

Minutes of the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Waverley Library on Monday 14 November 2022



Chaired by Ilana Cohen with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes.
The meeting opened at 6.35 pm

Present

Councillor Angela Burrill, Corinna Pierce (Library Manager) and 6 others.

Apologies

None

Acknowledgement of Indigenous heritage

Waverley Council acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people who traditionally occupied the Sydney coast.

We acknowledge all elders past and present and extend this respect to all Aboriginal people living, working or visiting Waverley.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 24 August 2022

Residents' comments were presented to Council.

Minutes taken as read.

New Waverley Library strategic plan consultation

Corinna Pierce explained the consultation process for the Library's strategic plan which aims to increase usage of the Library. A presentation compared key Library services with neighbouring Councils. Although the consultation period did not close till 6 December 2022, improvements identified so far include the removal of the underutilised stack collection and the provision of an additional service point closer to Bondi Beach.

DA updates

The development at 362-374 Oxford Street Bondi Junction is proposed to be a 38 metres high 14 story residential tower with retail on the ground floor. Councillor Angela Burrill said the DA was rejected by Council as the building would be excessive in size for this location.

General business

The Boot Factory is likely to be opened in 2023 as an innovation hub. This facility would be used by start-up businesses in need of workspace. Concerns were raised about the lack of parking which may put potential users off.

There is a proposal to change the pumphouse at the end of Bronte Pool. It would be rebuilt and solid stairs would be constructed.

An upgrade to the streetscape in Charring Cross would see the creation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Bronte Road.

A question was asked as to why Bondi Central on Oxford Street Bondi Junction was open for the public to use as a thoroughfare to Spring Street Bondi Junction whereas the nearby Whitten Lane building only has the gates unlocked on one side. There was a development condition whereby Bondi Central was to be used as a public thoroughfare / public space. The status of Whitten Lane is unknown.

Council is using Whitten Lane as temporary accommodation whilst the Council Chamber is being rebuilt.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 6 February 2023.