

**Minutes Bondi Beach Precinct
6 February 2023 Yaralang Room**

Meeting opened 7:05pm

Chair: Lenore Kulakauskas

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies: Dominic Wy Kanak, Leon Goltsman, Paul Paech
3. Ben Thompson Director Community, Culture & Customer Experience which includes
 - Community Programs
 - Customer Experience and Communications
 - Arts, Culture and Events
 - Community, Library and Recreational Venues

introduced himself and answered questions mainly about the Bondi Pavilion.

Chris Bendell is the new Artistic Director and Melissa Twells is the Venue Manager.

4. Discussion about environmental awareness being highlighted in the Pavilion.

MOTION 1:

To install high impact educational and awareness information permanently on-site in the pavilion, showing devastating effects of plastic pollution to ocean and marine life.

Proposed Renee Sofi

Seconded Terry Jenkins

Unanimous

Ideas: Wall display or a large glass cylinder showing the amount of trash that has been picked up on Bondi Beach in 1 day/week.

To be sent to General Manager and responsible Director

5. Discussion ensued about a lifeguard being stationed at Flat Rock, Ben Buckler and that life buoys be placed there for emergencies.

ACTION 1: Ray to email Michelle Gray to follow up.

MOTION 2:

Extra signage be placed at the beach including at Flat Rock and Ben Buckler in multiple languages about the dangers.

Proposed Margaret Merten

Seconded Adrain Findlay

Unanimous

To be sent to General Manager and responsible Director

6. Discussion ensued about the lack of electrical power supplied in the refurbishment of the Pavilion causing a diesel generator to be placed in the courtyard.

ACTION 2: It was unanimously agreed to email the Mayor about this situation. See copy of email below:

Dear Paula,

At their meeting on Monday 6 February 2023, Bondi Beach Precinct residents expressed their concern that the electric supply was not upgraded in the Pavilion refurbishment to provide for the amount of power that would be needed.

Subsequently the restaurants already open can only supply take away food, and the others are waiting for power before they can open.

A diesel generator is now currently in the Pavilion courtyard, pumping diesel fumes into the courtyard and noise. This does not sit well with Council's claims of environmental responsibility.

As Mayor, Bondi Beach Precinct residents expected that you would have had better oversight of the build infrastructure implementation.

Could you please advise the Precinct how this situation arose and how it will be addressed long term?

*Lenore Kulakauskas
Co-Convenor
Bondi Beach Precinct*

7. Childrens Playground concerns.

Ben agreed to follow up on this. Lenore to send him an email.

8. Discussion about the concert on the Beach in March for World Pride.

It was overwhelmingly agreed that this concert should not be held in the sand. Bondi Beach Precinct has fought long and hard to keep events off the sand and is disappointed that the Bondi Ward Councillors did not take that into account. The beach itself is for passive recreation and should not be used for commercial purposes. The recent White Dinner event was referred to and the lack of clean up as sharp sparklers and cutlery were found in the sand after this event.

9. Discussion about inappropriate development in Bondi Beach and Hall St in particular.

Hall St is described as a village but is rapidly losing that status and becoming wall to wall unit buildings with expensive shopfronts, which will undoubtedly mean more restaurants in an already over catered street. There will also be with deep excavations for parking meaning up to 60 cars in the latest developments will be crossing the busy footpaths of this street.

Amelia Findlay handed out information about the Land & Environment Court conciliation conference for DA-271/2022 which will be taking place at 34-38 Hall St at 9:30am on 21 February 2023 and encouraged residents to attend.

Meeting closed 8:35PM

Next Meeting Monday 20 March – Meet the Candidates for Vaucluse in the State Election

Lenore Kulakauskas

Co-Convenor

8 February 2023