

## **Bondi Precinct Minutes**

**Wednesday 1 September, 2021**

By Zoom

**Meeting opened at 7.05pm**

**Councillors in attendance:** Cr John Wakefield, Cr Dominic Wy Kanak, Cr Leon Goltsman

**Council Representatives:** Mary Shiner, Community Liaison Co-Ordinator

Convener: Gabi Tobias, meeting Chair: Di Robinson

**Present:** 22 participants

### **Agenda**

Convener Gabi Tobias notified that chair duties would be taken over by Di Robinson for this meeting, as whilst she would be at the meeting, she was sharing home technology with students and didn't want to be disruptive to the meeting.

Welcome to Country: Di Robinson

Reminder to residents who want to be on the email list for notification of meetings to email [dirobinson1@gmail.com](mailto:dirobinson1@gmail.com) or [Mary.Shiner@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Mary.Shiner@waverley.nsw.gov.au)

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

Moved: Zina Kaye

Seconded: Jennifer Arnold

Carried

**Response Report to Motions from the 7 July 2021 Bondi Precinct meeting (report attached).**

Further to this report, Di Robinson informed the Precinct that responses to the Precinct's email regarding traffic counts in streets surrounding Barracluff Avenue had been received from Bondi Ward Councillor John Wakefield and Waverley Mayor Paul Masselos, who said they would refer the matter to Council's Traffic Officers.

Di Robinson said she would report back at the next meeting on progress.

### **Tress and streetscape in Francis Street**

It was reported to the meeting that trees in and around Francis Street had been poisoned. Specifically, two old-growth gum trees on Denham street and one large tree on Castlefield Street. More recently residents suspected poisoning of one of the grand old paperbarks at 44 Francis Street.

In addition, the area has lost trees due to storm damage and natural attrition.

The poisoned trees in Denham and Castlefield have been replaced. The two replacement trees in Denham, however, are dying.

The other trees have not been replaced.

### **Motion 1**

Bondi Precinct requests that council advise on two matters:

- 1) What steps are council taking to mitigate risk of further large trees being poisoned?
- 2) When will the dead/poisoned trees be replaced?

Moved: Di Constanti

Seconded: Jacqui Feeney

Carried unanimously

### **Update on Barracluff Avenue**

Bondi Precinct wrote to all Councillors requesting support for traffic counts in the streets surrounding Barracluff Avenue before and during the traffic calming trial in Barracluff Avenue so the impact of funnelling on surrounding streets could be properly assessed.

Di Robinson informed the meeting responses to the Precinct's email had been received from Bondi Ward Councillor John Wakefield and Waverley Mayor Paul Masselos, who said they would refer the matter to Council's Traffic Officers.

No notification about the timing of the street traffic counts had been received.

This issue would be followed up and placed on the agenda at the next precinct meeting.

### **Rickard Street angle parking**

Bondi Precinct (07/07/21) had requested that angle parking be introduced as a matter of urgency in Rickard Street and should not have wait for the planned area-wide traffic study.

Council officers responded that in accordance with Council guidelines, to investigate the angle parking issue now, would require a petition from the residents in the street where the changes are proposed, with a majority of the residents supporting the proposal for angle parking.

Precinct members felt that if angle parking was not going to be considered then Rickard Street should be reopened and included as part of the area-wide traffic plan. Discussion centred on the need for the plan to take parking and traffic flow in the whole area into consideration.

## **Motion 2**

Bondi Precinct reiterates its strong opposition to the closure of Rickard Street, which was done without public consultation and without consideration of parking or impact on surrounding streets. Bondi Precinct writes to all Councillors seeking clarification of their position on this issue and a reversal of the closure.

Moved: Jennifer Arnold  
Seconded: Simone Odgers  
Carried unanimously

## **Heritage assessment and omission of 50-58 Campbell Parade**

Council recently placed heritage listing on a number of properties on the beachfront, and the question was raised as to why the buildings 50-58 Campbell Parade were not included.

Clr Wakefield explained that 50-58 Campbell Parade were withdrawn so that Council could look into them in detail at a Councillor workshop and would come back to Council in a few weeks' time.

## **Motion 3**

Bondi Precinct requests information from Council on 50-58 Campbell Parade. Bondi Precinct would like an update on the Heritage Listing of these sites.

Moved: Annie Parnell  
Seconded: Rex Walsh  
Carried unanimously

## **Waverley and Covid-19**

There was a request to see what Council was offering to support residents and businesses during Covid-19.

