

DRAFT MINUTES BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING VIA ZOOM

7 MARCH 2022 7:00PM to 8:30PM

Meeting opened: 7:03pm

Chair: Lenore Kulakauskas

1. Welcome and Apologies

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past and present. We seek truth telling and support the Uluru Statement. We are proud to live in a country with the oldest living culture in the world and acknowledge the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and our community.

Apologies: Cr Goltsman

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted

Proposed: Paul Paech

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

3. Business Arising

FOOTPATHS RESPONSE:

Council has a dedicated team called the "Public Place Coordination" team that undertakes ongoing inspections proactively and upon resident reporting. At a minimum, every footpath in Waverley is inspected once every two years, but in reality, this occurs more often based on the further ongoing reporting from residents and other Council staff.

Trip hazards should be reported through the "Snap Send Solve" app. The process for reporting is simple and streamlined for both the person reporting and then Council staff to action.

Fixing of trip hazards is determined based on the risk rating of the defect. Council has three tiers of defects, Condition 3, 4 and 5, with 5 being the worst. Trip hazards are assessed by their height and the location in question. e.g. trip hazards of less than 2cm are considered non-urgent and get added to a program for actioning further along the program. If something is assessed as a condition 5 trip hazard, Council will make safe within 10 working days.

Trip hazard identification as noted above is both proactive (internal staff checks) and resident reported. It is crucial that our community assists with the reporting of hazards as that forms a greater picture for Council to manage the large network that caters for.

FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL AS PRECINCT IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS RESPONSE

QUESTION 1:

There is no tangible evidence that a dedicated team walks around to check the footpaths and get them fixed. Years ago there was a person who did this but he is long gone. Many greater than 5 cm trip hazards have been that way for over 2 years. Please advise when the team last checked Sir Thomas Mitchell Rd. If it was in the last 2 years why didn't they report the 7 cm trip hazard in the image below, sited at the beach end of the park that divides Sir Thomas Mitchell Rd into 2?



GUTTERS RESPONSE:

- How often are gutters cleaned – The commercial area gutters are cleaned daily. The residential areas are cleaned monthly during normal scheduling.
- How are they cleaned – A combination of manual and mechanical sweeping.
- Why is soil washed into gutters in the rain left in the gutters? This soil becomes a bank for debris to pile up against and needs to be removed. - Soil is removed from gutters. If there are areas of concern residents can log a merit for actioning by the cleansing team.
- How would council propose to remove this soil? A shovel.

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QUESTION 2:

Brooms and Shovels do not appear to have been used for a long time in Lamrock Ave, Sir Thomas Mitchell Rd, Francis St and Edward St as there is soil in many of the gutters which has been there for many months. Could Council advise why this is so?

MOWING VERGES RESPONSE

Council maintains approx. 20% of nature strips in the LGA these are.

- Gateways and main roads
- Public places which are difficult to mow (Slopes and embankments)
- Special needs (physically unable)

As you can see from the schedule areas that Council maintains are cut four times a year. (Mowing schedule is attached separately)

Council depends on the goodwill and civic pride of our residents and we are not resourced to mow more than the 20% we are currently mowing. Precinct is not satisfied with this response and will seek further clarification from Council

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QUESTION 3:

Many unit blocks in the Bondi Basin do not have garden areas and are heavily tenanted. These blocks will not pay for a gardener to just come and mow the nature strip. What does Council propose to do about these verges? Also who is liable if a resident injures themselves while mowing the nature strip?

MOTION 1 EXCESSIVE DEVELOPMENT ON SANDHILLS RESPONSE

Council has not undertaken groundwater flow modelling within the Bondi Basin.

To assist with understanding groundwater flows we must first understand our stormwater systems and flood impact. In the last few years Council has focused on completing the Flood Study for the greater LGA. The Flood Study was endorsed in February 2021.

Within the last twelve months, Council has also reviewed and updated its Water Management Technical Manual which determines how development controls are applied for stormwater including, infiltration systems, onsite detention systems, flood controls, dewatering and bulk excavations.

Council officers intend on undertaking the next stage of the Flood Study which is for identifying improvements to the stormwater system for reducing flooding. The Office of Environment and Heritage has provided 2/3 of the funding required for the Flood Study and is likely to also equally fund stage 2 in the coming financial year.

