

Minutes
Bondi Heights Precinct Committee General Meeting

Monday 11th December 2023

The Queens Park Room, Waverley Council Chambers, Cnr Paul Street & Bondi Road.

Attendance numbers: 15 with 9 eligible to vote.

Noted attendance at commencement:

Acting Convenor/Secretary:	Lynda Hall
Woolworths Group:	James Colling
Woolworths Group:	Denise Bradley

Waverley Ward Councillor attendance:

Cr Fabiano	Present – Full Meeting.
Cr Murray	Absent
Cr Kay	Present – Full Meeting.

COMMENCEMENT: Meeting started at 7 pm

Lynda Hall opened the meeting and moved the following motion:

**MOTION [202312M1] APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CHAIRMAN – THAT, BILL
MOUROUKAS ACT AS CHAIRMAN FOR THIS MEETING.**

Moved by: Lynda Hall. Seconded by Eva Varga.
Carried unanimously.

MEETING DIRECTIONS & Announcements –

- Fire exits and washroom facilities.
- Reminder for all present to sign the Attendance Sheet.
- Any guest (out of precinct) attendees were asked to declare their presence for the record.
- No printed material to be distributed at the meeting without approval from the chair.

APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

Mary Goldfinch.

PRESENTATION: WOOLWORTHS WATSON STREET CARPARK & DIRECT TO BOOT PROPOSAL:

Watson Street Carpark:

James Colling from Woolworths Group addressed the meeting. In relation to the Watson Street carpark, he advised that this did not come under his jurisdiction at Woolworths, but he had made some enquiries. He explained that the “Metro” team determined that a management system with boom gate and timed fee structure would better serve the needs of Woolworths customers and carpark users. DA-150/2023 was lodged 15th June 2023 and fast track approved 21 July 2023. The acting convenor reported that she did not recall ever receiving a notice for this DA. It is concerning if the precinct was not given notice. There are mixed community feelings about the new arrangements at the Woolworths Watson Street carpark.

Direct to Boot Proposal:

James Colling then talked about their Direct to Boot project and informed the meeting that Woolworths was seeking feedback from the community on their proposal for the old Caltex Site at the corner of Park Parade and Bondi Road. There followed a Q&A session. Comments raised included:

- Concern over increased traffic and car banking in Park Parade and Bondi Road (Congestion risk).
- Concern over potential loss of parking in Park Parade.
- Could Woolworths consider an increase in onsite parking capacity, including underground parking, that might be used for all planned and potential business activities such as a medical centre, and to compensate any loss of parking in Park Parade?
- Concern over increased traffic impacts due to deliveries from the Woolworths depot to the site.

MATTERS ARISING:

WAVERLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Council Report was tabled and is attached to these minutes.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting was tabled, and copies were available to meeting attendees.

MOTION [202312M2] ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS IN PERSON MEETING MINUTES – THAT, THE TABLED DOCUMENT BEING THE MINUTES OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING HELD ON 21st AUGUST 2023, IS ADOPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THAT MEETING.

Mover, Julia Varga. Seconded, Eva Varga.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

MOTION [202312M3] APPOINTMENT OF CO-CONVENORS – THAT, LYNDAL HALL AND BILL MOUROUKAS ARE APPOINTED AS CO-CONVENORS OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT UNTIL THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Mover, Julia Varga. Seconded, Andrew Goldfinch.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC:

No general report was presented. Discussion on the Watson Street carpark as noted above.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

DA-353/2023 Use of Community Room at Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre for functions including amplified music.

From the chair:

"If approved, this DA would bring into reality the worst of Bondi Heights Precinct's concerns. At the BHP meeting of 5th December 2022, the following motion was carried unanimously:

MOTION [202212M2] WAVERLEY PARK NOISE –

"THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS WAVERLEY COUNCIL PUT IN PLACE CONDITIONS AND ACTIONS THAT WILL PREVENT LOUD NOISE AND MUSIC THAT COULD EMANATE FROM ANY FORMALLY APPROVED ACTIVITY AT THE MARGARET WHITLAM

RECREATION CENTRE, ESPECIALLY THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND SURROUNDS WHICH ARE NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE AS A MUSIC VENUE."

