

**DRAFT MINUTES BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING
OCEAN ROOM BONDI PAVILION
2 March 2020 7:00PM to 9:00PM**

Meeting Opened 7:11pm

Chaired: Lenore Kulakauskas and Margaret Merten

1. Welcome and Apologies

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past, present and future. We are proud to live in a country with the oldest living culture in the world and acknowledge the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and our community.

Apologies: Frank Liebeskind, Ben Pearce, Cr John Wakefield

2. AGM – election of Precinct executive

Conducted by John Sullivan

The following committee members were elected:

Co-Convenor: Lenore Kulakauskas

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Margaret Merten

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Secretary: As there were no nominations there will be a roving Secretary position filled at each meeting

DA rep: As there were no nominations the DA info will be sent to the Co-convenors

Heritage Officer: Paul Paech

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Margaret Merten

Committee member: Marilyn Tanner

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Paul Paech

Alcohol rep: No nominations

Traffic Rep: No nominations

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Paul Paech

Seconded: Lenore

Unanimous

4. Business arising:

See Response Report attached.

The replies to Motions 1 and 2 need further clarification as follows:

MOTION 1: Bondi Beach Precinct requests a meeting on site in the next month with the Executive Manager Asset Maintenance to look at the erosion in the upper slope and beneath the Norfolk Island Pines in view of the advise given in tjhe November 2019 Response Report to Motion 1 that 'There are no further works in scope for the remainder of Financial Year 19/20.' We also refer the Manager to an email sent to Emily Scott (and still not answered) on 29 Jan 2020 which reads as follows:

Hi Emily,

Something really needs to be done at South Bondi park. It was all well and good to lay turf which has fortunately mostly grown but the main erosion and soil displacement is not from the lower slope but the upper one. I am attaching a series of photos taken today. These show

- how the erosion has started lifting the actual footpath (the one that runs straight up to Campbell Pde - not the one that runs past the south toilet block). It is a dangerous trip hazard
- the erosion of the upper slope which contributes mainly to soil washing onto the beach
- the now critical erosion in front of the Norfolk Island Pines (which Council surely can't now say are stable)

Even worse is the fact that the park cleaners now drive around the park in a buggy. The compression from the wheels in this delicate area is adding to the erosion.

I am more than happy to meet with one of your officers to talk this through. As you are aware I have been asking that these problems be dealt with for years now.

Proposed: Chenta Rolley

Seconded: Michelle Young

Unanimous

MOTION 2: Bondi Beach Precinct is not satisfied with the response from the Director Planning etc. This is a fact not a perception, as the ARHSEPP through it's allowing a 'boarding house' to be a housing option, is able to cater to backpacker and short stay accommodation rather than longer term affordable housing for people on lower incomes. The questions are;

- Can a boarding house under the ARHSEPP be used for backpacker and short stay accommodation?
- Is it acceptable to Council that a boarding house under the ARHSEPP can be used for backpacker and short stay accommodation?

5. Hear from our Councillors

Unfortunately, none of the Bondi Ward Councillors were present

6. Bondi Pavilion – where we are

MOTION 3: That Council investigate and then ensure that some kinds of community and cultural activities are maintained during the period of restoration of the building, especially during the intense summer periods, and also that Council provides shower and change amenities for beachgoers through the entire period.

Moved: Paul Paech

Seconded: Chenta Rolley

Unanimous

7. Sculpture by the Sea – update

MOTION 4: Bondi Beach Precinct does not support spending \$100,000 on 'additional landscaping works at Marks Park headland, including regrading adjacent to the ridgeline path, to maximise the sculpture placement potential for future events.'

We strongly object to public funds being used to support a particular design for a private event that runs for 3 weeks of the year.

We strongly recommend that any contract with the organisers of Sculpture by the Sea:

- be aligned with the usual terms in contracts made with organisers of other events on public land in the Bondi Beach area;
- include full remediation of the site, particularly the grassed areas in Marks Park;
- does not allow specific and extra landscaping works.

Proposed: Marilyn Tanner

Seconded: Michelle Young

Unanimous

8. Bondi Post Office – update

From Australia Post 20 Feb 2020: Update for Investigation - 30364340

Hi Lenore,

Thanks for getting in touch with us regarding your enquiry about the future of the Bondi Beach Post Office.

