

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Ocean Room, Bondi Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7:05pm

**Chair:** Lenore Kulakauskas

**Apologies:** Leon Goltsman (Councillor, Liberal Party), Dominic Wykanak (Councillor, Greens), Mike Lyons (BB Precinct, Traffic), Marilyn Tanner

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023** as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.  
Accepted – Richard Davis, Seconded – Paul Paech

#### **2. Waverley Council Response Report Discussion**

- (a) Retaining Walls for Norfolk Pines (see Response Report, page 4)  
Council is actioning the Precinct's and residents' requests for retaining walls to be installed surrounding the Norfolk Pines in South Bondi. These works will be completed by the end of this year. Construction notification will be provided to the precinct before commencement.

Historically there were sandstone blocks surrounding the trees, but these were removed despite being of heritage value (removed just prior to heritage protections being brought in). Subsequently Hessian supports were installed.

- (b) Safety Concerns (see Response Report, page 5, #2)  
The council has agreed to send a council representative to undertake a site visit with a representative of the Bondi Beach Precinct to do a walk around and document the issues.

**ACTION 1:** Lenore K volunteered do the walk around with council and requests that those who have identified safety issues submit safety concerns to her via email including photos.

Concerns raised were:

- Stairs at the South end which lead down to the showers do not have a rail.
- Height of the drop on the beach side of the path in South Bondi Park
- Crumbling walls adjacent to skate park remain unrepaired

- (c) Sandridge Street and Bondi Road Traffic Safety (see Response Report, Page 1)

In summary, the council responded to Precinct Motion to improve safety at intersection of Sandridge Street and Bondi Road that it would add to a list of investigations but it was not a priority at this stage.

Council advised that the process for changing traffic arrangements would require the following:

- Proposal undertaken by Waverley Traffic Committee
- Proposal must be endorsed by council
- Engage consultants
- Lodge application to TfNSW for the adoption of a Traffic Management Plan

See link for further information on the Waverley Traffic Committee

[https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/council/council\\_committee\\_meetings/traffic\\_committee](https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/council/council_committee_meetings/traffic_committee)

**ACTION 2:** Lenore agreed to contact John Wakefield (previously a Waverley councillor and Mayor) who may have information about previous studies and or proposed action at the Sandridge Street /Bondi Road intersection.

- (d) Designated Bike Parking locations and prohibition of bikes in car spaces (see Response Report, pages 3-4)

In summary, council has commissioned consultants do undertake a study of the streets surrounding Bondi Beach and our motion of 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 has been forwarded to the consultants for consideration. Council also advised there was no basis in legislation to prohibit bikes from parking in any legal parking space.

### 3. Reports from Councillors

Leon Goltsman via email

Do you support a 60 day limit on holiday stay rentals? If so why and if not why not?

I support putting a limit on holiday stay rentals for the main reason that it can encourage property owners to lease their properties long-term, create more housing stock in the community thus enhancing housing affordability, and help preserve community cohesion.

What are your thoughts about progressing the skate park renovations? Are they happening quickly enough?

The skate parks are a much-needed infrastructure and in my opinion, the renovations to them should be happening much sooner than they currently are.

Are you in favour of getting the toilets near the skate park installed as quickly as possible so that the temporary toilets can be dismantled?

Absolutely. I would have liked to see the toilet being upgraded by now and still unable to understand why it hasn't happened already. I am in favour of having more toilets, especially near the skate park.

Dominic Wykanak

Michelle Gray via email

At the last council meeting, I put up a motion, seconded by Tim, which was unanimously supported per below.

The purpose is to pick up the work done on the skatepark upgrade from a few years ago, ensure it is still up to date and come up with a new estimate of costs, with a view to further progressing works once it is put in the LTFP early next year. This should mean we can proceed to detailed design from early next year.

I reported back to members of the skating community that I met at the last precinct meeting.

#### **CM/8.4/23.09 Bondi Skatepark MOTION**

That Council:

#### **(A02/0634)**

1. Notes that in 2016, Council undertook extensive consultation to develop a feasibility study for the redevelopment of Bondi Skatepark.
2. Subject to funding, engages skatepark specialists to review the feasibility work completed in 2016 and update the costing for the redevelopment of Bondi Skatepark.
3. Officers present the results of the review and updated costing at a Councillor briefing session.
4. Following confirmation of feasibility and cost estimates, considers including the project in the Long Term Financial Plan when it comes to Council in early 2024.

