

DHP meeting May 24, 2021 - via Zoom - Started at 7:07 PM

Attendance - Peter Cappe, Clair Cappe, Clr Sally Betts, Robert Harvey, Vella Cohen, Danielle Lewis, Normal Abeshouse, Richard Morris, Julie Morris, Robin Sen, Deborah Caudle, John Ingster, Steven Shein, Clr Will Nemesh, Dov Frazer, Ron Nothman, Kerry Gottlieb

Dov Frazer - convenor of Dover Heights Precinct Ron Nothman is our secretary.

Kerry Gottlieb is our DA Rep

Welcome to Hunter Ward Councillors, Councillors Sally Betts. & Will Nemesh

Regrets from Grant Benson and Clr Steven Lewis.

As some of you already know our beloved secretary Ron Nothman has sold his house in Dover Heights and is moving to Bribie Island near Brisbane.

Ron has been involved in Waverley Council issues his entire life and part of Dover Heights Precinct since I moved here 15 years ago. The number of hours he has devoted to our cause is incalculable. I personally cannot imagine what it will be like without Ron's expert advice and Ron's willingness to devote his time and energy to making Dover Heights a better place for all of us. I hope you will all join me in thanking Ron for his decades of devotion to our cause I have a group motion in honour of Ron:

New Motion 1

DHP wishes to express its sincere thanks to Ron Nothman for his years of service to Waverley in general and Dover Heights in particular, DHP wishes to name Ron Nothman to be honoured as a lifetime Local Hero of Dover Heights.

Moved - Richard Morris

Seconded - Jean Morris

Approved Unanimously

Robert Harvey has agreed to be acting secretary until the next AGM

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING –

Do all agree the minutes are a fair and accurate representation of the meeting:

Moved - Richard Morris

Second -Julie Stark

ACCEPTED

Response Report to Previous Motions

Motion 1 - DHP requests that council defers a final decision on the fence alignment the peer review of the geotech report of Rodney Reserve until all of the details of the original report and peer review can be fully studied by DHP and concerned residents.

Motion 2 - Considering that here are no hard rules about the location and height of a fence near a playing field and that Dover Heights residents are more concerned with the ocean views in Rodney Reserve than occasional lost balls, and considering that the fence is already sufficiently distance from the playing field, and that the additional cost of the higher fence might be better spend on higher grade steel, DHP request that the entire new fence in Rodney Reserve be 1.2 meters high which is the proposed height of the fence in every other section of Rodney Reserve.

Nov 2020 Motion 1

Motion 3 - DHP notes that moving the new fence 2 meters to west of the current fence in Rodney Reserve would decrease the size of the reserve by approximately 300 square meters. DHP requests that the new fence in Rodney Reserve should NOT be placed anywhere to the west or landward of its current location.

Council Response:

At its meeting on 2 March 2021, Council resolved the following:

OC/5.3/21.03 Rodney Reserve Coastal Fence - Geotechnical Review (A20/0475)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION Mover: Cr Wakefield Secnder:

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That Council:

1. Based on the recommendations from a geotechnical assessment and advice provided in 2019 and peer review of geotechnical reports completed in 2020, aligns the fence parallel to the sports field at Rodney Reserve, at the top of the embankment set back a minimum of two metres landward from the slopes crest to ensure the fence minimises its impact on the stability of the embankment.
2. Installs a 1.6-metre-high fence as specified in Council's Public Domain Technical Manual, with post and concrete footings designed by Council's structural engineers.
3. Notes that the proposed height of 1.6 meters is a compliant height at this location.
4. Notes that the new fence will conform to Council's preferred coastal fence design.
5. Uses stainless steel 2205 in the fence replacement at Rodney Reserve as an alternative to the current coastal fencing prototype as a trial of this material.

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New Motion 2

DHP requests that council perform a proper investigation as to the cause of the landslip in Rodney Reserve as it relates to the sport field upgrades. We request that council investigate topography of the reserve before and after the sport field and irrigation system was installed.

Sally said she would put it up on the paper and requested the above photo of the playing field under construction.

There was a survey performed prior to the groundworks commencing on the playing field upgrade. There was also a survey done in 2016 before the proposed Sports Field upgrade report which proposed a facilities' block in Rodney Reserve. This 2016 survey should clearly show the elevations across the entire reserve.

OLD Motion 4 - DHP requests that the staged removal of the Buddleja in Weonga Reserve on the cliff side of the wire fence begin immediately and commence in the area immediately next to the wire fence. DHP further requests that the staged removal of the remaining acacias in the Dover Road Safety Slope begin immediately and NOT be deferred further into the future.

Motion was forwarded to the Coordinator Urban Ecology. As previously advised to the Dover Heights Precinct, Council will arrange the pruning of the Buddleja on the inland side of the fence at the Southern end of Weonga Reserve.

Infill planting, with coastal heath species in the location of the already removed acacias, will occur in Autumn 2021 once Council's plant order has been received and the weather is cooler. A staged approach to the removal of the remaining acacias will be undertaken from July 2021- June 2022.

New Motion 3

The Dover Road Safety Slope was terraced and planted over 5 years ago. DHP is shocked and horrified that council can admit to planting the wrong species of Acacia but then insist on taking up to 7 years to correct their mistake. Please explain how this timeline is accountable behaviour.

Moved - Ron Nothman

Seconded - Richard Morris

Approved

Ron noted that the Buddleja (Butterfly Bush) in Weonga Reserve is invasive and competes with native plants in the area. It will continue to spread and be harmful to the local eco system. It should be removed in its entirety.

OLD Motion 5 - DHP requests that council TRIM council planted street trees that are blocking iconic views as per resident requests.

