

VAUCLUSE/DIAMOND BAY PRECINCT MEETING

Diamond Bay Bowling Club, Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse

Thursday 27th March 2023 at 7pm

MINUTES

Chair/Convenor: Gabriel Pallo

Secretary: James Gamvrogiannis

Traffic Representative: Suellen Bassetti

Greening Representative: Suellen Bassetti

DA Representative: Gabriel Pallo

Attendees: 24 Attendees

Apologies: Councillors Sally Betts and Will Nemesh, as well as candidates for the election: Kay Dunne, Edward Cameron, Dominic Kanak and Kelly Sloane

Item 1: Welcome and Opening of the Meeting by Convenor

The meeting commenced at 7pm. Mr. Pallo welcomed the attendees, including Councillor Steven Lewis and guest speakers Margaret Merten (Labour) and Karen Freyer (Independent), both candidates for the upcoming State elections.

Item 2: Guest Speakers

Karen Freyer and Margaret Merten spoke of their vision for the Vaucluse Ward and answered questions from the attendees. Items discussed included overdevelopment, privatisation, failing infrastructure (lack of school facilities, roads, public transport) lack of affordable housing for essential workers.

Item 3: Flood Mitigation

The convenor will invite Sydney Water and an expert from Waverley Council to discuss the ongoing water management and flooding issues in the precinct at the next precinct meeting.

Item 4: Tree Management Policy

Waverley Council has ratified this policy which is now available online. It outlines requirements and procedures for the management of trees including blockage of existing views, height requirements etc.

Item 5: Amendment To Minutes

Suellen Bassetti requested the following amendment to the minutes on the 27th October, 2022 : “After 16-20 years of working with the long term, passionate and dedicated volunteers at Diamond Bay bushcare site with our wonderful convenor of the last 16 years, those original volunteers and convenor chose to resign due to changes in the conditions imposed by Council”.

Item 6: Minutes of Previous Meeting

With the above amendment, the minutes were accepted

Proposed Di Macdonald

Seconded by Kara Mikler

Item 7: Waverley Small Grants

The convenor stated that an application to Waverley Council for a small grant was lodged to fund a “meet your neighbours” event. Decision pending.

Item 8: Development Approvals (DA)

The DA representative raised concerns of the proposed development of 16 Clarke St. Vaucluse and 12 Burge St. Vaucluse with contentious issues contravening council requirements.

Item 9: Closure

Mr. Pallo declared the meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 1 June.