

**DRAFT COMBINED PRECINCTS MEETING MINUTES**  
**24 October 2024**  
**6 – 8.30pm**  
**Community Hall – Mill Hill Centre**

**Minutes to be endorsed at the December Combined Precincts Meeting.**

**Chair:** Peter Quartly (North Bondi Precinct)

**Councillors in attendance:** Mayor Will Nemesh, Cr Ludovico Fabiano, Cr Lauren Townsend, Cr Margaret Merten, Cr Paula Masselos, Cr Keri Spooner, Cr Joshua Spicer.

**Councillor apologies:** Cr Dov Fraser, Cr WyKanak, Cr Westwood.

**Council Officers in attendance:** Emily Scott (General Manager), Mary Shiner (Manager, Executive Services), Jessica Ilacqua (Community Liaison Coordinator (CLC)), Alana Novak (Community Planning Advocate (CPA)), Sharon Cassidy (Director of Assets and Operations), Ben Thompson (Director of Community, Culture and Customer Service), Fletcher Rayner (Director of Planning, Sustainability and Compliance).

**Precinct Executives in attendance:** Rex Walsh (Bondi), Karin Brennan (South Bondi / Tamarama), Stephen Cohen (Mill Hill / Bondi Junction), Illana Cohen (Mill Hill / Bondi Junction), Grant Beard (Bronte), Alma Douglas (Bronte), Gabe Pallo (Vaucluse / Diamond Bay), James Forsyth (Charing Cross), Lynne Cossar (Bondi), Simon Swifte (Queens Park), Peter Cohen (Queens Park), Alex Ellis (Bronte), John Batts (Bronte Beach), Susan Hely (Bronte Beach), Greg Vaughan (Bronte Beach), Di McDonald (Vaucluse / Diamond Bay), Peter Cohen (Queens Parks), Rox De Luca (North Bondi), Mia Vaux (Charing Cross), Luke Stewart (North Bondi), Bill Stavrinou (North Bondi)

**Precinct Executives apologies:** Bill Mouroukas (Bondi Heights), Lynda Hall (Bondi Heights), Georgia Koutsandrea (Mill Hill / Bondi Junction), Juju Kalek (North Bondi), Michelle Brenner (South Bondi / Tamarama, Robyn Fabiano (South Bondi / Tamarama)

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1.	<p><b>Welcome and introductions by Peter Q (North Bondi Precinct)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting commenced at 6pm.</li> <li>• Chair then welcomed Councillors in attendance and Council Staff and reminded attendees that only 2 people per Precinct have voting rights.</li> <li>• Chair noted the CLC will be taking minutes.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Update from General Manager, Emily Scott</b></p> <p><b>Welcome to our new Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Nemesh and Deputy Mayor Spooner elected on 10 October 2024 for a two-year term.</li> </ul> <p><b>The future of Council Chambers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will be working with our newly elected representatives to present options about the future plans for the site in the new year.</li> <li>• The community has a key role in this conversation, and we look forward to talking about future plans.</li> </ul> <p><b>Boot Factory and Mill Hill Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand opening on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 November 2024, 10am – 3pm.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Strategic Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After each Council election, we review and update our Community Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the community's vision and what our priorities over the next 10 years will be.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is required to adopt the new Community Strategic Plan by June 2025.</li> <li>• Have your say and register for the Issues Workshop at <a href="http://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/future-of-waverley">haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/future-of-waverley</a></li> </ul> <p>No questions were asked.</p>
3.	<p><b>Update from Director of Assets and Operations, Sharon Cassidy - Major Projects</b></p> <p>The Director gave an update on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club</li> <li>• Bronte Surf Club</li> <li>• Boot Factory and Mill Hill</li> <li>• Bondi Park</li> <li>• Clifftop Walkway</li> <li>• Quinn Road Memorialisation</li> <li>• Curlewis Streetscape</li> <li>• Charing Cross Streetscape</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendee RW asked if Solar lighting would be considered at Bondi Park. Council advised the lighting being used it is 100% renewable energy.</li> <li>• Attendee AE asked about the coastal walk closure near Marks Park. Council advised that the closure is due to a significant rockfall. Emergency assessments were done to ensure structural integrity of the walkway. Scope for the project is being finalised. No timeline as yet.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</b></p> <p>Previous meeting Minutes  Moved: John B  Second: Luke S  Unanimous / Carried</p> <p>Response Report  Moved: Simon S  Second: Karin B  Unanimous / Carried</p>
5.	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>Motion 1:</b>  That, owing to the limited parking spaces in Bondi Junction, Council provide free parking in the Waverley Library car park and the Eastgate car park for Precinct Executives when attending Combined Precinct Meetings in Bondi Junction.  Proposed: Grant B  Second: Alma D  For: 7  Against 1  Carried</p> <p><i>*Later in the meeting, GM indicated it would be possible to make this work with an additional hour of free parking at Waverley Library for the Precinct Executives attending a Combined Precincts Meeting. CLC to advise CPM attendees of the process for the next Combined Precincts Meeting.</i></p>