#### **4. Skate Park Update**

Bondi Beach Precinct has not submitted a motion to council at this stage regarding the safety concerns and Skate Park repairs and upgrade, however the council discussed the skate park maintenance and upgrades but decided that this would be included in the long-term plans for 2024.

BB precinct submits that this should not be a part of a long-term plan but should be happening sooner, particularly due to safety issues.

**ACTION 3:** Lenore to email Councillor Goltsman asking what he intends to do regarding the skate park upgrades as he professes to support the upgrade.

**MOTION 1:** Bondi Beach Precinct thanks councillors for putting in the motion for the skate park upgrade (CM/8.4/23.09 Bondi Skatepark MOTION), however the time frame is not acceptable given

- a. that the original consultation was in 2016 and no action has been taken,
- b. that the review of this proposal is subject to funding,
- c. that its inclusion in the Long Term Financial Plan is only a consideration, and
- d. most importantly that there are immediate safety concerns.

With this in mind when can Council please advise a potential start date for this project.

This Motion was unanimously approved.

**JESSICA TO SEND TO SHARON CASSIDY**

**ACTION 4:** Organise a protest of parents and children outside Waverley Council Chambers. **LK to contact** Chris Vaughan from Koncrete who would be best positioned to organise this due to contacts with parents of skateboarding children.

## 5. Tree retention on Private Property and Tree Planting

- (a) Rowan raised safety concerns in relation to a large tree situated on the western side of Consett Avenue at the corner of Consett and Lamrock Avenue and opposite the backpacker's hostel. The tree has been lopped on the side closest to the building. The concern is that since lopping all the weight is now on one side and may not be safe. Rowan requests that the council send an arborist to assess the tree.

**ACTION 5:** Rowan to formulate request for assessment by council. Email Alice to send to council from Bondi Beach Precinct.

- (b) David raised safety concerns in relation to a very tall Norfolk Island Pine on his property, at 22 Beach Road, 10 feet from the back door. He has contacted council, but they have not agreed to removal of the tree to make safe. David has offered to replace the Norfolk Island Pine with mature trees at his own cost. Council will not engage. Appropriate replacement trees were discussed such as the Native Hibiscus.

- (c) Lenore raised the new rules that Woollahra council has introduced to protect the area from being denuded of trees resulting from new developments. The rules will require developers to accommodate mature trees.

**MOTION 2:** Bondi Beach Precinct asks council to look at the Woollahra Council rules around removal of mature trees on private property and advise whether they will be considering similar rules. It is also noted that council are not replacing trees that have died or following up on the planting of trees in designated slots, such as

- trees in Hall St that need replacing and
- trees outside the Pacific where there are slots in the pavement for trees.

This Motion was unanimously approved.

**JESSICA TO SEND TO THE MAYOR AND THE GENERAL MANAGER**

## 6. How temporary are the temporary toilets in Bondi Skate Park?

**ACTION 6:** Write to Leon Goltsman asking what he is going to do to progress with the approved plan for toilets adjacent to the skate park as he agrees with Bondi Beach Precinct that these should have been completed already.

## 7. Short term rentals

Decision that this is not a Bondi Beach Precinct matter as there are residents on both sides of this debate.

## 8. General Business

- (a) Off leash times for dogs in South Bondi Park and North Bondi Park.  
This has been raised with council previously and petitions have been undertaken.

**MOTION 3:** Bondi Beach Precinct requests that Council consider off leash times for South Bondi Park and North Bondi Park between 0600 – 0830, 7 days per week. During these hours the parks are rarely used for leisure time.

This motion was unanimously approved.

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(b) The 10 km an hour signs in Notts Avenue are not very visible. Vehicles are not recognizing the shared traffic zone and requirements to give way to pedestrians. Vehicles entering Notts Ave from Campbell Pde often speed in creating a dangerous area.

**MOTION 4:** Bondi Beach Precinct requests Council to install clearer signage at the beginning of Notts Avenue and considers flashing light to alert motorists to the fact that they are required to give way to pedestrians.

This Motion was unanimously approved.

**JESSICA TO SEND TO THE GENERAL MANAGER**

Meeting Closed 8:35pm

Alice Lieu Secretary  
Lenore Kulakauskas Co-Convenor  
9 October 2023