

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT

Minutes of the Bronte Beach Precinct for Wednesday October 23rd. 2019

The meeting was held in the Lugar Brae Church Hall, Bronte, at 7.30 pm and opened by Chair Virginia Milson

Present: 31

Councillors Present Burrill and Masselos

Apologies Councillor Elaine Keenan, Sandy Bruns, Donald Maxwell.

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion to adopt proposed by Ute Geissler seconded John Batts

Unanimous approval.

Vicky Bachelard Living Connections Waverley Council

Vicky reported that Council is aiming to make connections between public and private land to facilitate the movement of the fauna particularly the bird life. Council has therefore introduced a Greening programme where residents may receive advice and a rough plan from a landscaper along with seedlings.

The Bronte Life Saving Club Development

Project Officers, Jordan Laverty and Eliza Milenkovic from Waverley Council gave a rundown on the proposal, what was involved and the time lines . An architect had been appointed after a tender was advertised and Chrofi Architects who have designed the Harbord Diggers, the Bondi South changes and other projects were appointed. They stated that the building was proposed to be no higher than two storeys but will probably have a larger foot print. The Council has encouraged the Club to be self sustainable and therefore functions will be part of its operations. Concern was expressed that there could be too much emphasis on functions. Andrew Best from Council handles Council leases as the Surf Club is a lessee. They are now moving to the Second stage with Concept Development due in late November/early December. It is hoped the building will be completed by 2022. The Planning Dept. from Waverley Council will not assess the proposal but rather independent planners will be appointed by Council.

St.Catherine's School : Cathy Davitt advised the meeting that St. Catherine's school is due to start construction of their development after school finishes at the end of this year.

Bronte R.S.L.: Resident Dr Lightfoot of Save Bronte advised the meeting of the Woolworths proposal stating that there were 140 objections to the Metro supermarket. He further noted that the supermarket was contrary to the intent of the zoning which is a Neighbourhood Centre which allows for small shops with residences above rather than supermarkets.

Development News: The Chair advised the meeting that there were two Land & Environment Court hearings, one for 1 Marroo St. on November 11th.and 12th. And the other next year for 5 St. Thomas St.

Councillor/Mayor Masselos spoke to the meeting about the Bronte Surf Club. She advised the meeting that the lease for the Surf Club must ensure that environmental concerns and local residents' objections are considered carefully. She also outlined the Bronte village upgrade which involved additional street planting particularly at the Beach.

Councillor Burrill reported to the Precinct about the Gardyne St, public seat area; and suggested the planting of shrubbery there near the sandstone feature to help prevent erosion, perhaps another seat too, as well as trees around the footpath. The Councillor also referred to the trial of relaxing alcohol restrictions in Bronte Park advising that Council is interested in obtaining statistics on behaviour there. Finally she alluded to the plans for the new amenities block at the south end of the beach.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.