

Bronte precinct Meeting
Monday 17 November 2015
Bronte Public School

Meeting opened at 7PM, Attendance: 12 persons

Welcome & Apologies: Cr. Ingrid Strewe, Cr. Tony Kay

Minutes from August Meeting accepted by Liz Dickson, seconded: Max Setz

Matters arising: Waverley Council Response Report attached.

Agenda

1. Sculpture by the Sea—good or bad for residents

Varying opinions as to the benefits and problems associated with this event, provision of one way traffic in some streets worked well and should continue.

What is the cost to residents to stage this event? Question asked over many years but we have never been able to get an answer.

Signs and banners used to promote SxS should be removed immediately after the event.

Background: On 9 November, the temporary one way signs associated with the Sculpture by the Sea road closures and one way streets were removed but the poles they were attached to still remain.

Motion Bronte Precinct request that the signless poles be removed from

- Thompson street outside no. 17
- Corner of Thompson Street and Wolaroi Cresc.
- Ashley St. near the Australia Post letterbox.
- Two poles at the corner of Mirimar Ave and Hewlett St.

Moved: Grant Beard--- Seconded: Peter Rogers

2: Any topic you wish to discuss relating to our area

- a. Garbage bins left out in back lanes, Bins are supposed to be kept on residents premises but this is not enforced by Council. Our back lanes are very messy and the bins also obstruct traffic moving along them. More action should be taken by Council to enforce this rule.
- b. Bayview St and Hewlett St : roof leaking ,follow up as to who is responsible for this shed,
- c. Bronte Beach clock has been out of action for approx. 4 months,
- d. Tamarama beach area is still experiencing anti-social behaviour e.g. Drinking and loud music
- e. Nature strip parking: Four houses in Alfred Street Bronte (24, 26, 28, and 30) have driveways leading up to their houses but no car ports, Cr. Mouroukas to follow up.
- f. Pensioner Rebates

Background: Some 12 years ago (in the year 2003/2004) with a State Government rebate of \$250, the rebate amounted to approx. 25%of the rates account.

This rebate stood until 2010/11 by which time it amounted to just approx... 18.5% of the rates account. It was said that in 2011/2012 Council itself contributed an extra \$50, making a total rebate of \$300, which at that time amounted to approx. 20% of the rates account.

In the year 2014/15, given the considerable increase in rates over recent years the rebate of \$300 now amounts to approx. 11% of the rates account.

Pensioners for the first time in their lives are faced with unavoidable late payment of their rates, which is a situation Council is no doubt aware of and should consider restoring parity with increased rate charges.

Motion: Bronte Precinct requests that with Council's increased rates income of recent years it restores pensioner Rebate to the original 25% of more than 10 years ago Proposed: Eileen Pena Seconded: Liz Dickson

F. Carrington street lights, Waverley college excursion buses are parking to close to traffic lights in Birrell St and hindering the flow of traffic. A letter to be written to College to ask the m to park further away from lights.

3. Development application Report: Max Setz

20 Murray Street Bronte-- DA Report

BOARDING HOUSE at 20 Murray Street Bronte NSW 2024 - 21 Studio Apartments DA 416/2015

Governing Body. As a boarding house the council only has the authority to provide a recommendation as it will be determined by the State Government.

Current status:

1. 41 Properties notified
2. 15 submissions.
3. Allocated an Assessment Officer - Emily Dickson
4. under Assessment

Other Comments

1. Size of the building - it breaks council's policies of Floor space ration (FSR) and height and general volume.
2. Local amenity - 21 additional residents and no additional parking provided. Regardless of the target market of international students they will allow anyone to rent providing the lease is for more than 3 months. This will attract Australian students going to UNSW, UTS and Sydney - some will have cars which will put pressure on Murray st and then flow to Dickson St and then to Palmerston Ave.
3. Noise pollution - with 21 residents and up to 42 possible residents (in theory as each studio unit can fit a double/queen bed) this block will be noisy. There are balconies on all 4

sides (North, South, and East & West) with a small communal room on the ground floor South West Corner.

4. The site is zoned R2

Background: Bronte Precinct opposes the development at 20 Murray Street (DA 416/2015)

The proposed boarding house exceeds the permitted floor space ratio by more than 100% and the permitted maximum height by almost 50%.

The proposal is not an appropriate development for this location on the relatively small sized block of land.

Motion: Bronte Precinct request Council bring to the attention of WDAP its position on the DA 416/2015.

The WDAP should also take into account the new parking ratio of amended DCP.

Proposed; Kelly West Seconded: Rita Sherwood

4. Traffic report.—Grant Beard

4a .the volume of traffic westbound in Birrell Street between Alfred Street and Carrington Road during the morning peak period is causing serious delays.

It is quite common for the traffic to be banked up as far east as Alfred Street between about 7.45 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., and an almost daily occurrence for the banking to extend to Dickson Street.

The **main cause is the sequencing of traffic lights at the intersection of Birrell Street and Carrington Road/Council Street**, which favours Carrington Road/Council Street. The problem is exacerbated by several other factors:

- The lights at the pedestrian crossing in Birrell Street at Waverley College—there is no synchronization of this crossing with the lights at Carrington Road, so that a green light at Carrington Road favouring Birrell Street is often negated by a red light at the pedestrian crossing.
- To a lesser extent the pedestrian crossing (no lights) in Birrell Street at Henrietta Street can stop traffic at the same time as the other two lights in Birrell Street are green.
- Parking along the southern kerb of Birrell Street between Henrietta Street and Carrington Road effectively reduces traffic to one lane, notwithstanding that there are some No Stopping zones near Carrington Road.
- Even if no cars were parked in this location (which is never the case), the cement barrier at the south-west corner of Henrietta and Birrell Streets forces all westbound traffic in Birrell Street into a one-lane bottleneck at this point, including the 360 and 361 buses, which must use the kerbside lane in order to access the bus-stop outside Waverley Bowling Club. This barrier was constructed to assist cyclists turning from Henrietta Street into Birrell Street, but could equally well be moved back a few metres so that cyclists dismount just before the Henrietta Street corner.
- Cars (both eastbound and westbound) turning into the Waverley College driveway.
- On occasions when Waverley College books private buses for a school excursion, these buses (often 3 or 4) park along the southern kerb of Birrell Street, sometimes arriving as early as 8.00 a.m. for a 9.30 a.m. departure. This can reduce Birrell Street to one lane as

far east as Langlee Avenue. These buses have also been noted at times parking in the bus-stop outside Waverley College.

Recommendations from Bronte Precinct

1. The single most effective improvement is to adjust the timing of the Traffic lights at the intersection of Birrell Street and Carrington Road/Council Street.
2. The cement barrier at the corner of Henrietta and Birrell Streets should be removed (or placed entirely in Henrietta Street) and No Stopping signs (7.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.) be installed along the southern kerb of Birrell Street all the way from Henrietta Street to Carrington Road.
3. Inquiries should be made about whether any synchronization can be effected between the lights at the pedestrian crossing and those at Carrington Road/Council Street. (Probably not possible since a pedestrian crossing is essentially 'on demand'.)
4. The Waverley College be asked to ensure that buses hired for excursions not park in Birrell Street or any other neighbouring street where they will delay traffic.

Letter to be written to Waverley College.

4b: Read Lane -to be made one way what is the time line, Cr Mouroukas to follow up.

Meeting concluded at 9.10

With thanks to all who attended