Motion was forwarded to the Executive Manager Asset Maintenance. As per our Tree Management Policy, Council will not prune a tree to create a view. View pruning will only be considered where it is requested to retain a previously established view and there is a history of the identified tree/s being pruned to restore the pre-existing view. Council will continue its policy that no individual exclusively owns a view, but rather that the amenity provided by trees outweighs the amenity of views.

New Motion 4

The Tree Management Policy (2019) page 14 Trees and Views - states *New planting in public open spaces will consider the impact on views and species will be selected and placed to frame and complement views in consultation with residents.*

DHP request that the tree Management policy be amended to require tree officers to NOT plant approved tree species that will likely grow to block resident's iconic views and that the consultation take place with residents prior to the planting or replacing of trees in a street or park.

Moved - Peter Cappe

Seconded - Ron Nothman

Approved

Sally mentioned that there would be a new Tree Policy in 2021.

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM - Sports Court - This was a part of the open spaces and recreational strategy. The strategy was officially adopted with these additions:

The feedback we received informed changes to the strategy, including:

- the addition of two new focus areas: protection of natural heritage and biodiversity, and more areas for passive recreation including quiet contemplation
- removal of any reference to proposed sports courts at Rodney Reserve

So we can consider this a win for Dover Heights and keeping Rodney Reserve free of sports courts.

ITEM - Heritage listing of Radio Astronomy in Dover Heights - Sally Betts will tell us all about her most excellent idea and what can be done about it:

Proposed Motion - DHP requests that council officers create a preliminary design with costings for Radio Telescope Viewing Platform so that the Precinct can attempt to seek funding for the project.

Sally said wait for the Heritage Listing to play out. Also, maybe an architect can do a plan pro bono. Sally said a preliminary costing would cost \$30,000. Will said he would try to find a pro bono architect friend to do a concept design.

ITEM - Trees blocking views:

We had a Meeting with Ben Kusto and residents of Myuna and Military Road at end of March.

1 - Tree in Dudley Page next to the stairs on the south WAS TRIMMED

2 - Tuckeroo Trees on Myuna were NOT trimmed

New Motion 5- DHP requests that the senior council officer in charge of planting new street trees in Dover Heights meet onsite with concerned residents before July 1, 2021.

Moved - Ron Nothman
Second - Peter Cappe
Approved

ITEM - Pedestrian crossing on Military Road to Dudley Page. Council is not in favour and says there is not enough people or vehicles to satisfy their formula.

ITEM Getting a Defibrillator in DH - Lara Schreiber raised issue from last meeting. Mary Shiner saw an article in the SMH about the Community Defib project in the Weisman's Ferry Area. They have installed 35 defies around their area. They look like this - Show PHOTO



All of our units are tracked and in a 'dummy-locked' cabinet and they cost \$3,000 each (that include signage, installation etc.) for our current set up.

1. Do we want to pursue this avenue to get a defib?
2. Is Dudley Page the best place to put it
3. Where can we get \$3000. Community Grants, Gabrielle Upton, Dave Sharma?
4. Spoke to Sophie - Need Committee to meet with Sophie on site assess the best location, design and resources to raise funds. She is willing to meet us and has all of the experience and resources. I nominate Lara and me - Ron agreed to join if the meeting was before his departure.
5. Residents suggested that Lions Club / Rotary Club might be a good source for funding this. Also, future Waverley Small Grants Program is possible in the future but too late for 2021.

Note - Sophie emailed that she is happy to meet onsite and suggested meeting dates.

Civic Pride - Councils Policy is to NOT maintain most council verges and to maintain certain verges ONLY a few times a years....Residents are meant to have "CIVIC PRIDE" and mow and maintain their council verges. Many verges in DH are overgrown and often council refuses to maintain them.

Mary said this has still been postponed so really no progress on this item.

Perhaps one of our councillors can add something to what is going on with the Civic Pride Policy.

New Motion 6

DHP requests that council expand its maintenance of council verges in Dover Heights to cover a great number of verges.

Moved - Peter Cappe

Second - Danielle Lewis

Approved

Update on POM for DH Coastal Reserves

Council is required by new legislation to make POMS for all crown lands.

Here is the priority list:

Priority list

1. Bondi Park, Beach and Pavilion Plan of Management (an update of the 2014 POM to align with new Crown Lands template).
2. Bronte Beach and Park Plan of Management (an update of the 2017 POM to align with new Crown Lands template).
3. Waverley Park Plan of Management (a new POM).
4. Tamarama Park Plan of Management (a new POM).
5. Plan of Management for Parks (generic for all other parks to now include Thomas Hogan Reserve and Barracluff Park) (new).
6. Coastal and Cliff Top Parks (generic plan to include Rodney Reserve, Raleigh Reserve, Weonga Reserve, Diamond Bay Reserve, Clarke Reserve and Eastern Reserve (new)).
7. Waverley Cemetery and South Head Cemetery Plan of Management (new).

General Business

Boat parking on Caffyn Reserve

New Motion 7

DHP request that the very effective 1 hour/week no parking sign, already existing on eastern side of Portland St, between Lancaster and Blake, be replicated on Portland St on the west side, for the length of Caffyn Reserve.

Moved - Robert Harvey

Seconded - Danielle Lewis

Approved



New Motion 8

DHP requests that council officers remove vines and weeds growing up the wire fence in Rodney Reserve which block the views of the ocean. DHP notes this has been done for many years and there are no safety issues or environmental issues in using organic weed killer in this area.

Moved - Ron Nothman

Second - Richard Morris Approved

Discussed the Blake Street traffic calming proposals.

Danielle Lewis suggested it NOT become one way and suggested all fill out the Have Your Say about this which expires on May 25th.

Meeting Finished at 9:05 PM.