

**MINUTES OF BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING
10 AUGUST 2015: 7:30PM TO 9:30PM: OCEAN ROOM BONDI PAVILION**

Chairperson: Lenore Kulakauskas

Cr John Wakefield attended

Meeting opened 19:32

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: Councillor Joy Clayton, Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak, Mayor Sally Betts, Marilyn Tanner, Richard MacPhillamy

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Proposed: Richard Davis

Seconded: Brad Cole

Unanimous

3. Business arising

RESPONSE REPORT BONDI BEACH

Waverley Council Response Report presented to the August 2015 meeting		
Date	Motion	Response
15 June 2015	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.	Motion was forwarded to the Executive Manager Creating Waverley for noting.
	MOTION 2: Before any decision about amalgamation is made by Council, a referendum should be held.	Motion was forwarded to the Officer overseeing Council's submission to IPART on Amalgamation.
	MOTION 3: Council via the Traffic & Safety Committee is asked to give	Motion was forwarded to the Manager Transport and Development for consideration and reply.

<p>consideration to improving pedestrian safety at the intersection at Murriverie Rd and Hardy St.</p>	<p>The matter of improving pedestrian safety at the intersection of Murriverie Road /Hardy Street/ Mitchell Street was considered by the Waverley Traffic Committee at its meeting on 28 August, 2014.</p> <p>The officer's report to the Waverley Traffic Committee recommended there be an enlargement of the existing pedestrian refuge island on Murriverie Road to bring it in line with current RMS standards. The island was to be maintained but enlarged as the site did not meet the RMS warrant for a zebra crossing.</p> <p>The officers' report can be found in the August 2014 agenda of the Waverley Traffic Committee as follows: http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/72666/Traffic_Committee_Agenda - 28 August 2014.pdf</p> <p>The Waverley Traffic Committee recommended unanimously as follows: That this matter be deferred to allow for Sydney Buses to review the proposal. Council at its meeting on 16 September 2014 adopted the above recommendation. Sydney Buses has reviewed the proposal and has raised objections to the design of the enlarged island on bus, swept wheel path grounds.</p> <p>The matter therefore will require a further report to the Waverley Traffic Committee as a result of the objections received from Sydney Buses. A report to the Committee is on hold as advice has been received that the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is undertaking a review of bus stops in that general area.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Motion was forwarded to the Executive Manager Customer First for follow up. The information that has been requested is being collated and will be forwarded to the Precinct committee prior to the next scheduled Precinct meeting.</p>

Regarding Motion 3: The Chair to email the gentleman concerned.

Regarding Motion 4: To be discussed at next meeting.

Discussion ensued about the results of the Code of Conduct Complaint made by Bondi Beach Precinct about the behaviour of Cr Betts Mayor of Waverley. The Public Notice placed in the Wentworth Courier by the General Manager was read out as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Investigation into alleged misconduct by Councillor Betts, Mayor of Waverley Council

A number of Code of Conduct complaints were received by Council relating to a character reference provided by the Mayor in the sentencing hearing for Mr Lazarus. The complaints have been fully investigated by an external independent investigator and are now complete.

In each case, the investigator found the Mayor had not breached Council's Code of Conduct.

Given no breach of the Code has been found no sanctions are required and the matter is not required to be considered at a Council meeting. In accordance with Council's adopted procedures the matter is now closed.

As recommended by the investigator, we are currently seeking advice about whether Council is in a position to extend the Code of Conduct to cover activities that fall outside the functions of office, including the provision of character references.

Athanasios (Arthur) Kyron
General Manager, Waverley Council

MOTION 1:

Bondi Beach Precinct notes that, as recommended by the investigator into the alleged misconduct of Cr Betts, Mayor of Waverley, Council is seeking advice about whether Council is in a position to extend the Code of Conduct to cover activities that fall outside the functions of office, including the provision of character references. Bondi Beach Precinct, as a body who lodged a Code of Conduct complaint about the behaviour of Mayor Betts, supports the seeking of this advice and requests that such advice be sent to the Precinct for further discussion.

Proposer: Leigh Johns

Secunder: Richard Davis.