With the lodgement of DA-353/2023, Waverley Council is completely ignoring the wishes of the Bondi Heights Precinct community by its attempt to formalise conditions that will amplify music during functions at the Community Room at the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre.

Neither the original DA for the construction of what is now called the Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre, nor the Waverley Park and Pavilion Plan of Management (PoM 2012-2022), refer to the use of amplified music to 1 am with bump out to 2 am.

The PoM 2012-2022 clearly states:

THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE NEW PAVILION PROVIDES A SPACE FOR CIVIC AND RECREATIONAL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING LOW IMPACT CLASSES, MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND TRAINING."

MOTION [202312M4] PRECINCT OBJECTION, DA-353/2023 MWRC COMMUNITY ROOM DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AMPLIFIED MUSIC FUNCTIONS – THAT THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT:

- **OBJECTS TO WAVERLEY COUNCIL'S DECISION TO LODGE THIS DA.**
- **OBJECTS TO WAVERLEY COUNCIL'S COMPLETE DISREGARD TO THE CONCERNS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AS DECLARED BY UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED SUPPORT FOR THE PRECINCT MOTION OF 5TH DECEMBER 2022 [202212M2] WAVERLEY PARK NOISE.**
- **OBJECTS TO THE USE OF ANY AMPLIFIED MUSIC OR OTHER AUDIO SOURCES BEING PERMITTED AT THIS VENUE.**
- **OBJECTS TO THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS AND PERIOD BEING EXECUTED DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON WHILE MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE AWAY OR DISTRACTED.**
- **NOTES, THE VAGUE TERMS USED IN THE ACOUSTIC REPORT, IGNORES EXPONENTIAL AND LOGARITHMIC NOISE INCREASE OVER TIME AND WITH THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL. THAT LOW FREQUENCIES TRAVEL SIGNIFICANTLY FURTHER THAN HIGHER FREQUENCIES WHICH WILL NOT BE APPARENT AT THE VENUE BUT OBVIOUS AT NEARBY RESIDENCES AND SUPPORTS A SUBMISSION BEING LODGED TO COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE PRECINCT BY BILL MOUROUKAS AND JOHN SIMPSON, ON THIS BASIS.**
- **REQUESTS COUNCIL WITHDRAW THIS DA IMMEDIATELY.**

Mover, John Simpson. Seconded, Eva Varga.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MOTION [202312M5] SUPPORTING OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY - THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT COMMENDS THE DECISION OF A MAJORITY OF COUNCILLORS ON 17TH OCTOBER 2023 FOR VOTING IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION CM/10.1/23.10 WHICH SUPPORTED THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

Mover, Bill Mouroukas. Seconded, Lynda Hall.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

An excerpt from the Council Meeting Minutes for item CM/10.1/23.10 is attached to these minutes. See Attachment One.

MOTION [202312M6] DICKSON PARK OFF LEASH/DOG RUN - THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS WAVERLEY COUNCIL CONSIDER THE TOP AREA OF DICKSON PARK BE FENCED AND MADE AN ENCLOSED OFF LEASH AREA/DOG RUN.

Mover, Eva Varga. Seconded, Andrew Goldfinch.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202312Q1] WAVERLEY PARK WASTE AND RUBBISH MANAGEMENT – COULD COUNCIL PLEASE REPORT BACK TO BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT ON WHAT MEASURES COUNCIL WILL UNDERTAKE TO ADDRESS FOUL SMELLS, PESTS AND VERMIN EMANATING AND INFESTING THE RUBBISH BINS AT WAVERLEY PARK, PARTICULARLY THOSE NEAR AND AT PLAYGROUND AREAS?

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202312Q2] COUNCIL CHAMBERS RAINBOW DRIVEWAY. – COULD COUNCIL PLEASE REPORT BACK TO BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT ON THE COST TO COUNCIL TO HAVE THE RAINBOW DRIVEWAY PAINTED AT WAVERLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS?

