

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT

A meeting of the BB Precinct was held on Wednesday June 23rd 2021 on Zoom at 6.30pm.

Apologies Sally Kendall

Councillors present Burrill, Keenan and Masselos. Number present 19

The following issues were discussed after a short introduction and welcome by Virginia Milson.

May Minutes were proposed and seconded and passed unanimously, proposer John Batts, seconded by Michael Hudson.

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- Issue around idling cars and the environmental impacts have been raised with the school. School has let parents know and has been in touch with the student environmental group on any initiatives that they might want to undertake.
- Thanks to Cathy for raising the minutes issue - they are now all online
- Preliminary info from the traffic survey:
 - * Staff car usage has seen a slight increase when compared to 2019 data.
 - Staff car passenger usage has seen a slight increase when compared to 2019 data.
 - Staff public transport usage has seen a 9% reduction when compared to 2019 data.
 - Staff walking has seen a minor increase when compared to 2019 data.
 - Student travel has remained constant, and still an improvement over 2014 data.
 - Mid-block surveys generally demonstrate a reduction in daily traffic during the school term and holiday periods. The exceptions were the Wednesday and Thursday within the school term period.
 - The drop-off and pick-up surveys demonstrate there was a decrease of 44 students being dropped off in the mornings and a decrease of 24 students picked up in the afternoon when compared to the 2019 data.

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The pedestrian crossing is due to be moved 45metres east in September however concern was expressed on its proposed location due to its close proximity to left turning cars from the car park. This concern was also expressed by a traffic consultant and fears were also voiced over the fate of the Melaleucas located nearby which could be regarded as view obstructions.

Planning Proposal War Memorial

Greg Vaughan gave a short presentation on the planning proposal noting that the Site and the house, Edina, were both state heritage listed. He noted that it is proposed to remove three extremely large Moreton Bay fig trees, which form part of a wildlife corridor linking Queens Park with Waverley Park, they are significant landmarks and he believed would considerably undermine the site if removed. They are also believed to be over 100 years old as they can be seen in early photographs of site dated in 1840. With the proposal these

important figs would be obscured by the building heights and furthermore so too, would be the sighting of Edina, clearly a landmark property recognized as such by its state listing. It was commented that, surprisingly, there was no mention made in the site specific DCP of the State Heritage listing of the site.

Motion 1

The BB Precinct requests that Council change the proposed site specific DCP for the Edina Estate (War Memorial) to achieve the opportunities highlighted in the 2005 Conservation Management Plan, in particular the restoration of the lower garden. This recognizes the State Significance of the Heritage listing for those grounds. There should be no building at all on this site.

Proposer Greg Vaughan seconder Sally Kendall Passed unanimously The BBP

The Bronte Surf Club

The meeting was advised that at the Council meeting of June 22nd the heads of agreement was discussed and signed. It was reported that the two plans of the Surf Club had not been finalized. The final plans will not be discussed until after the elections in October.

Bronte RSL

The meeting was advised that an objection had been lodged regarding an application for a food and drink kiosk for the following reasons. It would be over the FSR, could set a precedent, would change the streetscape presentation adversely and it appeared the intention was to serve alcohol which would be potentially very disruptive for local residents and near neighbours particularly as they planned to operate until 10pm at night.

Other Developments

Liquor License for 2/7-14 Pacific St. Winbourne, Bronte

A resident advised the meeting that they were very opposed to this application and had lodged an objection with the Liquor & Gaming Authority on the grounds that it was residential area and totally inappropriate for liquor storage and distribution. An objection had been lodged also by the Precinct.

The meeting was advised that an objection had been sent to an application at 2 Carlton St. where it was proposed to build a garage and install three new windows in a heritage listed house which is one of the few stone houses in the area. The windows bear little resemblance to the already existing windows there and the proposed garage would impact adversely on the streetscape. A carport was suggested instead.

General Business

John Batts reported attending a Police Safety community meeting where it was raised that there had been an increase in the number of attempted suicides during Covid and the number of car break-ins. He expressed concerns over people standing on the cliffs at Bronte citing safety hazards and noting that he had made overtures to Council to ensure there were no holes in the fence there.

Bronte House was discussed from the perspective of access by residents and ratepayers to view it and to the lease terms.

Motion 2**Bronte House**

That Council moves to make BH more accessible to the public & residents of Bronte by opening it, as well as the garden, more regularly & rather than 3 weekends for 6 days openings change to 6 days for 6 weekends.

And that Council advises the public and the Precinct as to how the lessees are conforming to the terms of the lease -that of purchasing furniture for a minimum of \$20,000 for the house and placing it in significant places within the House.

Proposer Susan Healy seconder Sally Kendall Passed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm