Minutes
Bondi Heights Precinct Committee General Meeting
Monday 3rd February 2020
The Queens Park Room, Waverley Council Chambers, Cnr Paul Street & Bondi Road.

Attendance numbers: 15 with 13 eligible to vote.

Noted attendance at commencement:
Convenor/Traffic Rep: Bill Mouroukas
Secretary: Lynda Hall
Development Application Rep: Susie Douglas
Council: Cr Tony Kay
Cr George Copeland

COMMENCEMENT: Meeting started at 7pm
MEETING DIRECTIONS & Announcements –
• 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

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Gwen Zeller, Julia Varga.

MATTERS ARISING:
ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:
MOTION [202002#1] – ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.
THAT, THE TABLED DOCUMENT BEING THE MINUTES OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING HELD ON 2nd DECEMBER 2019, IS ADOPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THAT MEETING.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

WAVERLEY COUNCIL’S RESPONSE REPORT:
The Council Response Report was tabled, read and is attached to these minutes.

PRECINCT RESPONSES TO COUNCIL’S RESPONSE REPORT:
NOTE: QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL ARE RAISED BY ONE OR MORE MEETING ATTENDEES. THEY MAY OR MAY NOT REFLECT THE FORMAL POSITION OF THE PRECINCT MEETING AS A WHOLE. A RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL IS REQUESTED.

Item, Footpath Seating:

Item -Air freshener:
Vivian Falk reported that Westfield at Bondi Junction has made one chemical free toilet available on level four.
QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202002#2] – COUNCIL EMPLOYED AIR FRESHENER DEVICE TYPE. 
COULD COUNCIL PLEASE INFORM THE PRECINCT OF THE INGREDIENTS AND THE DEVICE 
METHOD OF DELIVERY, MECHANICAL OR PASSIVE, OF AIR FRESHENERS BEING USED IN COUNCIL 

Cr Kay informed the meeting that he had lodged a NoM (Notice of Motion) on this issue for 
the next full meeting of Council on 18th February 2020. 
Cr Kay’s NoM reads:

That Council:
1. Urgently investigates the undue health impacts of automatic air fresheners used in public and staff 
toilets in the Waverley LGA.
2. Notes the importance of short-term mitigation measures that may be taken by Council officers, 
including but not limited to warning signage outside the toilets.
3. Receives a report by April 2020 which includes recommended actions, alternatives to existing air 
fresheners, and any short-term mitigation measures implemented so far.

Background
Concerns have been raised that exposure to automatic air fresheners, currently being used in some public 
toilets in the Waverley LGA and in Council buildings, can cause an asthmatic attack, anaphylactic shock, 
and reduction in lung functions for some people with asthma.
Statistics indicate that 20% of people with asthma have allergies to elements in common use by automatic 
air fresheners.
Although there may be limited legislation that applies to this matter, it would be reasonable for the 
investigation to include a review of the relevant legislation under which Council operates.
The investigation should distinguish Council actions for Council owned and/or operated buildings, 
commercial areas, and community areas, and buildings managed by third parties (e.g. Westfield).

Bondi Heights Precinct Convenor Bill Mouroukas undertook to address Council on behalf of 
the precinct and in support of Cr Kay’s motion.

Item, Bondi for everyone Disability Accessibility:
MOTION [202002#2] – BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT COMMENDATION TO COUNCIL. 
THAT THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT COMMITTEE COMMEND THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR 
INITIATIVE ON OPENING THE BEACH UP FOR PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS AND OTHERS WITH 
DISABILITIES.
Mover, Lynda Hall. Seconder, Eva Varga.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202002#3] – IMPLEMENTING DISABILITY ACCESS IN EXISTING 
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.
HOW CAN COUNCIL ENCOURAGE OR REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF DISABILITY ACCESS FOR 
EXISTING GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE OR WHEN 

Item-Bennett Street Parking:
Bennett Street resident, Tim Dalton said that the issues are many and that the residents 
will seek to fill a petition of signatures in support for the introduction of a Residential 
Parking Scheme in his area.
TRAFFIC:
Bondi Heights Precinct Traffic Representative, Bill Mouroukas informed the meeting that the Waverley Traffic Committee had not met since our December precinct meeting and that he had not been made aware of any other traffic issues to date.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:
Bondi Heights Development Applications Representative, Susie Douglas reported no issues concerning new construction of significance for the precinct had come to her attention.

GENERAL BUSINESS:
GREENING BONDI ROAD:
Lynda Hall expressed a view that more trees and other plant life should be introduced to the Bondi Road corridor.

