

## Minutes

### Bondi Heights Precinct Committee General Meeting

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

The Queens Park Room, Waverley Council Chambers, Cnr Paul Street & Bondi Road.

Attendance numbers: 7 with 5 eligible to vote.

Noted attendance at commencement:

Convenor:

Bill Mouroukas

Secretary:

Lynda Hall

Waverley Ward Councillor attendance:

Cr Fabiano Present – Full Meeting.

Cr Murray Absent

Cr Kay Present – Full Meeting.

COMMENCEMENT: Meeting started at 7:10 pm

#### MEETING DIRECTIONS & Announcements –

- COVID-19 Government Safety Requirements
- Fire exits and washroom facilities.
- Reminder for all present to sign the Attendance Sheet.
- Any guest (out of precinct) attendees were asked to declare their presence for the record.
- No printed material to be distributed at the meeting without approval from the chair.
- Convenor's eMail Group: [convenorbill@gmail.com](mailto:convenorbill@gmail.com)

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Nicholas Barber, Lachlan Beaton, Andrew and Mary Goldfinch, Daniella Hoffman, Amanda Shemesh, Gwen Zeller, Marion Burgess, Alessandra Bray, Sarah Vorcheimer, Joe Haffner, Eva and Julia Varga.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

##### ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting was tabled, and copies distributed to meeting attendees.

##### **MOTION [202206M1] ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES –**

***“THAT, THE TABLED DOCUMENT BEING THE MINUTES OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING HELD ON 4th APRIL 2022, IS ADOPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THAT MEETING.”***

Mover, Susie Hoppe. Seconder, Bill Mouroukas.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

Bondi Heights Precinct Submission - Chambers Refurbishment (See attachment 1)

##### **MOTION [202206M2] CONVENOR'S SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT – CHAMBERS REFURBISHMENT –**

***“THAT, THE TABLED DOCUMENT BEING A COPY OF A SUBMISSION RELATING TO REFURBISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LODGED BY THE PRECINCT CONVENOR TO COUNCIL BY EMAIL ON 2ND MAY 2022, IS SUPPORTED.”***

Mover, Bill Mouroukas. Seconder, Lynda Hall.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

##### WAVERLEY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE REPORT:

The Council Response Report was tabled and is attached to these minutes (Attachment 2).

Regarding [202204R2], The Bondi Heights Precinct considers Council's response as stated in the report as an acknowledgement that the current procedures are not addressing the cause for the potholes. The Precinct Committee considers patching potholes by filling the hole with bitumen is not a true repair but a band-aid solution that will only last until the next heavy downpour. A repair requires the rectification of the road base so that potholes do not reappear every time it rains heavy. The matter was raised for consideration by the attending Councillors.

Regarding [202204R5], The Bondi Heights Precinct considers Council's position as stated in the report as a reduction of service to the community and as such this is not satisfactory.

**QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202206Q1] CONTACTING RANGERS AND PARKING PATROL OFFICERS –  
“WHAT CAN THE COMMUNITY DO, AFTER HOURS AND ON WEEKENDS, IN THE CASE OF AN  
EMERGENCY WHERE THE ASSISTANCE OF A COUNCIL RANGER OR PARKING PATROL OFFICER IS  
URGENTLY REQUIRED?”**

Regarding [202204Q2], The Bondi Heights Precinct considers public access to the physical file of a DA as an essential component of the notification process and as such the Bondi Heights Precinct considers Council's position as stated in the report as a reduction of service to the community and that this is not satisfactory.

**MOTION [202206M3] PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL FILE OF A DA –  
“THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL REESTABLISH THE PRACTICE  
WHEREBY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL FILE OF A DA, AS OPPOSED  
TO ONLY DIGITAL ACCESS. THE PHYSICAL FILE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AT THE  
CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE, AS WAS THE PRACTICE BEFORE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS WERE  
ENACTED.”**

Mover, Susie Hoppe. Secunder, Michael Funnell.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

#### TRAFFIC:

Cr Kay reported on, TfNSW proposal for a left in left out traffic movement at the intersection of Wellington St and Bondi Rd.

