

BONDI WARD
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Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the February 2023 Bondi Beach Precinct meeting

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MOTIONS				
6 February 2023	<p>MOTION 1: To install high impact educational and awareness information permanently on-site in the pavilion, showing devastating effects of plastic pollution to ocean and marine life. Proposed Renee Sofi Seconded Terry Jenkins Unanimous Ideas: Wall display or a large glass cylinder showing the amount of trash that has been picked up on Bondi Beach in 1 day/week. To be sent to General Manager and responsible Director</p>	<p>CLC has sent this request to the Director of Planning, Sustainability and Compliance and the General Manager.</p> <p>Council staff are currently investigating options.</p>	General Managers Unit // Planning, Compliance & Sustainability	In progress
6 February 2023	<p>MOTION 2: Extra signage be placed at the beach including at Flat Rock and Ben Buckler in multiple languages about the dangers. Proposed Margaret Merten Seconded Adrian Findlay Unanimous To be sent to General Manager and responsible Director</p>	<p>The General Manager and Director of Assets & Operations proposes to review the signage at existing locations and augment as needed as we already have signage at each entry point. As part of this we will consider the inclusion of a QR codes which provide information in multiple languages.</p> <p>For background, beach and coastal hazard / warning signage was updated for all Beaches and was completed in late 2019. Every entry point to the beach at Bondi has a sign. This includes emergency contact information, an entry point number identification, coastal hazard warnings, safe swimming messaging and rules and regulations covering the beach area.</p> <p>The beach / coastal signage is a very specific design based on the National Aquatic Recreation Signage Manual developed by the Australian Water Safety Council and Royal Life Saving in collaboration with all states</p>	General Managers Unit // Assets & Operations	In progress

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		<p>and territories across Australia. This was in response to multiple drownings across Australia in particular it was in response to the Coroner’s findings into a Victorian incident. The intention is to provide a universally identifiable sign all across Australia.</p> <p>https://www.lifesavingsupport.com.au/Downloads/National-Aquatic-Recreation-Signage-Manual.pdf</p> <p>Signage includes internationally recognisable warning symbols in accordance with Australian Standards and the National Aquatic Recreation Signage Manual</p> <p>The signs are intended to enable emergency responders to locate the correct beach entry point as each sign has an entry number.</p> <p>These signs also include beach rules and regulations to enable rangers to enforce the rules and issue infringements.</p>		
ACTIONS				
6 February 2023	Discussion ensued about a lifeguard being stationed at Flat Rock, Ben Buckler and that life buoys be placed there for emergencies.	Ray to email Michelle Gray to follow up.	Precinct / Clr Grey	TBC
6 February 2023	It was unanimously agreed to email the Mayor about Power to Bondi Pavilion.	Power to Bondi Pavilion is being upgraded in line with DA approved plans. The required works within the building and connections to the substation on Park Drive were undertaken prior to building handover. The timing of the upgrade to the substation is dictated by Ausgrid and their nominated contractors. We had anticipated and programmed for the upgrade works to be undertaken by Ausgrid’s nominated contractors prior to the tenancies being	Assets & Operations	In progress

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		<p>operational. However, this has been delayed with a completion date now scheduled in April.</p> <p>The current temporary generator in the courtyard will be therefore be in place for 8 weeks and will ensure the Pavilion can reach optimal demands during full operation including events. It will also provide power to the building whilst temporary shutdowns occur for the overall power upgrade works. The reasons for the various tenancies not being fully operational yet is more complex and related to various works and approvals needed.</p>		
6 February 2023	Children's Playground concerns.	<p>Response from Director of Assets & Operations and Manager of Open Spaces and Sports field Maintenance below:</p> <p>Thank you for providing feedback regarding the playground at Bondi Park</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council contractors attended and repaired the spring rocker twice unfortunately this rocker has now had to be removed we have ordered a new rocker from our suppliers due to this piece of equipment being manufacture overseas lead times are approximately 10 to 12 weeks. Area has been temporarily filled with rubber Softfall signage has been place on the fence and pole. 2. Council as many issues with gates at playgrounds some is caused by vandalism other by kids swinging and prams hitting gates staff have replaced hinges and locks. All Council's playgrounds are checked once each week by qualified level 1 staff and Council engages independent playground inspections every 3 months. 	Assets & Operations	In progress

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		<p>3. All playgrounds are cleaned using hot water high pressure cleaning unit once a month.</p> <p>4. Each morning one staff member is tasked with removing rubbish, bins and blowing the playground this work starts at 7.30am. Due to the high use of this playground staff have difficulty mowing on a schedule most mowing is completed on wet weather days when playground is not in use.</p> <p>5. Trees were replaced in August 2022. Unfortunately this species has again failed we will be replanting this winter as part of our planting program. Council Tree Officers are looking at a more suitable species for this location.</p> <p>Re: Suggestions</p> <p>The original playground at Bondi Park, including the swing area, was installed in 2007 following extensive community consultation and more recently an expanded toddler play area was added in 2020 including additional shade sail over this area. In combination with existing trees the play space achieves in excess of 50% shade coverage while still allowing for warm solar access in cooler winter months.</p> <p>The main challenge for placing shade over the swings is the placement of the large poles to hold up the sail in the correct orientation to provide adequate shade over the swing area in the middle of the day. And to ensure poles are located outside the safety fall and circulation zones of the play equipment. Unfortunately, the swings are located on the very southern boundary of the play space meaning large poles would need to be placed outside the playground in car park to tension the sail system</p>		

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		<p>the required 3 meters above the swings. As such Council will not be reviewing the extent of shade sails at this location at this time.</p> <p>At this stage Council has no short-term plans to change the location of the swings but will consider the design and layout of play equipment, including the balance of shade and sun, in a new playground design in the future.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in Council's park and reserves, we value our community's feedback and continued support and patience as we progressively upgrade our facilities.</p>		

Next meeting: 20 March 2023