

## Minutes

### Bronte Precinct Meeting Monday 15.05.23

Commenced 7.01pm (via Zoom)

#### Attendees

Alma Douglas - Chair	Grant Beard
Alex Ellis	Michael Doonan
David Lesmond	Rodney Tobionsky
Cr Ludovico Fabiano	
Cr Tony Kay	

- 1. Alma welcomes everyone, Apologies** – Robert Philips from Mirimar Ave.
- 2. 7.02pm Minutes Accepted from last meeting.** Tamarama kiosk response, there is no actual response to the motion. Update is that the Tamarama Surf Club builder has gone into administration and building works are therefore further delayed and/or stopped. Council is aware and is assisting in discussions on how subcontractors can continue. The consultation is therefore yet to have started as of a few weeks ago given this development.
- 3. AGM**

Cr Kay chaired the meeting for the election of the Precinct Committee members.

Officers officially stand down. Elections then take place with the following results

- Convener: Alma  
Moved: Alex  
Seconded: Grant
- Secretary: Alex  
Moved: Grant  
Seconded: Alma
- Traffic: Grant  
Moved: Alma  
Seconded: Alex
- Community Safety: Grant  
Moved: Alma  
Seconded: Michael

#### 4. Item for Discussion – Flood Study

- David Lesmond (Resident) attended from Bronte Beach Precinct to give an-update and background on the 2021 Flood Study that is currently progressing. Categories are no flood rating, low, medium and high. What needs to be determined is the impact this study and the adoption of its findings will have on property prices, insurance premiums, and future development controls. This requires Council to do a peer review, which has been undertaken.
- There is a lack of understanding in the community which needs to be further addressed and explained.
- Questions have been put to council and the Mayor has advised that Sharon Cassidy will be responding with explanations.
- It is obvious the current historic Storm Water systems can't cope and this is the major contributing factor rather than storm events. Increased built land is diminishing the ability of water to escape during storm events any other way than the stormwater system.
- Council is also aware of the fact the storm water systems can't cope, it is the community's opinion that Council, and Sydney Water should be addressing the short comings and not passing the burden onto the residents who have no power to improve outdated local storm water assets.
- Where does the liability lie? No answer to that question yet.
- Low risk impact might be minor. Major implications to DAs and insurance premiums is the concern.
- Methodology testing is in motion we believe.
- Report coming to Council in mid-June, which will disclose what Council was presented with. Some precinct information events planned.
- Cr Kay pushed hard for the review, otherwise the study would have just been adopted through the coming DEP. They have line contour maps which are more detailed than the proposed maps being used.
- It's an algorithm-based model. Problems being identified as with many algorithms.

### **Garbage Collection**

- Should it happen later? It is currently very early, Belgrave street and back lane very noisy and very early.
- School traffic and depot drop off the main factors leading to the early start.

### **Parking of Business Trucks**

- Current increase in the issue of business trucks taking up the residential car spaces. Mainly to do with construction sites, builders, construction trucks, furniture vans.
- Grant looked further into it and investigated the current law. The Road Rules state : 'The driver of a heavy vehicle, or long vehicle, must not stop on a length of road in a built-up area for longer than 1 hour, unless the driver is permitted to stop on the length of road for longer than 1 hour by information on or with a traffic control device, or under subrule (2A), (2A-1) or (2A-2)' A heavy vehicle is one with GVM

greater than 4.5 tonnes; a long vehicle is one over 7.5 metres. Trucks that are not 'heavy vehicles' can park legally in built-up areas for longer than one hour.

### **General Business**

- Resident Michael Doonan drew the meeting's attention to a crane issue at 13 Thompson St Tamarama. There is a privacy issue, the cabin of the large crane looks directly into the bedrooms of 3 houses. No one is happy about this, and wonders whether this should have been evaluated at the DA process stage? Privacy is often compromised but this is a fairly odd invasive situation.
- Bus Shelters. Resident Michael Doonan also reads a letter to The Beast (local publication) where a correspondent conveyed dismay at the bus shelters including North Bondi. (*See appendix for article copy*).
- It seems the flyers are not being delivered in parts of the precinct area again.  
Motion:  
Bronte Precinct asks council whether the contractors employed to deliver the notification flyers delivered to Murray St, Hewlett St and Read St given they were not received at those locations.  
Moved: Alex  
Seconded: Alma  
Carried.