**MOTION [202206M4] TfNSW PROPOSAL FOR LEFT IN LEFT OUT AT THE WELLINGTON STREET  
INTERSECTION WITH BONDI ROAD –  
“THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSAL BY TRANSPORT FOR NSW  
FOR LEFT IN LEFT OUT AT THE WELLINGTON STREET INTERSECTION WITH BONDI ROAD.”**

Mover, Michael Funnell. Secunder, Susie Hoppe.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

#### WTC 28th April 2022, Item TC/C.01/22.04 Birrell Street, Waverley – Cycleway.

Regarding this item, at the full Council meeting held on 17th May, Council resolved the following:

1. Does not adopt the Council Officer's Proposal.
2. Defers this item to undertake community consultation with respect to:
  - (a) Demand for the proposed Birrell Street cycleway.
  - (b) The draft route attached to the report.
  - (c) Other options for the cycleway, such as adding a further separated cycle lane on the westbound uphill section of Birrell Street between Tamarama Street and Henrietta Street.
  - (d) The intersection of Carrington Road and Birrell Street being further investigated as to safety and impacts on traffic flow.

3. Works with Transport for NSW to review the associated line markings, including line markings within the Traffic Control Signal.

WTC 26th May 2022, Item TC/V.01/22.05 Bon Accord Avenue, Bondi Junction - Temporary Road Closure.

As Council has not yet met to consider the minutes of this Traffic Committee meeting, any recommendation from this WTC meeting remains confidential. From the agenda the Convenor reported that the following is proposed:

Closures are to take place only during the following days and times:

- (i) Monday, 26 September 2022, 8.15 am–2.00 pm.
- (ii) Tuesday, 27 September 2022, 8.15 am–2.00 pm.
- (iii) Tuesday, 4 October 2022, 5.30 pm–10.00 pm.
- (iv) Wednesday, 5 October 2022, 9.15 am–8.15 pm.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

Convenor Report: “No significant issues to report from new notices I have received up to 29th May 2022.

| CONVENOR’S NOTE |

Lynda Hall has confirmed she will resume duties as our precinct’s DA Representative. This is subject to formal ratification at the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 Bondi Heights Precinct General Meeting, Meanwhile Lynda is acting in that role in addition to her position as Precinct Secretary.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

**MOTION [202206M5] POLITICAL ELECTION POSTERS YET TO BE REMOVED –**

***“THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL TO REMIND ALL CANDIDATES IN THE RECENT FEDERAL ELECTION FOR THE WENTWORTH ELECTORATE, THAT ANY POLITICAL ELECTION MATERIAL STILL SITUATED IN THE PUBLIC SPACE SHOULD BE REMOVED.”***

Mover, Bill Mouroukas. Second, Michael Funnell.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

**MOTION [202206M6] BHP ZOOM EVENT FOR 1ST AUGUST 2022 –**

***“THAT, THE FACE-TO-FACE (IN PERSON) MEETING OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT SCHEDULED FOR 7 PM ON 1ST AUGUST 2022, BE CANCELLED AND THAT A BONDI HEIGHTS ZOOM EVENT BE SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME TIME.”***

Mover, Bill Mouroukas. Second, Lynda Hall.

Decision; Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS BY EMAIL TO THE CONVENOR:

*“I should like to bring to your notice the deplorable state of the roads in our area. An example is the large pothole in Bondi Road near the traffic lights on the corner of Carrington Street. I pointed this out for the last meeting and shortly thereafter it was “repaired”. They needn’t have bothered as the hole has opened again. It certainly was not repaired competently, and I suspect that other potholes are in the same position.*”

*The drainage of water at the corner of Penkivil and Bondi Roads also appears to be non-existent and the water pools there even if there has been a relaxation in the rainfall.*

*The water has still not drained from Waverley Park.” – BHP Resident 30/05/2022*

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202206R1] POTHOLES AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE –**

**“COULD THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER PLEASE PASS ON THE ABOVE NOTED COMMENTS TO THE RELEVANT OFFICERS ON MATTERS RELATING TO POTHOLES, STORM WATER DRAINAGE AND DRAINAGE AT WAVERLEY PARK? A RESPONSE ON THE DRAINAGE MATTERS IS REQUESTED.”**

### CONVENOR’S NOTE

The following three eMails were received but not reported at the meeting due to computer difficulties. I have included them as an addendum to the minutes for the information of Council officers.

