



North Bondi Precinct Committee Minutes

Meeting held on Wednesday 26th February, on Zoom from 7:00pm

1 OPENING

- a) Present:** Peter Quartly (Chairman), Rox De Luca, Ann Edvall, Peter McCue, Eva Prochazka, Helen Quartly, Justine Reef and Luke Stewart.
- b) Apologies:** Joy Clayton, Rita Cole and Juju Kalek.
- c) Absent:** Cr Dominic Wy Kanak, Cr Michelle Stephenson, Cr Margaret Merten (Council Meeting same night) & Joy Clayton.
- d) Opening:** The Chairman welcomed everyone.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Resolved** the 7th November 2024 minutes be adopted as a true record of such meeting.
Moved: Luke Stewart Seconded: Eva Prochazka

3. BUSINESS ARISING

a) Return and Earn Update

PQ chased up Kellie Sloane via email who promised a response – none provided to date. In our previous meeting Councillor Michelle Stevenson indicated she would like to follow this up.

Action: We request that the Return to Earn units are returned close to the original location behind the Pavilion – and that the response report needs to indicate this as ongoing.

b) Flyer Distribution

- i) No flyer was produced prior to this meeting.

c) Flood Mapping of Municipality & Floodplain Management Committee

- i) In Chair's report, there is the definition of flood, Federal Act, State Govt can't say anything else. The Committee promised to review it, and a meeting will be held in March which the Chairman will be attending.

d) North Bondi Terminus

- i) Council update report (as attached).
- ii) The meeting agreed to thank Council for the report, however, we remain concerned about how many people were involved in the early consultation. Can Council indicate what the statistics represent in terms of people? Justine Reef suggested we as a Precinct assist in local community engagement to support Council's efforts.

Post script: from Jessica 3/3/25:

Council received a total of 207 responses, 176 completed surveys and 31 additional written submissions.

- iii) **Action:** We recommend Council organise a follow up meeting asap in the Pavilion and/or on Zoom to encourage greater active community consultation for residents for the next phase of the review. We also agreed that this extends to communicating with other local precincts: Dover Heights, Bondi Beach and Bondi.

e) Vicars Lane flooding – concrete piping issue

- i) Advised this was cleared.

e) School signage on Warners Ave

- i) Advised the matter has been resolved.

f) Aboriginal Art rock engravings North Bondi

- i) No updates from Land Council after Cr Kanak emailed again 26/2/25. The Chairman expressed concern with the lack of urgency in this matter which borders on negligence.
- ii) We agreed as a meeting that if we don't get a response in the next 4 weeks that the Chairman takes up with the issue with the relevant body.

g) Mitchell St vibration.

- i) Of interest the Issue of O'Brien Street vibration has been raised in recent Bondi Beach Precinct Meeting.
- ii) No developments.

h) Waverley Centennial Book

- i) No developments.

i) Bondi Sewerage Upgrade / Sydney Water

- i) Chairman will attend forthcoming meeting and will advise. See Chairmans Report regarding the stink pipe.
- ii) Upgrading the odour processes so there is less smell, and they have started work on the main tunnel into it.
- iii) The Chairman will be attending a meeting in March.

j) Bronze Statue @ Bondi Beach Of Surfing World Female Champion – Pauline Menczer.

- ii) No developments – no updates.

k) Sydney Water & Vacluse & Diamond Bay outlets

- i) Chairman will attend forthcoming meeting and will advise.
- ii) No developments to date.

l) Neilsen Park

- i) Now operating.

m) The Bondi Mermaid

- i) Council advised there will be no change in location.
- ii) No update on the Mermaid to be placed in South Bondi.

n) Bidigal Reserve & Ray O'Keefe Reserve and Sam Fiszman Park:

- i) On Thursday 20th February, a meeting was held at the Bidigal reserve with Council staff and North Bondi Precinct residents.
- ii) Eva discussed the multiple issues raised including Council staff indicating budgetary constraints in responding to maintenance of the reserve. A report by Jamie Mackay President of The Save Bidigal Reserve
- iii) Residents Action Group is attached.
- iv) Steve and Rebel will take the issues to the next Bondi Beach precinct.
- v) MOF interest of multiple issues were raised including safety concerns about the degraded wood railing at Ray O'Keefe reserve
- vi) Also discussed landscaping and general plans for the area including a toilet block and BBQ area.
- vii) We thank Council staff for organizing this meeting.
- viii) The Executive Committee of the Precinct will discuss further action requirements as there are safety and liability issues at stake.

