

**MINUTES OF COMBINED BONDI BEACH & BONDI PRECINCTS MEETING
15 JUNE 2015: 7:00PM TO 9:00PM: OCEAN ROOM BONDI PAVILION**

Chairpersons: Lenore Kulakauskas & Gabi Tobias

Cr John Wakefield attended

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: Cr Clayton, Cr Betts, Michael Rose

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted

Proposed: Marilyn Tanner

Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas

3. Business arising

Waverley Council Response Report to April motions and presented to the June Bondi Beach Precinct meeting 2015		
Date	Motion	Response
13 April 2015	Motion 1: That Bondi Beach Precinct expresses serious concern about the damage to the reputation of Waverley Council through the conduct of the Mayor, Sally Betts, in publicly supporting convicted rapist Luke Lazarus, and about her refusal to acknowledge that this action was wrong. The Precinct asks that Mayor Betts be stood down from her position immediately.	The Precinct Convenor forwarded this motion directly to the General Manager, Waverley Council.
	MOTION 2: That the size of events in the Pavilion forecourt be reduced and the space allocated to pedestrians be increased for safety reasons.	Motion was forwarded to the Manager, External Events who has noted the issues raised in the Motion for future reference.
	Motion 3: Bondi Beach Precinct supports the principle of reclaiming space for the public, but questions the choice of location of the pop-up Complete Streets seating arrangement in the high density area of Hall St	Motion was forwarded to the Executive Manager, Shaping Waverley. The Parklet is a temporary structure scheduled to be moved from Hall Street at the end of July. At this time the City of Sydney will be taking the Parklet to trial in various locations in Glebe.

	<p>and wishes to have it removed.</p>	<p>The Parklet is an initiative of Waverley Council whose purpose is to enliven and activate the street and to encourage people to consider the public domain as a recreation space and a place for people to sit, talk, meet and enjoy. While most of our initiatives to date have involved concentrating on Bondi Junction, including art installations near the BJ RSL Club, Boot Factory hoarding and urban lounges in Spring St, we will also be considering similar interventions elsewhere in Waverley in the near future.</p> <p>A survey of local retail businesses was also undertaken after the installation of the Bondi Parklet in Hall St. The purpose of the survey was to identify if there was an effect on retail sales. The survey was voluntary.</p> <p>Some 14% of respondents wanted the Parklet removed, while 86% believed the Parklet has had a positive effect on their businesses and would prefer it to stay. The overwhelming response to the Parklet in Hall St has been positive according to the available evidence.</p> <p>A Briefing Note regarding the Pop Up Program is attached for distribution, however, if you would like any more information regarding the Parklet or other installations involved in the Pop Up Program, the Executive Manager is happy to discuss these.</p>
	<p>Motion 4: That Council remove the brick structure surrounding the tree, but leave the tree for better pedestrian access and safety.</p>	<p>The request was forwarded to the Tree Supervisor and a full reply will be forwarded to the Precinct.</p>

4. Speaker: Daniel and his authentic Russian smoked salmon

Daniel was not present

5. Ratification: Submission DA-142/2015 & Submission on Economic Development Strategy

DA-142/2015 BONDY PARK - BONDY PAVILION, QUEEN ELIZABETH DRIVE, BONDY BEACH NSW 2026 Bondy Winter Magic event and temporary ice skating rink on Bondy Pavilion forecourt for 1 month (plus bump in/out) to occur annually (for 5 years) during Winter season (see submission DA-142/2015 attached)

The submission was ratified and it was agreed that further action would be taken with regard to the unsatisfactory replies received about this event (see copy of replies attached). Particularly:

Why are we, the rate payers, paying for the outlined costs vs the JV partner who is running a commercial operation ie making profits.

It was also agreed that positioning the generators at the main entrance to the Pavilion with an A4 sign showing the way to the toilets is ridiculous.

SUBMISSION FROM BONDI BEACH PRECINCT ON THE DRAFT WAVERLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (DWEDS) 2015 – 2020

This submission was ratified and it was agreed that there should have been reference to community involvement in any economic development discussions. (see submission on Economic Development Strategy attached)

6. Meter free beach winter parking

Free beach parking for winter from 7pm

Rate has lowered to \$4 an hour Monday to Sunday 8am-7pm

7. Footpath seating proposals Campbell Pde

At a recent council meeting, approval was given after a mayoral minute was put, for Council to allow implementation of a pilot project giving control of the footpath area in Campbell Pde to Pacific Bondi, under a deed of management for for a 3 yr period (trial). (see Motion/Decision attached).

The Precinct Executive have been invited to go to a meeting on Thurs 18 June with George Bramis (Executive Manager, Shaping Waverley) and Sam George (Urban Designer) to

- Find out more detail about the Campbell Parade Design Review;
- See the design for the Pilot Project;
- Provide input/ ideas/ issues with regards to the footpath space to help our review;
- Ask questions.

The following question are to be taken to this meeting:

Is a 3 year period a trial?

As Pacific Bondi will lease the entire section of footpath - then sub-lease parts to businesses that go into ground floor retail spaces, and collect the rent from them, rather than the council owning the lease etc. what are the impacts of this with regard to council control over the footpath activities etc. Also will this set a precedent for other businesses to do the same?

