

Minutes South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct Meeting

18 June 2025

Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre Community Room

The meeting opened at 7.18pm

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair expressed acknowledgement of Country and welcomed residents and Councillors to the meeting.

Apologies: Gwen B

Present: R Fabiano (Chair), K Brennan (Secretary), M Brenner (DA Representative)
Cnr L Fabiano, Cnr J Spicer, 7 residents,

2. Minutes of the previous meeting 5 March 2025 and matters arising

The Chair provided a summary of the minutes and Council's response to Precinct's motion noting that following the traffic changes of Wellington Street/Bondi Road the traffic flow in the area was under review.

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Development Applications update

Michelle reported that she had been in contact with Alana regarding DAs and had also attended a PowerPoint presentation on procedures regarding DAs. She advised that Precinct members could request an update on DAs via Michelle about a week prior to the meeting and an update would be provided for the meeting.

4. Traffic / Parking update

The matters raised at the previous meeting regarding the traffic flow following the traffic changes at Wellington/Bondi Road intersection were still occurring. Residents reported that getting out of Henderson Street into Bondi Road had become very difficult.

Signage in Avoca Street that there was no right turn into Bondi Road was not sufficient and drivers were not compliant. Cns Fabiano and Spencer undertook to follow up on the signage of Avoca Street.

Otherwise, the consensus was that drivers were slowly getting used to the changes and becoming more compliant.

5. General business

1:

A resident reported on DA-550/2024, 2/13-15 Castlefield Street, BONDI NSW 2026, regarding a new swimming pool exclusive to Unit 2. PAN-477311. The DA was lodged in November 2024, with a short time to respond and approved by a Council officer within a very short time. The work is impacting severely on the surrounding neighbours and has not been compliant with the approved plans. There is no support from Council who referred the neighbouring residents to the certifier regarding any negation concerning the non-compliance.

Copies of images were passed around. After some discussion it was decided that the resident would liaise with the DA representative concerning discussion of the issue with all neighbours followed by discussion with the certifier and developer to achieve a better outcome. The resident will also seek assistance from local Councillors by emailing them and outlining the issues and actions so far including the removal of trees from the property. In the case of non-compliance Councillors will raise the matter with the Head of Compliance.

2:

The fact that there is only one licence available to operate a surf school in the Eastern suburbs was discussed and residents passed the following motion unanimously:

Motion:

In view of the recent Council resolution to investigate a second licence for a Bondi Beach surf school Precinct asks Council to take into consideration that Precinct members support community consultation to include a second surf school at Bondi Beach.

3:

Pedestrian safety: it was suggested that a pedestrian island be proposed in Bondi Road around Imperial Avenue, seeing the only safe crossings were at Bondi Road/Denham Street and Bondi Road Watson Street.

After some discussion and in view that Bondi Road is a state road and falls in the remit of Transport NSW it was decided that the right people to contact about this issue were the local State MPs.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.