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*“The introduction of the resident parking scheme has made parking in Park Pde/Bennett St area for residents/visitors and tradies more practical. We have a number of visitor parking spots within our property plus a space for every apartment and we hope that all the apartment buildings currently under development in the area also have sufficient parking spots within their property.*

*And the rubber bump installed along Park Pde near the access to the playing fields has really helped with pedestrian safety” – BHP Resident 05/06/2022*

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202206R2] FOR THE ATTENTION OF RELEVANT OFFICERS –**

**“COULD THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER PLEASE PASS ON THE ABOVE NOTED COMMENTS TO THE RELEVANT OFFICERS ON MATTERS RELATING TO RPS AND SPEED HUMPS?”**

*“Can I ask for Council to find out why so many planes are flying over BJ from first thing in the morning until late, it’s been happening for the last 3 months!” – BHP Resident 06/06/2022*

**QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202206Q2] INCREASING FLIGHTPATH ACTIVITY OVER WAVERLEY –**

**“IS COUNCIL AWARE THAT FLIGHT ACTIVITY OVER THE WAVERLEY LGA SEEMS TO HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED COMPARED TO THE PRE-COVID PERIOD? COULD COUNCIL PLEASE ADVISE ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER?”**

*“We are still having problems in Anglesea street’s one-way area. The give-way line at the corner of Watkins Street still has not been re-instated following resurfacing of the road surface. Some signs indicating “one-way” have been turned around on their poles, so they are not visible to on-coming traffic. Only one poorly visible one-way arrow is on the roadway. Often unintended drivers find themselves part-way up before they realise, they are on a one-way street. (Possibly there is also a problem with the computerised guidance systems for some cars. This should be checked.) There is one driver in the street who insists on racing the wrong way up the street. I have left a note on his car requesting that he desist from his dangerous behaviour before he collects a pedestrian - most likely a young child - who is not expecting a car to be racing the wrong way up our street. (He lives somewhere halfway up, from where he parks his car.) A number of neighbours are concerned about this matter. – BHP resident 06/06/2022”*

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202206R3] ANGLESEA STREET CONCERNS –**

**“COULD THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT PLEASE RECEIVE AN OFFICER RESPONSE TO THE RESIDENT EMAIL (ABOVE) RELATING TO ANGLESEA STREET PLEASE?”**

#### MEETING/EVENT DATES FOR 2022:

1 August (NEXT ZOOM EVENT)

5 December

3 October (NEXT IN PERSON MEETING)

## MEETING CLOSURE:

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

## ATTACHMENT 1:

Bondi Heights Precinct Submission - Chambers Refurbishment 02/05/2022

This submission on behalf of Bondi Heights Precinct has been prepared by the Convenor, Bill Mouroukas and is for consideration by Waverley Council, Officers and Councillors in relation to the proposed refurbishment of Waverley Council Chambers. I was one of only a few precinct representatives who participated in a Zoom event conducted by officers on 13 April 2022. Following this event, I informed my precinct eMail group that Council was planning to upgrade the chambers. The response I received can be described as not supportive. I quote the following comments to me from one Bondi Heights Precinct resident:

*"I can't believe it, but most will not remember how that building evolved. It is a real hotchpotch..... Don't tell me it has any heritage value.*

*In reality it [a demolition and new build]] will not cost more because a new building would be more space efficient. The new design looks as dated as the existing building. What a wasted opportunity, they should move it back into the hill, integrate it with the landscape with all the ergonomic advantages that that presents, and then put something more pleasant and more sympathetic in the front.*

*I am not going to waste my time making a submission to "Have Your Say" after the last [Bondi Heights Precinct] meeting. The council staff were not there to listen, they were there to tell and were not going to budge regardless of what we said."*

The sentiment of the above quoted resident is indicative of views held by others with whom I've spoken, particularly in the belief that Council is not really interested in the community's views. The massive blowout of the budget for the Bondi Pavilion refurbishment has confirmed to many that Council is not a good manager of the public purse. I understand the Council has budgeted \$17.8 million for the project of which an estimated \$12million is needed just to make the building compliant.

