

DRAFT DOVER HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING, October 15, 2024
To be endorsed at the next Dover Heights Precinct Meeting.

Meeting started at 7:11 PM

Acknowledgement of new and re-elected Councillors.

Special acknowledgement of retiring Councillor Sally Betts by Cr. Dov Frazer. Her 29 years of service to the Municipality of Waverley including 8 years as Mayor is unprecedented. Presentation of flowers to her.

Election of Office Bearers

Position of CONVENOR

Sole Nominee: Costa Phitidis
Moved – Sandra B

Second – Clifford S
Costa Phitidis declared new Convenor

Position of SECRETARY

Sole Nominee: Robert Harvey
Moved – Sandra B

Second – Leora T
Robert Harvey declared new Secretary

Position of DA REPRESENTATIVE

Sole Nominee: Jodie Gottlieb (not present)
Moved – Sandra B

Second – Leora T
Jodie Gottlieb declared new DA Secretary

Cr. Steven Lewis thanked Cr. Dov Frazer on behalf of the precinct for his many years of service to the community as Precinct Convenor.

(7.17 pm)

Newly elected Convenor Costa Phitidis took the chair.

Welcome to Mayor William Nemesh and Hunter Ward Councillors Dov Frazer and Steven Lewis.

No apologies

Motion 1 - MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Do all agree the minutes are a fair and accurate representation of the meeting:

Moved – Marcus P
Second - Robert H
ACCEPTED

Sydney Water

Bala and Maya from Sydney Water joined the meeting by Zoom to update those present.

Bala went through the background to the local project which commenced in 2018 as the Refresh Vaucluse Program to divert the cliff outfalls of raw sewage to be treated by the intended network and to be released via pipes 3 km of the coast of Bondi.

The Parsley Bay Pump Station contract was awarded in May 2024. The other components of the new upgrade are to be completed by the end of 2026.

Eastern Reserve Pumping Station. Currently the raw sewage is released at the unstable cliff (Picture of design after community consultation shown) Sydney Water will require EPA approval to further minimise the footprint of the design.

Timeline Getting tenders, awarding the project in mid-November 2024

Followed by the next stage of the design with further community consultation in the third quarter of 2025. Then moving to the construction phase in late 2025 with completion in 2027.

Marcus Philips raised concerns over the need for the project, the expense, the lack of information and the instability of the construction area due to subterranean caverns and vibration.

Bala replied that the State Government had mandated Sydney Water to modernise its processes and treat all sewage.

There was further discussion on resident inputs in the updated design, the necessity for dilapidation reports and the installation of vibration sensors. There were concerns about excavation due to the close proximity of underground caverns.

Bala confirmed that vibration sensors would be placed in the zone of influence. That the maximum excavation depth would be approximately 10 m and no closer than 5-6 m laterally to any cavern. There would be mitigation measures should the construction vibration be excessive.

The Convenor thanked Bala and Maya for their participation and invited them to the next meeting.

(7.50 pm)

Cr. Frazer updated the meeting on the Coastal Reserve Plan of Management. Stating that it covers all reserves not just those in or adjacent to Hunter Ward. Only the initial consultation (step 1 of 6) has been completed. The newly elected Council would now prioritise it. Council officers will be asked to expedite it.

Cr. Frazer then updated the meeting on the Diamond Bay Coastal Walk. Generally, the quality of construction materials was good, even though the highest quality of stainless steel was not used. There is a legacy concern that construction refuse be removed and that dead trees on the viewing side also be removed.

In addition, that the ugly stormwater column (constructed without community consultation) at the lower end of George St. be clad to minimise its impact.

Mayor Nemesh updated the meeting that at the bottom of Kimberley St. a developer is gifting some land to Council to aid in biodiversity. This land is zoned open space.

In addition, Council's Tree Policy is to be re-examined. Particularly with regard to the protection of existing views and the planting of incorrect species of tree that then grow to block views. Council's current position is that trees may never be removed and that the new Council will consider amending this policy

(8.13 pm)

The Convenor briefly canvassed the motions of the previous meeting and Council's responses.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Leanne Kof North Bondi. Although a visitor, she was allowed to address the meeting and outlined a long-standing issue she was having with Council.
2. The Convenor outlined his concerns regarding the renaming of Cadigal Place to Gadigal Place which was approved by Council.

Motion 2 – THE RENAMING OF CADIGAL PLACE

That Council take out a rescission motion against their motion moved to change the name of Cadigal Place to Gadigal Place and be requested to withdraw its application with the Geographic Naming Board if the application has already been made.

Moved – Marcus P
Second – Phillip G
ACCEPTED

Motion 3 – REMOVAL OF PAMPAS GRASS

That the Waverly Council remove the pampas grass and trim the trees at the zebra crossing just before Blair and Mitchell Streets, as they pose a danger to pedestrians. Drivers traveling south are unable to see pedestrians until they suddenly appear, as they are obscured by the grass and trees.

Moved – Steven S
Second – Susan W
ACCEPTED

3. The Convenor raised the issue of the incorrectly engineered speed hump at the intersection of Military Rd. and Blake St. Mayor Nemesh stated that he has spoken the Council's Director of Operations and that it will be dealt with before the end of the year.

4. Clifford Sossen identified the following issues with Chaleyer St.

- Its narrowness and increased traffic volumes due to the nearby school.
- It's the only access to Hardy St. for about 1 km
- School parents use the eastern end of the street for delivery and pickup of student.

Possible solutions: Parking bays and rounded kerbs to assist parking over the curbs were canvassed.

5. Steven Shein requested that the widening of Military Rd. be considered. Cr. Lewis outlined that investigations in 2021 led to the widening of 3 pinch points. That Council is waiting for a report on the next areas to widen.

Motion 4 – MILITARY ROAD CENTRELINER MARKING

That centreline marking be extended for the entire length of Military Rd.

Moved – Marcus P
Second – Clifford S
ACCEPTED

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.02 pm.