

COMBINED PRECINCTS MEETING MINUTES

7 December 2023

6 – 8.30pm

Waverley Council Chambers

Chair: Simon Swifte (Queens Park Precinct)

Councillors in attendance: Cr Ludovico Fabiano

Councillor apologies: Mayor Cr Paula Masselos Cr Sally Betts, Cr Leon Golstman, Cr Tony Kay, Cr Keenan, Cr Burrill

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 & Operations), Ben Thompson (Director of Community, Culture and Customer Service), Sam McGuinness (Executive Manager, Environmental Sustainability)

Precinct Executives in attendance:

Peter Quartly (North Bondi), Lynda Hall (Bondi Heights), John Batts (Bronte Beach), Alex Ellis (Bronte), Peter Cohen (Queens Park), Robyn Fabiano (South Bondi / Tamarama), Alma Douglas (Bronte), Grant Beard (Bronte), Paul Paech (Bondi Beach), Luke Stewart (North Bondi), Juju Kalek (North Bondi), Brigitte Cusack (Charing Cross), James Forsyth (Charing Cross), Ilana Cohen (Mill Hill/ Bondi Junction), Stephen Cohen (Mill Hill/ Bondi Junction), Margaret Merten (Bondi Beach), Rox de Luca (North Bondi), Karin Brennan (South Bondi / Tamarama), Lenore Kulakauskas (Bondi Beach), Greg Vaughn (Bronte Beach), Robert Harvey (Dover Heights), Jennifer Arnold (Bondi Beach), Danny Carretti (Charing Cross), David Burgess (Bondi), Lynne Cossar (Bondi), James Gamvrogiannis (Vaucluse / Diamond Bay), Bill Stavrinou (North Bondi), Paul Paech (Bondi Beach)

Precinct Executives apologies: Julie McAlpin (Charing Cross), Dov Frazer (Dover Heights), Gabe Pallo (Vaucluse/ Diamond Bay), Roma Gillam (Queens Park Precinct), Georgia Koutsandrea (Mill Hill / Bondi Junction), Suellen Bassetti (Vaucluse / Diamond Bay), Phillip Suriano (South Bondi / Tamarama)

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1.	<p>Welcome and introductions by Simon Swifte (Queens Park)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting commenced at 6pm with the Chairperson’s Acknowledgement of Country.• Chair then welcomed Councillors in attendance and Council Staff and reminded present attendees that only 2 people per precinct have voting rights.• Meeting expectations were explained to the group.
2.	<p>Update from General Manager, Emily Scott</p> <p>24/7 Ranger number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available 5pm – 10pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 10pm on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays• Contact details available on Council’s website. http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/top_link_pages/contact_us <p>New Your Call Bulk Waste Online Booking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council has launched our new online service for “Your Call” bulk waste bookings.• This service is now available 24/7 on Council’s website and replaces the need to call Council to make a booking.• It reduces internal manual administration and streamlines the booking process.• Residents booking a collection receive email confirmation of their booking and the ability to also amend or cancel their booking if required.• Online Parking Permits coming soon, where you’ll be able to order and renew your permit

