's decision was reached. He congratulated the Precinct for getting involved.

Discussion ensued about the suitability of events for Bondi Beach and on environmentally sustainable grounds the following motion was put. It was also noted that the Haviana event seems to contradict Waverley Council's commitment to the environment.

**MOTION 1:**

**That Bondi Beach Precinct and Bondi Precincts censure the Haviana event that is currently held on Australia Day at Bondi Beach for its massively polluting effect and ask that Council not allow this event to go forward in future years. In the event that this is to continue to be held that Council justify this.**

**Moved: Gabi Tobias**

**Seconded: Mr Kitcher**

**Voting: 4 against**

## **7. Amalgamation update**

The Mayor reported on the various combinations and advised she was opposed to any amalgamation.

Residents will be asked their opinions in the coming months both on line and by hard copy.

## **8. 34' South – footpath seating update**

Most relevant sections are:

### **SEATING:**

Is reduced to accommodate an overall total of 12 seats and three tables, occupying an area of 1.2m x 6m (area of 7m<sup>2</sup>), with seating per table a maximum of four seats per table.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION– OUTDOOR AREA**

- (a) The hours of operation for the outdoor area of the premises is restricted to:  
Monday to Sunday: 9.00am to 9.00pm
- (b) The sale and/or supply of liquor to patrons of the outdoor seating area must cease 15 minutes prior to 9pm, each day (ie 8.45pm).
- (c) All footpath seating furniture is to be removed from the outside footpath by 9.30pm, each day.

### **NO ENTERTAINMENT**

No sound reproduction device nor any form of entertainment is to be operated within the footway lease area.

## **9. Hall St – visioning exercise update**

This is a work in progress- the Hall St Visioning Committee appointed at the November meeting will be meeting with Peter Monks shortly to discuss the results of the workshop and will advise the results at the next joint meeting between Bondi and Bondi Beach Precincts.

## **10. Wellington St Rezone update**

GT reported a decision is expected at the end of month by the NSW State Gove Planning Department.

## **11. DA reports – Bondi & Bondi Beach**

- Jacques Ave next door to the PO – the additional unit at the back previously rejected in the original DA was again rejected.
- Hall St ( Ravesis) – DA-417/2014 for a 6 storey mixed use building at 10-14 Hall St was refused by the NSW Govt Joint Regional Planning Panel. On Thurs 29 Jan 2014.
- Information from NAAPA ( the NSW/ACT Alcohol Policy Alliance of which Bondi Beach Precinct is a member was handed out.

## **12. General Business**

## **NIBLICK ST PARK**

A representative from Rose Bay Precinct advised the meeting about Niblick St Park owned by Sydney Water who wish to develop it. She asked for support from BBP & BP Precincts to oppose this, particularly as it is contaminated with asbestos and lead and will lead to the loss of more open space in Waverley. There is also immediate concern that several trees are to be removed immediately. It is possible that Waverley Council could purchase this land.

See <https://www.facebook.com/NiblickStPark>

## **BEACH RD HOTEL**

### **MAMASAM RESTAURANT**

Hand outs were given to residents concerning the conditions attached to these venues. See *Appendix B*

### **MOTION 2:**

**That the Mayor and the Bondi Ward Councillors are invited to attend the Beach Rd Hotel to observe how bad things have become from 11.30 on a Friday or Saturday night. Michael Ross a local resident will arrange to meet them there.**

**Moved: Michael Ross**

**Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas**

**Voting: 1 against.**

### **MOTION 3:**

**That Council review how parking regulations are enforced at late hours in the vicinity of the Beach Rd Hotel.**

**Moved: Grant**

**Seconded: Alex Unsworth**

**Voting: Unanimous**

## **PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN**

Advice was given about Waverley Council's Public Art Master Plan and the places suggested for public art in the Bondi Beach Precinct advised. See *Appendix C*. The suggestions are are

- Gould /Roscoe
- Cox /Hall
- Bondi Park/Ben Buckler

### **MOTION:**

**That Bondi Beach Precinct is in agreement with the Public Art Master Plan's proposed sites in Bondi Beach Precinct. The attached 5 pages of information (see Appendix C) were received and noted and will be forwarded to the relevant officers at Waverley Council in support of the re-installation of the Mermaids at Ben Buckler.**

**Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas**

**Seconded: Richard Davis**

**Voting: Unanimous**

There were no traffic and parking issues.

### **LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Gabi Tobias was congratulated on being named *Local Woman of the Year* by Vacluse State Parliament Representative Gabrielle Upton. She will attend a Morning Tea with the current Premier at Parliament House.

Meeting closed 9:20pm

Mary Tanner

Lenore Kulakauskas

Bondi Beach Precinct Committee

12 February 2015

### **APPENDIX A**

#### **AUSTRALIAN BEACH POLO ASSOCIATION QUESTIONS ABILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL POLO MATCH TO BE PLAYED ON BONDI BEACH**

SHAE MCDONALD

WENTWORTH COURIER

DECEMBER 10, 2014 4:51PM

Polo on Bondi beach has been given green light from council

Concerns exist for safety of horses due to Bondi's soft sand

Bondi's capacity to cope with another major event also questioned

AN international polo match is on its way to Bondi Beach, but the head of the Australian Beach Polo Association has questioned the suitability of the location.

Director Janek Gazecki has reservations about holding a match at the renowned beach.

"The sand is so deep that the horses would be quite slow on it, but it's also dangerous," he said.

"There would have to be a massive ball to not get stuck in the rut.

"You would have to use a beach ball and then the spectacle of the sport deteriorates."

Residents are also worried about Bondi's capacity to handle another large-scale event, because of the pressure it puts on traffic and the increase in anti-social behaviour.

Waverley Council has given Chukka 8 conditional approval to hold a one-day event on May 9.

Australia, England, America and Argentina are expected to play at South Bondi in front of 4000 people.

Bondi Beach Precinct convener Lenore Kulakauskas said the welfare of the beach and nearby residents should come first.

"One of the main concerns is manure on the sand," she said.

"Maybe on a hard-packed beach it would be easier to clean up.

"But this is just disgusting. It will be there for ages and then it will wash into the ocean."

Mr Gazecki said Bondi was too steep and the tide did not go out far enough to expose the hard sand.

"You would have to water it extensively and put rollers over it to make it very compact," he said.

Even then, the director said it might not hold for the duration of a game.

Mr Gazecki said he investigated holding an event at Bondi about 10 years ago, but decided it wasn't suitable.

Mr Gazecki said he was "astounded" to hear another company had decided the eastern suburbs beach was a viable location.

“We are in support of any beach polo tournament that can be played in Australia but we haven’t heard of this company, we haven’t heard what their track record is,” he said.

“Planning to stage an event at Bondi poses significant, practical challenges and so we would be interested to see how those challenges are being addressed.”

Council documents obtained by the Courier state Wayne Boyce is the director of Chukka 8.

“Wayne has extensive experience in organising sporting events and is an active member of the polo community,” the documents read.

It also states the organiser hopes to make the polo match an annual event if it “was well-received and successful”.

Mr Boyce did not respond to the Courier’s enquiry.

Chukka 8 must submit a final event management plan to the council at least four weeks before the proposed match.

The event will only go ahead if the council is satisfied its plans meet all requirements.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/city-east/australian-beach-polo-association-questions-ability-for-international-polo-match-to-be-played-on-bondi-beach/story-fngr8h22-1227151529780>