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	<p><b>Motion 2:</b> I move that Council develop a policy aimed at ensuring that upon completion, Capital Works Projects, where the project has gone 20% over the expected budget or timeline, be reviewed to determine the effectiveness of the process and have the results be public.</p> <p>The Diamond Bay walkway is a perfect example of such a project.</p> <p>Proposed: Gabe P Second: Luke S For: 15 Carried</p> <p><b>Motion 3:</b> I move that this meeting recommends to Council that it bring back the Capital Works Project Review Committee that was abandoned in 2017.</p> <p>Proposed: Gabe P Second: Lynne C For: 8 Carried</p> <p><b>Motion 4:</b> I move that we in order to avoid long delays in residents accessing minutes of meetings, the Combined Precincts move that the minutes of Precinct meetings appear on Council website as soon as they are approved by the Convenor and Council- stating that they are yet to be ratified.</p> <p>Proposed: Gabe P Second: Luke S For: 14 Carried</p> <p><b>Motion 5:</b> I move that Council develop an explicit policy addressing all communication related issues involving Precincts aimed at enhancing communication channels with its constituents addressing issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Precinct receiving response reports well before (at least a month) the next Precinct meeting</li> <li>b) Council having a charter that instructs all employees to respond to queries from constituents within 7-10 days.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed: Gabe P Second: Grant B For: 8 Carried</p> <p><b>Motion 6:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) I move that Waverley Combined Precincts request Waverley Council embark on an extensive communication strategy to inform residents of the NSW Housing Reforms and the serious implications of these reforms for Bondi/Waverley.</li> <li>b) Combined Precincts request that Council commit appropriate funds and resources to fund this strategy.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed: Lynne C</p>

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	<p>Second: Susan H For: 15 Carried</p> <p><b>Motion 7:</b> Charing Cross Precinct passed a motion to be brought to the Combined Precincts Meeting. Motion is as follows:</p> <p>I move that Waverley Council does not adopt the amendment to Cl4.4A to the WLP (Planning Proposal Amendment to Clause 4.4A PP-1/2024/A -) without further analysing the potential impacts to the Waverley area - in particular to the historic parts of Waverley, where density is already at its greatest.</p> <p>Proposer: Mia V Second: Luke S For: 3 Carried</p>
6.	<p><b>Subcommittees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In September 2024, the PRC agreed that the Subcommittee Structure for Engagement and Planning and Development continue.</li> <li>• EOI for Chairs of these committees was opened to the meeting. Following nominations and discussions, the following appointments were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning and Development</b> - Luke S</li> <li>• <b>Engagement</b> – Di M</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> CLC to work with the new Chairs ahead of the next Combined Precincts Meeting.</p>
7.	<p><b>Precinct Operational Matters</b></p> <p><b>Meeting dates for 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLC advised the group that she is finalising the Precinct meeting dates for 2025 and will be in touch.</li> <li>• <b>Precinct Review Committee Update / PRC Position Vacant</b> Key updates from the PRC Meeting include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRC met in late September 2025</li> <li>• PRC finalised the October Meeting Agenda and outlined timings they felt were appropriate for speakers / Q&amp;A.</li> <li>• PRC moved a motion recommending that the Combined Precincts Minutes go on Council’s website.</li> <li>• PRC agreed anyone wishing to raise something in General Business, needs to do so as a Motion, and the Motion should be sent to the CLC / Chair 3 days before the meeting.</li> <li>• PRC agreed the Subcommittee Structure should continue for Engagement and Planning and Development.</li> <li>• CLC called for nominations for an Executive to join the PRC to fill the vacancy. Gabe Pallo (Vaucluse / Diamond Bay Precinct) was nominated and appointed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Action:</b> CLC to send out PRC minutes to the CPM. The minutes will be ratified at the next Combined Precincts Meeting.</p>
9.	<p><b>Close of meeting</b> The next Combined Precinct Meeting will be chaired by Gabe P. <b>Date:</b> Thursday 5 December 2024</p>

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10.	Meeting closed 7.35 pm

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