



North Bondi Precinct Committee Minutes

Meeting held on Wednesday 7th May, 2025 St Anne's Church, North Bondi 7:00pm

1. OPENING

a) Present: Peter Quartly (Chairman), Rox De Luca, Juju Kalek, Peter McCue, Julius Miedayessy, Lien Tat-Miedayessy, Eva Prochazka, Philip Shepherd & Luke Stewart.

b) Apologies: Joy Clayton, Rita Cole, Bill Stavrinis, Jamie Mackay & Cr Michelle Stephenson.

c) Absent: Cr Dominic Wy Kanak & Cr Margaret Merten

d) Opening: The Chairman welcomed everyone.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Resolved the previous Minutes dated 26th February 2025, be adopted as a true record of such meeting.

Moved: Luke Stewart Seconded: Lien Tat-Miedayessy.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

a) Return and Earn Update

i) Kellie Sloane has advised the Chairman, that she has spoken to Council and they advised no and she hoped this helped via email (2/3).

ii) Councillor Michelle Stephenson indicated she would like to follow this up. Today we are awaiting feedback.

iii) Action: We request that the Return to Earn units' locations continue to be reviewed by Council for a site near to Bondi Beach where the units were originally located.

iv) it was suggested there was one in Birrell St, however, no one knew its whereabouts.

b) Flyer Distribution

i) Only two flyers were received by members.

c) Flood Mapping of Municipality & Floodplain Management Committee

i) See Chairman's report. Chairman will be attending the next meeting.

d) North Bondi Terminus

i) Council updated this. See Response Report.

e) Aboriginal Art rock engravings North Bondi

i) See Chairman's report. Still waiting on a response from Cr Wy Kanak.

f) Mitchell St vibration.

i) Issue of O'Brien Street vibration has been raised in Bondi Beach Precinct Meeting.

ii) No developments.

g) Waverley Centennial Book

i) No developments. See Chairmans report.

h) Bondi Sewerage Upgrade / Sydney Water

i) Chairman attended meeting. See Chairmans Report.

i) Bronze Statue @ Bondi Beach Of Surfing World Female Champion – Pauline Menczer.

i) No developments – no updates.

j) Sydney Water & Vaucluse & Diamond Bay outlets

i) Chairman will attend forthcoming meeting and will advise. No developments to date.

k) The Bondi Mermaid

i) Council not proceeding with this, in relation to its original process and they are reviewing.

l) Bidigal Reserve & Ray O’Keefe Reserve and Sam Fisman Park:

i) Update by Eva and report provided by Jaime Mackay (see attached PDF).

ii) “The meeting would like to report that another tree has died in this location. We support the Friends of Bidigal. We also want to note Council’s lack of urgency with maintenance and upgrade of these parks.

Erosion has become critical and requires immediate attention, and we believe it will be cost-effective to respond to these issues now and not allow further degradation to occur.

To this end, we request that Council provide a timeline of the management to remediate each reserve (Bidigal and Ray O’Keefe) before anyone is injured.”

Motion: That the Chairperson writes to Council to ask why they do not accept outside help regarding Bidigal reserve.

Mover: Luke Stewart

Seconder: Eve Prochazka

Carried.

m) Wallis Parade pooling towards Military Road

i) The Precinct will follow this matter up after the next episode of heavy rains.

n) North Bondi Golf Course

i) This appears to be handled by Council. See the Chairmans report.

o) Olympic Recognition At Bondi Beach – Volley Ball 2000

i) We acknowledge that Council is pursuing this. See the Chairmans report.

p) E Bikes

i) The meeting was unanimous in the discussion around E-Bikes, the worrying increase in flagrant disregard of road rules and high-risk behaviour of youths especially around our LGA.

ii) We discussed the increased concern for pedestrian and road safety, obstruction of footpaths and escalating disregard for road rules with e-bikes. We all agreed that e-bikes are motorised vehicles that should be dealt with similarly to other road users, ie licences and insurances required and penalties applied for not adhering to road rules.

