

Minutes of The Mill Hill Bondi Junction  
Precinct Meeting Held At Waverley Library  
On Monday 26 August 2019-08-27

Chaired by Karen Ackermann with Tom Ackermann taking minutes.

The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

### **Present**

Councillor Paula Masselos, Mayor John Wakefield attended shortly after the meeting started. Seven other members of the public also attended.

### **Apologies**

None

### **Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage.**

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our Local Government Area.

### **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting on 6 May 2019-08-27**

A motion was put forward to accept the minutes of the last meeting. It was adopted unanimously.

Because of the low attendance, what followed was a somewhat informal meeting in which the agenda items were addressed. Mayor John Wakefield was kind enough to give an update on the various issues Councillor Paula Masselos also provided various updates. Both answered various questions by the attendees as detailed below.

### **Bondi Junction Cycleway Project Update**

- It was stated that various issues were raised at the traffic committee and further updates will be forthcoming as soon as information becomes available.
- Mayor Wakefield mentioned that various proposals were tabled at the meeting but were rejected.

- Council is paying about a third of the expenses. Mayor Wakefield was of the opinion that the aims are admirable and he expressed the hope that it will all work out. The state Government will be the final arbiter
- Mayor Wakefield mentioned that pedestrian crossings will be available. He also talked about the fact that there will be speed limits indicated on signage but he expressed some concern that there may be some confusion particularly near the bus depot. He said that the rules may be complex but there will be measures to mitigate the complexity. Some of these measures may be via structures and narrowing of pathways which will regulate the traffic flow.
- Karen Ackermann also read out an email which outlined major happenings.

### **Bondi Junction RSL**

Karen mentioned that there will be a meeting at the RSL site under the jurisdiction of the Lands & Environments Court. Mayor Wakefield clarified that this will be an arbitration and conciliation meeting which will aim to find consensus. Should it not be possible, The L&E Court will make a formal determination at a future date.

Karen encouraged people to take interest and attend meetings. Karen said she will be attending, as will Tom Ackermann.

Paula Masselos indicated that the Developers have increased the commercial (as opposed to residential) components in their latest proposal but she was of the opinion that it still isn't enough. However, the situation is still fluid and new proposals are being submitted frequently.

### **194 Oxford St (Twin Towers)**

Mayor John Wakefield gave a quick update. He indicated that the responsible state minister is the final arbiter and that it is his impression (John Wakefield's) that it is a done deal. It is just a matter of time before the announcement.

### **Councillor Updates**

Councillor Paula Masselos spoke about the following topics:

- There are plans to redesign the public spaces in various locations. 'Eye Sores' will be got rid of and those places will be freshened up and beautified.
- A committee has been formed with the responsibility to update the Eastgate awnings. The work is expected to be completed within 4 months and the costs will be a shared responsibility.
- The council is looking at ways and means to jazz up Bondi Junction mall.
- Work is in progress in Roe St (input by J. Wakefield)
- John Wakefield mentioned that the council is looking at ways and means to set up infrastructure to prevent potential terrorism by the use of heavy vehicles

- Councillor Paula Masselos mentioned that a motion was presented to renew residential parking scheme.
- Paula urged people to offer suggestions and feedback by the public and the council will look at such input.

### **General Discussion**

A member of the audience who introduced himself as new to the area, asked what are the aims and objectives of the precinct. Councillor Paula offered the following answer:

- The precinct is a community based organisation. It is a residents action group addressing concerns such as heritage, alcohol, developments etc. The group meets every quarter and it may put forward recommendations. There is also a meeting of the combined precincts involving other precincts in the area.

Another member of the audience mentioned that there should be greater care that the suburb's name (Bondi Junction) should not be eroded. She gave as an example the name of Bondi Centre which in her opinion should have been named as Bondi Junction Centre instead.

Mayor Wakefield mentioned that the council is looking to provide micro grids and solar panels.

In addition, the delivery of the Wentworth Couriers was briefly discussed as was the mural in Bondi.

Mayor Wakefield mentioned that an architect has been appointed for the renovation of the **Shoe Factory**. The work is expected to commence in March.

Mayor Wakefield mentioned that \$150 million is available to the council for various projects. A motion was put forward to spend \$1 million a year for the beautification of various areas.

The meeting was closed at around 8.15pm