

Minutes
Bondi Heights Precinct Committee Annual General Meeting

Monday 4th April 2022

The Queens Park Room, Waverley Council Chambers, Cnr Paul Street & Bondi Road.

Attendance numbers: 10 with 6 eligible to vote.

Noted attendance at commencement:

Convenor of Bondi Heights Precinct/Traffic Rep:	Bill Mouroukas
Convenor of Bronte Precinct:	Alma Douglas
Waverley Council Community Liaison Officer:	Mary Shiner
Waverley Council Acting Manager Open Spaces Planning:	Carl Nugent
Waverley Council Senior Landscape Architect:	Ingrid Cheng

Waverley Ward Councillor attendance:

Cr Fabiano	Apology
Cr Murray	Absent
Cr Kay	Present – Full Meeting.

COMMENCEMENT: Meeting started at 7:05 pm

MEETING DIRECTIONS & Announcements –

- COVID-19 Government Safety Requirements
- Fire exits and washroom facilities.
- Reminder for all present to sign the Attendance Sheet.
- Any guest (out of precinct) attendees were asked to declare their presence for the record.
- No printed material to be distributed at the meeting without approval from the chair.
- Convenor's eMail Group: convenorbill@gmail.com

APOLOGIES RECEIVED: Lynda Hall, Cr Ludovico Fabiano, Amanda Shemesh, Gwen Zeller, Marion Burgess, Nicholas Barber, Alessandra Bray, Daniella Hoffman.

IN SYMPATHY:

The Precinct meeting extends its condolences to Lynda Hall and her family for their recent loss.

CONSULTATION ON WAVERLEY PARK FITNESS STATION UPGRADE:

A Presentation was conducted by Council Officers, Carl Nugent and Ingrid Cheng.

Following the Presentation on the Fitness station upgrade a Q&A session followed. Questions included:

- o What is the overall budget? Ans \$200k
- o Will there be equipment for all age cohorts to use i.e., weight based dynamic equipment for the older cohort? Ans: The Inclusive Play Space Study includes a section on intergenerational equipment. Council has now endorsed a design for an expanded play space and intergenerational fitness facility.
- o Will the current location be returfed? Ans: Yes.
- o Hours of operation? Ans: There are no plans to commercialise the gyms, the fitness station will not be under a permit.
- o What will the impact on the tree root system be? Ans: An arborist will be present during construction.
- o When is the Waverley Park Playground due for upgrade? Ans: In May/June 2022.

CONVENOR'S NOTE

Cr Kay has said he is doubtful this timeframe can be met – community consultation on the concept design needs to occur first. He believes it is more likely that commencement won't be until July/August 2022 at the earliest.

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R1] – WAVERLEY PARK PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION.
THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS OFFICERS RETURN TO SEEK PRECINCT FEEDBACK AT A FUTURE MEETING OF BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT RELATING TO ANY PROPOSALS FOR THE WAVERLEY PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADES AND TO TAKE SUGGESTIONS.**

PRECINCT OFFICE BEARER ELECTION:

Cr Tony Kay conducted the AGM as the retuning Officer and the Convenor vacated the Chair.

Elected Committee:

- Convenor: Bill Mouroukas - Moved Julia Varga. Seconded Eva Varga. Carried unanimously.
- Secretary: Lynda Hall – Moved Julia Varga. Seconded Eva Varga. Carried unanimously.
- Assistant Traffic and Development Applications Representative: Nicholas Barber - Moved Bill Mouroukas. Seconded Susie Hoppe. Carried unanimously.
- Executive Committee Assistant Member: Lachlan Beaton – Moved Bill Mouroukas. Seconded Julia Varga. Carried unanimously.

Mary Shiner informed the meeting that she can facilitate training sessions for office bearers.

MATTERS ARISING:

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION [202204#1] ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – THAT, THE TABLED DOCUMENT BEING THE MINUTES OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2020, IS ADOPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THAT MEETING.

Mover, Eva Varga. Seconder, Bill Mouroukas.

Decision; Carried unanimously.

WAVERLEY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE REPORT:

The Council Response Report was tabled and is attached to these minutes.

TRAFFIC:

On 24th March 2022, Traffic Committee resolved to Recommend to Council, Item TC/C.01/22.03, 40 KM/H SPEED LIMIT CHANGES - TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES - PARK PARADE AND DICKSON STREET AT BIRRELL STREET, BONDI.