iii) One member of the meeting discussed their concerns with youths and criminal activities witnessed in the local Woolworths store. After a near-miss between their car and youths clad in dark colours – no

lights, no helmets on E-bikes on Campbell Parade they sought assistance from the local Bondi Police but was advised that Highway Patrol deal with such matters.

iv) Council reviewing such bikes being charged in Library (ground floor

v) Link:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/inquiries/3052/Report%20No%2025%20-%20Portfolio%20Committee%20No.%206%20-%20Transport%20and%20the%20Arts%20-%20Use%20of%20e-scooters,%20e-bikes%20and%20related%20mobility%20options.pdf>

Action: We request immediate action by Council to review and comment on the NSW Government Report and the additional report, due 13th May.

Action: To understand Council's position on charging of E-bikes in the Council Library.

q) Mitchell St flower bed at Reddam left in a dangerous state.

- i) Both Luke and the Chairman have raised with Council.
- ii) The matter has now been resolved.

r) Fogo trial

- i) Council have advised they will provide a detailed progress report. Including Training sessions.

s) Council Chambers

- i) No decision has been made and it is unlikely that one will be made in the near future.

t) E-waste & Woollahra leadership in this area.

- i) Awaiting advice from Council as to whether they will follow Woollahra's far sighted example, by having a local site.

u) Recycling at Alexandria

- i) Awaiting advice from Council as to what residents do if they do not have access to a vehicle.

v) Waverley Bondi Promenade Plaques

Reviewed by Council and they will be maintained.

w) Disability Parking at Eastgate Parking – 2 hours free parking

- i) This matter is a work in progress and are awaiting Councils further advices.
- ii) **Action:** That the Traffic Officer writes in response to the Have Your Say on fees on Council-owned parking before deadline.

x) Reduced green space rear of Bondi Pavilion

i) Peter McCue: raised the issue of the reduction of green space behind the Bondi pavilion. He asked if there was there a DA for this and whether there were any plans that reflected how Council has used this area for the purpose of maintenance services and parking.

Action: Can we see any plans for that area?

- ii) Jessica was baffled by this request, so I think we need to explain this more carefully. Please can you help Luke? (Luke comment: I'm not familiar with the history, could it have been part of the DA for the pavilion upgrade?)

Commented [J11]: As per the last Recycle it Saturday event - Residents can attend on foot or by bike - there is a separate area for those travelling to the event in this way.

https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/recreation/events/events/recycle_it_saturday2

Commented [J12]: I have reached out to the Manager of Facilities to see if any changes have occurred in this area.

4. Reports

a) CHAIRMAN

- i) Provided his report.
- ii) Resolved the report be adopted.

b) DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

- i) Report tabled and adopted.
- ii) Juju discussed her recent attendance at the Police Meeting which also included major concerns around E-bikes.

c) DA OFFICER

- i) Nothing of significance other than discussion of #59 & 61 Wairoa Avenue. Luke Stewart will watch this closely and advise accordingly.

d) TRAFFIC OFFICER

- i) Nil as the Traffic Officer was absent.
- ii) The Secretary noted the recent motion put to Council regarding traffic concerns at Blair and Wairoa.

e) SECRETARY

i) PAVILION access to small unaffiliated community groups

A) Raised concerns about community groups using the Pavilion for small meetings and ad-hoc gatherings.

Action: The Secretary will follow this up for the next meeting.

ii) NSW Housing reforms

A) Luke: to provide update on this matter at the next meeting

5. Annual General Meeting - Election of Precinct Office Bearers

- i) The Chairman declared all positions vacant and passed the conduct of the election of the position of Chairman to the Deputy Chairman, who conducted same and then returned the Chair to the Chairman.
- ii) Elected positions
 - a) Chairman Peter Quartly
 - b) Deputy Chairman Juju Kalek
 - c) Secretary Rox De Luca
 - d) DA Officer Luke Stewart
 - e) Traffic Officer Bill Stavrinou
 - f) Committee Officers Joy Clayton, Eva Prochazka and Justine Reef.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Nil.