MOTION [202002#4] GREENING BONDI ROAD – THAT WAVERLEY COUNCIL FOCUS ON DOING A GREENING PROJECT FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BONDI ROAD.
Moved by Lynda Hall, Seconded Dave Symon.
Carried unanimously.

WAVERLEY CRESCENT AND BONDI ROAD INTERSECTION:

eMail received:
“As a resident of Waverley Crescent for the past 27 years we have noticed a huge deterioration in traffic conditions on Waverley Crescent as it approaches Bondi Road. The street at the Bondi Road end is very narrow and cars line up trying to make a dangerous right-hand turn into Bondi Road. There has been one death and many accidents (including one in my own car) and we are seriously requesting that during rush hours am and pm including weekends in summer that there be no right-hand turn into Bondi Road. Councillors should take a look at what transpires during rush hours as huge trucks and cars try to negotiate the narrow street, the bottle neck being amplified because at the same time parents are dropping off their little ones for Mount Zion Kindy on Waverley Crescent. There is not even a stop sign at Bondi Road only a Yield sign. Please investigate this matter as it is becoming chaotic. If you put up a left turn sign only at the intersection it will eliminate all those who take a short cut from OSHR at Flood Street, scoot down Woodstock and Gowrie, make a left on Waverley and Hey Presto! they have cut out all the traffic along OSHR between Flood and Bondi Roads. Hoping that you will give this matter serious consideration.”

Cr Kay said that he had received the same eMail from the Waverley Crescent resident and commented that:

“Bill Mouroukas as former Waverley Ward Councillor for Waverley Council, and previously as the Convenor of the Penkivil Precinct (as Bondi Heights Precinct was then called) and I raised this matter some years ago. The RMS (formerly the RTA, and now dissolved into Transport for NSW) would not agree to a part time right turn ban; instead, they indicated to Council that they MIGHT support a Left Turn only 24/7, but only if Council prepared a Traffic Management Plan to determine volumes and times, intersection productivity (category), accident history, alternative routes and travel times, and presented it to the Waverley Traffic Committee. I believe that the
precinct and local residents did not support a 24/7 Left Turn Only constraint, and so the matter did not proceed.”

CONVENOR’S NOTE

Excerpt from the minutes of the Penkivil Precinct meeting held 2nd June 2008:

MOTION 2

Proposed William Mouroukas seconded Camilla Peters Quayle carried unanimously

Council consider erecting left turn only signs for traffic exiting the south leg of Waverley Cres [Latter identified as East of Bondi Rd] into Bondi Rd. To be effective on School days between the hours of 8.00 to 9.30pm and 2.30 to 4.00pm.

BACKGROUND:

With expanding childcare centres in this area traffic trying to turn right into busy Bondi Rd combined with excess parking traffic is blocking Waverley Cres for extended periods to traffic trying to enter the street as well as others trying to exit by turning left. The right turn crossing 2 busy traffic lanes to enter 2 equally busy traffic lanes without the benefit of a wide median strip on Bondi Rd is also an extremely dangerous manoeuvre.

I first raised this issue with the above motion to the Penkivil Precinct. With Cr Kay’s assistance the matter was brought before the Waverley Traffic Committee. I stated at the time that the community (and I) would not support a 24/7 approach as being an excessive approach to what was a time of day specific issue.

Is it possible that if my 2008 motion had been adopted, the death referred to by the resident, might not have taken place?

UNLAWFUL CAMPING IN STREETS:

Eva Varga reported a truck is being used in for camping in King Street and that she has reported the matter to Council, but no action has been taken to date. Comments from the floor ensued with a key point being raised that the issues with camping in streets is what often happens around the camper vehicle re litter, urination and worse.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202002#4] – DEFINITION OF UNLAWFUL CAMPING.

COULD COUNCIL PLEASE EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGAL CAMPING AND ILLEGAL CAMPING?

– Raised by Eva Varga.

NON-RESIDENT VEHICULAR PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY (TRESPASSING), WITHOUT OWNER GRANTED AUTHORITY:

A Penkivil St resident said that the driveway in the front of her building has a passing lane built into it which helps with the ingress and egress of two vehicles at a time. She said that people are often parked without authority in the passing space.

Bill Mouroukas suggested that the Owners Corporation might consider applying to Waverley Council for a Parking Patrol on Private Property agreement. Council has a policy which enables Owners Corporations to enter into an agreement with the Council for Parking Patrol Officers to infringe vehicle owners for such breaches of parking rules within the strata plan.
CONVENOR’S NOTE

One of the biggest issues confronting residents in the vast majority of multi-unit dwellings is enforcement of parking rules within the property. In November 2016, as Councillor for Waverley Ward I moved a motion, seconded by Cr Kay: “Infringing Vehicles Parked on Private Property Covered by a Strata Scheme”. My motion, which was supported by all Councillors, began the process which eventually saw Waverley Council become one of the first (possibly the first) Council’s in NSW to introduce such a policy and service to the Waverley community.