Meeting closes 8.46pm

Appendix

## Monthly Mailbag



# The Beast's Monthly Mailbag

Words The Informed People of the Eastern Beaches

### Bus Shelters

Every time I await a bus at the various shelters, I cry. When I heard the news they were being upgraded, I was ecstatic. Imagine my disappointment when the new structures were no improvement at all, but probably cost Council/ratepayers a lot of money.

At my North Bondi terminal, they DO NOT protect us from the baking sun, or the pouring rain, or the chilly winds. In fact, I'm not sure what they are good for. Who designed these inadequate structures, who approved their unacceptable design, who thought they were fantastic?

If JC Decaux provided a design, did anyone in Council's approval section question their acceptability? I think we ought to know who makes such ludicrous decisions, because these people do not travel on the buses at all in the Eastern Suburbs. It is beyond belief that these shelters are so unsuitable for the purpose. Am I the only one that feels this way?

**Nita Marusich**  
North Bondi

### Disabled Access

Dear Editor - I am writing this letter to inform your readers of the newly installed disabled access to our post office at 127 Bondi Road, Bondi. This local post office has a proud history of serving the local community from its beautiful heritage building for around 100 years.

In recent times the business has grown and the customer count has increased significantly. Some of our customers couldn't access the post office because of the stairs at the entrance, so we have installed a new ramp with permission from Waverley Council so that these customers have easy access.

Through your local newspaper we would like to send a message that the new ramp has been installed and is now open to our customers. Thank you.

**Vinod Kumar Kotturu**  
Bondi

### Cabanas Not a Symbol of Largesse

Dear *Beast* - Pearl Bullivant's article, titled 'The Eastern Suburbs Beaches' Latest Must-Have Accoutrement' in the April 2023 edition was utter garbage. Further, the gross generalisations contained within Pearl's article were clearly written to serve her own agenda.

As someone who has suffered from skin cancer, I wish this sort of sun protection existed when I was a kid. Cabanas are not a status symbol, they simply offer a better design that better suits people's needs than a traditional beach umbrella. That has been the cause of their popularity; they are not a "symbol of largesse," as Pearl espouses in her article.

For those wanting the beach cabana banned from beaches, and for anyone in Waverley Council seriously listening to those people, good luck! Good luck being the people to ban families from protecting themselves from the long-term harmful effects of the sun when enjoying themselves in a public place. What an achievement you will have accomplished.

**Craig**  
Waverley

### Wokery at Coogee

I applaud Russell Edwards for his lacerating critique of the 'Racism-NotWelcome' street sign at Coogee Beach. Did Randwick Council not hear about the furore that the installation of these signs (as useless as they are smug) led to when they

were installed in Woollahra last year? Those signs barely survived a vote to remove them, as residents rightly abhorred the imputation that their neighbourhood was some racist enclave in need of thought control rebranding on its street corners (as if that's where most racism happens).

Sigh... can local governments just grow up and drop this facile virtue signalling once and for all? They're fooling nobody.

**Gary Malone**  
Randwick

### Have a Day Off, Pearl

I am not sure if your esteemed columnist Pearl is taking the piss (and if true I congratulate them for their genius), but has there ever been such a negative and self-righteous media figure (apologies for the generosity) in Australia?

Pearl used to be somewhat amusing when they ranted and raved to protect the weak and vulnerable working class from the "Cashed Up Bogans" who have apparently destroyed the tranquility of the most densely populated populace in Australia's largest city. According to Pearl, there is nothing wrong with a bit of snobbery towards those deemed not worthy to live here.

Pearl had since moved on to protect us all from the diesel guzzling "Yummy Mummies" in their "troops SUVs".

Now Pearl has regurgitated more bile and taken aim at the humble beach cabana, which is apparently a reflection of the "affluent human condition" from "thoughtless people" rather than a way to keep families out of the sun. Then, true to form, Pearl was able to connect the dots and link those trying to protect their skin with the evil Yummy Mummies and their SUVs (apparently these are not mutually exclusive).

A solution palatable to Pearl might be that families book a space at the beach (or apply for a licence), along with a government approved umbrella, and come from within a radius of two kilometres to enjoy our beaches. I am open for Pearl to provide further ideas, or just accept the fact that they are a NIMBY and go retire somewhere so they can avoid the crowds (and be a blow-in there).

One last thing for Pearl... The