

VAUCLUSE/DIAMOND BAY PRECINCT MEETING

Diamond Bay Bowling Club, Old South Head Rd, Vaucluse

Thursday 27th October 2022 at 7pm

DRAFT MINUTES

Chair/Convenor: Gabriel Pallo

Secretary: James Gamvrogiannis

Traffic Representative: Suellen Bassetti

Greening Representative: Suellen Bassetti

DA Representative: Gabriel Pallo

Attendees: 18 Attendees

Apologies: Councillor Sally Betts, Mayor Paula Masselos

Item 1: Welcome and Opening of the Meeting by Convenor

The meeting commenced at 7pm. Mr. Pallo welcomed the attendees, including Councillors Will Nemesh, Steven Lewis and guest speaker Mr Neil Ames in his role as Waverley Council's recreational and open space planner.

Item 2: Presentation by Neil Ames

Coastal reserves plan of management covers 13 reserves in Waverley, with the four reserves in our precinct being -

1. Clarke Reserve (crown land)
2. Jensen Avenue. Reserve (community land)
3. Tower St reserve (community land)
4. Diamond Bay Reserve (community)

There will be three phases of consultation, and this is the first. In this phase we want to hear from you to understand which coastal reserves you visit, what you do when you go there, what you like about them, and what improvements you would like to see.

Please submit your preferences by November 21st to haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/coastal-reserves-plan-management to complete the survey.

Any questions email: openspacesplanning@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Mr Ames also answered questions from the attendees.

Item 3: Q and A from the audience

Sue Ellen Bassetti raised concerns about the resignation of the local bush care coordinator who was employed by the National Trust. Council was ensuring existing conditions were being met by its contractor, the Supervisor resigned for other reasons, and the Diamond Bay Bushcare Group has not disbanded.

Item 4: Water management and flood mitigation

Mr Pallo invited affected residents to comment on issues affecting them directly.

Mr Yeung, Mr Eaton and Mr Lesmond identified what they consider serious issues about council's lack of action in addressing the ongoing water and flood issues in the precinct potentially around Wilfield Avenue

and Craig Avenue. There were also concerns that the stormwater system is no longer fit for purpose given the future growth and development of the precinct. What steps are the Council putting in place to solve this problem?

-Mr Pallo moved a motion that water management and flood mitigation remain on the agenda to be revisited at future meetings in view of response from council. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of Minutes: Proposed Gabriel Pallo.

Seconded by Suellen Bassetti.

Item 6: General Business Addressed by Councillors

- Mr Pallo tabled the current and proposed tree management policy which council is still discussing and will be publishing for further comments/input from residents. This can be done through: Have Your Say Waverley website.
- Precinct executives have submitted concerns for pre-existing views due to trees growing out of control.
- Mr Rubel once again expressed concerns about the need for trimming of the Norfolk pine on his property to prevent potentially serious health and safety issues, which he has already reported to council
- Precinct received an invitation from Waverley's men's shed located at the War Memorial Hospital to attend their open days on the 5, 6th November
- Flow of traffic in Diamond Bay,
An attendee has offered to begin a petition requesting that the traffic around the Diamond Bay loop become one way. Request for council to liaise with state government for safety and flow issues to propose a roundabout at the intersection of military road and old south head road.
- After concerns were raised by an attendee regarding dangerous issues on footpaths and roads, Mr Nemesh mentioned a new council app called Snap, Send, Solve which allows residents to inform council of dangerous issues in the Waverly council area. He also advised the council's emergency number 9083 8000 allows residents to contact council rangers after hours.
- Mr Pallo opened discussion on the future of the Diamond Bay/Vaucluse Precinct and ways of getting more residents involved. The attendees expressed strong support for the Precinct. It was suggested that community events be proposed e.g. BBQ, and for attendees to contact neighbours and friends in the precinct to encourage their involvement.

Item 7: Closure

Mr. Pallo declared the meeting closed at 9:02 pm. This was the last meeting for the year.