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Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the 9 October 2023 Bondi Beach Precinct meeting

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
9 October 2023	<p>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</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> that the original consultation was in 2016 and no action has been taken, that the review of this proposal is subject to funding, that its inclusion in the Long Term Financial Plan is only a consideration, and most importantly that there are immediate safety concerns. <p>With this in mind when can Council please advise a potential start date for this project. This Motion was unanimously approved.</p>	<p>Council's Director of Assets and Operations has advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extensive refurbishment works were completed in October 2017 with the intention of extending the lifespan of the facility for another five years while Council sought opportunities to fund a redevelopment of the site. - Council has recently completed urgent repairs including Cleaning and repair to cracks, chips and patches in the concrete, Concrete surface repair and finish with a blue paint and concrete sealer, coping repair work, feature tiles around the perimeter of the bowl will be cleaned and repaired, Board stop bars will be installed where required; and Steel corrosion will be repaired or replaced where necessary and finished with a steel protective coating. - Council has also engaged a contractor to undertake ongoing maintenance to ensure the skatepark remains functional and safe. - Convic (the original masterplan consultant) have been engaged to complete minor updates to original Draft Master Plan Report as well as updated Master Plan costing. This will be presented to Council in 2024 (aiming for April) to allow for inclusion in the draft Long Term Financial Plan in April 2024. Once approved, a start date can be set for this project. - CLC has arranged for the Convenors of Bondi Beach Precinct to speak to the General Manager, Emily Scott about this issue. 	Assets & Operations	In progress

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9 October 2023	<p>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.</p> <p>This motion was unanimously approved.</p>	<p>This is being investigated by Council Officers for consideration. Updates to be provided shortly.</p> <p>Updated 22/12/23 - Council investigated the opportunity to provide a dog off leash areas in the Council in 2014 and consulted with the community on the Bondi Park Plan of Management in 2014 and again in the preparation for the Open Space and Recreation Strategy adopted by Council in 2021.</p>	Assets & Operations	Complete

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		<p>Bondi Park is a highly valued and heavily used community space and dog off leash activity is incompatible with other users of the park and causes excessive additional wear on the parks natural turf surfaces.</p> <p>The issue isn't about putting in extra activities when the park usage is lower. It's about giving the natural turf surfaces in the park time during the day to recuperate from the heavy use it receives. If we continue to encourage high wear activities in our parks, there will be no natural turf surfaces left for the community to enjoy. This is about Council making decisions to sustainably manage the wear and tear on the parks.</p> <p>Council does take the needs of dog owners seriously and has provided dog off leash areas across the LGA but needs to balance this against the recreation needs of everyone in the community in the limited open space available and to manage the significant impact dog off leash activities have on our parks and reserves.</p> <p>Since the establishment of Council's 7 permanent and 2 timed dog off leash areas, Council has been investigating opportunities for additional dog off leash areas as part of the Open Space and Recreation Strategy consulted with the community and adopted by Council in 2021 (see strategy online here: https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/184951/WOSRS_Final_for_email.pdf).</p> <p>Council has recently committed to converting two additional parks for dog off-leash activity in 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barracluff Park – Timed Off-leash - Tamarama Park Upper Gully – Off-leash in accordance with Tamarama Park & Beach Plan of Management. 		

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		<p>These new areas will come into effect in 2024 once park signage has been replaced and new zones and rules of use of these spaces published on Council's website. Until formal notifications are issued to the public, these parks remain prohibited to dog off leash activity and fines still apply.</p> <p>Council understands that this decision will not satisfy many residents in the community but has made the decision in the best interests of both environmental protection, the ongoing safety of the community, sustainably managing parks and providing dog free parks for the enjoyment of the rest of the community. Council will not be investigating time off leash use of Bondi Park.</p>		
9 October 2023	<p>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.</p> <p>This Motion was unanimously approved.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Officers will check if any signage refresh or reorientation is required.</p>	Assets & Operations	Complete
ACTIONS				
	<p>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.</p> <p>Concerns raised were:</p>	With Precinct to action.		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 			
	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.	With Precinct to action.		
	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.	With Precinct to action.		
	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.	Please refer to response of Motion 1 - CLC has arranged for the Convenors of Bondi Beach Precinct to speak to the General Manager, Emily Scott about this issue.		
	ACTION 5: Rowan to formulate request for assessment by council. Email Alice to send to council from Bondi Beach Precinct.	With Precinct to action.		
	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	With Precinct to action.		

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Next meeting: February 2024				