- ix) **Action:** The meeting would like to view the architectural/landscaping plans proposed for this area and request that Council provide an outline and timeline of the management to remediate each reserve (Bidigal and Ray O'Keefe) and Park before anyone is injured.

o) Wallis Parade pooling towards Military Road

- i) No developments
- ii) **Resolved:** that the Chairman request Council review the matter.

p) North Bondi Golf Course

- i) Justine Reef updated the Meeting about the situation, stating that Council has carried out temporary measures to prevent/reduce flooding to 146 and adjoining neighbours until it undertakes its permanent flood mitigation works on the Bondi Golf Course.
- ii) At present 146 is obtaining quotes to rectify the damage to their rear yard caused by the flooding. Council has agreed to pay once a few comparative quotes have been received.
- iii) **It would be good to know when the permanent flood mitigation works will be undertaken by Council at the North Bondi Golf Course.**
- iv) PQ: Asking Cr Michelle if there was any follow up
- v) **Action:** Cr Michelle Stephenson agreed to follow this up.

q) OLYMPIC RECOGNITION AT BONDI BEACH – Volley Ball 2000

- i) Going to Council in March.

r) E BIKES

Safety issues and obstruction of footpaths,

- i) Cr Michelle Stephenson said in previous meeting that she would follow this up with Kellie Sloane.
- ii) No response to date.
- iii) The Chairman asked Jessica to clarify if it is Council's policy to allow charge Ebikes in the Library.
- iv) **Action:** Look at Parliamentary Enquiry Report released 13 Feb and NSW Government due 13 May, 2025.

4. Reports

a) CHAIRMAN

i) Anzac Mural at Sea Wall

Repaired.

ii) Waverley Bondi Promenade Plaques

Reviewed and will be maintained.

iii) Mitchell St flower bed at Reddam left in a dangerous state.

The matter was raised with Council. On 25 February by Luke.
A light pole has been installed, however, is not operating.

iv) Fogo trial.

The meeting discussed the trial and raised concerns about how soon trial residents will be contacted for feedback as the trial commenced on 10th October 2024. Meeting members explained that they found it hard to locate information about replacement bin liners on the Council website. The Meeting also noted that the original letter sent to residents about the FOGO trial was signed: Waverley Council without any team/staff member identified.

(After this meeting the Secretary noted that information about the trial is in the Have Your Say page: North Bondi). <https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/fogo>)

Action: Request Council provide a detailed progress report of the FOGO trial and timeline and when feedback/training sessions are occurring.

v) Council Chambers

Council is looking at asking for community feedback about using the existing building before major planning occurs.

Action: The Precinct is keen to provide feedback and ideas so can Council please provide details of the Chambers building.

vi) Ceramic street sculptures along Campbell Parade

We note that conservation work has started and keen to the Timeline and budget allocated.

vii) E-Waste

The Chairman has asked Council if they can follow Woollahra's lead and have a free e-waste collection. Jessica has advised their Sustainability team is actually investigating same.

viii) VANS AT THE BACK OF QED USED FOR SLEEPING

Cr Dove Frazer (16/1) has advised if they have a parking permit, they can do so with immunity. And in NSW it is not illegal to sleep in a car overnight.

ix) COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTRES

This free service is being closed down in June.

The Chairman recommendation: that we asked the State Member to oppose it.

Action: endorsed

x) RECYCLING AT ALEXANDRIA

The Chairman has asked Council what the elderly and others with out access to a vehicle can do with such waste.

xi) REPORT

The balance of the report was tabled and adopted.

b) DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

i) Report tabled and adopted

c) DA OFFICER

i) A verbal report.

DA officer: No DA's in precinct - business as usual.

Agreed to the: PLANNING PROPOSAL to 15%

Voted down, recission motion last week Council Meeting

Passed: Council to

It appears that some of the Councillors

- IN light of the state planning reforms – Luke to write something.

Concerns around this.

Dwelling density;

d) TRAFFIC OFFICER

i) Nil.

e) SECRETARY

i) PAVILION access to small unaffiliated community groups – follow this up.

Raised concerns about community groups using the Pavilion for small meetings and ad-hoc gatherings.

Action: As there has not been any response from Council, that the secretary chase up.

ii) NSW Housing reforms

The meeting discussed the Save the Village forum held on Friday 28th February .

Luke advised update on Housing plan in the LGA which focusses on Rose Bay commercial and Bondi Junction Westfield have been designated as housing centres.

Mill Hill and Queens Park - As these have significant heritage areas there will be a need to raise such concerns in another meeting.

Action: Resolved Luke to express our concerns provide at the next meeting.

iii) Small Grants

Appreciated the Bondi Stand Market and consider looking at Small grants to facilitate any other public engagement opportunities.

5. SPECIAL ITEMS

a) Nil.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

a) Bondi Community - Save Bondi Village: local issues and not the Meeting

b) Disability parking at Eastgate Parking - 2 hours free parking -

Eva has had negative experiences, resulting in hefty fees applying.

Action: Resolved we request Council to review the current policy, with a view to increasing the time limit to 2.5 hours.

c) Reduced green space rear of Bondi Pavilion

Peter McCue: raised the issue of the reduction of green space behind the Bondi pavilion.

He asked if there was there a DA for this and whether there were any plans that reflected how Council has used this area for the purpose of maintenance services and parking.

Action: Can we see any plans for that area?

7. END OF MEETING 8:45PM

8. Next meeting scheduled for Weds 30th April IN REAL LIFE. St Ann's

Next Meeting:

Combined Meeting: Voted 20th March. Juju and Peter will be voting.

Next Meeting: Review: Bondi Studios School of Arts Building issues.