

## Minutes

### Bronte Precinct Meeting - Monday 28 November 2022

Commenced 7.05pm (by Zoom)

Attendees	
Alma Douglas - Chair	Grant Beard
Alex Ellis	Michael Donnan
Cr Ludovico Fabiano	Jan Shea
Cr Tony Kay	Anja Morgan
Sue Gabriel	David Lesmond
Jason Perica	

#### 1. Welcome

Grant welcomes everyone, Alma resolving tech issues.

#### 2. Item for Discussion

- **Proposed New Tree Pruning & Removal Controls**
  - Precinct asked the 2 Councillors present if there any update on our precinct submission for current controls to remain at 5m canopy rather than reducing to 3m canopy.
  - This would keep Waverley in line with both Randwick and Woollahra councils.
  - Issue is still out for discussion, no final decision made yet.
- **Tamarama Surf Club Proposed Kiosk**
  - There is a proposal for the renovated Tamarama Surf Club to have a kiosk with an opening time of 6am- (?)12noon. Submissions for tenancy expected if it goes ahead, making Tamarama Beach home to two cafes/kiosks.
  - Question of 'Have your say' democracy fairness is asked. If Tamarama Surf Club has 2000 members and they all 'have their say', vs 10 residents and rate payers, how is that fair?
  - Cr Kay believe the issue will polarise the local community and is concerned if the kiosk goes ahead for that reason.
  - Still no final decision at this date.
- **Bronte Gully Sewer Seepage**
  - Alex gave an update on a long-standing issue in Bronte Gully with the presence and leakage of raw sewerage from a Sydney Water Sewer Outlet during heavy rain. For background; old stormwater systems often overflowed into the sewerage systems when at capacity due to heavy rainfall. Over the past year of La Niña rainfall, this has been a regular occurrence. Toilet Paper and untreated sewerage flows onto the ground from the outlet, then into the open air stormwater stream that eventuates at the beach.
  - Reports made on Snap Send Solve. Reports made by residents to Sydney Water.
  - Cr Kay had recently spoken with Sydney Water. They said they were aware of the issue, but that only 2 complaints had been made in the past year.
  - Resident David suggests contacting the EPA who would force Sydney Water to act and potentially fine them given it has been a known issue for some time.

- Alex to follow up with Sydney Water and the EPA.
- **Sculpture by the Sea Report**
  - Overall residents report a good year with Sculpture by the Sea with minimal resident disruption, with the exception of the temporary changed traffic conditions, the one-way system of Thompson St, Mirimar Avenue, Ashley St and Turner Street area. The one-way system is supported and effective but only when the changes are adhered to and enforced.
  - Residents of Thompson St and surrounding streets reported numerous cases of deliberate disregard for the changed one-way system mainly by construction vehicles and trucks likely belonging to one of the 4 current building sites.
  - Cr Kay said Council officers attended all 4 sites and requested trucks follow rules.
  - Traffic Management should have had the approved traffic control worker stationed at these problematic areas throughout the duration.
  - Bronte and South Bondi Precinct always the most impacted by the event.
  - De-brief usually happens with Council 4 weeks post the event. Cr Kay encourages submissions for the purpose of learning for next year etc.
- **Cats and their impact on the environment 7.57pm**
  - Alma has raised this issue before and has continually had dead frogs and blue tongue lizards killed in her yard.
  - What can be done about it?
  - Cr Kay reports similar incidents with a neighbour's cat hunting rainbow lorikeets (native birds)
  - Alma is going to follow up with Council in 2023 with a plan of action.

**Motion 1:**

This Precinct requests that for all future Sculpture by the Sea events traffic control personnel allocated to the Ashley St., Cross St., Darling St., Mirimar Ave., Thompson St., Turner St, and Walaroi Crescent enclave "One Way" system are all fully trained and are rostered on duty between 0700 and 1700 hours every day for the full duration of the event.