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	<p data-bbox="316 120 991 147">without having to come to the Customer Service Centre.</p> <p data-bbox="220 192 743 219">Regional Recycling Sustainability Solutions</p> <p data-bbox="220 226 1361 324">Council is working with SSROC on a joint, regional procurement project for recycling processing services. The tender is due to be released later this financial year and will deliver the following outcomes:</p> <ul data-bbox="268 338 1453 622" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="268 338 1334 365">• Achieve cost effective recyclables processing services through regional procurement, <li data-bbox="268 371 1294 398">• Secure long-term processing capacity and price stability for participating councils, <li data-bbox="268 405 1453 432">• Contribute to Council diversion and recycling targets through best practice recycling processes, <li data-bbox="268 439 1361 510">• Support and advocate for the growth of local recyclables processing capacity within the southern Sydney region, <li data-bbox="268 517 1374 589">• Develop and maintain a strong partnership with processors that support supply tonnage flexibility and data transparency, <li data-bbox="268 595 1409 622">• Encourage innovation of additional downstream processing capacity for recycled materials. <p data-bbox="220 667 847 694">Council joins effort to protect Bondi Bowling Club –</p> <ul data-bbox="268 701 1390 875" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="268 701 1350 772">• Waverley Council is working to secure the future of Bondi Bowling Club after the state government announced it was increasing the club’s rent by 420%. <li data-bbox="268 779 1390 851">• Costs are set to ramp up in January, with the full amount scheduled to come into effect in January 2025. <li data-bbox="268 857 1142 884">• At the 17 October Council meeting, Council unanimously resolved to: <p data-bbox="220 891 376 918"><i>That Council:</i></p> <ol data-bbox="220 925 1453 1193" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="220 925 1453 1046">1. Notes that the Mayor has written to the Minister for Lands and Property, the Hon Stephen Kamper MP, requesting reconsideration of the over 400% increase in rent being imposed on the Bondi Bowling Club by the Minns Government without consultation with the club or community, and seeking a meeting. <li data-bbox="220 1052 1401 1193">2. Investigates options for Council to offer to take over the management of this parcel of Crown land from the State Government, after consultation with the Bondi Bowling Club and works with the club to see if Council could assist it raising funds by Council leasing the club premises for events, with a report to be prepared to Council*. <p data-bbox="220 1238 368 1265">Good news:</p> <p data-bbox="220 1272 448 1299">Light Up Waverley</p> <ul data-bbox="268 1305 1453 1518" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="268 1305 1437 1377">• This initiative encourages residents to adorn their properties, fostering a sense of community and spreading festive cheer. <li data-bbox="268 1384 1453 1456">• Special recognition is given to residents like those in Avoca Street, whose annual displays bring joy to the community. <li data-bbox="268 1462 1326 1518">• With diverse categories, including residents, local businesses, and sustainability, the competition is a platform for community expression. <p data-bbox="220 1563 608 1590">Nib Award Winners Announced</p> <ul data-bbox="268 1597 1453 1843" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="268 1597 1390 1668">• Congratulations to this year’s brilliant winner, Alison Bashford, for her work, "An Intimate History of Evolution" (Allen Lane). <li data-bbox="268 1675 1453 1747">• Congratulations to Fiona McMillan-Webster, the recipient of the People’s Choice Prize (\$4,000) for her captivating work, "The Age of Seeds." <li data-bbox="268 1753 1437 1843">• Gratitude is extended to the generous patronage of Principal Sponsors Mark & Evette Moran, enabling Waverley Council to elevate the award to a significant \$40,000, doubling last year's prize. <p data-bbox="220 1888 448 1915">What’s coming up:</p> <p data-bbox="220 1921 1082 1948">Carols by the Sea – 13 December 2023 in the Dolphin Court, Bondi Park</p> <p data-bbox="220 1955 823 1982">NYE at Dudley Page Reserve – 31 December 2023</p> <p data-bbox="220 2027 600 2054">Remembering Martin Lipschitz</p>

