

## **Dover Heights Precinct meeting November 13, 2023**

Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting started 7:05 PM

Dov Frazer - Convenor

Robert Harvey - Secretary

DA Rep - Jodie Gottlieb

Welcome to Hunter Ward Councillor Will Nemesh.

Apologies from Cr Sally Betts and Cr Steven Lewis.

The Precinct wish Cr Lewis a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

### **1 - Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Moved - Richard Morris

Second - Robert Harvey

Accepted

### **2 - Bala from Sydney Water joined via Zoom**

a - No real news about Eastern Ave pump house before the holidays.

b - Tenders over budget for Parsley Bay.

c - We can expect to see the new designs for Eastern Ave Pump station in Feb of 2024.

d - Marcus Philip wanted to see the Geotechnical report.

e - Discussed idea of pumping station in reserve at Oceanview.

f - next meeting of DHP to be aligned with release of Eastern Reserve design updates if possible.

g - Pumping station in Dudley Page - roof was replaced but walls were left untouched. Bala promised to look into refurbishing the walls. Dead tree was removed in front of pumping station.

h - Bala mentioned repair the concrete stairs at Lancaster & Military.

Image of Eastern Ave Pump House



### **3 – Council resolution at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 26 October 2023 - Deputy Mayor Term of Office amended**

The DHP Convenor recounted for the attendees of the meeting what happened on the 17 October 2023 Council meeting and the 26 October 2023 Extraordinary Council Meeting, which led to the Deputy Mayor's term of office being amended from up to and including 13 September 2024 to up to and including 26 October 2023, leaving the position of Deputy Mayor as vacant.

To find out more about this, please read the minutes from the relevant meetings at [https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/council/council\\_committee\\_meetings](https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/council/council_committee_meetings)

DHP Executive believes it is important for residents to know what happened at the meetings above.

In addition to the minutes, please see the final decision from Council.

**DECISION**

That Council:

1. Removes Crs Fabiano and Wy Kanak as voting members of the following committees:

(a) Traffic Committee. Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting 26 October 2023

(b) Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

2. Removes Cr Fabiano as deputy chair of the Multicultural Advisory Committee.

3. Removes Cr Wy Kanak as chair of the Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee.

4. Removes Cr Fabiano as deputy chair of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee.

Division For the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Goltsman, Kay, Lewis and Nemesh.

Against the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Keenan, Masselos, Murray and Wy Kanak.

NOTE - There was no discussion our meeting about the above, only a recounting of what had happened.

### **3 - Cliff Walks at Diamond Bay**

Diamond Bay Cliff Walk is meant to be completed in Feb / March of 2024. Note the viewing platform has moved entirely and is now just below the pool of the high-rise above.

See photo below.



Dov spoke today with one of the people working on the project. While discussing our issues with materials being used, Dov was informed that they are polishing the steel on site and have been instructed to use 40 to 60 grit polish as anything higher takes too much time. You may recall we were promised in writing by council that the 316 stainless steel would be 600 grit polish which is less likely to rust and tea stain.

**MOTION 1** - DHP requests that council demand that the contractor polish all stainless steel to 600 grit as promised. Further we request that a third-party company be retained to verify that the contractor actually does what they are contractually meant to do which is to polish all stainless steel to 600 grit.

Moved - Jenni Michelson  
Seconded - Marcus Philips  
Accepted

## **5 - Buddleja in Weonga / Rodney Reserves**

The shrub is growing back with a vengeance and the fence has not been replaced.

See photos:





**MOTION 2** - DHP again request the council properly poison the remaining Buddleja in Weonga / Rodney Reserve so that it does not grow back.

Moved - Robert Harvey  
Second - David Caldwell  
Accepted

## **6 - Removing the acacia in Weonga and Raleigh Reserve.**

Response from council to our previous motion was that they could not find the offending trees.

Motion 3 - DHP again requests that council remove the wrongly planted acacia subspecies that was meant to be low growing shrubs but ended up being high growing trees in Weonga and Raleigh Reserves. Residents and visitors come to the cliff walks to see whales and the ocean. The wrongly planted acacia was already removed in the Dover Road Safety Slope. Please complete the job by removing the wrongly planted acacia in Weonga and Raleigh Reserve on the cliff side of the fence so that ocean views may be restored.