**Moved:** Michael Donnan

**Seconded:** Alma Douglas

Carried unanimously

**Rationale.**

The fundamental issue is safety and compliance with safety measures adopted by Waverley Council. There were numerous incidents of non-compliance with the temporary "one way" traffic flow system throughout the duration of the event. The offenders were vehicles associated with construction work at the No 13 Thompson St. demolition site (DA-178/2021). The initial instances on Monday, October 24 was reported by email to Cr Tony Kay who referred the matter to Council officers.

Whatever action was taken by Council, it was not effective as a resident photographed a large truck travelling south on Mirimar Ave a few days later.

Another resident photographed a similar transgression this time featuring a "stand off" between a vehicle and an ambulance. This resident received advise from a Council officer (see below). This is reply NOT entirely consistent with feedback obtained by Cr Kay.

**3. Reports**

Police: Nothing to report. There have been no Police briefings for some time due to covid.

**Traffic:**

- 1) Pedestrian Crossing and Bus Stop Project on Tamarama Marine Drive has run overtime. Should have been completed before Sculptures by the Sea. What has caused the time delay is asked? Supposedly poor weather is what has been reported to Cr Fabiano. Question also asked about the funding as the project has gone overtime. Is the State Government paying or local? State Govt likely answer as this project was part of the 40km/hr push and associated grants.
- 2) Council is planning to extend Bike Lanes down Birrell Street. The consultation is currently up on 'Have Your Say', however there is no 'third' option, which would be 'no change, the status quo to remain'. Closes 7/12 online. Resident David asked – has there been an assessment on the Oxford Street Bondi Junction Bike Lane success and use? He reports traffic worse in that area and the associated streets off Oxford St. If there is to be a report, when will the results be available? Useful for the Birrell St proposal and planning. Additionally, residents report bike continuing to use the road on Darley Road despite new Queens Park Bike Lane adjacent to park.

**Motion 2:**

Bronte Precinct requests that Council assess the success of the Bike Lane on Oxford Street between Denison St and Newland St, and furthermore that the results be available and used for the Birrell St proposal.

**Motion: David**

**Second: Alma**

**Carried Unanimously**

**General Business**

- Alma raises issue of Streetscapes. She is annoyed with the mess, the unauthorised planting of verge gardens and the lack of pride of residents and the council to maintain the street verges. When will this change?
- David raises the recent surprise package/ disturbing letter residents received in the post re a Flood Study rating their property with for a zero, low, medium or high flood risk. Residents are deeply concerned for the effect this will have on property value, insurance premiums, development opportunities and costs associated to name a few. There was no warning given to residents, no other local council has undertaken this study, it is believed Waverley Council was given a grant. Given there have been no floods here, the accuracy is questioned. Houses in the same street are rated differently, and often houses on a higher part of the hill are rated medium while one at the bottom is low, making no sense.

It is suggested council needs to re-assess the methodology here the reasons for the study and the impacts.

Cr Kay raised this with council as a problem. What was the investigative process involved? Why? Reiterated the shock to residents and the many questioned and complaints he personally had. Council officers could not explain.

Additionally, Council is responsible for Stormwater Management, so technically this is their problem. Why are the residents being categorised with a level of problem? Apparently, council are re-assessing the findings, this is a 6 month process. A flood definition for this area would be helpful here, is it referring to stormwater or groundwater? As we all know there have been no ground water flooding in this area on record.

**Motion 3:**

This Precinct requests that the Council's Tree Management Officer be formally commended for his decision to decline the Application (TPO-287/2022) from Pacific Plus Constructions for the destruction of a large mature Angophora costata tree located adjacent to the northern boundary of the No13 Thompson St. construction site.

**Moved:** Michael Donnan.

**Seconded:** Alma Douglas

Carried unanimously

**Rationale:**

There was no scientific validation provided by Pacific Plus Constructions for the destruction of this mature indigenous native tree. Angophora costata are one of the few large native tree species that can tolerate the salt laden air that predominate in coastal areas throughout the Greater Sydney Basin. Such large mature flora are an essential element in the retention of local indigenous fauna.

- February 2023 meeting invitation extended to the new-comers tonight via Alma.
- Meeting closes 8.55pm, thanks.