COUNCIL OFFICER'S PROPOSAL:

That Council:

1. Endorses the designs for the intersections of Park Parade/Birrell Street and Dickson Street/Birrell, as set out in Appendix D of the report by PDC Consultants attached to the report.
2. Delegates authority to the Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services, to modify the designs should on-site circumstances warrant changes.

The Precinct meeting was unanimous in rejecting this proposal.

CONVENOR'S NOTE

On 12th April 2022, I submitted the following to the Waverley Council Governance department on behalf of Bondi Heights Precinct, and I requested it be read at the Council meeting being held that night:

“Bondi Heights Precinct opposes the recommendation of the Waverley Traffic Committee (TC/C.01/22.03) Each intersection and the streets surrounding the intersection should be the subject of a Local Area Traffic Study that assesses traffic flows and congestion for the recommended permanent solutions, and alternatives, and then consults with the community on outcomes identified before any works are endorsed. The precinct rejects any recommended solutions at these intersections that may introduce problems elsewhere. A Local Area Traffic Study will assess any impacts comprehensively and allow community understanding.”

The Bondi Heights Precinct Committee notes the following DRAFT minute extract (to be endorsed by Council at its next full Council meeting) from the April 2022 Council meeting:

CM/5.2.1/22.04 Adoption of Minutes - Waverley Traffic Committee Meeting - 24 March 2022 - TC/C.01/22.03 - 40 km/h Speed Limit Changes - Traffic Control Devices - Park Parade and Dickson Street at Birrell Street, Bondi (A18/0579)

This item was saved and excepted by Cr Kay.

MOTION

Mover: Cr Kay Seconder: Cr Betts

That Council:

1. Does not adopt the Traffic Committee's recommendation.
2. Reiterates resolution CM/5.2.1/21.06, passed at the Council meeting on 22 June 2021, that includes 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.
3. Supports a local area traffic study for each intersection that:
 - (a) Adopts a base case for current traffic movements where vehicles can turn left and right simultaneously into Birrell Street.
 - b) Identifies the impacts of the proposed single exit lane designs on traffic flows and volumes in the local area as compared to the base case movements.
 - (c) Considers timed No Right Turn restrictions for vehicles turning into Birrell Street at peak times.
4. Receives a further recommendation from the Waverley Traffic Committee following its consideration of the local area traffic study outcomes that includes the opportunity for community consultation.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Goltsman, Kay and Nemes.

Against the Motion: Crs Fabiano, Gray, Keenan, Lewis, Masselos and Murray.

B Mouroukas (on behalf of Bondi Heights Precinct) and G Beard (on behalf of Bronte Precinct) addressed the meeting

The Precinct also notes that most Councillors did not support the wishes of the Bondi Heights and Bronte Precinct communities and further acknowledges that, of our three ward councillors, only Cr Kay supported the precinct in this matter.

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CONCERN AT 96 OCEAN STREET (SOUTH) DUE TO NEW SPEED HUMP:

Issue raised by eMail and in discussion during the meeting. This speed hump is a PERMANENT concrete version, not like the rubber versions that apparently have been installed in Park Parade and Bennett St, not all councillors support this push to have traffic calming measures installed around Waverley. Stage 1 is to the south of Bondi Road while Stage 2 is to the north.

IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES FROM WAVERLEY BOWLING CLUB SITE ON BIRRELL STREET:
Cr Kay reported he had raised this matter with officers.
Access to Henrietta St (Birrell St entrance) was being blocked during the day without community warning.
Mirvac also blocked off access to around 15 car spaces on Henrietta St.

| CONVENOR'S NOTE |

I understand that the situation has since been resolved with all blockages and parking returning to normal, except that the extended time taken to construct the raised pedestrian crossing in Birrell Street at the intersection of Henrietta St is creating potential pedestrian safety issues for students, park users and others.

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POTHoles:

Resident eMail: "What concerns me are the large potholes all over particularly the very big one in Bondi Road near Paul Street. I wish Waverley Council to be put on notice re this even though I believe that Bondi Road should be maintained by the state. It is a waste of time planting trees along the road if the roads are not being maintained. The potholes have been there for weeks with no visible notice of repairs."

| CONVENOR'S NOTE |

Very large potholes have developed all over Waverley including Bondi Junction. These are a hazard to all road users. Council is taking too long to implement repair.

