

## BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT

### Minutes of the Bronte Beach Precinct for Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>. 2021

The meeting was held on Zoom and opened by chair Virginia Milson

**Present:** 20

Councillors Present Elaine Keenan

Apologies: Mayor Masselos, Judy Ebner, Marilyn Sciberas, Julie Buchanan, Adam Freeman. Chelsea Hunisett.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting: motion to adopt proposed by Greg Vaughan seconded by Rhonda Furner Unanimous approval.

Special Guest Bianca Simpson Open Space Planning Manager

who advised the meeting of additional planting and seating at the Bronte Lookout (cnr. Gardyne and MacPherson Sts.) It was noted that previous plantings had been vandalized and it was suggested that information advising to what height the tree ( a Water Gum) planted would reach to assuage resident concerns over view loss. It was also questioned where further seating could be satisfactorily placed as there was insufficient room.

St.Catherine's Development

As Chelsea was unable to attend, she forwarded the following report which was read out to the meeting:

April Highlights: Completed structural steel installation for the multi-purpose hall, theatre and plant room; Completed installation of the roof to the multi-purpose hall; Commenced installation of glass to the southern façade; Commenced installation of the LTS pool  
In the next few months work will continue on installation of glass on the facade. The rest is inside the envelope works.

Important for the Precinct is to note that Richard Crookes will now be doing construction 7 days in order to complete the project on time.\

Calga Report

Virginia attended the Council's Zoom session with Sue Stevens, Urban Ecology Unit and Libby McKenzie ,Coordinator, regarding Calga plantings and advised the meeting that it was planned to plant native vegetation below Calga in order to contribute to the habitat corridor Council is anxious to pursue.

Bronte RSL

Steve Lightfoot from Save Bronte reported that the application for the proposed kiosk on the western edge was withdrawn as it was over the FSR and breached set back controls. It required a noncompliance application, or section 4.6 variation before it was lodged with Council.

## Calga Planting

**Background:** Waverley Council is interested in encouraging the movement of birds throughout the Precinct area by actively planting appropriate vegetation which would both support and attract small birds. The area adjacent to the northern end of the Cutting is a perfect opportunity for such a project.

### *MOTION*

*Bronte Beach Precinct requests that Waverley Council considers the revegetation of the raised bank at the northern end of The Cutting in order to provide habitat for small birds .*

*Proposer Sally Kendall Seconder John Batts Passed unanimously.*

## Bronte Surf Club Redevelopment

The meeting was advised that a Councillor workshop was planned for May 11<sup>th</sup>. when the amended schemes were to be presented to Councillors. Following this workshop the plans will then be put forward for further community consultation. Before release to the public Council has to approve the release of these plans. However, it was advised that there would be no decision made before the Local Government elections in September.

## General Business

The meeting was advised that Bronte House had been leased and recently there had been an Open Day but only for the grounds. A resident had expressed interest in attending but had been told that there were no vacancies. She expressed concern that there were changes introduced not in the period of the house, for example, the wallpaper in the main room was not early 20<sup>th</sup>.century as it should have been and the rising damp needed attention. The house should be furnished sympathetically which it wasn't at present she believed. It is almost unique in NSW as a Council owned heritage listed property leased out. Other residents expressed their concerns that the motions passed by the Precinct and concerns expressed over the management of the property had not been adequately addressed.

## Councillor's Reports

Councillor Keenan reported that Council had a target for electric vehicles to be introduced into the Council fleet over the next four years, Council was reducing its exposure to fossil fuel investments and SSROC (South Sydney Region of Councils) was aiming for zero emissions by 2030 .In addition there was to be restoration work on Waverley Cemetery.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm.