

**Minutes of Bondi (West) Precinct Meeting – Monday 9th February 2015
(A combined meeting with Bondi Beach Precinct)
Held at Bondi Pavilion**

Meeting opened at 7.06pm

Chairpersons: Gabrielle Tobias & Lenore Kulakauskas
Mayor and All Bondi Ward Councillors attended

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: none

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from BB Precinct were amended and endorsed by a majority of residents (see BBP minutes)

Minutes from Bondi were handed out, read and accepted. Proposed: J Kitchener, Seconded: P Schanka

3 Business Arising

See BB Precinct minutes or business arising on

4 Speaker: Local Remo Guiffre (of Remo General Sotre fame) speaking about his new book

Thanks were given to Remo for his talk. Copies of his new book can be purchased from Gertrude & Alice.

5 Christmas/NYE 2014/5 discussion

See BB Precinct minutes

6 Bondi Beach Polo Match Update See BB Precinct minutes

MOTION 1:

That Bondi Beach Precinct and Bondi Precinct ensure that Haviana event that is currently held on Australia Day at Bondi Beach for its massively polluting effect and ask that Council not allow this event to go forward in future years. In the event that this is to continue to be held that Council justify this.

Moved Gabi Tobias

Seconded Peter Schanka Voting: 4 against

7 Amalgamation Update

The mayor reported on the various combinations and advised she was opposed to any amalgamation. Residents will be asked their opinions in the coming months both online and by hard copy.

8 34' South – footpath seating update

See BBP minutes

9 Hall St – visioning exercise update

This is a work in progress – the Hall St Visioning committee appointed at the November meeting will be meeting with Peter Monks shortly to discuss the results at the workshop and will advise the results at the next joint meeting between Bondi and Bondi Beach Precincts.

10 Wellington St Rezone Update

Gabi Tobias reported a decision is expected at the end of the month by the NSW State Government Planning Department.

11 DA reports – Bondi

There were no reports for Bondi

12 General Business

NIBLICK ST PARK

A representative from Rose Bay Precinct advised the meeting about Niblick St Park owned by Sydney Water who wish to develop it. She asked for support from BBP & BP Precincts to oppose this, particularly as it is contaminated with asbestos and lead and will lead to the loss of more open space in Waverley. There is also immediate concern that several trees are to be removed immediately. It is possible that Waverley Council could purchase this land.

See <https://www.facebook.com/NiblickStPark>

BEACH RD HOTEL

MAMASAM RESTAURANT

Hand outs were given to residents concerning the conditions attached to these venues. See *Appendix B*

MOTION 2: That the Mayor and the Bondi Ward Councillors are invited to attend the Beach Rd Hotel to observe how bad things have become from 11.30 on a Friday or Saturday night. Michael Ross a local resident will arrange to meet them there.

Moved: Michael Ross Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas Voting: 1 against.

MOTION 3:

That Council review how parking regulations are enforced at late hours in the vicinity of the Beach Rd Hotel.

Moved: Grant

Seconded: Alex Unsworth Voting: Unanimous

PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN

Advice was given about Waverley Council's Public Art Master Plan and the places suggested for public art in the Bondi Beach Precinct advised. See *Appendix C*. The suggestions are are

- Gould /Roscoe
- Cox /Hall
- Bondi Park/Ben Buckler

MOTION:

That Bondi Beach Precinct is in agreement with the Public Art Master Plan's proposed sites in Bondi Beach Precinct. The attached 5 pages of information (see Appendix C) were received and noted and will be forwarded to the relevant officers at Waverley Council in support of the re-installation of the Mermaids at Ben Buckler.

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Richard Davis Voting: Unanimous

There were no traffic and parking issues.

LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Gabi Tobias was congratulated on being named *Local Woman of the Year* by Vaucluse State Parliament Representative Gabrielle Upton. She will attend a Morning Tea with the current Premier at Parliament House.

Meeting closed 9:20pm

APPENDIX A

AUSTRALIAN BEACH POLO ASSOCIATION QUESTIONS ABILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL POLO MATCH TO BE PLAYED ON BONDI BEACH

SHAE MCDONALD

WENTWORTH COURIER DECEMBER 10, 2014 4:51PM

Polo on Bondi beach has been given green light from council
Concerns exist for safety of horses due to Bondi's soft sand

Bondi's capacity to cope with another major event also questioned AN international polo match is on its way to Bondi Beach, but the head of the Australian Beach Polo Association has questioned the suitability of the location.

Director Janek Gazecki has reservations about holding a match at the renowned beach.

"The sand is so deep that the horses would be quite slow on it, but it's also dangerous," he said. "There would have to be a massive ball to not get stuck in the rut.

"You would have to use a beach ball and then the spectacle of the sport deteriorates."

Residents are also worried about Bondi's capacity to handle another large-scale event, because of the pressure it puts on traffic and the increase in anti-social behaviour.

Waverley Council has given Chukka 8 conditional approval to hold a one-day event on May 9. Australia, England, America and Argentina are expected to play at South Bondi in front of 4000 people.

Bondi Beach Precinct convener Lenore Kulakauskas said the welfare of the beach and nearby residents should come first.

"One of the main concerns is manure on the sand," she said.

"Maybe on a hard-packed beach it would be easier to clean up.

"But this is just disgusting. It will be there for ages and then it will wash into the ocean."

Mr Gazecki said Bondi was too steep and the tide did not go out far enough to expose the hard sand. "You would have to water it extensively and put rollers over it to make it very compact," he said. Even then, the director said it might not hold for the duration of a game.

Mr Gazecki said he investigated holding an event at Bondi about 10 years ago, but decided it wasn't suitable.

Mr Gazecki said he was "astounded" to hear another company had decided the eastern suburbs beach was a viable location.

"We are in support of any beach polo tournament that can be played in Australia but we haven't heard of this company, we haven't heard what their track record is," he said.

"Planning to stage an event at Bondi poses significant, practical challenges and so we would be interested to see how those challenges are being addressed."

Council documents obtained by the Courier state Wayne Boyce is the director of Chukka 8.

"Wayne has extensive experience in organising sporting events and is an active member of the polo community," the documents read.

It also states the organiser hopes to make the polo match an annual event if it "was well-received and successful".

Mr Boyce did not respond to the Courier's enquiry.

Chukka 8 must submit a final event management plan to the council at least four weeks before the proposed match.

The event will only go ahead if the council is satisfied its plans meet all requirements. <http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/city-east/australian-beach-polo-association-questions-ability-for-international-polo-match-to-be-played-on-bondi-beach/story-fngr8h22-1227151529780>