

Minutes of the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held on Zoom on Monday 6 February 2023



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

Present

Mayor Paula Masselos and 6 others on Zoom.

Apologies

Councillor Elaine Keenan

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 14 November 2022

Minutes taken as read.

Centennial Park cycleway cyclist and pedestrian management

There is some conflict between cyclists and pedestrians on the footpath between York Road and the park gates. Temporary signage is to be installed to direct cyclists into the park instead of continuing along the footpath when heading west.

DA updates

A meeting will be held soon to discuss the public domain elements related to The Twin Towers (194-214 Oxford Street and 2 Nelson Street) in Bondi Junction.

General business

Running from 17 February 2023 to 5 March 2023, Sydney WorldPride is a state significant event that will feature a range of activities and events across various locations in Sydney. Bondi Beach and the Bondi Pavilion will host events, and it is expected to draw massive crowds.

Progress on The Boot Factory is very slow and completion is now likely to be in June 2023 with a launch in August 2023.

In 2024, Waverley Council plans to introduce FOGO and as a result, residents will receive new garbage bins. The red bins will be downsized while the yellow and blue bins will be combined. High-quality compost will be available for purchase. This initiative is expected to cost around \$2.9 million, so Council is looking to secure grant funding from the EPA.

By mid-2023, the Bronte Beach pumphouse is expected to be replaced. The lining of Bronte Pool is currently flaking off, and as part of phase 2 of its renovation, Council is exploring options for a better surface material.

As part of a trial for safe walking routes to schools, several schools and students are involved in the process of determining the best routes to take. Additionally, efforts are being made to explore options for reducing the weight of school bags to improve the safety and comfort of students during their commute.

The rule of no overshadowing of Centennial Park has now been extended to all significant parks in Sydney.

Bondi pavilion update: Three tenancies are expected to be let by March / April 2023.

During a discussion regarding pedestrian safety on York Road near Ashton Street in Centennial Park, Mayor Paula Masselos believed that pedestrian refuges had been added in the area. However, it was discovered that no new refuges had been created. To improve safety, it has been suggested that a new refuge be installed near the road's curve. Additionally, boats parked along this stretch of the road obstruct the view of oncoming traffic, making it difficult for pedestrians to navigate safely. To address this issue, it may be beneficial to establish timed parking in the area during weekends, ensuring that the boats move on and do not impede visibility.

There are no longer any plans to replace pedestrian buttons at crossings with motion sensors.

There is some confusion about which buildings on the southern side of Oxford Street in Bondi Junction have a condition requiring doors to be unlocked during specific hours to allow public access to the foyers for use as a thoroughfare between Oxford Street and Spring Street. To avoid confusion, it may be useful to install permanent signs on these buildings similar to those on the Forum building on the northern side of the street which display the days and hours when the building is open for public use as a thoroughfare between Oxford Street and Hegarty Lane.

The meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 1 May 2023.