

Bondi Precinct Minutes
Wednesday 22 April 2026
Held at Ocean Room, Bondi Pavilion

1.	<p>Meeting Commences at 7.00 pm Co-Convener: Di Robinson (DR) Co-Convenor Lynne Cossar Acknowledgement of Country: Convenor acknowledged all elders past and present and paid respect to indigenous leaders, working, living and visiting Waverley</p> <p>Attendees: 18</p> <p>Bondi Ward Councillors attending: Clr Merten.</p>
2.	<p>AGM - Election of Precinct Office Bearers</p> <p>Clr Merten - Returning Officer</p> <p>Clr Merten thanked the outgoing committee for their hard work for the Precinct.</p> <p>Di Robinson returned as Co-convener Nominated - RW Moved – MA</p> <p>Lynne Cossar returned as Co-convener Nominated - RW Moved - MA</p> <p>Sue Rawlinson and Pamela Barnetta elected as Secretaries Nominated - RW Moved - MA</p> <p>Annie Parnell elected as DA representative Nominated - DR Moved - RW</p> <p>Odette S elected as Traffic Representative Nominated - DR Moved - RW</p> <p>Rex Walsh elected as Sustainability Representative Nominated - DR Moved - OS</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting accepted Moved – RW Second - MA</p>

4. **Events on Crown Land and Mayoral Minutes**

Bondi Precinct (BP) raised a major concern about the Mayoral minute relating to NYE and other commercial events at the March 2026 council meeting.

The Mayoral minutes 'notes the positive feedback from residents, visitors and business of these events.

BP stated that accountability is a key issue and felt the Mayoral minute was inaccurate, questions were raised as to why Precinct views (including Combined Precincts) were not included.

The meeting was told the bump in and bump out times were a major concern.

Motion 1:

Bondi Precinct questions the validity of this mayoral minute and where this "positive" feedback was gathered. The community through the Combined Precincts and the Bondi Precincts have submitted over eight "motions of protest" about these commercial events throughout 2025 and this is on public record on the council website.

We request data and information regarding referenced feedback in the Mayoral minutes.

We would also like an explanation as to why the community feedback that is documented in motions and minutes throughout 2025 was not referenced at all.

The community is concerned about misrepresentation of community sentiment in relation to commercial events on public parkland at the beach.

Moved - DR

Seconded - PC

Unanimously passed

5. **Traffic and Roads Update**

Bondi Precinct has identified a number of serious concerns with the proposed traffic plans for O'Brien/Hall Street at the roundabout at Barracluff and also at the corner of Hall Street and Glenayr. It was pointed out that local LATM is not a holistic plan.

Motion 2:

Bondi Precinct requests traffic counts and data which support both these proposed changes.

We would also like costings for each of these changes, as we see both as having a major negative impact on O'Brien and Hall Street traffic flow.

We request that these designs and any affected traffic flow be given to the Waverley Local Traffic Forum for further review.

We also express concern about the "inlane bus stop" proposals and request feedback from Transport NSW on this.

Proposed – DR

Second – MA

Carried

6.	<p>Thomas Hogan Reserve and Stormwater</p> <p>Various issues were raised including the rebuilding of the Scout Hall; the draining of the reserve to stop flooding and where is the money coming from?</p> <p>The question was asked 'why aren't the stormwater drains being cleaned out to stop the flooding?'</p>
7.	<p>General Business</p> <p>Rate rise - Rate rise confirmed at 5.2 per cent in 2026/2027</p> <p>Clr Merten said there are concerns over the borrowing costs for the redevelopment of the Council Chambers.</p> <p>Residents also expressed concern about the redevelopment and borrowing \$17 million for the Council Chambers redevelopment in the current global climate and rising costs.</p> <p>Council's Draft Pricing, Policy, Fees & Charges 2026-2027, draft Budget 2026/2027 and Long Term Financial Plan are currently on public exhibition for community feedback.</p> <p>View the 21 April 2026 Council Meeting Minutes online at https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2026/04/CM_20260421_MIN_874.PDF</p> <p>Council Revenue</p> <p>23% of Council income comes from developers, parking fees and fines</p> <p>*14% from parking fees & fine</p> <p>*9% from developers, and is only applied to certain types of development</p> <p>Bronte House</p> <p>The lease has expired and Council wants to convert it into tea rooms. Issues raised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The venue is not suitable for disabled access and general accessibility - how much will the conversion cost? • Will the Council impose an impost? • Will Council be responsible for its upkeep? <p>Inbound Donations & Philanthropic Partnership Policy</p> <p>Council is investigating the development of a philanthropic partnership policy to support the delivery of the Community Strategic Plan, capital works and infrastructure programs and community services.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the public being able to "buy" certain things and potential conflict of interest.</p> <p>Community Partnership Agreement - Update</p> <p>It was noted that Council gave the Sydney Roosters \$60,000 under a Community Partnership agreement over a two-year period. The question was raised as to whether this was value for money for ratepayers.</p>

	<p>Motion 3</p> <p>Bondi Precinct is concerned about the 5.2% rate increase. This increase comes at a time of unpredictable economic worldwide turmoil which has flow-on impact on the council and individuals. BP is concerned that Council has not adequately considered the increased risk with their current budget. We are seriously concerned with prioritization, additional borrowing, prudence and overall risk management. There seems to be expenditure in the proposed budget which does not appear to have benefit the whole community. BP requests a meeting with the General Manager and also documentation of how council is managing the changed risk circumstances.</p> <p>Proposed: MA Second: OS Carried</p>
	<p>Please note: *Agenda item 5 - Sustainability/Transition to EV not discussed due to time restraint *Agenda item 8 - Development Applications not discussed due to time restraint</p>
8.	The meeting closed at 9:10pm
9.	Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 June 2026

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