

## **SOUTH BONDI / TAMARAMA PRECINCT MEETING**

**Wednesday 22 November 2023**

**Waverley Council Chambers / Via Zoom**

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The meeting opened at 7.15pm

### **1. Welcome**

The Chair, Robyn Fabiano, welcomed all to the meeting; she gave Acknowledgment of Country paying respect to the Elders of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation past, present and emerging; and introduced the members of the Executive Committee, Robyn Fabiano - Chair, Michelle Brenner - DA Representative, and Karin Brennan - Secretary.

**Present:** Committee members R Fabiano, K Brennan, M Brenner; Crs Ludovico Fabiano & Tony Kay; 17 residents; 1 visitor

### **2. Apologies**

B Crawford; S Musca; M Silver

### **3. Previous minutes of 27 September 2023 and matters arising**

After some discussion about a matter arising and general procedures relating to Precinct meetings

The minutes were confirmed.

The Chair then went through the Council Response Report to requests from the 27 September 2023 Precinct meeting.

Motion 1 re improving line of sight for vehicles exiting Henderson St onto Bondi Road to improve vehicular safety: investigation by Council officers in progress, if warranted they will report to the Waverley Traffic Committee.

Motion 2 re request for Transport for NSW to reinstate the 'Keep Clear' road markings on Bondi Road opposite Wellington Street: this was reported as complete, TfNSW will not reinstate the Keep Clear line marking.

Motion 3 that Council assesses the line of sight exiting Imperial Avenue into Bondi Road: investigation is in progress and if warranted Council officers will undertake the work.

Motion 4 re the request that Council reinvestigates a trial of a timed dog off leash at Mackenzies Bay: this was reported as being in progress and awaiting a response from the Compliance Officer.

Those present felt that this response was inadequate, the question was for Council to reinvestigate.

Motion 5 re the request for Council to fix kerb and gutter at the southeast corner of Fletcher and Silver Streets: in progress officers will assess and if warranted undertake the works.

Motion 6 re the question when Council might be able to green and beautify Sandridge Street by planting native shrubs: Council referred residents to the Verge Garden form available online. Council does not offer plants or staff time to create or maintain these plantings.

Motion 7 re Left Hand Turn Only restriction awaiting approval by Transport NSW: in progress; Council is awaiting approval of the preliminary (submitted) Traffic Management Plan and will only initiate the request once the substantive application is approved.

Matters arising from the minutes of the Precinct meeting held on 27 September 2023:

There was a lengthy and lively discussion about Motion 7 passed at the Precinct meeting on 27 September 2023.

As a result, the following motion was put and seconded:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct:

1. Rescinds the decision from 27 September 2023 (Motion 7) “That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct requests that Council changes the current 24/7 Left Hand Turn Only restriction awaiting approval by Transport NSW to a timed restriction such as 7am -9.30am, 4.30 to 6.30 pm for weekdays and at appropriate weekend times.”
2. Supports the existing Council resolution for a Left Turn Only restriction from both Imperial Avenue and Boonara Avenue into Bondi Road.
3. Requests Council to lobby Transport for NSW for an expedited approval process such that the implementation occurs without any further delay.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Also discussed in detail were the roles and responsibilities of members of the Precinct Executive.

#### **4. DA Update**

There was nothing to report.

#### **5. Traffic / Parking Update**

The following request regarding traffic regulations during Sculptures By the Sea had been received from a resident:

'During the two weeks of Sculptures, my observation was that the traffic on Dellview and Gaerloch streets was chaotic and dangerous. Cars often went down these temporary one-way streets the wrong way and were parked the wrong way, for the whole two weeks. If you travel a one-way street, you don't expect to meet a car coming the other way.

The questions to be asked of Council/police...

- how well were these changes enforced, that is - how many fines?
- can these changes to streets NOT be made next year - as it appears MORE dangerous with the changes than without.

Other observations are:

- There appeared to be sufficient signage and partial barricades on approach from both the south and the north
- Council officers visited a construction site in Gaerloch to advise those who had parked the wrong way, but this was ineffective
- Police and Council parking rangers need to enforce the road changes including issuing fines to offenders
- Not necessary to have traffic controllers as traffic needs to flow along Dellview and Gaerloch
- Buses may prefer the one-way changes as traffic can get heavy - however this occurs only some times on weekends and it is not as dangerous as cars going the wrong way.'

After discussion, it was decided:

That the South Bondi/Tamarama requests Council to investigate the issues received by members of the public during the implementation of the one-way loop on Dellview and Gaerloch streets during Sculptures by the Sea and that the investigation should occur in advance of the Traffic Management Plan preparation for next year.

This motion was carried unanimously.

## **6. General Business**

It was noted that this was the Precinct's first hybrid meeting which presented some challenges in communicating between those attending by Zoom and those present at Council Chambers.

The number attending in person had been larger than forecast; the meeting set-up had worked previously; however, a smaller group of people had been attending the meeting in person.