7. Next meetings:

- Wednesday 25th June on ZOOM.
- Wednesday 17th September and
- Wednesday 19th November.

Commented [J13]: As advised in the last response report - A review of venue hire fees for Bondi Pavilion was presented to Council on 1 April. The report noted the financial impact on Council of providing discounted venue hire of Bondi Pavilion for local residents and businesses and it was determined to maintain the current pricing policy. Discounted support remains available for organisations that meet the definition of not for profit and charitable organisations.

8. END OF MEETING 9:10pm

Please note:

Due to running overtime, the Agenda item re: Waverley Woollahra Arts Centre, Bondi Road will be held over to the next Meeting.


End of Minutes compiled by RDL & pq

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CONVENOR'S APRIL 2025 REPORT

1		FUTURE PRECINCT MEETING DATES Wednesday 30 April (changed after request from Council, due to candidates meeting to the 7 May , hosted by Bronte Beach PC @ Lugar Brae Church Hall from 7.30pm – copy of advice sent to all members (26/4)) Wednesday 25 June Wednesday 27 August (Council has changed the date to 17 September) Wednesday 22 October
2.	(i) a b c	MINUTES The February 2025 minutes were sent to Council (21 /4). Council acknowledgement (21/4). The minutes were sent out to members (21/4) .
	(ii) a	EXECUTIVE MINUTES Nil.
3.	a	ATTENDANCE SHEETS N/A
4.	a	AGENDA Agenda set (22/4) and confirmed by Council (22/4).
5.	a	BONDI PAVILION Nil.
6.	a b c d e	COMBINED PRECINCT MEETING – 20th March @ the Boot Factory Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. Luke did a really excellent job as Chairman. With Tony Kay, I'm doing a presentation on Chairmanship and meeting procedure. It will be open to all those who attend the CPC meetings. Proposed to nominate Alma from Bronte Precinct for a Volunteer Award, however, I was too late with the nomination. I propose to do early next year. Attended the PRC meeting (11/2), with Rox.
7.	a	NEW SYSTEM OF MONITORING POTHOLES (using garbage trucks with cameras) No developments.
8.	a	BRONZE STATUE @ BONDI BEACH OF SURFING WORLD FEMALE CHAMPION – PAULINE MENCZER. No developments.

