

Vaucluse/Diamond Bay Precinct
Diamond Bay Bowling Club, Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse
Thursday 21st September 2023 at 7pm

MINUTES OF MEETING

Chairperson/Convenor: Gabriel Pallo

Secretary: James Gamvrogianis

Traffic Representative: Suellen Bassetti

Greening Representative: Suellen Bassetti

DA Representative: Gabriel Pallo

Attendees: 15 Attendees

Apologies: 6 including Councillor Sally Betts

Item 1: Welcome and Opening of the Meeting by Convenor

The meeting commenced at 7pm.

Mr. Pallo welcomed the attendees, including Councillors Steven Lewis and Will Nemesh.

Item 2: Election of New Executive committee

Mr Pallo thanked the members of the Executive team for their support and efforts and vacated the chair's position so the election of new Precinct Executive committee could take place. Councillor Nemesh officiated the election process and thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work.

Newly Elected Committee consists of:

Convenor: Gabriel Pallo - elected unanimously

DA Representative: Gabriel Pallo - elected unanimously

Traffic Representative: Di McDonald - elected unanimously

Green Representative: Suellen Bassetti - elected unanimously

Secretary: James Gamvrogianis - elected unanimously

Councillor Nemesh congratulated the newly elected committee.

Item 3: Update on Diamond Bay Walkway

Mr Pallo explained that there had been some discussions about changing the materials used on the boardwalk, a request made by another Precinct. However, this request was rejected by Council and the materials originally selected will be used.

Councillors Nemesh and Lewis answered several questions about the walkway from the floor. Council expects the project to be completed by the end of March 2024.

Item 4: Waverley Small Grants

The convenor stated that the application to Waverley Council for a small grant lodged to fund a “Meet your Neighbours” event was accepted and \$2500 was allocated by Council. The event will be held between 10.00am and 2.00pm on the 24th March 2024 at Diamond Bay Bowling Club, Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse.

Mr Pallo extended his thanks to the new Manager of the club, Neve, who has been so helpful during the preliminary discussions about the day.

The Day will include Stalls, activities for children, Lucky Door Prizes, Raffles, Live Music and DJ, Croquet Lawn Bowl lessons and more importantly an opportunity for residents of the Precinct to get to know each other. The aim of the day is to try to create a greater sense of community. But volunteers are needed if the day is to be a success.

More information will be circulated at the next meeting.

Item 5: Reports

Convenor’s:

App Snap, Send, Solve.

Mr Pallo spoke about the effectiveness of the App Snap, Send, Solve. Matters can be reported more easily, and Council responds to them more promptly.

Heritage Related matters

Mr Pallo spoke about Council’s Heritage conservation efforts, with some exciting projects taking place presently. He encouraged residents to keep abreast of these initiatives.

New General Manager

Mr Pallo mentioned that having attended recent Combined Precinct meetings, he was very impressed with many of the new initiatives introduced by Council’s new General Manager, Ms Emily Scott.

Duty Planner

Mr Pallo advised that Council now has a full time position of Duty Planner (DP). Although the position is shared, there is a DP on duty during Business Hours.

Item 6: Matter Arising From Previous Meeting

- **Water Management**

Discussion ensued about this matter as ongoing issues continue to be a concern. Councillors Lewis and Nemesh stated that Council was making some progress in this regard. However, it is like “turning a ship around” as the process is slow and requires long term planning. The question remains whether Council is fully aware of the issues and does it have the commitment to put a long term plan in place?

- **Council's Tree Policy-** is now adopted and implemented. Councillor Lewis spoke about the implications of this policy in terms trees planted by Council.
- **Bushcare-** Ms Bassetti stated that Bushcare is in operation again. She is monitoring its progress.

Item 7: Other Business

Motions proposed:

1 - That council investigates the ongoing traffic problems on Craig Ave., Isabel Ave., and Diamond Bay Rd, by organising a survey of the residents to decide on a means of solving the increasing traffic problems. One suggestion is the acceptance of a one-way loop route.

Proposed by Stan Rose

Seconded by Di McDonald

2 - Installation of larger, more visible signs re dog maintenance and control.

Proposed by James Gamvrogianis

Seconded by Alan Rubel

Item 8: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted

Proposed Suellen Bassetti

Seconded by Di McDonald

Mr. Pallo declared the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 16 November