Unanimous

4. Feedback: Beach Rd Hotel

This item was deferred due to the absence of Beach Rd Hotel reps

Lenore welcomed Councillor John Wakefield 17:54

5. Feedback: footpath seating pilot project in Campbell Pde

Feedback from the meeting with George Brandis:

- Breaks in glass balustrade every 10 metres for pedestrian access
- Balustrade to be set back from kerb

- The 3 year period is a trial - it could have been for longer under Council regulations
- Police have been and are being consulted
- The unusual leasing arrangement is not intended to set a precedent for other businesses along Campbell Pde.

Other issues were discussed including:

- Deed of management arrangements
- Council will need to pay for surface and subsurface works - eg paving
- Regulations concerning alcohol - what are they, who will enforce the regulations.

Agreed: Precinct committee to continue to monitor relevant seating, restaurant and bar DA's as more information becomes available on the council website.

Councillor Wakefield will continue to provide further information to the precinct.

6. Impacts of continuing development on Bondi Beach

At the request of the Chair, Councillor Wakefield advised the meeting about some issues that could arise from the proposed development of a new civic centre at Bondi Junction.

The current location of the Council Chambers can only be used for community purposes, so any other use would have to meet this requirement. Construction of a new Civic centre at Bondi Junction would be very expensive, however it would be on real estate currently owned by Council. One such area of real estate is Officeworks, which currently provides an above average return on investment. Any major redevelopment in the area being looked at would affect the amenity of residents and impact on the park and child care centre adjacent to the site.

It was noted that the Mayor of Randwick recently passed a motion saying that in the event of amalgamation any combined civic centre would remain in Randwick.

MOTION 2:

Bondi Beach Precinct opposes any further action being undertaken on the civic centre at Bondi Junction until amalgamation has been determined and requests that the current position of this proposal be advised to the next meeting of the Precinct on 12 October 2015.

Proposer: Frederick Malouf

Seconder: Jane Cardno

Unanimous

Frederick Malouf gave feedback on the Waverley Business Forum: Business into the Future - with Local Government meeting. Issue of light rail and building a walkway to La Perouse was discussed. A possible advantage for developers was raised as an issue as there would only be one set of controls and one application. Precinct will watch further developments.

7. Alcohol in the Bondi parklands

This was raised at the last meeting and deferred. Deputy Mayor Tony Kay was contacted in this regard and advised that a Motion had been passed at Council (see **CM/8.2/15.04**

Combatting anti-social behaviour in and around Tamarama Park (A03/0094-04)

Amended Notice of Motion submitted by Cr Kay) - part of which follows:

3. Requests that a report be prepared in relation to anti-social behaviour across Waverley's beachside parks, Bondi Park, Tamarama Park, and Bronte Park, focusing on weekends during the warmer months of 2015/16, with the report to include:
 - a. Identification of the issues that need to be addressed and resolved.
 - b. Identification and assessment of further options to address antisocial behaviour, including signage, zero tolerance approach to alcohol consumption, any alternative approaches to enforcement, and family friendly activities.
 - c. Recommendations for community engagement and communications.
4. Requests that in preparation of the above report, consultation take place with the Community Safety Advisory Committee, relevant Police representatives, local residents who have made contact about this matter, and appropriate precinct committees.
5. Officers investigate options to address inappropriate camping in Waverley and provide advice to Council.
6. Investigates changes to legislation that would allow Council greater powers to prevent anti-social behaviour, and that SSROC and the local State Members be consulted and requested for their support.
7. Requests that the above report and advice be received in time for implementation as required in September 2015.
8. Officers prepare an urgent report for May Operations Committee indicating what actions are currently being taken to address the anti-social behaviour in Tamarama Park.
9. Requires The General Manager to table the issue of antisocial behaviour at the next Executive meeting to discuss what immediate operational initiatives are available.

When asked for comment Cr Wakefield suggested there was a need to increase resources for rangers to enforce alcohol restrictions or report issues to police.

The meeting agreed that Waverly Council sends mixed messages about alcohol at the beach as they support events at the beach which sell alcohol in the alcohol-free zones. Council has been advised about the Precinct view in this regard many times.

8. DA reports

The DA representative (Joanna Cole) reported two major items:

1. Redevelopment of properties at 2-4 Jacques Avenue. An objection to this is being prepared.
2. Jewish early learning centre in North Bondi. Potential traffic impact. Noted that the DA rep for North Bondi is working on this. Bondi Beach Precinct may consider contributing to a joint objection.