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	General Manager read a lovely poem to acknowledge Martin.
3.	<p data-bbox="220 174 1145 208">Update on Major Projects –Director of Assets & Operations, Sharon Cassidy</p> <p data-bbox="220 248 651 282">Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade</p> <ul data-bbox="268 282 1461 633" style="list-style-type: none"> • REF exhibition closed • Review of enviro factors complete • Meet the Mayor on site occurred this month • Early works electrical tender to start early 2024 • Expected streetscape upgrade to start mid 2024 • Works expected to take approximately 12 – 18months • DC (Charing Cross) asked if the Charing Cross Precinct can be involved in selecting furniture during the CC Streetscape Project. • Action: Director of A+O will get back to Charing Cross Precinct on their involvement in selecting furniture etc. and when they can expect this stage to occur. <p data-bbox="220 674 368 707">Bronte SLSC</p> <ul data-bbox="268 707 1430 887" style="list-style-type: none"> • Council currently in final stages of responding to information requests from various planning authorities. • DA determination expected Feb 2024 • Early works package Feb 2024 • Main building works to commence late April / May2024 <p data-bbox="220 927 432 960">Clifftop Walkway</p> <ul data-bbox="268 960 1461 1525" style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has changed recently as the viewing platform is not suitable. • When the initial DA plans went out, the viewing platform was 1.5m above ground level. • As staff worked through the design, it ended up being 2m up. • Nearby residents raised concerns. • A Report will go to Council next Tuesday night – at the December Council Meeting outlining the new approach. We are now looking at a walkway, with no lookout, lowered down to reduce impact. • As such, Stage 1 will be extended till new year to accommodate changes to lookout area • Stage 2 to commence March 2024 • Director of A+O responded to DF (Dover Heights) email request to have photo renders images. • Action: Director of A+O will investigate another way to represent the images of Clifftop Walkway Stage 2 as photo renders are not within budget. • AD (Bronte) commented that the rework on the Clifftop Walkway is costing Council a lot of money (half a mill). • Director of A+O agreed and advised that Council is trying to use the structure that is already built but remove the lookout to minimise costs. <p data-bbox="220 1565 544 1599">Waverley Park Playground</p> <ul data-bbox="268 1599 1238 1704" style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft launch on Saturday 9 December. • Infamous Rocket refurbished. • Delays in getting slide on Sydney Water Reservoir. Will come at a later stage. <p data-bbox="220 1744 520 1778">Curlewis Street Upgrade</p> <ul data-bbox="268 1778 1050 1883" style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to begin March 2024 • Stage 1 will begin from Campbell Parade to Glenayr • Works include a new cycleway connection to Old South Head <p data-bbox="220 1924 472 1957">Tamarama Surf Club</p> <ul data-bbox="268 1957 1398 2063" style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Contractor went into administration and liquidation so we have a new contractor. • A lot of reworks had to be done. • New budget approved by Council last month.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining construction works to be completed mid 2024 <p>Additional questions/ comments What’s happening with Council Chambers? Council will make a decision regarding the Chambers Project at the December 2023 Council Meeting. As there are budget constraints, the project may change scope.</p>
4.	<p>Presentation from Sam McGuinness, Manager of Sustainability Net Zero by 2035 – Opportunities to Reduce Community Emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human influence has warmed the climate at a rate that is unprecedented in at least the last 2000 years • Due to this, sea level will rise and continue to rise. • Net zero refers to a way of living where the carbon emissions going into the atmosphere from human activities are balanced by the removal of carbon emissions from the atmosphere. • Council has a net zero target by 2035. • Council’s Environmental Action Plan is available on our website. • Solar Powered – Council has a number of solar powered buildings across the LGA and are supporting residents to go Solar. • Low emission transport – public transport is going electric. Trains and some busses. • By 2035, busses will be fully electric. • EV Vehicles • Update DCP to include indoor air quality provisions. • Policy objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To improve indoor air quality of homes and human health ○ To lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with fossil fuels ○ To transition homes from gas to all electric homes powered by renewable energy. Cooking with natural gas is associated with asthma in children and the elderly. Electrifying our homes reduces indoor Air Pollutants and makes our homes safer and cleaner. <p>Questions</p> <p>EV Charging Stations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DS (Rose Bay) stated that no residents had been spoken to regarding proposed locations in Rose Bay. • SM (Manager of Sustainability) stated that Liverpool Street in Rose Bay said they want EV stations via Council’s Community Consultation. • DS doesn’t think there are enough EV vehicles to warrant a charging port. • Action: SM to share the feedback we received with Rose Bay Precinct. • DC (Charing Cross) noted that Detached dwellings should have EV charges in their garage. • SM noted that with new developments, new DCP ensures EV charges are installed. • Forecasted more EV cars to be purchased in the future. Current purchases are doubling every year. <p>Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LK (Bondi Beach) requests a similar policy to Woollahra. • Developments in place. 3 trees planted for every one removed. • SM noted that a Greening and Cooling Strategy was endorsed by Council recently. • Action: Director of A+O to advise what the plan is for 58 Campbell Pde where the 2 large trees were removed. <p>Communal Battery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG (Vaucluse / Diamond Bay) asked if Council considered communal batteries for people who want solar. Council is working with Ausgrid – Frances St, Thomas Hogan Reserve. • Council expect it to be installed by June next year.

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5.	<p>Council's Floodplain Management Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has established a Floodplain Management Committee. • The objective of the Committee is to assist Council in the development and implementation of floodplain management studies and plans. • Council requested attendees to nominate 2 Combined Precinct representatives to be part of the committee, for a term of up to two years between 2023 to 2025 (exact dates will be confirmed at a later stage), preferably from different Precinct areas and that have an understanding or interest in the project as a whole or in relation to any/ some of the hotspot areas. • Nominations were called for and following a brief discussion, the Combined Precincts Reps are Lynne Cossar (Bondi Precinct) and Peter Quartly (North Bondi Precinct). • Find out more at https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/floodplain-management-committee-eoi
6	<p>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of previous minutes (7 September 2023) Moved: GV (Bronte Beach) Seconded: PC (Queen Park) Carried unanimously. <p>Response Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of September Response Report <p>Cash at Customer Service Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD (Bronte) + PQ (North Bondi) I believe cash is legal tender and believes it is unacceptable for Council to not accept it. • The GM reiterated the advice from Council's September Response Report and noted that Council's Customer Service Centre does accept cash for rates and for all transactions at the Bondi Junction Customer Service Centre. • Council no longer has cash floats so ratepayers are advised that the whole amount will go towards their rates balance. We also take cheques and EFTPOS which has no surcharge. The Bondi Pavilion Welcome Centre however does not take cash or cheques, but they do accept EFTPOS cards which do not have a surcharge. Please note, Council has opted to impose a 0.8% surcharge on all credit card transactions across all Council services. <p>Bus Shelters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group commented on the following: • Green roof makes no difference to cooling. • Width of bus shelters are not as wide. • New shelters do not provide shelter from rain. • Felt feedback wasn't considered. • Director of A+O noted that the new shelters were created that way to be accessible for wheelchairs. • Action: Director of A+O to share feedback on shelters with the group. • Action: Director of A+O to advise the exact location of Birrell Street Bus Shelter and tell LH (Bondi Heights).
7.	<p>General Business</p> <p>Motion 1: The Combined Precincts believe that councillors should be able to express differing opinions without fear of retribution.</p> <p>Moved: AD (Bronte)</p>

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	<p>Seconded: LK (Bondi Beach)</p> <p>FOR: 11 AGAINST: 7 Carried.</p> <p>Motion 2: The Combined Precincts request a written explanation as to why Councillors Wy Kanak and Fabiano were removed from their various positions, including that of Deputy Mayor. We are of the opinion that such removals are unjustified when they relate to a difference of opinion.</p> <p>Moved: LK (Bondi Beach) Seconded: PC (Queens Park)</p> <p>FOR:10 AGAINST: 7 Carried.</p> <p>Motion 3: The Combined Precincts support the long running internationally recognised short film festival Flickerfest being held in the northern courtyard of the Pavilion with support for the necessary stage and seating. It is noted this new arrangement is due to the demolition of the amphitheatre in the Pavilion upgrade. It would be very difficult for Flickerfest to be denied the use of the northern courtyard at this late stage.</p> <p>Moved: LK (Bondi Beach) Seconded: PQ (North Bondi)</p> <p>FOR: 14 AGAINST: - Carried.</p> <p>GM ES noted that it was a decision of Council and came down to the face they are a for profit business, so Council modified its funding support agreement.</p> <p>Motion 4: We ask Council as to why they failed in their fiduciary duty in not holding the meeting on Thursday 26 October 2023 in accordance with normal business procedures including controlling physical and verbal misbehaviour in the public gallery.</p> <p>Moved: PQ (North Bondi) Seconded: AD (Bronte)</p> <p>FOR: 13 AGAINST: 1</p> <p>GM ES agreed that it was a heated meeting. Council followed correct process and sought legal and Office of Local Government advice prior. Council is required to have open meetings. We had security on site and there were Police downstairs. As it was a vexed issue, the Police didn't want to come up and make it worse.</p> <p>Promotions Action: CLC to set up meeting with Charing Cross to discuss promotion opportunities. LK noted that we should promote the fact that Precincts are for residents which includes owners and</p>

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	renters.
8.	Close of meeting The next Combined Precinct Meeting will be chaired by Peter Cohen. Date: Thursday 7 March 2024.
9.	Meeting closed 8.30pm

Summary of Motions

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2	The Combined Precincts request a written explanation as to why Councillors Wy Kanak and Fabiano were removed from their various positions, including that of Deputy Mayor. We are of the opinion that such removals are unjustified when they relate to a difference of opinion.
3	The Combined Precincts support the long running internationally recognised short film festival Flickerfest being held in the northern courtyard of the Pavilion with support for the necessary stage and seating. It is noted this new arrangement is due to the demolition of the amphitheatre in the Pavilion upgrade. It would be very difficult for Flickerfest to be denied the use of the northern courtyard at this late stage.
4	The Combined Precincts ask Council as to why they failed in their fiduciary duty in large in not holding the meeting on Thursday 26 October 2023 in accordance with normal business procedures including controlling physical and verbal misbehaviour in the public gallery.

Summary of Actions

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1	Director of A+O will get back to Charing Cross Precinct on their involvement in selecting furniture etc. and when they can expect this stage to occur.
2	Director of A+O will look into another way to represent the images of Clifftop Walkway Stage 2 as photo renders are not within budget.
3	Director of A+O to advise what the plan is for 58 Campbell Pde where the 2 large trees were removed.
4	Manager of Sustainability, SM to share feedback from Community Consultation to Rose Bay Precinct which guided Council to select Liverpool Street as an option for an EV charging Station.
5	Director of A+O to advise the exact location of Birrell Street Bus Shelter and tell LH (Bondi Heights).
6	CLC to follow up Council's filming requirements of Council Meetings, and whether the Gallery should / is filmed. Background: AD noted that the online recording of the meeting did not show what was happening in the gallery – particularly when the Mayor and Emily spoke to the attendees. It said 'Closed session' and is concerned the whole meeting isn't properly recorded.

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