As I explained my background to the motion:

“An Owners’ Corporation (formally known as a Body Corporate) or community association can enter into an agreement with a local council. Such an agreement could include establishing parking rules and signage which if breached will be subject to current penalties of up to $550, apportioning maintenance costs for signage, line marking and fencing, and determining (at the discretion of Council) the times and circumstances in which patrols will occur, and when fines will be issued. It is anticipated that such a service will greatly assist building managers in ensuring the proper use of parking areas within multi-unit dwellings. Considering the number of multi-unit dwellings in the Waverley LGA, this is a significant matter for the community and Council.”

REPAVING OF OLD SOUTH HEAD ROAD FOOTPATH (EASTERN SIDE) REMAINS OUTSTANDING:

Footpath on Old South Head Road between Bon Accord Avenue and Bondi Road should be assessed and attended to as it is in urgent need to be repaved. This is an old complaint (see REQUEST TO COUNCIL [201904R] as noted in the April 2019 minutes of the Penkivil Precinct - now known as Bondi Heights Precinct).

– Raised by Bob Williamson.
Cr Kay said that he would follow up this matter, seek a timeframe as to when it will be repaved and report back to the precinct.

LANEWAY VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS:

Many, if not all, of our laneways have sewage pipes only a small depth below the road surfaces. The concern is that heavily laden vehicles using the laneways are damaging the sewage pipes. Currently, development works at 23 Bon Accord Avenue are attracting such heavy vehicles to Kenilworth Lane. It seems there are no controls in place that gives consideration to this issue.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202002##] – LANEWAY VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS.

COULD COUNCIL PLEASE CONFIRM IF THERE IS A WEIGHT LIMIT FOR TRUCKS USING OUR LANEWAYS, BOTH LADEN OR NOT LADEN?

– Raised by Eliane Symon.

TREE REPLACEMENTS STILL OUTSTANDING AT WAVERLEY PARK:

In April 2019 Park Parade resident Susan Hoppe reminded the precinct that in a Council letter to residents dated 16th March (Ref: A15/0596) the community was informed that eight Pines (Pinus radiata) would be removed and replaced by a more suitable native species.

Susan Hoppe said she had not seen any information on this matter since raising it at the April 2019 precinct meeting and wanted to know what Council was doing about the matter.
CONVENOR’S NOTE

It is on the record that a Precinct Question to Council on this matter was noted in the April 2019 meeting minutes.

As attached to the June 2019 precinct minutes Council’s Response Report was:

"QUESTION TO COUNCIL [201904Q1] – Work at Waverley Park.
This Question has been forwarded to Council’s Coordinator; Open Spaces who has advised that some have been removed and others will be removed as they decline. There is some additional advanced tree planting planned for Waverley Park in spring this year."

After the chair (Bill Mouroukas) expressed dissatisfaction with Council’s response, and as noted in the June 2019 precinct minutes, Cr Copeland undertook to investigate this matter which relates to the removal of eight Pines (Pinus radiata).

As noted in the August 2019 precinct minutes, Cr Copeland reported that new works in the Birrell Street entrance to Waverley Park was about to commence but he was unable to provide any new information on the original issue being the removal of eight Pines (Pinus radiata). To date the precinct committee has not received any further information on this matter.

WAVERLEY PARK LIGHTING:
Susan Hoppe raised the matter of poor lighting at the North eastern corner of Waverley Park. She said that she had not seen any information on this matter since she raised it at the April 2019 precinct meeting and wanted to know what Council was doing about the matter.

CONVENOR’S NOTE

It is on the record that a Precinct Question to Council on this matter was noted in the April 2019 meeting minutes.

As attached to the June 2019 precinct minutes Council’s Response Report was:

This request has been forwarded to Council’s Open Space Planning Manager who has provided the following response:

In late 2018 Waverley Council had engaged a lighting specialist to undertake a lighting audit and masterplan of Waverley Park in response to concerns raised about the lighting of the shared path. The masterplan provides a holistic plan for the upgrading of all the lighting in Waverley Park to lighting levels as defined by Australian Standards. The immediate scheduled works are to improve the lighting on the shared path, this includes the lighting within the Council carpark and the lighting between Council Chambers and Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre. The rest of the lighting identified in the masterplan will be upgraded incrementally as budgets allow, and areas identified as higher risk will be prioritised."