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REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R2] – POTHOLE REPAIRS.

THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL REVIEW IT'S PROCESSES RELATING TO ROADS MAINTENANCE, PARTICULARLY POTHOLE REPAIR, WITH A FOCUS ON IMPROVING RESPONSE TIME.

PARKING PERMIT PROCESS:

Resident eMail: "Over the last 10 years of purchasing the Beach parking permit, I have noticed that the process is very arduous and time consuming for both residents and council employees. This is now amplified by applying for Residential Parking and Daily Parking permits too. I would like to request an overhaul to the current process to streamline it and take it online, in particular for rate paying residents and their renewals."

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R3] – PARKING PERMIT PROCESS.

THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS COUNCIL REVIEW IT'S PROCESSES RELATING TO PARKING PERMIT APPLICATIONS WITH A VIEW OF MAKING SUCH APPLICATIONS/RENEWALS, AVAILABLE ONLINE.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202204Q1] – RESIDENTIAL PARKING SCHEME ZONE 4 LINE MARKING. WHEN WILL THE ROAD LINE MARKING FOR DRIVEWAYS BE PUT IN PLACE FOR RPS ZONE 4? REFER TO SNAP SEND SOLVE REQUEST # 2235161.

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R4] – RESIDENTIAL PARKING SCHEME ZONE 4 SIGNAGE.
COULD COUNCIL PLEASE REVIEW RPS SIGNAGE WITH ARROWS SUGGESTING PARKING IS
AVAILABLE WHERE THERE ARE DRIVEWAYS? RESIDENTS ARE EXPERIENCING ISSUES WITH
VEHICLES BEING PARKED IN DRIVEWAYS. SIGNS SHOULD NOT COVER THE AREAS THAT ARE
DRIVEWAYS. REFER TO SNAP SEND SOLVE REQUEST # 2235161.**

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

Bondi Heights Development Applications Representative, Lynda Hall reported (by eMail) no issues concerning new construction of significance for the precinct had come to her attention.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Flooding over the pathway between the Henrietta St/Birrell St entrance to Waverley Park and the artificial grass surface. Water is pooling in the channels on both sides of the path as well as a continuous flow over the path. An offensive smell is noticeable and a film forming over that pooled water. If it is going to take some time for Council to attend to whatever is causing this excess water and foul smell. Cr Kay has raised the matter with officers [Merit Notification # 2163156]. Plumbers have investigated and work to happen to install a pit and aggregate draining line.
- Cr Kay reported the Bondi Road beautification is expected to be in the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP) but may not be scheduled for some years.

**REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202204R5] – COMMUNITY CONTACT WITH RANGERS AND PARKING
PATROL OFFICERS.
COULD COUNCIL PLEASE REINSTATE AND PUBLISH FOR COMMUNITY ACCESS, THE DIRECT
CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS FOR COUNCIL RANGERS AND PARKING PATROL OFFICERS DURING
THEIR FULL OPERATIONAL HOURS?**

**QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202204Q2] – COMMUNITY IN PERSON ACCESS TO DUTY PLANNER AND
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FILES.**

**WHAT ARE THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE DUTY PLANNER AND WHEN WILL THE ACTUAL
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FILES BECOME AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AND INSPECTION
AGAIN AT THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE IN SPRING STREET BONDI JUNCTION?**

MEETING DATES FOR 2022:

6 June (NEXT MEETING)

3 October

1 August

5 December

MEETING CLOSURE:

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.

ATTACHMENT:
**WAVERLEY COUNCIL RESPONSE REPORT TO BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT
MEETING ON 4th April 2022**

Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the February 2022 Bondi Heights Precinct Zoom Event

7 FEBRUARY 2022RE-REQUEST TO COUNCIL [RE: 202105#03] - SHARED PATH CNR PAUL STREET AND BONDI ROAD: REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202110R#01] - THE FENCING THAT WAS INTENDED TO BE INSTALLED BY 13TH AUGUST HAS NOT BEEN FITTED.

