

Vaucluse/Diamond Bay Precinct Meeting

Diamond Bay Bowling Club, Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse

Thursday 27th June at 7pm

MINUTES OF MEETING

Chairperson/Convenor: Gabriel Pallo

Secretary: James Gamvrogiannis. (apologies) Acting minute taker: Di McDonald

Traffic Representative: Di McDonald

Greening Representative: Suellen Bassetti

DA Representative: Gabriel Pallo

Attendees: 29 Attendees (as per attendance sheet) **Apologies:** 4, including Cr Will Nemesh

Welcome and Opening of the Meeting by Convenor

Gabriel Pallo opened the meeting at 7pm and thanked everyone for attending. Special welcome was extended to Councillors Sally Betts and Stephen Lewis, the Convenor of Dover Heights Precinct Dov Frazer, and the guest speaker Senior Constable Peter Woodward from the local crime prevention unit.

Item 1:

Guest Speaker: Crime Prevention Unit

- Senior Constable Peter Woodward delivered a highly informative presentation and answered various questions regarding crime related matters generally and specifically in our local area.
- The majority of crimes in our area relate to theft of cars, very often as a result of people leaving cars unlocked, keys in readily accessible places and also leaving front doors unlocked.
- Senior Constable Woodward endorsed the value of security cameras in people's homes as they are a strong deterrent and can provide police with valuable information regarding crime in the area.
- People need to take responsibility for securing their own premises and possessions.
- The issue of security cameras on the boardwalk and coastline was raised - see below in Item 3.
- Although there have been some antisemitic incidents, there has not been the spike that has received so much attention. However, all such incidents must be reported to

police, preferably with details such as description of the people involved and or car registrations.

- Peter also tabled a great resource to combat scams- The little Black Book of Scams, a pocket size guide put out by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

Gabriel Pallo thanked SC Woodward for his attendance and presentation.

Item 2:

Traffic Update in Diamond Bay

Mr Pallo had been in contact with Council regarding the traffic survey. He and Councillor Betts were able to advise the meeting that a comprehensive survey was about to be distributed to all residents and strongly requested everyone to complete the survey. Mr Pallo gave a further explanation regarding the pros and cons of the one-way loop. Residents are to be encouraged to visit the Council website if they did not receive the letter. The survey is accessible online on the Have your Say Council portal.

Mr Pallo will email the documentation to his Distribution List and will place it on the Facebook page. but it is necessary to include **all** residents (i.e. tenants).

Communication with resident was raised at this stage, whether it be letterbox drop, Facebook page, Emails. Mr Pallo thanked the committee for assisting with the distribution of the pamphlets promoting the meeting.

Nancy Georges offered her services in assisting the Precinct with promotion material.

Di McDonald tabled her report about the traffic situation in Diamond Bay. **Appendix A.**

Item 3:

Update on Diamond Bay Walkway

Mr Pallo raised concerns regarding the mixed reports as to what is happening with the boardwalk and the subsequent delays.

Councillor Betts gave a detailed report as to the various sections being worked on and also explained that when work was not happening in one particular area the staff/contractors were working on other sections of the board walk and that work had not ceased completely. In her report Cr Sally Betts covered the issues in George Street, Eastern Avenue and Kimberly Streets and the stormwater work which was involved in various locations.

Issues regarding privacy into apartments has been addressed by Council.

A major concern raised was the cost to 10 million from the original 4 million.

The projected completion time is Spring. It is assumed that Council is referring to this Spring.

Warwick Easton raised concerns about the sink holes which had appeared in Oceanview Avenue. Councillor Betts gave further information regarding this.

The two sink holes in Diamond Bay Reserve were also raised.

Item 4:

Security Cameras on Boardwalk/Coast walk

Motion: As a preventative action and in order to save lives and to assist with public safety the Precinct proposes that Council investigate in conjunction with the NSW Police the feasibility of installing security cameras at suitable locations along the new boardwalk /coastal works.

Proposed: Di McDonald

Seconded: Edna Ferman

For: 15. Against : 1 Carried.

Item 5:

Flood Study

Warwick Easton also raised ongoing water management issues with the new development in OSH Rd, which have not been resolved.

Gabriel Pallo emphasised to Warwick that it is crucial that he submit his petition to Council requesting a full flood study. He has been collecting signatures since the Neighbourhood Fair. Survey is available online. Again, everyone is urged to visit Council Web Page and express any concerns.

Item 6:

Neighbourhood Fair

The convenor stated that the application to Waverley Council requesting an increased grant of \$4,500 was declined. Even though it was acknowledged that over 700 people attended and the 2024 Fair was a resounding success, the request for increased funding was rejected. Therefore, the 2025 Neighbourhood Fair will not be proceeding. The meeting unanimously agreed that this is a very unfair decision, and that the Committee should take up the matter with Council. Mr Pallo is to write to the Mayor expressing the Precinct's great disappointment with this outcome.

Item 7:

Development & Water Management

669-683 OSH Road Developer and council will be meeting again in September 2024.

27-29 Kimberley – further investigation re impact on local residents.

Water related issues to be investigated. Councillor Betts will investigate further.

Item 8:

General Business

The massive Norfolk Pine in Isabel Ave on Mr Rubel and Ms Ferman's property continues to pose serious safety issues and the Precinct does not understand why the tree can not be removed. It was suggested that the owners of the property put Council on notice to accept responsibility for any damage or injuries the tree may cause.

Motions proposed:

1 - The parking sign outside the Childcare Centre on OSH Road states parking 15min only 24/7.

That this be changed to limited parking only during pick up and drop off times.

Proposed by Warwick Easton

Seconded by Cathy Surany

Carried.

Item 9:

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting held on 14 March 2024 were accepted with amendments to Councillor Nemesh's comments. "As a result of the changes to the Boardwalk, there has been a significant blowout in the cost of the Boardwalk, with the cost doubling" is to be added.

Proposed: Gabriel Pallo

Seconded: Edna Ferman

Carried unanimously.

Item 10:

Next meeting: and 'Meet the Candidates' to be held on Thursday 5th September.

Mr. Pallo declared the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Appendix A

TRAFFIC REPORT FOR PRECINCT MEETING

27th June 2024.

Due to the ever-increasing amount of traffic into the Diamond Bay area a full survey and investigation is imperative and needs to be undertaken before there is a serious accident. We were under the impression that this would have been done prior to this meeting.

The number of people residing in the area has increased considerably (not sure of the numbers) and most households have two cars and generally only one parking spot and some of the cars and four wheel drives are way to large for our streets,
(I realise we cannot control the type of vehicle people purchase.

There has been a further request for the following:

AT INTERSECTION OF O S HEAD RD & DIAMOND BAY RD. PLEASE INSTALL MIRROR ON WESTERN SIDE OF O.S.HEAD RD TO SHOW TRAFFIC COMING NORTH FROM ROSE BAY.

This has also been raised in the past.

Exiting Diamond Bay Road is quite a challenge.

A suggestion to WIDEN Isobel Ave & Diamond Bay Roads – allow angle parking in Isobel Ave.

A full investigation needs to be undertaken.

The value of petitions is probably not valid as these are steered by individual opinions so therefore not necessarily a true reflection of all options. Having said that even though residents are not experts their thoughts should not be overlooked.

And what a pity we cannot train many drivers to be patient and courteous. Dash cams have a multitude of stories.