

Minutes of the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting (AGM) held at Waverley Library on Monday 1 May 2023



Chaired by Ilana Cohen with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes.
The meeting opened at 6.35 pm

Present

9 residents.

Apologies

Councillor Angela Burrill.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous heritage

Waverley Council acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people who traditionally occupied the Sydney coast.

We acknowledge all elders past and present and extend this respect to all Aboriginal people living, working or visiting Waverley.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 6 February 2023

The cycleway: It appears to be complete, however there is no direction signage at the western end to direct cyclists heading west to continue into Centennial Park rather than continue along the footpath (some cyclists cross over the garden bed to the cycleway and vice versa 100 metres from the end of the cycleway). There's also an issue at the Paddington Gates end of the cycleway for cyclists heading east where some don't realise they need to ride into the park and continue along the narrow footpath. Our secretary was actually hit by a cyclist in that spot a couple of months ago!

A crossing at York Road gates: We were hoping for an update from the Mayor as to the possibility of a pedestrian crossing or island at the York Road gates to Centennial Park. This has been an issue for many years and any proposals have been knocked back. There may be a simple solution that Council could implement. Even restricting the parking of boats would improve visibility in the area where many families with young children and / or dogs cross the road in that location.

Update on 194 Oxford Street Bondi Junction – The Twin Towers

A meeting was recently held to discuss the public domain elements related to the development of the Twin Towers. The following were discussed:

- **Shop/café:** It is possible that a shop or café will be incorporated into the development. Another option is to use the shop space as garbage bin storage.
- **Public space:** An area for the general public is planned between the towers. However, it is difficult to determine how much space will be available, as some of the existing laneway will be reserved for the use of a garbage truck.
- **Car parking:** The availability of car parking will depend on whether the council sells rights to the laneway between the towers. If the laneway is sold or leased to the developers, only one building will have a car park entrance. If not, a car lift will be used to access the car park of the second building.
- **Plants:** There were suggestions that more plants should be planted around the buildings.
- **Parklet:** There may be a parklet near the bridge over Syd Einfeld Drive.

We await a response from the developer as to what changes will occur.

General business

What additional improvement works are being carried out in Oxford Street Mall? Is there any planning occurring to try and transform the area into a destination (even at night) rather than just a thoroughfare we must quickly walk through. Now that the cycleway is open, can something be done about cyclists in the mall? Can they be forced to walk their bikes through the mall if they need to visit a business there? The council has put in plants at each end of mall with vehicle access for market days.

The Grand Hotel has applied for extended hours but hasn't notified nearby residents.

The street sign for Mill Hill Road at Oxford Street went missing a couple of years ago when the power poles were renewed. Motorists driving along Oxford Street need to stop their cars, climb out and look at the signs embedded in the footpaths at the corner in order to check the name of the street.

Residents living in units along Spring Street Bondi Junction, particularly those near Denison Street, are facing challenges when exiting their buildings in their cars. This is because they have to contend with pedestrians, cyclists coming from both directions (often quickly around the corner from Denison Street), and other cars driving along Spring Street. As a result, it can be difficult for them to exit their buildings safely

Annual General Meeting - election of Committee members for 2023-2024

Nominations were called for the following committee positions and all nominees were elected unopposed:

Convener: Ilana Cohen nominated **Simon Rowell**, seconded by Georgia Koutsandrea.

Secretary: Ilana Cohen nominated **Stephen B. Cohen**, seconded by Paula Gallagher.

DA Rep: Lorraine Brooks nominated **Ilana Cohen**, seconded by Stephen B. Cohen.

Licencing Rep: N/A

Heritage Rep: N/A

General: Lorraine Brooks nominated **Georgia Koutsandrea**, seconded by Simon Rowell

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 23 August 2023.