

Minutes

Bronte Precinct Meeting Monday 16.05.22

Commenced 7.00pm and held in person at Bronte Public School.

Attendees

Alma Douglas - Chair	Grant Beard
Alex Ellis	Michael Donnan
Cr Ludovico Fabiano	Lynn Smith

- 1. Alma welcomes everyone, Apologies** – Cr Tony Kay
- 2. 7.02pm Minutes Accepted from last meeting.**
- 3. AGM – Election of Precinct Executive Committee**

Ludovico conducted voting, thanks and Acknowledge of Country recognising the Traditional Owners of the Land we meet on.

1. Convenor: Alma Douglas. Voted unanimously
2. Secretary: Alexandra Ellis. Voted unanimously
3. Traffic Rep: Grant Beard. Voted unanimously
4. DA Rep: Alexandra Ellis. Voted unanimously
5. Police Rep: Grant Beard. Voted unanimously

4. Item for Discussion

1) Bronte Surf Club New Concept Design

Concept design presented is an updated version of the previous design ensuring the footprint is roughly the same as the current. Removal of extension into the park behind. No objections.

2) Streetscape Maintenance

- Nature Strip, Gutters, Planting
- Alma mentioned the common occurrence of unregulated planting on nature strips. Why are the council not enforcing the rules?
- Jesse Street Reserve (Murray St and Belgrave St) was recently completely overgrown, the monument buried in weeds, grass and vines. A local resident (Lynn) was tired of waiting for council to clean and prune so spent hours of her own time scrubbing the plaque and pruning back the weeds to reveal the monument. Waverley Council need to maintain monuments despite current reported staff shortages.
- Grant suggests raising a Merit request, or a 'Snap, Send, Solve'.
- Corner Alfred/Darling St is another example of incorrect tree planted, blocking the view of vehicles looking to turn.

- Apparently there is a Jesse Street Annual Memorial Lunch where funds are raised. Investigate funds for maintenance perhaps.
- Motion to be prepared for next meeting for Ludovico to take to council re maintenance and regular upkeep.

3) BBQs in Bronte Park

Slabs of concrete and electrics already laid with new positions determined.

- Actual design not seen, could Council please show the design details including materials used. Brick design is appealing. Pure stainless steel will only rust immediately like the new Cutting Fence.
- Seems we have not gained in the number of BBQs.
- Want to ensure Council re-turf the old area once removed.

4) 'Have A Say' Days

- Are they successful? Is the result and project goal already predetermined and the 'Have Your Say' Day surveys are merely a ticking the box exercise for Council?
- Not far reaching enough, limited time to answer survey.
- Many examples are given where council has an agenda and regardless of the responses given there is a preconceived goal/plan that will no doubt occur anyway. Questions are often skewed to return the results desired.
- Noted that the proposed new Cricket Nets at Waverley Oval was a 50/50 vote and will no longer go ahead. Passive Green space noted as important to residents also.
- Could 'Have Your Say' day notifications go in the Wentworth Courier? A question for council.

5) Sewerage in Bronte Gully following Torrential Rain

- Alex has twice reported via 'Snap Send Solve' to Sydney Water the overflow of raw sewerage from an outlet in Bronte Gully during recent patterns of torrential Sydney rain. Part of a greater Sydney Water stormwater and sewerage pipe plan that will need to be addressed by both council and Sydney Water. Raw sewerage overflows to the stormwater which runs straight down to Bronte Beach untreated and contributes to unsafe water quality for swimming. Alex to prepare statement for Cr Tony Kay to take to next Council Meeting.

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6) Tamarama Park and Management Plan Proposed Changes

- Pedestrian Crossing to be added with a \$400k budget. Lots of changes on display for Tamarama Gully, Tamarama Stairs and Tamarama Park.
- What is involved with the 'picnic settings'? More concrete and loss of green space? Path widening, another example of passive loss of green space and coastal bushland.
- Residents have issue with the removal of the heritage style bus stop being unnecessarily removed. Changes to the State Government Bus timetables have also impacted the area greatly.

- Local resident Michael prepared a motion for council re the bus stop on Tamarama Marine Drive –

BACKGROUND.

At part of proposed works adjacent to the Tamarama Park bus stop (Stop ID 2026 106) the existing "heritage style" bus commuter shelter on the eastern side is to be replaced by a metal & glass variety. A shelter similar to the proposed replacement shelter already exists on the western side. A bus stop with very similar shelter exists on the south west corner of Bayview and Hewlett Streets (Stop ID 6 Bayview St). All 3 stops are serviced by the 381 bus service. The metal & glass shelters do not provide adequate shelter for commuters especially so because of their proximity to the sometimes very strong coastal winds and driving rain. Nor do they provide adequate shelter on hot sunny mornings. Commuters can be frequently seen sheltering from the sun behind the bus shelter seeking the little shade available.

Below is a very recent photograph of a sign in the historic tram passenger shelter at Bronte Beach. It seems Waverley Council has a policy "[... to encourage public transport usage](#)". Is not the removal of the timber and earthenware roof tile bus commuter shelter and replacement with a J C Decaux metal & glass style shelter inconsistent with this policy "[...to encourage public transport usage](#)" ?

Motion:

The existing heritage style timber and tile roof bus shelter (Stop ID 2026 106) be retained.

Moved: Michael Donnan.

Seconded: Alma, passed.

5. Reports.

Traffic: The battle for the top of Dickson St and Birrell Street is lost. At the April Council Meeting the proposed narrowing of Dickson Street together with a no right turn 7.30 to 9.30am was approved as set out in the report by PDC Consultant. In doing so, Council has ignored its resolution CM/5.2.1/21.06, passed at the Council meeting on 22 June 2021, that included Council undertaking a local area traffic study to develop a comprehensive long-term solution to traffic issues at the intersections of Park Parade and Dickson Street with Birrell Street. The report is insufficient from the residents perspective, traffic jams to follow.

Nothing further to report for DA's, Police or Traffic.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Appendix

- 1) Image relating to Item 4) 6) Tamarama Park and Management Plan Proposed Changes



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