14.	<p>a</p> <p>b</p> <p>c</p> <p>d</p> <p>e</p> <p>d</p>	<p>FLOOD MAPING OF MUNICIPALITY & FLOODPLAN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</p> <p>At the meeting on the 14th November, very little came out of it and the next meeting will be held around March next year, which some felt was too far away.</p> <p>I raised that the minutes did reflect that I had raised the matter of the definition of flood. They indicated they would adjust.</p> <p>I further referred to the Federal Insurance Contracts Act and its definition of flood. Under Part V – The Contract 34. Interpretation; Division 1A Definition of flood 37A.</p> <p>I indication if their definition was different, then those properties should be advised to refer to their Insurer.</p> <p>They agreed to review and advise at the next meeting, which is in March.</p> <p>The matter was raised again, and I believe they now understand our position and they are reviewing.</p>
15.	<p>a</p> <p>b</p>	<p>MISSING POSTERS IN PAVILION (12/6)</p> <p>I wrote asking when they were returning the them to the inside centre area.</p> <p>There were a number of them including a clinker-built surf boat & the original tent used by BSBLC.</p> <p>Council have advised they were damaged & will not be replaced.</p> <p>I recommend that we ask them to review their decision, as they were in keeping with the original building & its iconic value.</p> <p>No developments.</p>
16.	<p>a</p>	<p>OLYMPIC RECOGNITION AT BONDI BEACH</p> <p>Council have agreed to apply for a Blue Plaque from the State Government.</p>
17.	<p>a</p> <p>b</p> <p>c</p> <p>d</p>	<p>WAVERLEY COUNCIL HISTORY BOOK</p> <p>Council is looking at grants for same.</p> <p>Waverley Historical Society is reviewing the situation.</p> <p>Jessica advised (15/4) "The Director of Community, Culture and Customer Services has advised that Council has not made much progression on the idea due to limited staffing in our local history team and a lack of grant funding opportunities.</p> <p>If the Waverley Historical Society would like to take on the project Council could look at some opportunities to provide support if that was an option they wanted to consider.</p> <p>Please let me know if you would like me to set up a meeting between Council and the Waverley Historical Society."</p> <p>At this point the WHS has not made a decision.</p>
18.	<p>a</p> <p>b</p> <p>c</p> <p>d</p>	<p>RETURN & EARN</p> <p>I have raised with Kellie Sloane MP (20/8)</p> <p>Has responded (2/8) & will take up on our behalf.</p> <p>After chasing up, was advised I would receive a reply today.</p> <p>Advised she had referred to Shane Smith (Council) and he advised their position.</p>
19.	<p>a</p>	<p>NORTH BONDI BUS TERMINUS</p> <p>Council have advised (26/2) - there is nothing particularly new to report.</p> <p>Key findings from the community consultation indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31% of respondents support the upgrade plans as exhibited • 46% of respondents support the current upgrade plans, with some changes • 22% of respondents oppose the current upgrade design <p>Key issues that will be addressed in the next stage of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange for traffic analysis to be conducted in order to investigate and provide considerations in relation to community feedback received on the concept design. • Review the impacts of the proposed one-way traffic flow conversion of the eastern sides of Brighton Blvd and Hastings Pde, and consider opportunities for the arrangement to remain under its current two-way arrangement. • Investigate options to provide vehicles with U-turn opportunities at the northern end of the shops before reaching Military Road, or provide alternatives.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review operation and safety of the proposed perpendicular parking spots and optimum location and number of proposed pedestrian crossings. Investigate a variety of additional parking options such as 15-minute spots, Pick Up Drop Off (PUDO) zone, and disabled parking. Consider the implications of a one-way direction of traffic on emergency services travelling via Military Road. Provide as much tree coverage and street furniture as possible to allow for gatherings in a space that is safe and accessible. Prevent proposed additional trees planted from impacting residents' existing views of the beach.
20.	a	NORTH BONDI FLOODING FROM GOLF COURSE Council have advised (26/2) that: Council is liaising directly with the Golf Club and impacted residents. The outcomes of Council's investigations will be reported to Council.
21.	a b	MAINTENANCE BONDI PLAQUES I have raised with Council (27/10) the need to maintain and that one in front of the showers near the Lifeguard tower no longer exists. No developments
22.	a b	E-BIKE RECHARGING ON THE GROUND FLOOR I have asked Council if this is now Council policy and if so, are they charging for the service.  Awaiting Council's further advice.
23.	a	WOOLLAHRA E-WASTE (9/1) I have not heard anything further from Council.
24.	a b	RECYCLING AT ALEXANDRIA I have asked Council how the elderly and others without access to a vehicle can do with such waste. Awaiting a reply.
25.	a b c	BIDDIGAL RESERVE I have advised Eva that although it is in the Bondi Beach Precinct, we still have an interest in same. The group involved is now going to take to such Precinct, however, that should only enhance our efforts. Eva wrote to Council (7/4) and advised of a number of issues. Jamie has advised Eva (23/4) that "I had A very productive meeting with Steve Gilchrist this morning. Agreed new bin receptacle's, extensive weeding and planting, a tree recommendation that is an alternative to the banksias, replacement of playground equipment. He advised that repairs were also scheduled for the next month. it's a good start."
26.	a b c	WAVERLEY COUNCIL Dover Heights boardwalk – has been reopened Speed limits are changing to 40km/h – is being rolled out in the southern side of the LGA, spanning from Bondi Rd & Sid Enfield Dr to the southern side of the boundary of Waverley. Bronte House – is looking at its options when the lease expires next year, including commercialisation (see Notion of motion CM/8.2/25.03 [18/3]) – for me it is very concerning.