RESPONSE: The Senior Project Manager, Major Projects has advised that the Major Projects team have held discussions with our Open Spaces team regarding installing an edging. Their suggestion was to re-plant the area with more appropriate (larger) plants that would resolve the issue without the need to install fencing. The Open Spaces team replanted this location in December 2021. After reviewing site conditions last week, they advise the plants have established well and this seems a successful result.

Community, Assets and Operations Action in progress

7 FEBRUARY 2022RE-REQUEST TO COUNCIL [RE: 202105#04]. - HAZARDOUS PAVEMENT 34 – 40 BONDI ROAD: REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202110R#02] SNAP SEND SOLVE (REPORT ID# 1202337) REQUEST LODGED 27TH AUGUST 2020. POOR CONDITION OF PAVEMENT DUE TO WORKS THAT WERE CARRIED OUT BY VARIOUS UTILITY/SERVICE PROVIDERS. COUNCIL PROMISED BHP THAT THE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF 2021 AS NOTED IN COUNCIL'S AUGUST 2021 RESPONSE TO BHP REPORT?

RESPONSE: The Manager, Asset Systems & Planning – Infrastructure Services has advised the following update re Bondi Rd.

Council officers have reached out to Telstra on numerous occasions to resolve matters of responsibility for the reinstatement works. Council has received acknowledgement of Telstra accepting responsibility for the damages but no action to date on the repairs. Council officers are attempting to undertake the work and seek compensation from Telstra. Some history:

1. 12 July 2021 – Council emailed Telstra
2. 22 July 2021 – Council emailed Telstra
3. 22 July 2021 – Received response from Telstra (saying Telstra will do work)
4. 22 July 2021 - Council responded saying it would be better for Council to do the work with other restorations/repairs together in the same area)
5. 3 phone calls by Council to Telstra
6. 29 March 2022 – Council emailed Telstra again.
7. 30 March 2022 – Telstra responded saying they will do the restoration work with no expected date.

Council officers will be pursuing this through legal means as Telstra has failed to reasonably undertake the work within an acceptable timeframe.

Pending legal advice Council officers intend on undertaking the works and then pursuing compensation from Telstra.

Community, Assets and Operations Action in progress

7 FEBRUARY 2022PAUL STREET LOVE SIGN REPAIR BY COUNCIL: COUNCIL RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL [Q202108#01]. CONVENOR IS UNABLE TO REPORT BACK TO THE PRECINCT COMMITTEE AS HIS MEETING WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE. BHP RESPECTFULLY REMINDS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THIS MATTER.

RESPONSE: The Precinct Convenor met with the General Manager, Emily Scott and A/Director Community Assets & Operations, Sharon Cassidy. There was agreement that regarding the Paul Street LOVE sign repair, the staff member went over and above, just removing the tagging and the time taken was in excess of the 30 minutes originally advised. Council will certainly ensure the requirement to do only what is required under the Graffiti Act is undertaken in future.

Furthermore, as discussed at the meeting, Council is in the process of planning for an asset management and work order management system that will be linked to Council's customer relationship management (CRM) system. This will allow us to more accurately track and monitor works undertaken by the operational teams. Currently Council's systems are very manual and difficult to track accurately. In this case, the Graffiti team would have regular spots that they focus on as well as responding to specific issues raised through Merit (our CRM system).

Community, Assets and Operations Finalised

7 FEBRUARY 2022RE-REQUEST TO COUNCIL - KERB RAMP WEST SIDE WATSON STREET INTERSECTION WITH BONDI ROAD:

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202111R]

COULD COUNCIL PLEASE UPDATE THE PRECINCT ON ITS INVESTIGATION AS NOTED IN THE FEBRUARY 2021 RESPONSE REPORT, OF THE POSITIONING OF THIS OLD KERB RAMP, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE DIFFICULTY FOR MOTORISED WHEELCHAIRS/PERSONAL MOVER USERS AS PER BHP REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202012#07]?

RESPONSE: The Service Manager, Traffic and Transport has advised that due to the location of the facilities pit on the footpath adjacent to the pedestrian crossing, it is not practical to relocate the kerb ramp on the western side of Watson Street at this stage. Bondi Road and the traffic signals at Watson Street are the responsibility of TfNSW. Council will be making a submission to TfNSW asking them to consider funding relocation of the pit.

Community, Assets and Operations Action in progress