

**Dover Heights Precinct Meeting
Monday February 11th 2013**

Held at Magnolia Centre Old South Head Road, Rose Bay

Present: Mayor Cr Betts, Cr Guttman-Jones, Cr Goltsman and as per attendance sheet.

Apologies:

Meeting Started at 7:38pm.

Welcome

Minutes of previous meeting were read and discussed

Arising from Minutes of 19th November 2012

NYE Discussion – Also Agenda item

Robert Harvey: Lights were turned on/off at Caffyn Park when fireworks were firing and lights were better placed.

Michael Lewis: Said that the section of Military Road, between Raleigh St and Loombah Road was again clear-wayed – even though last year that was reversed. Does anybody ever note anything down!.

Cr Betts: When asked, Bondi Beach events were well run – no problems

As was Dudley Page

Bondi Plan of Management

Cr Betts: Approx. 1000 submissions. Council and consultants working on submissions to produce a concepts report.

Anna Rosenwax: Why are seats in bus shelters facing the wrong way?

Dog Issues:

Susi Brieger: Have there been any fines levied. How many warnings have been issued to offenders?
Can we get statistics?

Jack Jellins: Ample evidence of unleashed dogs in streets.

Maureen Jellins: Live in Lola Rd on edge of Raleigh Reserve. 2 small children in carriage, were scared by unleashed dog. "We know all the rangers" was response when owner reprimanded.

John Lewis: Dogs off leash can cause all manner of issues.

Cr Betts: Please send times of offenses to her.

JL: Fine is \$250. Need explanation of rules, with fines, spelt out, at edge of leash-free zone about street rules.

Dov Frazer: Easier to enforce with a dog walker's group – off leash before park.

Almost guaranteed to see dog walkers – particularly professional, between certain hours – so therefore should be easy to check.

JL: What about putting in a gate – defining park edge – people leave gates open.

SB: Bollards at end of road makes dog walkers think that park starts in street.

MJ: Bollards and previous entry were placed by "heritage designers".

If ranger comes, they park in plain view.

RS: Professional Dog walkers should not be allowed to walk dogs in Raleigh Reserve.
Cr Betts: Council designers are coming up with a number of suggestions with respect to all of the issues.

Motion

Dover Heights Precinct requests Waverley Council to completely ban Professional Dog Walkers in Raleigh / Rodney Reserves. "A Professional Dog Walker" refers to any individual who receives payment for walking a dog.

Moved RS, Seconded DF, Carried Unanimously

JJ: Off leash has applied for over 12 years.

SB: When were "Professional Trainers – Boot Camps" banned from using Waverley parks?

Cr Betts: They were licenced – not banned

SB: So licencing resulted in self-imposed absence from the Reserve

JJ: Only "unleashed" area which is bounded by residences. (as far as he knows).

Parking of Inappropriate Vehicles in Military Road near Blair and Blair St Issues

JL: The trailer has gone, but there are now "ex Grace Bros" vehicles and a large long-term parked bus.

Valerie Saffer: Commented on **appearance of trees and shrubs in Blair St.**

DF: Rubbish not removed as part of general maintenance – only on request.

Matters raised by Dov Fraser

Dov Frazer: Questions about signage – whether signs should be "nicer" in parks?

Any new signage in Dudley Page Reserve include the words DOVER HEIGHTS in the signage.

For example the sign might read:

Dudley Page Reserve

Dover Heights

We wish to promote the fact that Dudley Page Reserve which is the main tourist attraction in the precinct is in fact in Dover Heights

There was general discussion.

Robert Morris – compared European use of particular colours to signpost walk routes.

Notice of Replacement and Improvement of Dudley Page Exercise equipment

Subcommittee Reports

Vote of Thanks to Ron Nothman for work done for precinct .

Parks

DF: Caffyn: Have replaced falling down fence with new one and cleaned out trapped rubbish.

RH: Car rolled right across Caffyn Park right over into Victory St.

Traffic Issue – Old South Head Road – needs clearway on busy Saturdays and Sundays.

Footpaths and Infrastructure

SB: Raleigh St and at Lola Rd corner – Bitumen road shoulders are all falling apart. Same corner is risky because of parking too close to the bend.

RM: Permanent leak in Blake St roadway – near Victory St corner.

SB: Is there delay on application for a street tree.

Cr Betts: Volunteer to sponsor the tree.

JL: “A Dover Heights tree is one you can see over”

SB: Request: Bulli Beauty trees be planted on footpath area near Raleigh Park / Lola Road entrance

Cr Betts: Take it up with Council parks officers

DF: Problem with fishermen leaving mess at Eastern Ave cliff top.

General Discussion: NO FISHING signs should be erected on the cliffs on Eastern Ave Reserve. The signs should include a fine to discourage fishing along these cliff faces.

General Business

Robert Harvey: Rubbish bin in Caffyn Park - could it be moved closer to the bench.

Finished 9:20pm.

Next meeting Monday 20th May

Replies from Nov 12 Meeting- tabled at Feb 13 Meeting

Waverley Council’s response report to Dover Heights precinct motions from November 2012 meeting and presented to February 2013 meeting

Motions from November 2012 Dover Heights precinct meeting

Motion 1

DHP requests that all trees that are planted in Dover Heights by council be either the Bulli Beauty where views are a potential issue or the New Zealand Christmas Bush where views are not an issue. Both trees are proven to grow well in our area and both trees attract birds with their red flowers. This request assumes that the birds that are attracted to these two species do not damage property.

Response

Motion was forwarded to the Divisional Manager, Parks & Open Space Operations, to the Strategic Tree Planning Officer, the Open Space Planning Manager, the Tree Operations Supervisor and to the Senior Landscape Architect for noting and future reference.

Motion 2

Dover Heights Precinct thanks the northern team for turfing the requested areas of Rodney Reserve that were once sand dunes. The precinct now request that ALL remaining bare and grassless areas of Rodney Reserve between Weonga Road and Raleigh Street be turfing as well.

Response

Motion has been forwarded to the Parks Operations Supervisor for consideration and follow up.

Motion 3

Dover Heights Precinct requests that council investigates creating a proper entrance with proper signage to Dudley Page Reserve in the southwest corner of the park.

Response

Motion was forwarded to the Open Space Planning Manager. This is a welcome suggestion however funding for a project such as this has not been accounted for in the 2012-13 budget. We will consider this suggestion in the next funding round of 2013-14.

Motion 4

DHP requests that Council investigate and refer to the traffic committee the large number of motor cycles that regularly drive down Military Road towards Watson's Bay on Thursday nights in packs of 20 to 30 motorcycles.

Response

Motion was forwarded to the Divisional Manager, Technical Services. This is not a matter for Council or the Waverley Traffic Committee.

Motion 5

DHP requests that council report on the motion passed on the May 14, 2012 precinct meeting which concerned the how the new children's bike track was being using in Dudley Page Reserve and how this may affect the best way for children to safely cross Military Road, potential locations of a cross walk and potential relocation of bus stops between Weonga Road and Lancaster Street.

Response

Motion was forwarded to the Open Space Planning Manager and to the Senior Landscape Architect.

A site visit was held with a precinct member, the Divisional Manager Technical Services, the Transport Engineer and the Divisional Manager Recreation Community Planning & Partnerships. The Divisional Manager Technical Services observed that there was insufficient evidence at this time to warrant a change in the current facilities used to access the bike path. Along with this motion from the Dover Heights precinct, only one request about this issue has been received from the public.