To date the precinct committee has not received any further information on this matter.
CONVENOR’S NOTE

Members of the Bondi Heights Precinct community who are unable to attend a meeting but want to learn of issues arising from any past meetings as far back as February 2004, can access minutes by going to the Bondi Heights Precinct page on Waverley Council’s website at:
https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/residents/precinct_committees/contacts,_meetings,_dates,_agenda_-_and-_minutes/bondi_heights#minutes

AIR-CONDITIONER SAFETY ISSUE:
Moved by Susie Douglas, Seconded Eva Varga.
Carried unanimously.

PARKING PATROLS BON ACCORD AVENUE:
REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202002#1] COULD COUNCIL PLEASE INCREASE FREQUENCY OF PATROLS BY PARKING OFFICERS IN BON ACCORD AVENUE?
– Raised by Eliane Symon.

PARKING PATROLS BARNETT LANE:
REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202002#2] COULD COUNCIL PLEASE INCREASE FREQUENCY OF PATROLS BY PARKING OFFICERS IN BARNETT LANE?
– Raised by Vivian Falk.

MEETING DATES FOR 2020:
6 April (NEXT MEETING) 12 October
1 June 7 December
3 August

MEETING CLOSURE:
The meeting closed at 9pm.
Cr George Copeland departed the meeting at 8:10pm and did not return.
Cr Marjorie O’Neill was not in attendance for this meeting.
ATTACHMENT:
Waverley Council Response Report to Bondi Heights Precinct
Meeting on 3rd February 2020

Motion [201912#2] Bondi Road Footpath Dining Application – That, the Bondi Heights Precinct recommends to Council that if approval is to be granted, the footpath dining application for 188 Bondi Road FPA-37/2019 be reduced from 14 people to a maximum of 10 people, using benches only and no single chairs with barricades on either end on the property boundaries.

Response: Motion was forwarded to Records and to the Executive Manager Development Assessment for inclusion and consideration in the assessment process.

Motion [201912#3] Investigation to create a new place name 'Bondi Heights' – That, Bondi Heights Precinct requests that Council investigate renaming to Bondi Heights, the area bounded by:
- Old South Head Road - from the intersection with Bondi Road to Francis Street (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary),
- Simpson Street - to the intersection with Simpson Street (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary),
- Watson Street - to the intersection with Birrell Street (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary),
- Birrell Street - to the intersection with Botany Street,
- Botany Street - to the intersection with Waverley Street (current Waverley Ward Boundary),
- Waverley Street - to the intersection with Bondi Road and Council Street,
- Bondi Road - to the intersection with Old South Head Road (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary).

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- Francis Street - to the intersection with Simpson Street (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary),
- Simpson Street - to the intersection with the intersection with Watson Street (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary),
- Watson Street - to the intersection with Birrell Street (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary),
- Birrell Street - to the intersection with Botany Street,
- Botany Street - to the intersection with Waverley Street (current Waverley Ward Boundary),
- Waverley Street - to the intersection with Bondi Road and Council Street,
- Bondi Road - to the intersection with Old South Head Road (current Bondi Heights Precinct Boundary).

Response: This Motion and a marked-up map was forwarded to the Geographical Names Board for consideration and advice on the proposal. The following reply was received:

The NSW Address Policy and User Manual provides some guidelines around changing suburbs. See links and extracts below.


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6.8.3 Acceptable Address Locality Names Address locality names shall conform with the general naming principles for roads and to the GNB Place Naming Policy. Refer to Principle 6.7.2 - Language and the following specific principles:

- a. Short, easily pronounced names are preferred.
- b. Names shall have the same spelling as any associated feature from which the name is derived.
- c. The names of people who are still alive are not acceptable, because community attitudes and opinions can change over time, as per Principle 6.7.5 - Acceptable Road Names and Principle 6.7.6 - Commemorative Road Names. 104 NSW Address Policy and User Manual Chapter 6 Addressing Principles
- d. In remote areas the names of Aboriginal communities should be adopted as a locality name.
- e. Names which are relevant to the local area are preferred, particularly if they relate to the history or geography of the area. The previous use of a name as an estate, subdivisional or promotional name does not give the name any priority to be accepted as an address locality name. Names for new address localities shall have a New South Wales emphasis, and preferably have a direct association with the area.
- f. As per Principle 6.7.8 - Suffixes, Prefixes and Directional Indicators names should not include qualifying terminology, a cardinal indicator or a similar suffix or prefix e.g. Upper, New, North and South etc. g. For new address localities, it is not permissible to add a word to an existing NSW address locality. Eg, Hotham Heights would not be acceptable if there is an existing locality of Hotham.
- h. In the case of already duplicated existing address localities, the addition of a word to the locality name in order to decrease duplication is acceptable. Eg, if there are two address localities named Mayfield, one locality may be renamed Mount Mayfield provided this does not cause another duplication.


