

## **BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT**

**The meeting of the Bronte Beach Precinct was held on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup>.2022.**

**It was on Zoom and was opened by John Batts as fellow convenor Virginia Milson had Zoom access difficulties. Apologies Councillor Keenan, Julie Green. Number present 24**

**Councillors Present: Councillor Burrill and Masselos.**

**The June Minutes were proposed by Cathy Davitt and seconded by Ute Geissler and passed unanimously.**

### **Community Safety**

**Senior constable Peter Woodward, crime prevention officer, eastern suburbs command reported on a number of issues arising in the area. Peter noted that our cars need to be protected from stealing by careful placement of the keys when leaving the car. The placing of keys on the car tyre is NOT recommended. He also reported on a scam called Hey Mum which seeks money from daughters in trouble. A number have been caught like this. Concern was expressed to Peter about the safety of pedestrians on pedestrian crossings with a number of recent incidents of cars failing to stop for pedestrians. Peter had asked Area Command and Traffic & Highway from Paddington have agreed to undertake a patrol from time with unmarked cars of affected crossings.**

**Virginia introduced Special Guest Allegra Spender newly elected MP for Wentworth.**

**Allegra reported that she had had discussions with Energy Minister Chris Bowen and reported a push to achieve over 43% emissions target and they are also looking at fuel efficiency standards. She had been**

speaking with local judges on the federal integrity commission.

She was asked about the protection of whistle blowers and the Bernard Collaery case which she said had been discussed. In addition she was asked about the War Memorial Hospital in the context of aged care situation in this area .Uniting is proposing at the WM development an emphasis on over 55s accommodation while not supporting an extension of affordable aged care. It was noted that the number of affordable high care beds in this area is in decline with the loss of at least two of these facilities lost or going. Allegra responded that she was supportive of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

She was warmly thanked for her attendance, being the first time a member for Wentworth had come to a Precinct meeting.

## **Development Applications**

### **Amended plans The War Memorial Development**

The Chair advised that amended plans had been lodged to enlarge the external gym area for the use of the new apartments. There were concerns that these may impact on the roots of some of the original trees.

Transdiev John Holland as the new owners of our bus service in this area have applied to the Council for use of the facilities at Bronte Beach. The Mayor reported that the new owner is paid by the kilometre and has no control over the bus stops or the bus routes. The Council was contractually required to allow the use of BB services.

The meeting was advised that a small grant application had been lodged by Charing Cross Precinct for our Precinct to organize a seminar on heritage in our area and how to protect its long-term conservation.

**The Mayor reported that Council has requested on three occasions that the Minister heritage list Odina, at the War Memorial Hospital but this request to date has been ignored.**

**She also reported that 2 supercharges for Electric Vehicles have been installed in conjunction with Evie at Eastgate Shopping Centre, Bondi Junction.**

### **General Business**

**John advised the meeting about a query about disabled access to Bronte Pool an issue which has been previously examined by Council and been found to be impossible due to a variety of reasons including safety and cost. Clovelly nearby has disabled access.**

**(b) A resident reported that the Old Rectory (2 Leichhardt Street) has been sold for ca \$4 million and the new owner is a developer and is aiming to add more building to the rear.**

**The meeting was thanked for everybody's attendance and closed at 8.15pm**

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