	<p>d Homelessness and Emergency Response Plans – is looking at (see Notion of motion CM/8.10/25.03 [18/3]).</p> <p>e New Years eve event at Bondi Beach – is looking at expressions of interest (see Notion of motion CM/8.3/25.03 [18/3]).</p> <p>f Petitions Policy – Council is seeking feedback on the draft policy. Find out more about the policy and have your say at https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/petitions-policy-review-before-1-May-2025.</p> <p>g New affordable housing is coming to Waverley – Council has purchased 49 Mitchell St.</p> <p>h New Precincts eNewsletter (28/3) – Council has created (& headed "Your Community Your Precinct Your Say". It includes photo of our group at the Farmers Markets.</p> <p>i Council Chambers (Bondi Rd) - Informs the community that consultation on the future of the site is scheduled to take place in mid-2025, with consideration of short-term use while the plan is being formulated.</p> <p>j Oxford St Mall (20/3) – Council have advised 1. Notes that it has upgraded lighting within Oxford Street Mall to a compliant standard but has not upgraded amenity lighting. 2. Installs fairy lights in Oxford Street Mall in areas where electricity is available, including:(a) On umbrellas. (b) Light poles. (c) Street trees.</p> <p>k Marks Park Coastal Walk Remediation Work – Council advise (17/3) that upcoming work on the Marks Park Coastal Walk Remediation. Following extreme coastal weather and natural erosion in April 2024, a cliff collapse occurred below Marks Park on the Bondi coastal walk, taking some of the walkway with it. Contractor QMC Group have been retained to carry out the remediation work, which begins on Monday, 24 March 2025</p>
27.	<p>a WASTE DISPOSAL RECYCLEABLE ITEMS (22/4) Council has created an app from which you an A-Z WASTE & RECYCLING DIRECTORY called Recycle Mate. It is a great reference source.</p>
28.	<p>a MITCHELL ST & MURRIVERIE RD PADESTRIAN SAFETY REVIEW I wrote to Council (19/4) and asked why they were not including Hardy St in the review and why we were not advised, although Rose Bay PC were, as per the motion in Council minutes.</p> <p>b Jessica i) she has referred to the Manager of Integrated Transport for their feedback & ii) we were supposed to be advised; however, I cannot find any record of same.</p>
29.	<p>a NOISE COMPLAINTS A resident advised that Council no-longer deals with noise complaints</p> <p>b Council have confirmed that that is partially correct.</p> <p>c I was provided with the following web site: https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/residents/neighbourhood_issues#noise</p>
30.	<p>a PROPOSED CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL TREE CLEARING A WIN FOR COUNCILS (23/4) AGANSW have advised that the State Government is finally acting in this matter.</p> <p>b the changes propose include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase fines and penalties for illegal tree and vegetation clearing. • Ensure existing restrictions on complying development where illegal clearing has occurred and can be enforced. • Improve compliance and enforcement outcomes by making the policy clearer, giving councils the power to issue orders relating to vegetation clearing. • Close potential loopholes associated with the removal of dead, dying and dangerous vegetation. • Require tree clearing permits to include a condition to replace cleared vegetation.
31.	<p>a WALLIS PDE FLOODING TOWARDS MILITARY RD Although I thought this matter was resolved, Jessica advised (9/4) that she had referred to the Infrastructure for an update.</p>

32.	a	LGNSW MEDIA – LG SUSTAINABILITY (6/5) The Government has responded to LG is a first step.
33.	a b	APOLOGIES Joy Clayton Rita Cole

Peter

Peter Quartly
6th May 2025

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DEPUTY CONVENOR'S APRIL 2025 REPORT FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON 7TH MAY

April 1st I attended Eastern Suburbs Community Safety Precinct Committee.

Some from the report I will note at this report and some items and information I will verbally report on the night.

1- Amendment (Vibrancy Reforms) Bill 2024.

The reforms are part of the NSW Government's Vibrancy Reforms 2, which aim to encourage the return of music, live performance, local street life.