9. Traffic & Safety reports

Traffic representative (Brad Cole) reported that no traffic reports were received or issues raised with him by residents.

Lenore will be attending a Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting on Monday 17 August 2015 and suggested the following issues be raised:

- Safety issues at the Ice Rink
- Swiss Grand footpath seating:
If any bars or hotels are proposed for the portion of Campbell Pde in front of the Pacific Bondi, who will determine the conditions in relation to drinking in the footpath area, seeing as the Pacific Bondi has a special arrangement with Waverley Council whereby they have control the area, unlike all FPS areas which are controlled by Council.
- Ball games on the beach - not allowed but not enforced - after discussion it was decided there was not enough concern to raise this.
- Damaged playground equipment at the Bondi Beach playground and no timely maintenance
- Wednesday rubbish collection day. After emptying, garbage bins are often left obstructing the footpath. This is a safety issue for the disabled, people in wheelchairs and people with prams and small children.

Agreed: that the above issues will be raised with the safety committee.

10. General Business

- Museum at Bondi Beach

Richard Davis asked why there is no museum within the precinct. The Chair advised that the Friends of Bondi Beach Inc did a presentation to Council suggesting a museum be included in the redeveloped Bondi pavilion. The Pav plans will not be released until early 2016.

- BWS liquor license

BWS finally got an alcohol license by purchasing Nirvana Liquor

- New footpath in Bondi Park

Frederick Malouf advised the quality of the recently and partially installed main footpath is poor and asked whether this could be looked at. Cr Wakefield contacted Director Mark Wood about this and will advise.

- Proposed beach shelters

A discussion ensued about the proposed new beach shelters and questions asked. Cr Wakefield advised that plans are available. Timeframe for replacement is within a year. Frederick has a plan for location of the shelters and will email through.

MOTION 3:

Bondi Beach Precinct requests that regular and timely maintenance be undertaken with regard to the new beach shelters. They further request that a schedule of this maintenance be supplied to Precinct once the new shelters are built.

Proposer: Frederick Malouf

Secunder: Richard David

Unanimous

- New Year's Eve

Lenore advised council reps have said that any New Year's Eve event at Bondi Beach is unlikely this year.

- Planter box cnr Hall and Glen Ayr

Jane Cardno asked if follow-up with council could be taken on suggestion for removal of planter box around tree. See Motion 4 from the response report to the June meeting.

- Traffic flow at Hall, Glen Ayr and O'Brien

MOTION 4:

That council investigate options to improve traffic flow at the intersection at Glenayr and O'Brien and Hall streets and advises precinct of the outcome.

Proposer: Ron Moss

Secunder: Richard Davis

Unanimous

- Dog Beach

MOTION 5:

Residents of Bondi have highlighted the need for a dog beach in the Waverley council area. Bondi Beach Precinct requests that council consider designating Mackenzies as the best option and if this is a possibility, advise how this could be achieved.

Proposer: Jane Cardo

Secunder: Lenore Kulakauskas

Unanimous

- Rubbish

MOTION 6:

As a decline in the cleanliness of the commercial and residential areas of the Bondi Beach precinct including Hall Street has been noted, Bondi Beach Precinct requests that council put in place measures to improve the cleanliness of the area by replacing the mechanical street sweeping machine with human pavement sweepers, and increasing their number. It is believed that human street sweepers do a better job and will help with the early morning noise from the mechanical street sweeping machine which is having a deleterious effect on the amenity of the residents.

Proposer: Brad Cole

Secunder: Libby Ross

Unanimous

MOTION 7:

Bondi Beach Precinct requests council to introduce initiatives to eliminate or reduce cigarette butt litter in the Bondi Beach precinct.

Proposer Brad Cole
Seconded Jane Cardno.
Unanimous

MOTION 8:

Bondi Beach precinct requests council to introduce initiatives to eliminate or reduce disused milk and bread crates on the streets of Bondi.

Proposer: Brad Cole
Seconded: Joanna Cole
Unanimous

- **2020 vision saved to next joint Bondi Precinct meeting**

Meeting closed 9:45pm

Lenore Kulakauskas
Convenor Bondi Beach Precinct
17 August 2015