

4 December 2023, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Ocean Room, Bondi Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7:05pm

Chair: Lenore Kulakauskas

Apologies: Vivien Altman, Alison Harvey, Leon Goltsman (Councillor, Liberal Party)

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge this land as the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia, respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

We acknowledge that we meet on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and our community.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Adopt Minutes of Meeting 9th October 2023** as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Accepted – Cleo Lynch, Seconded – Paul Paech

2. Response Report

- **Safety Concerns and Walk around with representative of Waverley Council**

Walk around did not take place as concerns by community members were not received by email. Regardless of not meeting with council some safety issues to various areas were repaired.

- **Sandridge Street and Bondi Road intersections**

Lenore contacted John Wakefield who advised about work he had done on Bondi Rd and Francis St (just down from Sandridge St) as follows and sent it to Council for follow-up:

1. A General motion went to council as follows:

That Council

1. *Notes that many areas of Waverley, especially commercially zoned areas, have existing metered parking and/or footpaths where outdoor seating is currently present or would be permissible.*
2. *develops a methodology for footpath and road infrastructure works which makes use of financial feasibility analysis recognising that road space where metered parking exists generates revenue and that footpath space can generate revenue through outdoor seating licences*
3. *notes that the corner of Francis and Campbell Parade Bondi Beach is one such location where there is both metered parking and commercially used premises and applies this methodology to examine the feasibility of undertaking footpath reconstruction re-alignment and widening works which would extend current metered parking spaces and create footpath areas suitable for outdoor seating for adjacent commercial premises while at the same time improving pedestrian and vehicle safety and public amenity*

4. Prepares two separate reports:

- (i) detailing the method and analysis as described making use of the project for Francis & Campbell Pde as a practical example. Details how such projects may be accounted in Council's Long Term Financial Plans
- (ii) a schema of works for the corner of Francis and Campbell specifying estimated capital cost and revenue potential from such works.

2. A separate amendment for action to be taken to re-design via a Traffic Committee decision went to Council and was approved in 2018.

http://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/04/CM_20180417_MIN_452.PDF

CM/4.2.2/18.04 Adoption of Minutes - Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting - 29 March 2018 - TC/V.05/18.03 Francis Street, Bondi Beach - Installation of 'No Stopping' Zone (A02/0637-02) This matter was saved and excepted by Cr Wakefield. MOTION / DECISION Mover: Cr Wakefield Seconder: Cr O'Neill That Council: 1. Develops a design concept for alternative treatment for the intersection of Francis Street and Campbell Parade to improve pedestrian safety, increase parking, improve landscaping and improve waste collection processes. 2. Temporarily installs 2 metres of 'No Stopping 5AM-7AM' on the northern side of Francis Street adjacent to 2-8 Campbell Parade to aid waste removal. 3. Consults the community in the immediate vicinity.

Council follow-up from the Executive Manager of Infrastructure:

Council Officers have trialled a outdoor dining solution at the corner of Brighton Blvd and Military Road. Additionally to this trial Officers have developed a proposal for an outdoor seating solution for Gould Street near Hastings Pde which is due to go to community consultation in the new year. The combined review of both these solutions will be taken to Council for consideration for a potential larger rollout including Francis Street.

As this was an unsatisfactory response the questions were sent again and the following reply was received:

The Francis Street corner and any associated capital works are being assessed as part of the Campbell Parade renewal project and the Bondi Basin LATM. The Southern end of the Campbell Parade design is scheduled to be reviewed after North Bondi Terminus is completed. The Bondi Basin LATM is also undertaking a review of options of road changes at this intersection.

The culmination of outdoor dining options currently being trialled, the Bondi Basin LATM and the progression of the Streetscape upgrade will be holistic and coordinated. Anticipated design work will commence in the 2024/25 financial year.

- Lenore followed up with Leon Goltsman on issues raised with him previously regarding the skate park upgrade and the skate park toilets but received no reply.
- Lenore followed up with Koncrete Skate Supplies to see if they would like to gather parents and children to protest the Skate Park conditions but received no reply. However, the council has been doing works to the skate park to make safe. Further, Lenore spoke to Emily Scott, the General Manager at council who is committed to a skatepark upgrade including the installation of toilets (already planned and approved) next to the skate park.

- **Tree retention on Private Property and Tree Planting**

Lenore has emailed the person at Woollahra council who was discussing the tree planning policy in the newspaper article as Waverley Council was not aware of the policy.

- **Off leash times in South Bondi Park**

This has been submitted to Assets and Operations for consideration. Awaiting response.