If Council is going to spend an estimated \$18m, which will probably extend to at least another 25% on top of that, then why not go for the new build option at not much more, and the community can get a totally new product, rather than be constrained by what is there now.

The proposal maintains the existing Council staff and visitors' on-site parking at the rear (17 spaces), yet the increased staff numbers are forecast to generate a net increase of ONLY six vehicles during the morning peak hour and four vehicles in the afternoon peak hour. The proposal considers this to be negligible in the context of the surrounding road network and would not impact its operation. This is very much a debatable point. It is more likely to make matters much worse for local residents, who already have limited on-street parking through high levels of parking occupancy.

Although the alts and adds approach MAY still provide an opportunity for more staff than now, it does NOT permit 'everyone' to be 'housed' in the same building (thereby improving both efficiency and effectiveness for a 'whole of Council' approach to getting things done). Even the increase in staff provided by the proposed design will surely require more staff car parking to cope. Where would these additional cars park? Not on site and not in the surrounding streets, where Residential Parking Schemes exist. We don't want staff to leave their office to move their car every two hours to avoid getting a fine. If this does occur, they may find that there are few parking spaces available, and they spend some time driving around (certainly not environmental) until they eventually find a space some distance from the office. This would be a totally unacceptable outcome.

Last time refurbishment of the Chambers came up, asbestos removal was given as a cause. Once again, asbestos is being declared as an important justification to carry out another expensive patch up of the building. The patience of the community is being tested when repeated expensive refurbishments are undertaken on the same buildings such as this. This proposal is for alts and adds on top of previous alts and adds to a building that was designed and built in the 1920's for the circumstances of the day. Times have changed, and so it is appropriate for the current building to be demolished and we start again with a new build that can provide a design of the times which will future proof the building for years and years to come.

This submission reflects the views of the Bondi Heights Precinct community as made known to me.

## ATTACHMENT 2:

### **WAVERLEY COUNCIL RESPONSE REPORT TO BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT**

Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the April 2022 Bondi Heights Precinct meeting

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R1] – WAVERLEY PARK PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION.

THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS OFFICERS RETURN TO SEEK PRECINCT FEEDBACK AT A FUTURE MEETING OF BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT RELATING TO ANY PROPOSALS FOR THE WAVERLEY PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADES AND TO TAKE SUGGESTIONS.

RESPONSE: This request was forwarded to the acting Open Spaces Planning Manager who has advised that they will be in contact as the process progresses further. First step is Councillor endorsement for Round 2 consultation and then it is hoped that it will be out for consultation at the end of July.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R2] – POT HOLE REPAIRS.

THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL REVIEW IT'S PROCESSES RELATING TO ROADS MAINTENANCE, PARTICULARLY POT HOLE REPAIR, WITH A FOCUS ON IMPROVING RESPONSE TIME.

RESPONSE: This request was forwarded to the Civil Works Supervisor, Asset Maintenance Since who has advised that since the start of March 2022, we have had 670 pothole requests and our asphalt team consists of three members. We have had one member of our concrete team assisting with road repairs, and this has been a priority for the civil team.

The weather has been against us with the amount of bad weather making repairs difficult and works reopening as they haven't set properly with the continuous rain.

Our hot mix supplier does not open on rainy days, and we have had numerous days where we can't get any asphalt.

We have engaged with contractors to assist with some bigger repair works and will have that starting soon.

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## ATTACHMENT 2: CONTINUED

We are very focused on getting these numbers down and working at it every day. Of the 670 requests received since March, 514 have been finalised. We currently have 173 request open.

The Manager for Assets Systems & Planning – Infrastructure Services (Acting), has also advised that we are finalising the scope for heavy patching across the LGA, with the RFQ and appointment of a contractor has been scheduled for the upcoming weeks.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R3] – PARKING PERMIT PROCESS.

THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL REVIEW IT'S PROCESSES RELATING TO PARKING PERMIT APPLICATIONS WITH A VIEW OF MAKING SUCH APPLICATIONS/RENEWALS, AVAILABLE ONLINE.