We have sent your feedback to the Area Manager of the outlet who have advised that there are no immediate plans to relocate from the current site however when Australia Post is required to vacate in the future we will be moving to a new facility in the Bondi Beach area as close to the current site as possible. Full services including PO Boxes will be maintained for the local community.

Once we have the move date scheduled, we will communicate with the local community with what will be happening.

I hope this information helps and that you enjoy the rest of your day.

Reply 23 Feb 2020

Thank you for your email.

We are very aware of the paucity of premises at Bondi Beach that would be suitable for a Post Office that offers the same services as the current one.

Therefore our questions are:

- do you have premises in mind?
- if not, are you actively seeking premises?
- how do you intend to communicate with the local community?
- will the communication take the form of a consultation or will it just be information?

From Australia Post 24 Feb 2020

Hi Lenore,

Thank you for the reply. I attempted to call you on the number provided but was unable to reach you.

Lenore, at this stage I do not have the answers to your questions due to there being no immediate plans to relocate the Post Office.

I can assure you then when it is time for Australia Post to vacate the current location, this will be communicated with the local community. We will be looking for a site in close proximity as possible to the current location.

I hope that this information has helped and that you enjoy the rest of your day. If there is anything else that we can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us again.

We also contacted Dave Sharma on 18 Feb 2020

Reply from a staffer at Dave Sharma's office 26 Feb 2020:

I have spoken to a senior advisor at Australia Post and have been assured that they are working on the relocation and expansion of the post office and services at Bondi Beach. They are currently in negotiations and will advise me when they have finalised the details. I will let you know when I hear more.

9. Beach Rd Hotel – no discussion as no representative present. Liquor Accord discussed.

10. New backpacker proposal in Edward St DA-426/2019 – no discussion

11. General Business

John Sullivan gave a report to the meeting about the Global Wave conference he attended at Southern Cross University on Gold Coast, Qld. He said that he had been very impressed by the enthusiastic reception given by the many international delegates to the protocol of acknowledgment of country, and indicated that it was an idea that attendees so endorsed for their own First Peoples that they promised that it would be taken up by them on their return home. He also indicated that Bondi Beach was being proposed as a global surfing reserve.

MOTION 5: Bondi Beach Precinct requests that steps be taken to recognise McKenzie's as an off-leash dog area.

Proposed: Michelle Young

Seconded: Margaret Merten

Unanimous

Background: MacKenzies is a rocky inlet between between the Boot (a rocky inlet next to Bondi Beach) and Tamarama. Every few years sand covers some of the rocky area. This only lasts for a very short period of time. Swimming isn't recommended due to underwater jagged rocks and rips. It's a popular dog-friendly place as it's not an official beach.

Meeting closed: 9:00pm

Paul Paech

Lenore Kulakauskas

2 March 2020

RESPONSE REPORT BONDI BEACH

**Waverley Council Response Report to Bondi Beach Precinct meeting on
2 March 2020**

Date	Motion	Response
4 November 2019	<p>MOTION 1</p> <p>Bondi Beach Precinct requests Waverley Council to take immediate measures to halt erosion in the South Park. The two 'coir log' strips are ineffectual in preventing erosion further up the slope. Council staff are encouraged to contact Precinct committee members to discuss this matter.</p> <p>Proposed: Alison Leitch Seconded: Lesley Tucker Unanimous</p>	<p>Motion was forwarded to the Executive Manager, Asset Maintenance who has advised that the irrigation repairs were completed (replaced damaged heads) the same time as the re-turfing in December 2019.</p> <p>Council also did some minor planting when we placed the two 'coir logs' to assist with holding the erosion that was reported. We have no further works in scope for the remainder of Financial Year 19/20.</p>
4 November 2019	<p>MOTION 2</p> <p>As a matter of urgency Bondi Beach Precinct requests Waverley Council to take immediate measures to obtain legal advice in relation to methods by which loopholes in the affordable housing SEPP are being used to undermine the integrity of the provision of authentic affordable housing.</p> <p>Proposed: Terry Jenkins Seconded: Graham Fuller Unanimous</p>	<p>Motion was forwarded to the Director Planning, Environment and Regulatory Service who has advised the following:</p> <p>Council is aware of the community perception that applicants seek to use the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 (ARHSEPP) to provide backpacker and short stay accommodation rather than affordable housing, however, there are a variety of housing options available for applicants to use under the SEPP and both Council and the Land and Environment Court make sure that any application that proposes to use the SEPP complies with the provisions and principles of the SEPP.</p>

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