- **Clearer Signage at Notts Avenue re speed limits and shared zone**

Council response was:

Notts Ave is a designated 10K shared zone and has been successfully working as such since completion. Signage for shared zones are regulated and must be approved through a TMP that is endorsed and approved through the WTC and Transport for NSW. The current set up at Notts Ave is compliant and in line with TfNSW guidelines.

Officers will check if any signage refresh or reorientation is required.

ACTION 1: To be discussed at next meeting

3. Living in Waverley Liveability Survey – Report from Lenore Kulakauskas

A part of the brief for the newly created community planning advocate role is to “Conduct surveys with residents, businesses, the community and visitors about the cumulative impacts of overdevelopment.”

The survey called Living in Waverley Survey was outsourced to .ID (Informed Decisions)

Alana Novak provided an update for the meeting – see [Appendix A](#)

It is noted that in August when Mary Shiner and Alana Novak were both present, BB Precinct expressed concerns that in the creation of survey questions care had to be taken to manage agenda bias and that community input into the types of questions included in the scope would be beneficial.

ACTION 2: To be discussed at next meeting

4. Bondi Pavilion and community use

North Bondi Precinct have advised of the potential erosion of community access to the rooms at Bondi Pavilion.

A resident of Bondi Beach Precinct confirmed community access is a concern, citing a recent example whereby a community choral group, the Sunshine Singers, to which she belongs had lost use of the High Tide Room where they usually hold their annual free concert, finding out only the week before the concert was to be held that it had been hired out for corporate use and they would have to use the Surf Club.

North Bondi Precinct has addressed community access with council and has asked if Bondi Beach Precinct would address this with council also.

MOTION 1: Bondi Beach Precinct is concerned that longstanding community groups are being advised that they may not have access to rooms at the Pavilion in 2024. We are aware that there

was a pre-election commitment regarding a fair and balanced use of the Pavilion for its community stakeholders.

We therefore request the following:

- That Council provides a copy of the comprehensive review of Bondi Pavilion operations.
- That Council advises whether the community will have access to the physical and recreational classes that were previously run in the Pavilion at a set time each week.

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO BEN THOMPSON, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY, CULTURE & CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

5. E-Bikes – Who is responsible for them?

E-bikes are obstructing footpaths making it difficult and unsafe for pedestrians and particularly people with prams or walkers or wheelchairs to use the footpaths. Other countries have rental bikes secured in docks, users return the bike to a dock or forego a deposit. The subject of e-bikes had been discussed at council on 21/11/2023

MOTION 2: Given the continuing safety problems with the placement of rental bikes on public footpaths and parks by users and bike companies themselves BB Precinct asks council to:

- (i) Investigate the installation of fixed single bike parking hubs/docks that secure bikes in appropriate zones
- (ii) Consider repeating the exercise with an earlier iteration of rental bikes when Waverley Council physically seized abandoned bikes and impounded them to force the rental companies to take more responsibility. See the Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 No 38

Moved: Adrian Finlay

Seconded: Paul Paech

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO SHARON CASSIDY, DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS

6. Bottle return facility at Bondi Beach

The bottle return facility, launched in 2018, was removed from Bondi Beach due to the Covid 19 testing station. The bottle return/recycling company previously utilised was TOMRA.

MOTION 3: Bondi Beach Precinct requests that council liaise with TOMRA to facilitate the reinstatement of the bottle return facility at Bondi Beach.

Moved: Paul Paech

Second: Cleo Lynch

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO SHARON CASSIDY, DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS

7. Development Applications – Report from Margaret Merton

26-32 Hall Street Development Application

This DA went through the Local Waverley Planning Panel. Conditions were applied regarding setbacks and other conditions.

The developer, Vaughan Blank, has submitted a new set of plans under a DA amendment removing all the set backs, added balconies and has increased the number of flats

It is noted that the variations in the new plans breach the conditions that were placed upon the approved DA.

Margaret spoke to Alana Novak for an explanation of the council planning process that would apply to these changes pointing out to her that this was not an amended DA but due to the significant changes it should be treated as a brand-new DA. The response from Alana did not satisfactorily explain the process that would be applied to the 26-32 Hall Street DA.

Bondi Beach Precinct strongly protests that this DA be treated as a brand-new DA as opposed to an amended DA.

ACTION 3: That Margaret Merton and Adrian Findlay seek a meeting with the director Fletcher Rayner to clarify the status of the DA, the decision-making processes available to council in respect to this DA and the implications for residents in having a say over what are essentially new plans and not amended plans.