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202312Q3] WAVERLEY PARK PLAYGROUND OPENING – COULD COUNCIL PLEASE REPORT BACK TO BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT ON WHY WASN'T THERE A GENERAL INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE WAIROA SCHOOL TO THE OPENING OF THE FIRST ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND IN THE LGA AT WAVERLEY PARK?

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202312R1] WAVERLEY PARK BOCCY COURT MAINTENANCE – BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL CARRY OUT MAINTENANCE ON THE BOCCY COURT AT WAVERLEY PARK.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202312R2] BRONTE BEACH SHOWER FACILITIES – BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL CONSIDER UPGRADING THE SHOWER FACILITIES AT THE SOUTHERN END OF BRONTE BEACH IN RECOGNITION THAT THIS IS THE END RESIDENTS USE.

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETINGS IN 2024:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 5 February• Monday 8 April AGM• Monday 17 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 19 August• Monday 14 October• Monday 2 December |
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MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 9pm

ATTACHMENT 1

CM/10.1/23.10 SUPPORTING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY (A23/0698)

MOTION Mover: Cr Nemesh

Seconder: Cr Lewis

That Council:

1. Condemns the horrific terrorist attack on the citizens of Israel perpetrated by the proscribed and listed terror organisation Hamas.
2. Expresses deep sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of the dead and injured.
3. Notes that:
 - (a) These attacks represent the largest number of Jewish people murdered in a single day since the Holocaust.
 - (b) Waverley has the largest number of Jewish residents of any local government area within NSW.
 - (c) Waverley is a safe, peaceful and tolerant multicultural society and condemns the acts of antisemitism and hate speech perpetrated in Sydney on the evening of Monday, 9 October 2023.
4. Acknowledges the ongoing heartbreak and trauma resulting from more than 200 innocents kidnapped in Israel and held hostage by Hamas in Gaza.
5. Acknowledges the tragic loss of civilian lives in Israel and Gaza as a direct consequence of Hamas's terrorist attack.
6. Offers financial and in-kind support to the Jewish community of Waverley in any way it can including, but not limited to, a budget of \$10,000 funded from the General Manager's operational budget which Jewish community organisations within Waverley can access to support their work in offering social services to those impacted by the recent attacks.
7. Writes to the Premier of NSW, Chris Minns, calling on the NSW Government to take all steps necessary to ensure the safety of the NSW Jewish community.
8. Writes to Jewish community and faith organisations to inform them of this motion

ATTACHMENT 2

WAVERLEY COUNCIL RESPONSE REPORT TO REQUESTS FROM THE AUGUST 2023 BONDI HEIGHTS MEETING

REQUEST: Bondi Heights Precincts is concerned that no balance has been offered to the Waverley community, offering information on both the Yes and the No cases. The Bondi Heights Precinct requests that Council provides equal information for both the Yes and No campaigns to keep the residents informed of all the facts.

The Bondi Heights Precinct would like to know what money has been spent on the Yes Campaign and what money has been spent on the No campaign.

RESPONSE: Council's Director of Community, Culture and Customer Experience has advised the following:

At the Council meeting on 18 October 2022, Council unanimously voted to support the Uluru Statement of the Heart. At the 21 February 2023 Council meeting, Council voted to campaign in support of the Yes Campaign for the upcoming Referendum.

As such, no funds have been spent on the No case, and there is no legal requirement for Council to do so. The Australian Electoral Commission is in the process of distributing information statements from both 'yes' and 'no' campaigns. The ultimate decision is with individual votes who will make their decision in the polling booth.

REQUEST: Bondi Heights Precinct supports the introduction of 40k speed limits in local roads however we request that main Council roads such as Birrell Street should remain 50k.

Bondi Heights Precinct is most concerned about Council's plan to narrow the exit of Park Pde to Birrell Street to one lane. This intersection is heavily congested in peak times and cars turning right prevent cars that wish to turn left. By narrowing to one lane, there will be significant back up of cars due to the difficulty of right turning vehicles trying to turn at peak times. We request that the intersection remain as it is currently.

