

COMBINED PRECINCTS' MEETING

3 March 2022

Via Zoom

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Minutes

Chair: Dov Frazer (Dover Heights Precinct)

Councillors in attendance: Mayor Clr Paula Masselos, Clr Dominic Wy Kanak, Clr Ludovico Fabiano, Clr Michelle Gray.

Council Officers in attendance: Emily Scott (General Manager), Richard Coelho (Executive Manager Governance & Risk), Mary Shiner (Community Liaison Co-ordinator).

Precinct Executives in attendance (with voting rights): Alma Douglas (Bronte); Simon Swifte (Queens Park), Peter Quartly (North Bondi), Grant Beard (Bronte), Dov Frazer (Dover Heights), Michelle Brenner (South Bondi Tamarama), Alex Ellis (Bronte), Juju Kalek (North Bondi); Danny Caretti (Charing Cross), Julie McAlpin (Charing Cross), John Batts (Bronte Beach), Lynda Hall (Bondi Heights), Bill Mouroukas (Bondi Heights), Margaret Merten (Bondi Beach), Peter Cohen (Queens Park), Paul Paech (Bondi Beach), Karin Brennan (South Bondi Tamarama), Greg Vaughan (Bronte Beach), Susan Hely (Bronte Beach), Virginia Milson (Bronte Beach), Marilyn Tanner (Bondi Beach).

Apologies: Clr Sally Betts, Clr Leon Goltsman, Lenore Kulakauskas (Bondi Beach) Gabe Pallo (Vaucluse Diamond Bay), Suellen Bassetti (Vaucluse Diamond Bay), Lawrence Yeung (Vaucluse Diamond Bay), Bruce Woolfe (Rose Bay), David Sanday (Rose Bay).

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1.	Welcome and introductions – Dov Frazer Meeting commenced at 6.00 pm with the Chairperson's Acknowledgement of Country. We acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past, present and future. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dov F then welcomed all present and attendees were introduced.• Apologies were read and noted. Nominated voters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dov F reconfirmed that for any Precinct with two or more representatives present, only two could vote. Alex E and Grant B were nominated as voters for Bronte Precinct.• Dov F was given permission by all attendees to record the meeting for the purposes of the minutes.• Councillors present were welcomed.	
2.	Confirmation of previous minutes (2 December 2021) The minutes were confirmed. Moved: John B Seconded: Simon S Carried	
3.	Emily Scott General Manager was welcomed to the meeting and in her introductory comments she noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All present were thanked for their feedback and input to the new Waverley Community Strategic Plan, 10 year plan and the one year operational plan.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council is also developing a new Customer Experience Strategy. • The Cliff Top Walk DA will be going to Council in March/April A brief Q&A session followed. John B provided some positive feedback on the work Council has done at the Bronte Cutting and Bronte Beach. The new railings are welcomed, so too is their additional height. The work completed on the new, higher ocean pool fence is also very welcome. 	
4.	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting minutes Mary S went through the Response Report to the Motions from the previous meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Precinct Operational matters Recommendations from the Precinct Review Committee (PRC)– Mary S provided a summary of the PRC meeting held in February 2022. The meeting discussed Precinct operational matters. The first issue addressed was resumption of face-to-face Precinct meetings with the following recommendation from the PRC submitted for consideration by the CPM.</p> <p>1. Resumption of face-to-face meetings and AGMs - Motion 1</p> <p>Background On 25 February 2022, all public health restrictions relating to masks, capacities and vaccination requirements (relevant to the Precinct meetings) were relaxed in the Public Health Order, therefore Precinct face-to-face meetings can recommence under the current Public Health Order.</p> <p>Some external venues may have their own COVID-Safe conditions of entry. Each Precinct that uses an external venue for their meetings will need to check with the respective venue.</p> <p>Council encourages Precinct meeting participants to follow all current NSW Health advice relating to social distancing and the rules and restrictions to stay COVID-safe. When organising Precinct meetings please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face Masks Masks are only required for certain high-risk settings, such as travel, hospitals and indoor music festivals. Masks are still encouraged for indoor settings where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others. • Vaccinations The NSW Public Health Order no longer requires mandatory vaccination evidence as a condition of entry to most venues. • COVID-19 Safe Check-in Mandatory COVID-19 Safe QR check-ins are no longer mandatory for entry into most venues. • Social distancing Physical or social distancing means reducing the close physical contact we have with people and staying 1.5m away from people we don't live with. People living in the same household do not need to be 1.5m from each other. <p>Motion 1 That the Combined Precincts' meeting (CPM) recommends that face to face Precinct meetings are resumed in line with the current Public Health Order and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An AGM will be held at the first face to face Precinct meeting and the term of the Executive Committee will run for 12 months from the date of the meeting. 2. Once an AGM is held face to face, respective Precincts can choose to either host their following scheduled meetings either online or in person. 	