Voting: Unanimous

8. General Business

(a) Construction Parking Permits – Hadyn Keenan

MOTION 4: Bondi Beach Precinct has become aware of a significant revenue stream for council and ask that the following be considered for implementation:

That the council require developers to apply for an exclusive construction zone permit for commercial developments over a certain size before demolition or construction certificates are issued. This permit to be paid up front and the appropriate signage (building zone 7:30am to 5:30pm) installed for the life of the development.

This would replace the current haphazard situation where developers self regulate and regularly use witch's hats indiscriminately to block parking areas. It is becoming increasingly obvious that self-regulation doesn't work.

While it is recognised that delivery and removal of materials is intermittent, it is also recognised the space is used for vehicles associated with the build, thus nullifying any argument for intermittent use.

Moved: Haydn Keenan

Seconded: Margaret Merton

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO SHARON CASSIDY, DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS, FLETCHER RAYNER, DIRECTOR PLANNING, SUSTAINABILITY & COMPLIANCE, TARA CZINNER, DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES

(b) Flickerfest

Bronwyn Kidd from Flickerfest contacted Lenore about Council vetoing usage of the outdoor space at the Pavilion. Flickerfest, for the past 27 years used the amphitheatre which was demolished in the Pavilion upgrade.

MOTION 5: Bondi Beach Precinct supports the long term continuation of Flickerfest in the outdoor space at the Bondi Pavilion and supports an appropriate subsidy.

Moved: Cleo Lynch

Seconded: Paul Paech

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO BEN THOMPSON, DIRECTOR COMMUNITY, CULTURE & CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

(c) LK advised that the following motions were being taken to Combined by some Secretaries and Convenors of Precincts after the Sacking of the Deputy Mayor, Ludovico Fabiano, and the removal of Ludovico Fabiano and Dominic Wy Kanak from their positions on various committees.

They were sacked for expressing a difference of opinion on the wording of a proposed motion.

Discussions among the Convenors and Secretaries from Queens Park, Bronte, South Bondi, Bondi Beach, and the Secretary of North Bondi formulated the following motions to present to Combined during General Business:

- 1) The Combined Precincts believe that councillors should be able to express differing opinions without fear of retribution.
- 2) The Combined Precincts request an explanation as to why Councillors Wy Kanak and Fabiano were removed from their various positions, including that of Deputy Mayor.

We are of the opinion that such removals are unjustified when they relate to a difference of opinion.

Note:

Motion 1 to be presented and hopefully passed uncontroversially

Motion 2 only to be presented if Motion 1 passes

There were no objections to this occurring.

(d) Pauline Menczer Bronze Stature

ACTION 4: Bondi Beach precinct requests a status from council on the approval of the installation of the bronze statue of Pauline Menczer

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO SHARON CASSIDY, DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS

ACTION 5: Council approved re-installing the “Mermaids” on the rock at the North end of Bondi Beach years ago. Bondi Beach Precinct requests a status from council on the reinstallation of the Mermaids.

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO SHARON CASSIDY, DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS

(e) Seating at Bus stop newly installed on Glenayr Avenue (near corner of Hall Street)

The newly installed seat on Glenayr Avenue has been placed with its back to the road and on the curb side of the footpath. This does not allow for those waiting for the bus to have shelter under the awning and visibility of the approaching buses and traffic.

ACTION 6: Bondi Beach Precinct requests council to relocate the seat so that it faces the traffic and is underneath the awning.

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO SEND TO SHARON CASSIDY, DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS

(f) Leaflets notifying Bondi Beach Precinct meeting were not received by some buildings in Lamrock Avenue, Consett Avenue, Jacques Avenue, Campbell Parade. Also, the agenda for the meeting was also not available on the website.

ACTION 7: Bondi Beach Precinct requests Jessica to follow up regarding leaflet deliveries and the agenda not being available on the website.

Voting: Unanimous

JESSICA TO FOLLOW UP

(g) Local Business disregarding council requirements in relation to footpath seating, removal of waste and noise

MOTION 6: Given what appears to be an increasing disregard by local businesses of various council controls that protect the public amenity relating to footpath seating, prompt removal of waste bins, noise etc), Bondi Beach Precinct asks council to instruct its compliance officers to investigate the operation of the business in the local area to ensure businesses are both aware of their responsibilities and actually meet them. In particular, Belle's Chicken (excessively loud music) and Ikaria (excessively loud music and seating encroachment).

Note: Ikaria has been previously followed up by Lenore with council regarding its seating. Belles Chicken's is causing noise issues for residents as it is functioning more like a bar than a restaurant. This is the same for Ikaria.