What consideration has been given to the obvious safety issues associated with installing a glass balustrade 50m long along the front of the block and dog-legging around the sides? What are the implications for the opening of car doors and pedestrian traffic form parked cars?

As underground electrical wiring and re-paving the area out the front have been requested - who will bear this cost?

Has council spoken to NSW Police regarding safety / criminal activity?

As the wave like overhang is very expensive how affordable is this for other operators, if the project is extended, particularly given the high rents in Campbell Pde?

8. Removal of Pergola in Bondi Park

Lenore sent an email of concern about the removal as it was described as being replaced due to its dilapidated timber and that it would open up views to the Pavilion. The second reason is ridiculous - in no way does it restrict views of the Pavilion. However it does restrict views of the screen put up each year by Ben & Jerry's Open Air Cinema and the operator of this event told LK some years ago that he was going to get Council to remove it! This is hardly a reason to remove public property! The first reason shows a distinct lack of attention to maintenance of Council assets - something the Precinct has been saying for years needs to be addressed.

Finally - as it's definitely going to 'be part of the Pavilion' a stay of execution of the Pergola was finally called (see document showing an email trail about the removal of the Pergola attached).

MOTION 1:

Bondi Beach Precinct agrees with deferring removal of the pergola until the development of the Pavilion is looked at and requests that a representative from the Precinct be included in further discussions about the pergola.

Proposed: Ray Johnson

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Voting Unanimous

9. HALL ST - visioning exercise update

Sub-committee met with Peter Monks and George Bramis- a joint presentation to a future councillor workshop is underway.

10. 2020 vision - do we want to join?

2020 vision - 20% more green space by 2020 and 20 ways to do it. This is a national initiative - a partnership b/t govt and private sectors. There are 271 organisations in the network. <http://2020vision.com.au/>

The way to present this to Council will be addressed at the next meeting.

Example Road reserves - O'Brien and Glenayr.

11. Beach Rd Hotel: interaction with residents

In keeping with past practice, management from the Beach Rd Hotel will attend the Bondi Beach Precinct meetings. It was determined that the management would make themselves available after these meetings to meet with residents and discuss any issues that may have arisen.

12. DA reports - Bondi Beach

Le Paris Go café DA is OK
26 Hall st - WBC upgrade to façade - bank will use their colours
Swiss grande L5 - change of glazed façade on one of apt's - OK
67a Roscoe St - demo and 9 new apt's going up. Taking away some of green-scaping? To be looked at...
128 Campbell pde - Souvenir plus - aesthetics?
Swiss Grande proposing 24 hr renovations - objection has been lodged. This would be the first time this has been allowed in Bondi.

The rest are not precinct concerns...
126 Warners Ave - 4 level resi flats. Shadows etc.
91-93 Glenayr - apt with shops underneath. 6/5 - demo and 3 level housing construction with retail.
16 Hall st
6 Edward st - 4/5 story building, next to a 2 story building - cul de sac end. With basement carparking.

13. Traffic & Safety reports

MOTION 3: Council via the Traffic & Safety Committee is asked to give consideration to improving pedestrian safety at the intersection at Murriverie Rd and Hardy St.

Proposer - Rick Harasty
Secunder - Marilyn Tanner
Voting unanimous

Note: Rick is a resident in the Bondi Beach Precinct however his children attend school near this dangerous intersection.

Cr Wakefield also asked Rick to contact him about this matter.

14. AGM: election of Bondi Precinct Executive Committee

In the absence of enough resident representatives who could vote to nominate for the Precinct Executive Committee of Bondi Precinct, it was agreed at the concurrence of the meeting by attendees who could vote, that nominations and votes would be taken from the two businesses in that precinct present at the meeting.

Nomination for Gabrielle Tobais as Convenor of Bondi Precinct
Proposed: Ben Pearce
Seconded: Adam Hunt
Voting: Unanimous

15. General Business

Amalgamation of Randwick and Waverley Councils.

A lengthy discussion was had about the proposed amalgamation.

MOTION 2: Before any decision about amalgamation is made by council, a referendum should be held.

Proposed - Gloria Niccol

Seconded - Paul Paech
Voting unanimous

Referencing articles in the Wentworth Courier three items were suggested to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting:

- Continuing development in Bondi Junction and at Bondi Beach even though the Mayor stated that Waverley was now full.
- The Deputy Mayor is calling for a council report about alcohol problems in the park. What does this mean - address at next meeting.
- Are the rangers doing their jobs effectively - rubbish, parties, milk/bread crates left on the street? Why? Council's responsibility - address at next meeting.

An update is needed on the new parking system on promenade which cost \$500k to upgrade.

MOTION 4: An update is requested from Council as to what they have gleaned from stats collected on the new parking system on Queen Elizabeth Drive and whether or not the revenue from parking has increased or decreased from the previous parking arrangements.

Proposed - Gabi Tobias
Seconded - Lenore Kulakauskas
Voting unanimous

Carla and Mark, family members who have run the IntraThai Restaurant for the last 32 years told a sad story about why they have closed due to irreconcilable family differences. They would like to give the contents of the restaurant to charity and asked the Precinct to recommend one. We advised Bondi Beach Cottage and will contact them by email with more details.

Meeting closed: 9:40pm

Lenore Kulakauskas
Convenor
Richard MacPhillamy
Secretary Bondi Beach Precinct
15 June 2015