

Draft Bondi Precinct Minutes - Quarterly Meeting held 4 JUNE 2025

Meeting Minutes to be endorsed at the August 2025 Precinct Meeting

1	<p>Meeting Commences at 7.03pm online via ZOOM Convener: Welcome by Convenor</p>
2	<p>Attendance: 14 participants</p> <p>Councillors in attendance: Cr Michelle Stephenson</p> <p>Councillor apologies: Cr Dominic WyKanak</p> <p>Apologies: 1</p>
3	<p>Minutes of previous meeting (held 9 April 2024) presented for ratification Moved: LC Second: AP Carried</p>
4	<p>Council Response to motions raised by BP at last meeting This circulated report was addressed by the convenor.</p> <p>Motion (1) : That this meeting of Bondi Precinct reminds Council of its obligation to engage seriously with the community on matters of significance and expresses our concern (especially focused on those Precincts around the Bondi Basin) about the recent decision of Council (March 2025) to reinstate the massively disruptive New Year's Eve parties which residents finally managed to stop more than a decade ago</p> <p>Council Response: "...resolved a number of actions at Council meeting on 29 April re a NYE 2025 event at Bondi Beach, and granted a licence... to deliver an event over 2 years, with a 3rd year option, with a number of conditions pertaining to local residents and the potential disruption of such an event on the community and beach. <i>"The Director of Community, Culture and Customer Experience noted that Council is working very closely with the event producer to minimise impact on the local community including a strict finish time of 12.30am, and extensive transport to move attendees out of the area swiftly following the event. Council and the event producers will keep the local community informed of any impacts and measures in place to minimise any impact on the community."</i></p> <p>Motion (2): BP requests a progress report on DCP change to mention housing density.</p> <p>Council Response: Council officers currently preparing a report on the potential changes to the Waverley Development Plan 2022 for an upcoming Council meeting in 2025. Report will be made available on Council website here</p> <p>Motion (3): BP contacts Bondi/Waverley Police Stations about neighbourhood safety concerns following a car set alight in driveway of Sir Thomas Mitchell Rd on Monday 7 April 2025.</p> <p>Council Response: Council can assist in liaising with Police. Please let Community liaison committee know.</p> <p>Precinct to Action</p>

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5	<p>UPDATE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE</p> <p>General discussion about the Council decision to award a 3-year licence (2 yrs+1 yr option) to hold a large-scale public event, with up to 15,000 tickets available, including headliner act concert, family friendly concert and two fireworks displays on Bondi Beach. The meeting raised concerns that getting everyone out by 12.30 am was unrealistic; bump-in would take a week and disrupt access to the beach during one of the busiest times for local and others to enjoy.</p> <p>Cr Stephenson said many residents were supportive of the event. She said that it was a money – making event.</p> <p>Other issues raised included noise, waste and rubbish, and other impacts to the beach and residents.</p> <p>It was noted that the recent Waverley Combined Precincts Meeting also raised concerns about the event and the absence of any community consultation about its reintroduction.</p>
6	<p>UPDATE ON TREE SLATED FOR REMOVAL IN EDWARD ST</p> <p><i>Background: a large fig tree at 28-30 Edward St was recently earmarked for removal, but Council voted at its last meeting to rescind the motion for removal.</i></p> <p>Cr Stephenson gave an update on the recent council meeting, discussing the removal and rescinding of the motion to remove the tree and what further action would be undertaken by council.</p> <p>Meeting also noted that Banksias trees have been destroyed by recent weather events.</p> <p>The meeting was told a tree audit was required, and the issues were broader than just trees, but impacts on drainage and pipes.</p>
7	<p>TRAFFIC AND PARKING</p> <p>Question was raised on what is happening re the Traffic Plan for Bondi Basin. – no update available other than the council is working on it and DR will ask council for an update, as DR is on the Traffic Committee, which is meeting on 11 June.</p>
8	<p>DEVELOPMENT, HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION AND IMPACT ON RESIDENTS</p> <p>Issue of Construction Hours (construction site operating from 6am to 5pm) and impact on residents was raised. Noticeably trucks idling in streets waiting for start time and large amounts of local construction happening.</p> <p>Precinct Exec officers to write to Council to find out what controls Council has to address this issue.</p>
9	<p>STORMWATER UPDATE</p> <p>Discussion on stormwater and ageing infrastructure and Council action on same. Need stormwater audit to be done ASAP.</p>

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10	<p>SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE</p> <p>The meeting discussed the Environmental Action Plan and whether Council would continue to fund it.</p> <p>It was also suggested precinct asks Council for a formal update on what is happening to the old Council Chambers, following recent speculation in the media.</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>BP requests a formal update on the plans for the old Waverley Council Chambers including when community consultation will take place and any timeline and budget that the council is reviewing.</p> <p>Moved by PC, Seconded by RW. Motion carried.</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>BP supports continued funding for its EPA (Environmental Action Plan) over the coming 2025/2026 Budget and Financial Plan.</p> <p>Moved by PC, Seconded by AM. Motion carried.</p>
11	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <p>DA Report - RW thanked AM and AP for reporting on DAs and impacts.</p> <p>DA for 97 Francis St DA-169/2025 was discussed. Concerns raised over size of block when subdivided (current DA) will be too small and contravene planning guidelines, plus potential development could have significant negative environmental and hydrology impact (cliff site). It was suggested to put in an individual DA objection and send motion to Alana, the DA Liaison Officer.</p> <p>MOTION</p> <p>BP is concerned that the current DA for subdivision of land at 97 Francis St Bondi (DA 169/2025), currently the site of a 3-storey block of apartments, be divided into 2 Torrens title lots; one 325m2 and a smaller one of 228m2. The smaller lot does not meet the current minimum requirement for subdivision. The proposed lot size is approximately 30 per cent below current standards.</p> <p>The Precinct requests that the council refuse this DA and requests an update on progress</p> <p>Moved by AP Seconded by PC Motion carried</p>

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12	<p>SURF SCHOOL LICENCE</p> <p>Two local tourism operators attended the meeting to request support for council to re-consider the tendering process for surf lessons on Bondi Beach.</p> <p>Questions were raised as to why only one surf school could operate on the beach.</p> <p>Cr Stephenson said she would investigate this and update.</p> <p>BP Action: LC will write to Council asking about the tendering process.</p>
13	<p>Meeting closed at 9pm</p> <p>NEXT MEETING: 13 AUGUST 2025</p>