Moved: Paul Paech

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Voting: Unanimous

(h) Owners encroaching on public land by claiming public space for their own, depriving the council of revenue and reducing parking for other residents and the general public.

MOTION 7: Bondi Beach Precinct urges council to investigate and address the widespread practice of property owners with single vehicle width on-site parking painting lines on the public roadway indicating that there is a greater restriction of public parking than required for access to their

property (i.e. driveway), sometimes to the extent of occupying more than two public parking spaces.

Moved: Paul Paech

Seconded: Hadyn Keenan

Voting: Unanimous

- (i) Mike Lyons has resigned as the Traffic Committee rep. The Precinct expresses its thanks to Mike for his contributions.

ACTION 8: LK to email Mike and thank him on behalf of the Precinct

Meeting Closed 8:36pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 5 February 2024

Lenore Kulakauskas, Co-Convenor

Alie Liew, Secretary

Living in Waverley 2023 – Liveability Study Update

As part of the Community Planning Advocate role, Council is conducting a community place-based liveability survey, also known as the Living in Waverley survey. This survey will collect metrics of the lived experience of residents and develop a broad picture of the impacts of development.

Background to Survey – Council Resolution – 15 February 2022 – CM/6.3/22.02

This survey is being conducted as part of the Council Resolution of 15 February 2022 and the relevant extract from the Council Resolution is below for your reference:

6. *Notes that the community planning survey will:*
 - (a) *Collect metrics and lived experience of residents, businesses and the community more broadly.*
 - (b) *Assist in developing a comprehensive picture of the cumulative impact of development, large-scale developments and overdevelopment.*
 - (c) *Provide quantitative and qualitative data to assist the officers when assessing DAs and planning proposals or when advocating at the Land and Environment Court, Waverley Local Planning Panel or the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel.*
 - (d) *Provide quantitative and qualitative data to assist the community when drafting their submissions on DAs and planning proposals and other relevant strategies. This information could ultimately inform the various planning bodies, such as the Waverley Local Planning Panel, the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel, the Independent Planning Commission and the Land and Environment Court.*
 - (e) *Consider a range of themes and issues such as, but not limited to:*
 - (i) *Infrastructure – Impacts upon parking, schools, loss of solar amenity, overshadowing, wind tunnel effects, traffic congestion.*
 - (ii) *Environment – Reduction of tree canopy, excessive demand on limited public open space.*
 - (iii) *Socio-psychological and resilience impacts – How these developments contribute to alienation, loneliness, isolation, wellbeing, lack of social contacts, community resilience eroded.*
 - (iv) *Facilities – Loss of services and businesses, homogenisation of neighbourhoods.*
 - (v) *Lived experience – What are the cumulative experiences and impacts upon people and their amenity, aggressive behaviour by developers towards residents.*
 - (vi) *Compliance – Especially noise and unauthorised works/use, complaints, complying development certificates, private certifiers.*
 - (vii) *Be reported to Council, Council officers and to the community on a regular basis.*

The Framework of the Living in Waverley Survey

Council sought various methodologies from different social researchers to understand the most appropriate approach to collecting liveability. The liveability study prepared by .id (informed decisions) offered a robust, rigorous and repeatable methodology that captured the metrics sought in the Council Resolution. The survey is being conducted on behalf of Council by .id (informed decisions).

Survey Structure

The survey that .id are administering has two components:

1. Standard set of questions that are designed to understand the quality of life across the local area by considering 16 attributes (e.g. a lack of road congestion; a prosperous economy; high quality education opportunities; high quality health services; a strong sense of community; access to the natural environment; making your way to and from services with ease; opportunity for all; affordable decent housing; cultural facilities such as museums, galleries, festivals; reliable and efficient public transport; shopping, leisure and dining experiences; feeling safe; good job prospects; social cohesion; sports and recreation) to determine community values and experiences, calculate local area liveability and identify future needs. It also measures health and wellbeing, financial circumstances, local area concerns and seeks ideas for improving quality of life.
2. The second part of the survey includes seven custom questions which addresses the various components that are raised in the Council Resolution, these being, understanding residents' interpretation of overdevelopment and views on appropriate development, impacts of development on liveability, availability of mixed services, the challenges of understanding the planning system and the importance of reaching FOGO (food organics, garden organics) targets.

.id Views platform

.id will convert the data into a publicly available online platform that is accessible and easy-to-use. The results will be made available in early 2024.

Survey close date

The survey closes on Monday 11 December 2023 at 11.59pm.