RESPONSE: Council's Manager of Traffic and Transport has advised that Council has resolved to convert all streets south of Bondi Road to 40 km/hr. This includes Birrell Street. Transport for NSW are currently checking the proposed signage against their latest guidelines.

Narrowing the exit of Park Parade to Birrell Street to one lane improves safety for the often-forgotten pedestrians who cross Park Parade here.

Request: Bondi Heights Precinct requests that a 40km school zone on Bondi Road be investigated by Transport for NSW for Bondi Public and Montessori East School. Could Council please pass this message on to Transport for NSW.

The Precinct requests that Council investigate putting a barrier adjacent to the lights at St Patricks Church. This will stop jaywalkers, and potentially stop a vehicle from mounting the kerb.

RESPONSE: The 40 kph school zone applies to Wellington Street. Extending it to include Bondi Road is not supported. Regardless, Council's Manager of Traffic and Transport has forwarded this and the request for the barrier on to Transport for NSW for investigation as this is a State Road. On 5 September, TfNSW advised the following:

Transport for NSW has investigated the School Zone request and wish to advise that in accordance to the NSW Speed Zoning Standard, School Zones should only be installed on a road that has a direct access point to a school. Since there isn't a direct access point to

Bondi Public School and Montessori East Primary and Pre School from Bondi Road, it does not meet the requirements for a School Zone. The existing School Zones in Wellington Street, Henderson Street and Moore Street with flashing and static School Zone signs and pavement markings is considered appropriate for the two schools.

A review of the crash data at the intersection of Bondi Road and Watson Street shows no reported crashes involving pedestrians or drivers mounting the kerb and footpath. As such, the installation of a pedestrian fence or traffic barrier at the intersection is not warranted.

REQUEST: The Precinct and Ward Councillors disagree with Council's response regarding Motion 1 - That Council investigate dangerous Laneway intersections where there is no vision due to high walls etc, focusing on the area bounded by Flood Street, OSH Rd and Bondi Road. For example, Flood Lane with consideration be given in the first instance to convex mirrors in the public domain.

Action: Bondi Heights Precinct do not accept Council's response.

The Precinct would like an in depth analysis of the risk to life, looking at Bennett Street and Ewell Lane, Flood Lane and Yule Lane; and Woodstock Lane.

They would also like Precinct requests statistics of damaged convex mirrors and notice of where this vandalism has occurred.

They would like council to investigate putting up one of the following:

- **Convex Mirrors – there are ones available that stop vandalization.**
- **Stop sign / shared zone sign / slower speed sign – As these lanes don't have footpaths, cars speed past and people can be hit.**

RESPONSE: Council's Manager of Traffic and Transport has advised that Council is considering the use of a speed bump in Bennet Street and Ewell lane, as well as warning signage for drives.

They are also considering putting messages on the pavement to make pedestrians aware of the potential dangers.

Timeline TBC.

REQUEST: The Precinct would like an update on making Rangers Contactable 24/7 (previous motion raised by precinct.

RESPONSE: From October 2023, a Senior Ranger and Team Leader Parking will be available from 5pm – 10pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am – 10pm on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

Council's website will be updated once this is finalised.

REQUEST: CLC to raise Merit to have trees pruned due to safety issues from overgrown trees.

Safety risk

- **Flood Street – too dark. Not safe**
 - **Ocean Street – too dark. Not safe.**
 - **Bennet Street – some are growing low, hit people in the head.**
 - **King Street – some are growing low, hit people in the head**
- RESPONSE: CLC has raised the following merits on behalf of the Precinct.*

- *Flood Street – Request ID 2335970*
- *Ocean Street – Request ID 2335971*
- *Bennett Street – Request ID 2335973*
- *King Street – Request ID 2335974*

Council's tree officer has undertaken a basic visual assessment of the area and noted at present there to be little to no impacts of canopies blocking or growing in close proximity to the streetlights.

