

Bondi Precinct Minutes

Wednesday, 12 May, 2021

By Zoom

Meeting opened at 7.08pm

Councillors in attendance: Cr John Wakefield, Cr Domini Wy Kanak, Cr Leon Goltsman

Council Representatives: Mary Shiner, Community Liaison Co-ordinator

Co-Conveners: Gabi Tobias, Di Robinson

Apologies:

Present: 21 participants

Agenda

Welcome to Country: Di Robinson

By way of introduction, Council's Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Mary Shiner, provided an overview of Waverley's Precinct system, and how it serves the local community.

The Precinct system is a recommendatory committee only.

Co-convenor Di Robinson thanked Mary Shiner, and re-stated that only residents living in the Bondi Precinct could vote on motions, but other residents and community representatives who may be present were very welcome and encouraged to participate.

Acceptance of Minutes

Moved: Gabi Tobias

Seconded: Annie Parnell

Carried

Update on Barracluff Avenue

Co-convenor Di Robinson explained that the introduction of traffic calming measures was voted on at the last meeting of Council.

http://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2021/04/CM_20210420_MIN_603.PDF

Motion 1

Bondi Precinct acknowledges and welcomes the traffic calming scheme for Barracluff Ave on a 1-year trial basis. We seek clarification on the following:

- How are officers going to compare traffic movement, speed and amenity prior and after installation?
- Will officers conduct a base line count in Francis St, Wellington St, Sir Thomas Mitchell Rd, O'Brien St, Lamarck St and Edward St
- Will the method of measuring amenity include access and ability of residents in surrounding streets to access shops, beach and to leave Bondi
- What is the method of measuring changes during and after the 1-year trial

Moved: Annie Parnell
 Seconded: Di Robinson
 Carried

Update & discussion on:

- **Traffic issues in Bondi including the Castlefield St community proposal**
- **Traffic calming and moratorium on road changes across Bondi**
- **Parking in our Precinct**

There was wide Precinct support for a holistic traffic plan for the whole of Bondi, not piecemeal measures that shift traffic from one street to another.

Motion 2

The Bondi Precinct strongly reiterates and supports a moratorium on any changes or closures to streets in Bondi until a whole-of-area traffic plan has been developed to ensure that there is a cohesive and integrated approach rather than piecemeal initiatives. This includes any changes to Castlefield Street.

Moved: Di Robinson
 Seconded: Russell Cheek
 Carried

Rickard Avenue – future park, angle parking, community garden or re-opening

There was wide Precinct support for Rickard Avenue to be re-opened and included in the whole-of-area traffic plan. In the meantime, it was felt angle-parking should be introduced in the street to increase parking for all residents.

Motion 3

The Bondi Precinct requests Rickard Avenue be re-opened until a whole-of-area traffic plan has been developed to ensure that there is a cohesive and integrated approach rather than piecemeal initiatives. In the meantime, the Bondi Precinct requests angle parking be introduced in the street to relieve parking stress in the area.

Moved: Lynne Cossar
Seconded: Jacqui Feeney
Carried

Streetscape and planting of trees

Discussion around available green space and re-purposing areas for community gardens.

Cr Wakefield spoke to Council's effort to green Waverley and contribute to the LGA's streetscape.

No action

Beachscape – beachscape and proposed club on the beach

Mel Levy, from the We Oppose Amalfi Beach Club, spoke to the Precinct about continuing action to prevent a private beach club on Bondi Beach.

A petition is circulating opposing the idea, and several Facebook groups set up.

Cr Wakefield and Cr Goltsman addressed the meeting

No DA has been lodged at this stage.

Discussion about the importance of the case as a test case, and how the beach should be accessible to everyone.

Motion 4

The Bondi Precinct opposes a private club of any kind on Bondi Beach.

Moved: Russell Cheek
Seconded: Kristian
Carried

Council's notification process regarding DA's

At the last Precinct meeting, concerns were raised by a resident about the notification process for residents living near DAs. This was tabled as an item for the next meeting.

Council looked into the case in question, and the Council's policy was explained.

The resident had further queries about the notification process for amendments to DA's, and the advertisement of the community representative position on the Waverley Local Planning Panel (WLPP). These queries will be followed up.

Traffic Changes and its approach to community consultation

Council's community and engagement officer is available to address the next meeting.

Subsequently, this item was carried over until the next meeting.

General Business

A representative of the volleyballers who use Tamarama and Bondi Beach, spoke to the Precinct about current developments. Council is conducting a Have Your Say to gauge community feedback on the use of the beach by volleyballers. The volleyballers have been using the beaches for 25 years, and Mr Lowenstein encouraged residents to support them.

Concerns were raised about the serious damage tree roots were causing to houses in Hall St. The matter will be referred to the appropriate Council officers.

Meeting closed 9pm

Date for next meeting TBA