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North Bondi Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes held on Zoom on 21 September 7:00pm

1.	<p>Present Juju Kalek (Acting Chair), Mary Shiner (WC), Rox De Luca (Secretary), Luke Stewart, (DAs), Clr Dominic Wy Kanak, Martin Lipschitz (Traffic), Brian Randall, Ingrid Cheng (WC), Kevin Garber, Anita Jensen, David Young, Neal Ames (WC–Recreation & Open Space Planner).</p>
	<p>Apologies Eva Prochazka, Peter Quartly (Chair), Joy Clayton, Clr Leon Goltsman & Clr Michelle Gray.</p>
	<p>Acknowledgement to Country Juju Kalek (Acting Chair)</p>
2.	<p>Special Item Presentation: Community Consultation on the Barracluff Park Proposed Off-leash Area Presenter: Neal Ames, Recreation & Open Space Planner, Waverley Council Neal Ames discussed the Have Your Say community consultation and explained the proposed options and management ideas for Barracluff Park. Neal spoke about the significant increase in dog-ownership in Waverley (since Covid) and of the strong community response to the consultation. He will be writing a report for Council which will be discussed by Councillors. Have your say Community Engagement is open until 26 September. Kevin Garber mentioned he hosts Dogs of Bondi on Facebook. Kevin asked if Council has plans to focus on a broader Waverley Dog Management Strategy. Some of the group discussed various concerns including parking and timing. (comments from Rox, Anita Jensen, Martin, JuJu).</p>
3.1	<p>Previous Minutes June 2022 Resolved the June minutes were adopted as a true record of such meeting. Moved: Martin Lipschitz Seconded: Rox De Luca</p>
1.	<p>Matters Arising Food Organics Garden Organics (FoGo) The Secretary tabled the Council update (via email Mary Shiner dated 21/9/22)</p>

	<p>Tabled: “Council has finalised its investigations into determining the optimal waste service for Waverley and best practice options for food waste from households in Waverley to be diverted from landfill.</p> <p>Councillors have been briefed on the recommended service options for Waverley and following the input and feedback received, Council staff are now identifying options that will facilitate an earlier implementation and roll-out of a residential FOGO collection service.</p> <p>A detailed report will be presented to Council confirming the recommended optimal, best-practice service for Waverley residents, in addition to an implementation plan with refined timeframes. There are a number of elements Council needs to address as part of a service roll-out, however we are hoping to finalise the Council report in November/December this year. Further updates on report timeframes will be provided”.</p> <p>The Secretary quoted the recent ABC article which mentioned NSW EPA changes to the contents of FoGo bins: FOGO bin restrictions limit waste items for green bins in NSW under new EPA regulations - ABC News</p>
4	<p>Removal of shark nets</p>
	<p>Clr Wy Kanak spoke to this issue noting the Council decision of March 2021 to move away from shark nets as a deterrent to sharks on Bondi Beach.</p> <p>Council is currently investigating alternatives to shark nets that are suitable, including a drone spotting and warning system, on the basis that shark nets are known to injure and/or kill unintended marine life other than sharks. He expressed concerns about the recent media presentation of this issue in relation to Council’s current management of the safety of swimmers.</p> <p>Action: Clr Wy Kanak to provide an update on Council’s shark netting options investigation and schedule, for the 26 October meeting. Clr Wy Kanak will also see if staff involved in the investigation can present at the next meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Reports</p>
5.1	<p>Chair (absent), will report at next meeting. (October).</p>
5.2	<p>Deputy Chair Reported attendance at the Zoom Combined Precinct Meetings 11 August and 15 September.</p>
5.3	<p>Secretary Distribution of Precinct flyers is a concern. With 4K printed and distributed in our Precinct it seems no one in the meeting received theirs. Addresses of the Precinct Members who state they haven’t received the flyer need to be forwarded to Mary so that this can be followed up with the Distribution company. The group discussed the relevance of the flyer as a means of communication, and ideas about Precinct members doing the distribution between them, with the opportunity for more direct neighbourly engagement, or a larger flyer/poster-style format placed in Café’s or on electricity poles. (Kevin Garber, mentioned this and that the Facebook group is not visible).</p>