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Considerations for Amending an Existing Address Locality.

The need to amend an address locality boundary will arise when there are difficulties with the efficient delivery of services to an area, problems assigning addresses or further land development and construction of new roads. The following criteria are relevant to any proposal to amend an existing address locality:

- The spread of urban development has resulted in an area becoming too large for one address locality

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• A major new road, particularly a controlled access road, has divided a community, providing an opportunity to rename part to a new address locality.
• The address locality name is duplicated in New South Wales in one or more local government areas.

RESPONSE: This Motion was forwarded to the Facilities Manager at Council who has advised that with regard to the air fresheners installed in amenity rooms in Council offices and Council premises, we will be moving over to environmentally friendly Oil based diffusers. Council is not able to direct other public places to do the same however if there was an incident experienced by a resident, perhaps they can approach the specific venue and report the incident.

MOTION [201912#5] DISABILITY ACCESSIBILITY – THAT, IN RELATION TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, WAVERLEY COUNCIL IMPLMENTS A POLICY OF “WAVERLEY FOR EVERYONE” FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES WITH “NO LIMITATIONS”.
RESPONSE: This motion was forwarded to the Manager, Older People & Disability Services who has advised the following: Waverley has taken an inclusive approach to disability policy and planning for many years. Following below are links to Council’s policy framework developed in 2016- 7 with Randwick Council and Waverley’s action plan which is all about inclusion for everyone.

[Links to policy documents]

Council is working to implement the actions falling out of the Inclusive Community Framework and our Action Plan. Council recently celebrated the launch of Access Bondi which is all about making Australia’s most famous beach accessible to everyone, including people who use wheelchairs. This has been a major project, planned over a number of years, with cross council teams, Access Committee members and partnerships with Bondi Beach LifeSavers and a number of other disability services and networks.

We welcome input from everyone, and we would welcome any Precinct member to contact Chris Bath on 9083 8917 or Carly Tremble on 9083 8919 to discuss any concerns and any suggestions for improvement at any time.

MOTION [201912#6] BENNETT STREET PARKING ISSUES – THAT WAVERLEY COUNCIL IMPLEMENT A REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING IN BENNETT STREET BONDI.
RESPONSE: This Motion was forwarded to the Service Manager, Traffic and Transport who has advised that the following process is followed when a review of residential parking is requested:

Step 1
First, we need a petition signed by at least 50% of households in the affected area. This was determined by Council following a review of the scheme.
Background to requirement:
A report went to the Waverley Community, Housing, Environmental Services and Public Works Committee on 1 October 2013 and was approved by Council at its meeting on 22 October 2013.

Page 74 of the Council papers, recommendation no 7 states:

“Surveys should be conducted when a petition is received and has been signed by at least 50% of households in the affected area, and/or at the discretion of staff if a problem is observed.”

Step 2 involves determining which streets should be included in a survey of resident parking.
We would prefer that an extension of resident parking covers an area rather than a single street. This was the case for a recent review of Ewell Street where an application for resident parking was deferred until and area wide survey indicated support.
For Bennet Street, I would prefer to survey the area bunded by Park Parade, Bondi Road, Ocean Street and Birrell. A 50% petition from Bennet Street residents could trigger this survey.

Step 3
The survey itself.

Step 4
Assessment including:
1. Whether to proceed based on the survey feedback.
2. If we proceed, the zone to be covered by resident parking is determined.
3. The sections of streets to be signposted are then identified.

Step 5
Report to Waverley Traffic committee and then to Council for approval or otherwise.
A copy of Council’s petitions policy is available on Council’s website so that residents can take ownership of the process if they decide to proceed.

MOTION [201912#7] BENNETT STREET POOR CONDITION OF FOOTPATH – THAT COUNCIL INSPECT THE WESTERN SIDE FOOTPATH OF BENNETT STREET FOR TRIP HAZARDS AND ACCESSIBILITY FOLLOWING AUSGRID INSTALLATIONS.
RESPONSE: This Motion was forwarded to the Restorations Officer, Infrastructure Services who has advised that this is a large Ausgrid upgrade. Council has walked, measured and marked the area for restoration and a quote was sent to Ausgrid last year. Ausgrid are requesting their preferred contractors undertake the works and we are in the process of negotiations.