

**Bondi Precinct Meeting Minutes**  
**23 August 2023**  
**Held via Zoom 7pm – 8.35pm**

**Attendees:** 13 (including Clr Michelle Gray and Clr Leon Goltsman)

**Apologies:** Clr Dominic WyKanak

**Welcome/Welcome to Country**

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and said a Welcome to Country.

**Confirmation of the Minutes from the June meeting**

Minutes were tabled for acceptance.

Moved: Lynne Cossar

Seconded: Zina Kaye

Carried

**Matters arising from June Meeting**

The Convenor went through the Response Report that was prepared by Council. The response report can be viewed [here](#).

Summary of matter's arising:

- Still waiting for Sydney Water response
- AP re-started receiving DA Reports from Council today.
- Hydrology and residents parking to be clarified at this meeting
- Bondi Precinct had asked Council to investigate road safety measures at #1 zebra crossing at Wellington and O'Brien / O'Brien Street and Barracluff Avenue and raised roundabouts, and #2 speed limits. Council has a traffic study in the pipeline. In the meantime, Eastern Suburbs Police can take enquiries. Call 134 444 to notify of incidents seen.

**Discussions regarding Traffic, Parking and Roads**

Precinct attendees discussed the damage caused by large construction vehicles to Bondi's residential streets, which has left homes shaking.

Problem areas: O'Brien Street, Sir Thomas Mitchell Road, Hall Street.

A resident in O'Brien Street told the meeting that the worst section in O'Brien Street was between Wellington Street and Lamrock Avenue. The road had been dug up to lay new electrical cables for a development. The road had been resurfaced and redone but whatever they were doing wasn't stopping the shaking and cracking of houses. The area needed to be resurfaced with materials that absorbed the weight of the traffic passing by the houses.

Another resident said an 8-storey building at 38 O'Brien St shook when buses and trucks passed by.

A resident in Sir Thomas Mitchell Road told the meeting heavy vehicles working on construction projects had ripped up the road. Sir Thomas Mitchell Road between Ormond Street and Forest Knoll Avenue was in such bad condition houses were shaking that had never experienced that before.

A resident told the meeting Hall Street was also in bad disrepair.

Clr Gray – urged residents to be specific when reporting problem areas. She suggested using (1) Snap Send Solve and (2) calling /emailing councillors with specific details about the exact thing that needed to be fixed.

Clr Goltsman – noted Council Departments and outside organisations such as electricity contractors didn't always talk to each other. Using Snap Send Solve and email more likely to get results.

#### **Motion 1:**

Large-scale development is causing serious damage to Bondi's residential streets.

Cut up roads and footpaths and deep potholes are leaving homes shaking as heavy vehicles access multiple development sites.

Bondi Precinct notes that Council has authority over the road network and as such we believe there is responsibility to respond promptly to residents' concerns.

Bondi Precinct requests that Council re-prioritise its capital works program to immediately repair roads that are causing problems to residents' homes and report back to Precinct on how this will be achieved.

Moved: Lynne Cossar

Second: Maurice

Carried

#### **Parking**

Precinct noted the response from Council to its earlier request for 15-minute parking in Hall Street.

A resident told the meeting she had been fined twice in Hall Street and had spoken to State Revenue about the fine. She was told it was up to councils to tell Parking Officers who they could and couldn't fine. While residents understood Council did not want residents taking up parks in Hall Street for long periods of time for business turnover reasons, 15 minutes might increase turnover.

A resident told the meeting Townsville Mall had standard 15-minute free parking. When motorists went to pay the parking bay, it was an automatic selection and Waverley could introduce that.

Clr Gray told the meeting Hall Street was not the only shopping zone in Waverley. There were quite a few others including Bronte Road, Gould Street, Bondi Road and Curlewis Street.

**MOTION 2:** Bondi Precinct requests a parking review for Area 4. Bondi Precinct would like all residents in this Precinct to have access to 15-minutes free parking in Hall Street so they can do their shopping and access other services. We believe this would increase turnover for business and would best be achieved through programming parking meters.

Moved: Lynne Cossar

Seconded: Rex Walsh

Carried

### **Overdevelopment**

The meeting discussed the frustrations felt by resident around planning laws and overdevelopment.

Several options were discussed.

Clr Gray told the meeting frustration was felt across the LGA. Clr Gray said Council had hired a new community advocate, whose role was to help residents understand the various pieces of legislation that set the rules for developments.

Councillors noted that Compliance was the front line.

### **Hydrology**

The impact of greater density on water volume and drainage infrastructure, as well as increased development in swamp areas, was raised as a concern. The need for a basin-wide hydrology report to inform future development applications and mitigate the impact of these issues was highlighted.

Residents noted increase of rising damp, sink holes on private property, and potential but unexplained flooding. Request clarity for their own future planning.

**MOTION 3:** Bondi Precinct requests that Council advise what it can do to mitigate existing and future loads to hydrology infrastructure in the Bondi Basin.

Proposed: Zina Kaye

Seconded: Lynne Cossar

Carried

In addition, Bondi Precinct to draft a letter about flooding and send to the relevant officer with more detail about resident's issues.

**General Business**

**Next meeting:** 1 November 2023