Note - Dov to provide photos with this new motion as Response to our previous motion indicates that officers cannot located the trees in question...  
Images below:





Moved - Jenni Michelson



Second - Robert Harvey

Accepted

## **7 - Dead Trees in Raleigh Reserves by Bubbler.**

Emily Scott had promised to remove these very dead trees along with the Buddleja. It took many months, but we are happy to report that the dead trees have been cut. Win for our perseverance and we should all rejoice. The view is now restored.

See photos.



## **8 - KURB Build out at Hunter and Military Road**

We had a motion at the last meeting regarding this issue. Council responded as follows:

Council notes the feedback from Dover Heights Precinct, however, at the July 2023 Waverley Traffic Committee, Council has approved the curb build out option at Military Road and Hunter Street, Dover Heights. Works are scheduled to occur in the 24/25 financial year.



**8 - Coastal Reserves POM** - No new news since the original consultation. We are all swaying for the next phase.

## **9 - Responses from previous motions:**

Motion 1 & 2 - referred to Sydney Water

Motion 3 - Buddleja already spoken about

Motion 4 - Acacia in Weonga / Rodney - already spoken about

Motion 5 & 6 - Tuckeroos in Myuna - Council claims that their trimming was maintenance only and there did not quality to be further trimmed to restore pre existing views. - Residents seems to have exhausted reasonable avenues to restore the views. This seems to be a stalemate.

Motion 7 – Curb Buildout – already discussed.

Motion 8 – Landslips in Rodney Reserve – council is completing geotechnical investigation and promises to report back in early 2024.

Motion 9 – Pinch Points – Will suggest new pinch points in general business.

Motion 10 – Filming in Waverley

Residents are meant to get notice 5 working days in advance notice of any filming.

Council noted that they cannot refuse filming requests by law. NSW legislation obligates council to approve ALL film production to support the industry.

Residents request that council enforce the 5 day advance notice period.

Motion 11 - Bulga Verge

New Revised Motion

**MOTION 4** - DHP requests that council trim the verge between 247 and 249 Military Road which blocks the preexisting ocean views of the residents at 264, 266, 268 and 270 Military Road. The newly planted acacia which has already grown to block views should be removed and all OLD dead branches and shrubs

should be removed. The area should be replanted with native plants which will never grow to more than 1.5 meters in height.

Moved - David Caldwell

Second - Eric Caspary

Accepted

Motion 12 - Replace brick pavers in Rose Bay North - Being investigated

## **General Business**

Will asked for repaint the existing zebra crossings at Blake and Military. Sharon says they will redo them properly in future.

Has this been done?

**MOTION 5** - DHP requests that council repair traffic calming bump at Blake Street & Military Road. This has been requested numerous times already over many years.

Moved - Philip Goldguber

Second - Valerie Saffer

Accepted

**MOTION 6** - DHP demands that a preliminary design and costing be prepared for the proposed viewing platform in Rodney Reserve at the location of the Radio Telescope Plaque. We have waited many years already with no significant progress on this approved project.

Moved - Valerie Saffer

Second - Philip Goldguber

Accepted

Question - any news on VPA money from 657 OSH Road which was meant to fund the viewing platform?

“The draft Planning Agreement would provide a cash contribution of \$425,640.00 to be applied towards the improvement and regeneration of



parks and reserves in Rose Bay and Dover Heights (75%) and Waverley's Affordable Housing Program (25%)."

Pinch Points on Military Road

**MOTION 7** – DHP requests that council investigate widening Military Road at these pinch points.

1 – Military Road & Eastern Ave intersection

2 – Military Road & Loombah intersection

Moved – Marcus Philips

Second – Valerie Safer

Accepted

**MOTION 8** - DHP requests that council or police investigate speeding on Portland Street between Blake and Lancaster Streets

Moved - Jenni Michelson

Second - Robert Harvey

Accepted

**Issue** - Markings on the pavers at Blake and Military Road Corner. See attached photos. Services are being marked out. David Caldwell said it might be related to 5G services. Robert questions who would clean the marking. Dov worried that the pavers would be dug up and destroyed as has already happened in other areas of this corner.

DHP Exec wishes happy holidays to All Dover Heights residents.

Meeting closed 8:35pm