	<p>Action: Mary was advised that the mailout happened on Sunday 18th September, and will follow up with distribution company. Street addresses of Precinct members who didn't receive theirs, need to be forwarded.</p>
5.4	<p>Development Application Officer Luke Stewart</p> <p>DA Report tabled and Luke also noted @ 30 Development-related applications, 4 tree-removal/tree-pruning requests and footpath seating renewals. Also, of particular concern is the property at 154 Brighton Blvd, with a proposed 7m excavation of basement floors for parking.</p> <p>Luke also mentioned the 2022 updated Development Control Plan and also the draft Interwar Flat Building Guide (and that public consultation had closed on the 19th September). Both reports available on the Have your Say website.</p> <p>Traffic Corner Blair/Wairoa</p> <p>Luke discussed the letter sent to the Traffic Committee, of 23 July 2022, regarding the intersection and the traffic, pedestrian, and illegal parking issues it presents. The email response from the Senior Traffic Engineer was read to the group.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that the Traffic Committee could be more proactive with short-term solutions offered to the community and that another letter be submitted to consider a loading zone in front of the Milkrun business. The motion to write another letter had unanimous support.</p> <p>Motion: <i>That the North Bondi Precinct writes a letter to the traffic committee requesting the</i></p> <p><i>1) provision of a loading zone next to the Milkrun business; and</i></p> <p><i>2) acknowledge that parking enforcement does not arrive in sufficient time and is not a solution to the loading problem.</i></p> <p><i>Motion: Forwarded by Luke Stewart</i></p> <p><i>Seconded: Rox De Luca</i></p> <p>Action: Mary and Clr Wy Kanak to follow up with Infrastructure Services, to review the submission and to see what else may be required.</p>
5.5	<p>Traffic Report (Martin)</p> <p>Martin spoke about his positive experience with the Snap/Send/Solve app. Examples of his use includes reporting potholes, streetlights out and kerbs broken. There was also discussion of heavy construction vehicles, extreme weather events, traffic, and congestion impacting the quality of the roads. Clr Wy Kanak spoke about Council exploring new sustainable products for patching roads. Officers from Council that are reviewing Road resurfacing could be approached to present their findings at a future meeting.</p> <p>Mary suggested a demonstration of the App could be beneficial to the group.</p>

6.		General Business
	6.1	<p>Waverley LGA Flood Planning assessments and ratings</p> <p>Brian Randall raised concerns about flood rating of properties gleaned initially from Media channels to residents and not directly advised by Council.</p> <p>Brian questioned the methodology used to determine such ratings and has concerns about the implications and serious ramifications for residents in terms of property values / insurance /risk /perceptions.</p> <p>Clr Wy Kanak will check with the Mayor’s Office to understand the processes made and what avenues there may be for residents to challenge the ratings and determinations.</p> <p>Action: Mary and Clr Wy Kanak to follow up with the Mayor’s Office / Director Assets & Operations and/or Director Planning/Sustainability & Compliance and update the Precinct for the next meeting. Mary to liaise with Brian directly prior to the meeting.</p>
	6.2	<p>Martin 4 issues</p> <p>General comment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sam Fizman Park Concerns about access to cliff shelf and rubbish dumped over cliff into the ocean. Concerns include issues of public safety and rubbish dumping. Action: Write a letter to Council to request action with suggested increase of fence height to deter people from accessing this space. Clr Wy Kanak said the letter needs to be addressed to various entities : Director of Community Assets and Operations– who are in charge of infrastructure (safety fence height) and Directorate Planning/Sustainability/Compliance – who deal with dumping of waste, and compliance strategies, to see who is doing this and then penalizing those who are causing this harm. (Martin to write this?). 2. Five trees were removed from Military Road number 8-20. Martin to write a letter to Tree Management Committee to see how they are scheduling replanting of trees in the same location. (Rox to note this in an email to Mary to follow up). 3. Not clear what hours the Parking Rangers keep. Confusion about this as it seems to not coincide with parking scheme (8am – 8pm). Action: Mary to follow up what times rangers are available, for our next October meeting. 4. Thanks given to Mary Shiner for her support and assistance with the Precincts.
	6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking across driveways 138-148 Hastings Parade.

		<p>Luke raised the issue, (previously discussed in July meeting) about cars parking over driveways and parking Ranger's inability to be time responsive. The footpath is blocked by cars parking across driveways making it unsafe and inaccessible.</p> <p>Clr Wy Kanak discussed Council's new Customer complaint regime and explained that Council is trying to create teams within Council to address repeated Customer experiences and action. He encouraged the group to re-raise issues and to ensure they re-submit their Merit reference numbers.</p> <p>Action: Clr Kanak to follow up to respond if this is an instance of repeated complaints – to see if any action has been taken as this is a repeated situation.</p>
	6.4	The Secretary mentioned the opening of the new upgraded Bondi Pavilion. Mary explained that the Bondi Pavilion Welcome Centre will be open 7 days per week from 10am until 4pm.
	7.	Next meeting: Wednesday 26 October 2022 from @ 7.00pm. – ZOOM OR IRL? Please advise.
		Close At 9:07pm
		End of minutes prepared by Rox De Luca, Secretary, North Bondi Precinct 23/9/22
		Next meeting DRAFT Agenda items to consider
		1. Flyer/communications strategy
		2. Shark nets – presentation from WC?
		3. Blair/Wairoa traffic intersection delivery Milkrun issue