RESPONSE: This request was forwarded to the Manager Customer Service, who has advised that as part of the ICT Modernisation project Council is exploring options for a core integrated system with a customer centric focus that would facilitate an online application process for all applications, including parking permits. Our Information Management team will begin this process in 2022/23 and parking permits has been identified as a priority.

More specific details about timeframes are not available at present as Council will need to select a new core system first, as online applications can't happen without one.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202204Q1] – RESIDENTIAL PARKING SCHEME ZONE 4 LINE MARKING.

WHEN WILL THE ROAD LINE MARKING FOR DRIVEWAYS BE PUT IN PLACE FOR RPS ZONE 4? REFER TO SNAP SEND SOLVE REQUEST # 2235161.

RESPONSE: A Customer Service Officer has advised that Line marking requests are paid applications. see link to the council website regarding line marking applications

[https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/application\\_forms\\_and\\_certificates/application\\_forms/public\\_domain\\_applications](https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/application_forms_and_certificates/application_forms/public_domain_applications)

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R4] – RESIDENTIAL PARKING SCHEME ZONE 4 SIGNAGE.

COULD COUNCIL PLEASE REVIEW RPS SIGNAGE WITH ARROWS SUGGESTING PARKING IS AVAILABLE WHERE THERE ARE DRIVEWAYS? RESIDENTS ARE EXPERIENCING ISSUES WITH VEHICLES BEING PARKED IN DRIVEWAYS. SIGNS SHOULD NOT COVER THE AREAS THAT ARE DRIVEWAYS. REFER TO SNAP SEND SOLVE REQUEST # 2235161.

RESPONSE: Merit ref # 2162158 is currently with the Traffic department, and there are no further comments or updates available at 6 June 2022 to relay to the Precinct.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R5] – COMMUNITY CONTACT WITH RANGERS AND PARKING PATROL OFFICERS.

COULD COUNCIL PLEASE REINSTATE AND PUBLISH FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS, THE DIRECT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS FOR COUNCIL RANGERS AND PARKING PATROL OFFICERS DURING THEIR FULL OPERATIONAL HOURS?

RESPONSE: This request was forwarded to the Manager, Environmental Health and Ranger Services and to the Manager Parking Patrol who have advised the following:

We moved away from publicised numbers for a number of reasons:

- Work was not always being properly reported or captured. i.e. a Ranger gets a call, goes and does the job but doesn't put it in the customer system, Merit – this results in no or limited records and not reportable/auditable.
- Funnelling all the jobs through customer service ensures that all jobs are appropriately recorded and allocated – otherwise, people call the Rangers for all sorts of things with the expectation they will fix the problem or refer it to the appropriate team.
- Having the Rangers add jobs to Merit (if they get the call directly) takes them away from Ranger work.
- Decreases the likelihood of abuse or frivolous complaints.
- Consistent with service of other councils.

Reverting to publicised numbers is not supported.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202204Q2] – COMMUNITY IN PERSON ACCESS TO DUTY PLANNER AND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FILES. WHAT ARE THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE DUTY PLANNER AND WHEN WILL THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FILES BECOME AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AND INSPECTION AGAIN AT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE IN SPRING STREET BONDI JUNCTION?

RESPONSE: For DA applications lodged after 2005, please search the address, building name or DA number using Council's online DA Tracker tool: [waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/development\\_applications/track\\_a\\_da](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/development_applications/track_a_da)

Not all DA information is online. To access submissions, old DA information, internal floor plans pre-2019 or any other DA information, please complete a request for DA/planning information form:

[waverley.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/166383/Request\\_for\\_DA\\_Planning\\_Information\\_Form.pdf](http://waverley.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/166383/Request_for_DA_Planning_Information_Form.pdf) If you are requesting internal plans pre-2019, attach owner's consent or an authorisation letter/email from your strata manager. If you cannot obtain owner's consent, please request the plans via [governance@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:governance@waverley.nsw.gov.au)

Alternatively, you can view digital DA files in full at the Customer Service Centre, 55 Spring Street, Bondi Junction, from 9 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday.

Please note that if you have general planning enquiries, the duty planner is available:

- In person on Tuesday and Wednesday (and not available between 1–2 pm or after 4.30 pm).
- Via phone and email: 9083 8484 or [duty.planner@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:duty.planner@waverley.nsw.gov.au)