Further to the above Council also intends to undertake infiltration zone studies and groundwater flow modelling. This process requires considerable data to be collected and analysed including understanding existing basement excavations and as such takes a fair amount of time. Officers will be scoping this project in tandem to the stage 2 of the flood study and looking for funding opportunities through a range of government grant programs.

We will update the Precinct once we have an understanding of funding opportunities and develop a project plan.

PRECINCT IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS RESPONSE AND WILL SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM COUNCIL SHORTLY

MOTION 2 RESPONSE

Noted. Perhaps the Precinct will email the Motion to the Councillors directly.

MOTION 3 RESPONSE

Any proposal to commemorate a person, whether living or deceased, requires a resolution of Council.

As examples, please refer to the following two Council resolutions:

Council resolution **CM/7.11/21.05 regarding commemoration Pauline Menczer.**

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes the inclusion of the story of Pauline Menczer within the Bondi Story Room.
2. Notes the planned mural featuring Pauline Menczer on the Bondi Seawall.
3. Further investigates and progresses planning for a statue commemoration of Pauline Menczer, including working with the project initiators on processes outlined in the Art Collection Acquisition and Deaccessioning Guidelines.

4. Officers report back to Council outlining progress on funding and time frames for a statue commemoration of Pauline Menczer.

CM/5.3/18.07 Ernie Page

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

That:

1. Council identifies a suitable memorial for the Hon. Ernie Page.
2. Council approaches Randwick Council to participate in honouring the memory of Ernie Page.
3. A report come back to Council, which includes a methodology for the future recognition of eminent residents.
4. Council notes that it will be receiving a report on commemorative tributes at a future Council meeting.

Please also note that as per the resolution of the Operations and Community Services Committee (9/10/2018), Council declines donations for park benches and trees with associated memorials from individual community members.

4. Rickard Ave upgrade information

As you may already be aware, in October 2019, Council installed concrete barriers on Rickard Avenue, at the intersection of Lamrock Avenue. These temporary barriers were installed to trial changes to traffic flow.

In May 2020, Waverley Traffic committee agreed "That Council makes the temporary closure of Rickard Avenue permanent given that it has no adverse traffic related impact on surrounding streets." (TC/V.05/20.05).

We are now proposing a more permanent solution, which would include:

- Putting in a permanent cul-de-sac to close through traffic while making it safer for local residents and cyclists merging onto Lamrock Avenue
- Improving the community feel by increasing public green space, planting seven new trees and including additional seating
- Installing a new raingarden with water sensitive urban design principles and improving flood management
- Installing new sections of footpath with cyclist ramps.

Please take a look at our [proposed design](#) and share your thoughts with us by completing our [online survey](#).

More information about the project is available on [Have Your Say](#), feedback closes 27 March.

5. Urban conservation areas in the Bondi Basin

MOTION 1: BBP seeks an update on the status of the proposed new Urban Conservation Areas in the Bondi Basin, and urges Councilors to act promptly to have these added to the LEP, with a view to slowing and then stopping further damage to Bondi's unique urban-beach heritage.

6. DA-448/2020

MOTION 2: BBP asks Councilors, the GM and the Acting Planning Director to examine to assessment report for DA 448-2020 for 42 Hall Street Bondi Beach (Judith Elijah and Angela Rossi, Aug 2021: "3.1: Heritage: No comment was received from Council's Heritage Advisor at the time of writing this report.") to determine whether they consider that the unexplained

absence of a report from Council's Heritage Officer meets Council's assessment standards, and should the answer be "no", to ensure that all future assessment reports measure up to those standards.

7. DA-552/2021

MOTION 3: BBP endorses the various submissions from the local community opposing the DA-552/2021 for 26–32 Hall Street and urges Council's assessing officer to examine closely the arborist's report accompanying that DA, which states that the current application would require removal of the Mediterranean Oak on the property of 15 Consett Avenue, and to recommend rejection of the DA.

8. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF DA'S

MOTION 4: That BBP urges Councilors to examine whether Council's Planning Department is sufficiently aware of and actively following the statutory requirements for public notification of DAs.

Note: In an email from the then Director of Planning (dated 29/1/2021) it was confirmed that Council notify for 21 days and include a site notice.

Meeting closed 8:35

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Bondi Beach Precinct
7 March 2022