

Minutes Bondi Beach Precinct meeting
5 June 2023 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Yalagang Room Bondi Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7:04pm

Chair: Lenore Kulakauskas

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge this land as the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia, respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge that we meet on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and our community.

2. Apologies: Cr Michelle Gray, Cr Leon Goltsman

3. Special Guest: Sharon Cassidy Director Assets and Operations addressing maintenance and upgrades at Bondi Beach

Sharon was welcomed and thanked for attending. She gave an overview of works in progress relevant to Bondi Beach.

- Lights on Campbell Pde being replaced under warranty
- Repairs to skate bowl and balustrade
- Repairs to playground – water main – completed
- Wheel stops in QED parking bays
- Biddigal and northern section of park behind playground – herbicide spraying and re-turfing
- Contractor moved buildup of sand from beach back into water
- Delays with Gel'n Ayr due to replacement of Council owned poles
- Electrical upgrade to the Pavilion continuing
- Tenders out for Curlewis cycleway and streetscape

2024 scheduled upgrades

- Gould Lane Gould St Hastings
- Park Drive South/ Wairoa
- Hall St/ O'Brien

Discussion ensued about the importance of Bondi Beach being seen as a priority for upkeep and maintenance given its international significance. Areas of the parks and beach are neglected. Bondi Beach doesn't appear to be as well cared for as beaches in other municipalities e.g. Coogee and Manly.

Bondi Beach needs to be viewed, as stated above, as a very special location, and should be taken out of the queue and viewed as an entity requiring unique treatment.

South Bondi in particular is badly neglected, the parklands, the paths and stairs without adequate railings, the Norfolk Island Pines and the footpaths on the western side of Campbell Pde between Francis St and Lamrock Ave. This is the first place people alight from the buses bound for the beach.

It is noted that the footpath and lighting for Campbell Parade from Francis Street to Lamrock Ave will be affected by projected works on properties facing the street.

MOTION 1:

That Bondi Beach Precinct, having identified numerous unaddressed problems in the South Bondi Beach Park, urges Council to raise the priority of various major projects and maintenance works in this area.

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Mike Lyons

Jessica: To be sent to Sharon Cassidy, Director Assets and Operation, the General Manager, the Mayor and Bondi Ward Councillors

4. Skate Park Toilets

Sharon was asked when the skate park toilets would be installed. She said all the plans were ready however the funding was not yet available.

Bondi Beach residents are concerned that these toilets were supposed to be installed before the Bondi Pavilion upgrade was finished to allow for the reduction of toilets in the Pavilion and to cater for the many young children who use the skate park.

LK to contact the Skate shop in Geln Ayr to discuss a petition being organised for the toilets to be installed

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted

Proposed: Adrain Findlay

Seconded: Cleo Lynch

6. Business arising - response report

There is never enough time for attendees to go through the Response Report.

It was proposed that the response Report is sent to the Precinct List with the Minutes by Council

Vote: Unanimous

Jessica: To email out the Response Report to the Bondi Beach mailing list with the Minutes

7. Reports from:

Leon Goltsman

Michelle Gray

Dominic Wy Kanak

None of the Councillors were present

8. Traffic problems in the Precinct

MOTION 2:

Bondi Beach Precinct requests that all traffic be prohibited from turning right when travelling:

- 1. North on Sandridge St Bondi Beach to cross Bondi Rd, heading towards Campbell Pd; or**
- 2. East down Bondi Rd to turn across traffic in Bondi Rd to enter Sandridge St.**

Submission:

The reason for this proposal is that this traffic presents a very real danger with frequently heavy and fast moving traffic travelling into or out of this steep bend. Such traffic is frequently travelling downhill at speed and includes buses, bike and cars, or is crossing into this intersection with heavy traffic moving in both directions along Bondi Rd.

The slightest mistiming could potentially result in a multiple vehicle crash with major damage, injury, and loss of life.

Proposed: Mike Lyons

Seconded: Paul Paech

Jessica: to send to relevant director and Traffic Committee

9. 2-8 Campbell Pde

It was confirmed this is to be a private hotel.

10. General Business

- a. Richard spoke about the significance of the volleyball event on Bondi Beach during the Olympics

MOTION 3:

That Bondi Beach Precinct urges Council to investigate the installation on the Beach promenade of a medallion to recognise the holding of the Beach Volleyball events during Sydney's 2000 Olympics.

Proposed: Richard

Seconded: Paul Paech

Jessica: To be sent to appropriate persons

- b. Cleo raised the problems residents on the Astra are having with Bondi 34 again.

LK to send her a copy of the process determined at the Precinct special meeting about Bondi 34.

11. AGM – election of Precinct executive

Conducted by Mike Lyons

The following committee members were elected:

Co-Convenor: Lenore Kulakauskas

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Margaret Merten

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Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas

Secretary: Vacant

DA rep: Margaret Merten

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas

Heritage Officer: Paul Paech

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Margaret Merten

Alcohol rep: Lenore Kulakauskas

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Margaret Merten

Traffic Rep: Mike Lyons

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas

Meeting closed: 8.37pm

Lenore Kulakauskas Co-Convenor Bondi Beach Precinct
5 July 2023

Next Meeting: Monday 7 August 2023