Council responded in detail and all information about reductions in fees and charges are on the Council's website.

## **Progress on major DAs in the precinct**

1. A resident brought the meeting's attention to **DA-313/2021**. This DA would see a freestanding California bungalow in Forest Knoll Avenue (with street frontage to Francis Street) demolished to make way for two separate developments (the land has recently been subdivided), with a multi-storey home planned on both sites with a connecting underground carpark for 4 cars.

The meeting was told the DA was a massive overdevelopment of the site, requiring excavation (of up to 8metres) through an existing rock shelf and an unknown impact on the natural watercourse of the area.

### **Motion 4**

Bondi Precinct objects to **DA-313/2021** on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site, will have an adverse impact on public amenity, particular the high-trafficked walkway connecting Forest Knoll Avenue and Francis Street, and the scale of the excavation and its potential to cause immense damage to surrounding properties. Bondi Precinct requests more stringent conditions of consent, and independent hydrological and geotechnical reports.

Moved Russell Cheek  
Seconded Kristian Heapy  
Carried unanimously

2. **DA-424/2019** is currently on appeal before the Land & Environment Court.

This DA would see three freestanding homes demolished at 22-26 Edward Street to make way for a 37-unit boarding house with 19 underground car parks.

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

3. A resident asked if it was too late to submit an objection through Council to the Land & Environment Court, which is hearing a case regarding the Beach Road Hotel.

The meeting was told there were 7 families who wished to register their objection but had missed the August deadline.

The question was referred to Council Officers for follow up.

4. **DA-268/2020 is still being assessed by Council.**

This DA is for a \$23.5 million development in Wellington Street which would see 56 apartments built on site.

Residents wishing to object were urged to do so, even the deadline to objections has passed.

Council's Community Liaison Coordinator Mary Shiner noted that if anyone wished to lodge an objection they should do so at [dasubmissions@waverley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dasubmissions@waverley.nsw.gov.au)

**5. DA-305/2021** has been lodged for the old Commonwealth Bank building on Hall Street, which is currently housing the Post Office. Although not in Bondi Precinct, the meeting was told the DA would impact everyone in the area.

Precinct members were advised to inspect the plans. An update will be provided at the next precinct meeting.

### **General Business**

1. An update on Amalfi was requested. Council's Community Liaison Coordinator Mary Shiner told the meeting no DA had yet been received from Amalfi.

2. A resident raised the question of Curlewis Street and the laying of underground power lines. It was reported that the asphalt was falling away and the footpaths needed to be restored.

The question was referred to Council Officers for follow up.

3. A resident reported that the asphalt in Glenayr Lane needed repairing.

The question was referred to Council Officers for follow up.

4. A resident raised that Council had put together a social impact assessment guidelines document which outlines the social impacts of mostly bigger developments on the community.

Residents are invited to make submissions. It can be accessed via the Council's Have Your Say portal at <https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/draft-social-impact-assessment>

### **5. Bicycle Path**

Waverley Council is currently conducting a Have Your Say on the new Bicycle Strategy and Action Plan <https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bicyclestrategy>

It was raised that currently the bike path is marked along Rickard Street and Barracluff Avenue, onto Francis Street and then to St Martins Avenue. St Martin's Avenue is two way, which is dangerous for cyclists, so concern was raised at the meeting whether there were plans to make St Martin's Avenue one-way to accommodate the bike path.

Residents were referred to the Have Your Say if they wished to provide feedback.

## 7. Climate Action

A resident told the meeting that a lot of councils were taking part in climate actions, and asked whether Waverley Council was doing anything.

Clr Wy Kanak informed the meeting that Council had declared a climate and biodiversity emergency (resolution at 25 May 2021 Council meeting). He said in relation to climate change actions, Council would join different campaigns, some international. (Council has resolved to receive a report on joining the United Nations Race to Zero campaign.)

Clr Wy Kanak explained that Council's Draft Biodiversity Action Plan – Remnant Sites: 2021-2030, which looks at Climate Change effect, is currently on exhibition and people are encouraged to have their say at <https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/bapremnantsites>

## 8. Council elections

Council elections have been postponed until 4 December 2021.

Meet the candidates would be part of the next precinct meeting, scheduled for 3 November.

**Meeting closed 8.10pm**

**Date for next meeting: 3 November 2021**