Changes commenced on 1 July 2024

- Complainants. The number of people required: to make a statutory disturbance complaint against a licensed premises will increase from three to five. They must not be from the same household or business and will be required to prove that they have tried to resolve any issues with the licensee before lodging a complaint.
- Order of occupancy. This will become a central consideration in determining disturbance complaints

Liquor licence application reforms

The primary change to the application process is to remove the 30-day pre-lodgement consultation period and move to a single community consultation model facilitated primarily via the L&GNSW noticeboard .

-Changes commenced on 1 March 2025

Former licensees with a licensee endorsement expiry date within the last 3 years will now be able to renew their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) or Licensee endorsement by completing Licensee Training only.

Prior to the NSW Government's Vibrancy Reforms, licensees were required to complete both the RSA and Licensee training course as the only pathway to renewing their expired endorsements.

2- E Bike took a gear deal from the meeting.

Lots of community concerns.

Juju Kalek

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Summary Friends of Biddigal' report May 7th 2025

Background:

1. 'Friends of Biddigal' formed in November last year, a group of North Bondi residents concerned about the appalling 'decay' of Biddigal Reserve over the last 8 years. (see past and present photo comparison attached).

2. Our Purpose is to generate council and community awareness of the degradation of Biddigal Reserve (one of our most popular natural assets for locals and visitors) over the last 8 years. Specific issues: die back (suspected poisoning) of ten banksias, loss of all native trees and shrubs on the lower eastern section, extensive damage and ageing of pathways, no garbage receptacles, ageing and graffitied sheds, no security cameras or night lighting, weeds everywhere, no landscaping theme of planting random species, no toilets resulting in defecation in gardens.

3. Founding members: Jamie Mackay, Rebel Penfold, Michael Darling.

Latest events:

1. Council meeting on site on 20/2/25. 5 residents and 5 key senior Council staff attended including Carl Nugent Manager, Parks Planning and Recreation. Key issues discussed were the problems associated with erosion and the need to undertake extensive works to replace the retaining walls. These works are not currently in the LEP or funded but Carl 'estimated' around about 2029. In the meantime council

unwilling to replace any trees as they would need to be replaced again in 2029.

Following much discussion with residents attending it was agreed some planting and 'some works' could be undertaken in the upper level of the park, which would not be effected by the major works.

It was also agreed council would consider installing bin receptacles, more playground equipment, repair the numerous safety issues eg. broken pathways, railings etc.

Basically, we were told Biddigal had 'fallen off the agenda and as residents we probably needed to 'lobby harder'. We were also advised there were many neighbours who "didn't want the trees as they blocked their views".

2. On site Meeting 15/4/2025: Jamie Mackay and Michelle Stephenson Bondi Ward Councillor, Waverley Council.

As a local resident and you Mum who attended mothers group under the shade of banksias in Biddigal, Michelle was appalled by the state of the park and determined to help.

- Has put forward a motion to undertake specific works in the top level.
- This will include a landscaping plan that recommends appropriate native grasses, shrubs and trees (we agreed avoiding banksias in preference of native oaks, yukkass etc.) replace to broken equipment in the park, installing metal bin containers, redoing the mosaic sand pit, sorting out the weeds.
- Investigating replacing the to sheds with a more aesthetic design.
- Investigating security lighting and surveillance cameras
- Accelerating the necessary repairs to path and railings.
- Ensuring shade is retained in the mothers group area (she was one)
- Recommending increasing the fines for poisoning trees (she was appalled)
- Seeing if we can build the toilets down opposite Speedos sooner rather than later.
- Chasing up our proposal for resident participation in gardening.
- Look what other funds we could access eg. State given it's a reserve.

3. On site meeting 23/4/25: Jamie Mackay and Stephen Gilchrist Waverley Council Mgr Parks and Landscapes.

Stephen agreed extensive native planting of grasses and shrubs and weeding would be undertaken over the next two months in the upper park area. Jamie to liase with council on species and location. Stephen also agreed to chase up repairs, bin receptacles, toilets, shed repairs / replacement, park lighting and security camers. Steve is now on leave for a month.

4. Council for residents to undertake community gardening:

Application by Jamie Mackay to David Cutler

Local Connections Community Development Officer. Council met and the application was rejected see attached.

Jamie Mackay
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