There is a mixture of large and smaller trees along Flood St + Ocean St that provide essential shading and canopy cover the main issue appears to be the spacing or lack of lighting. Our team have recently undertaken extensive pruning around the pedestrian crossings to improve visual sightlines and while not a safety concern or high priority, have identified a couple of locations where trees would benefit from pruning of lower branches which have been listed with our maintenance team to address when possible.

Outside of direct requests from residents for works on individual trees, an independent Public Domain Tree Inventory audit has recently been completed and tree officers are in the process of scheduling maintenance works throughout the entire LGA based on resource availability and the level of priority determined from the assessment.

Please be advised as per Bondi Heights Precinct request to investigate the street trees along King St, concerns of impacting streetlights and pedestrian access.

Our tree officer has undertaken a basic visual assessment of the area and noted at present there to be little to no impacts of canopies blocking or growing in close proximity to the streetlights. The trees canopies are maintained well back above footpaths and not impacting pedestrian traffic

Outside of direct requests from residents for works on individual trees, an independent Public Domain Tree Inventory audit has recently been completed and tree officers are in the process of scheduling maintenance works throughout the entire LGA based on resource availability and the level of priority determined from the assessment.

If you would like additional information about your request please contact our Customer Service Centre on 9083 8000 or reply to this email, CustomerService@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Bennett Street - Our team have completed pruning works at various locations removing low hanging branches.

Outside of direct requests from residents for works on individual trees, an independent Public Domain Tree Inventory audit has recently been completed and tree officers are in the process of scheduling maintenance works throughout the entire LGA based on resource availability and the level of priority determined from the assessment.

All works are undertaken in accordance with Councils Tree Management Policy in maintaining overall health and structure of the trees

REQUEST: CLC to raise a request to have Bondi Road's pavement looked at – as it is damaging wheelchairs, and walkers.

RESPONSE: *CLC lodged merit on behalf of resident. Your Request ID is 2335963.*

REQUEST: Precinct Member requests that Council look at access to playground at Bondi Beach during City2Surf. The children's playground is right at finish line, crowds gather preventing children and parents accessing the playground.

Action: CLC to raise with Council's events team.

RESPONSE: *Feedback shared with City2Surf organisers and Waverley Council's events team. Will be taken into consideration when planning the event next year.*

REQUEST: Precinct member JL would like to understand why only parts of Ocean St and Bennet St were resurfaced rather than the whole St? The road is now like patchwork.

Action: CLC to follow up.

RESPONSE: *Council's Heavy Patching program is supported by grants and focuses exclusively on addressing localised surfaces affected by flooding, following specific eligibility criteria for funding. This is why only parts of Ocean and Bennet Street were resurfaced.*

Conducting heavy patching is crucial to mitigate the potential for prolonged road deterioration.

REQUEST: Precinct member JL noted that when there is significant rain, the footpath outside 54 Ocean Street is completely flooded. An elderly woman lives there. Council to please investigate and resurface footpath. Safety issue.

Action: CLC to raise a merit for Council to investigate.

RESPONSE: *CLC has lodged a request on Precincts behalf. Request ID is 2335966.*

REQUEST: Council to investigate having a makers space, similar to the Bower in Marrickville.

RESPONSE: *Council is currently seeking interest for a Thinker in Residence with the EOI open until the end of the month (29 September).*

<https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/thinker-in-residence>

This is an open process and the outcome of this may include a Circular Economy activity similar to that of The Bower.

The building will host a range of other programs and activities that are in development.

REQUEST: Resident JL requested a 'My call clean up' through Customer Service.

Customer Service did not tell the resident that there was a free LGA wide Clean Up only a few days later. Feels Customer Service Team should have told her.

Action: CLC to provide feedback to Customer Service Team.

RESPONSE: *CLC advised Customer Service Centre Manager who will inform staff of this and ensure residents are notified when the next LGA wide clean-up is occurring.*

REQUEST: Precinct Member noted that Kenilworth Street did not receive the Precinct meeting notification flyer.

Action: CLC to raise with distributor.

RESPONSE: *CLC has informed the distributor of this issue. They will take more caution and take photographs of the distribution of the next meeting's flyer.*