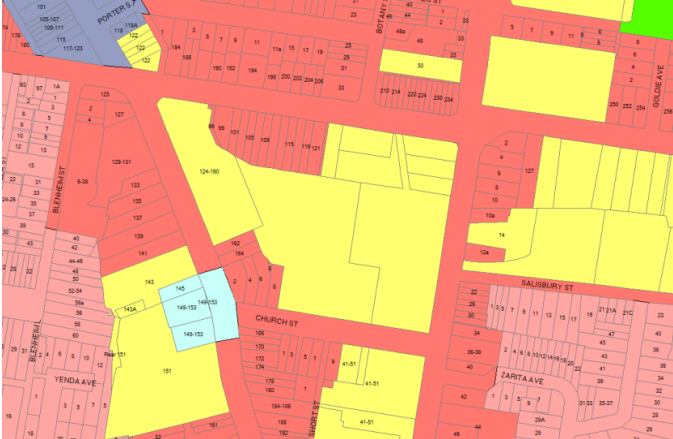
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	<p>3. Precincts who choose to do so, can trial the option of hosting hybrid meetings.</p> <p>4. All current NSW Health advice relating to social distancing and rules and restrictions to stay COVID-safe are adhered to, including any COVID-19 Safety Plan imposed by a respective venue where meetings are being held.</p> <p>Mover Bill M Seconder Margaret M Carried</p> <p>2. Establishing 4 new subcommittees of the CPM - Recommendation from the PRC</p> <p>This second item was discussed by the PRC and Margaret Merten introduced this recommendation from the PRC and spoke to the background, as provided below. Following discussion, the Motion was carried.</p> <p>Motion 2</p> <p><u>Prioritising the work of the Combined Precincts' meetings in 2022</u></p> <p>Background</p> <p>At the 2 December 2021 Combined Precincts' meeting we conducted a discussion on priority issue areas and each participant contributed to the discussion. There were several common themes emerging that can be grouped under the following headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning matters and overdevelopment • Major Projects • Community engagement (including achieving wider representation at Precincts) • Operational matters <p>Motion 2</p> <p>In order to focus and streamline the work of the CPM in 2022, the PRC recommends the establishment of 4 subcommittees of the CPM to focus on each of the above issue areas.</p> <p>Each Subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is to be coordinated by a volunteer Precinct representative from the CP group. • The four items will be standing agenda items at each CPM with updates on the work of the subcommittee provided at CPM. • The work of the subcommittees will include following up previous Motions of CPM on issues that fall within the subject matter of the respective subcommittee. • The subcommittees will also meet as needed and in between CPM to address issues that arise and to prepare recommendations for consideration by the CPM. • This subcommittee structure will be reviewed and evaluated 12 months following establishment. • Membership and coordinator roles to be agreed to at the March 2022 CPM. <p>Reference: Page 11 Precinct Policy... In addition to the PRC the Combined Precincts may decide to establish other specific subcommittees to act as advisory or reference groups'...</p>	

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	<p>As per Motion 2 which was endorsed by the CPM, the meeting then proceeded to agree on Subcommittee Coordinator roles with the following volunteers endorsed.</p> <p>Subcommittee members</p> <p>Planning - Margaret Merten (Coordinator) Committee members: Danny Caretti, Simon Swifte, Greg Vaughan, Paul Paech</p> <p>Major Projects -Dov Frazer (Coordinator)</p> <p>Community Engagement - Julie McAlpin (Coordinator)</p> <p>Operational Matters -Lynda Hall (Coordinator) Committee member: Peter Quartly</p>	
6.	<p>Setting Priorities for the work of the Combined Precincts' meetings in 2022</p> <p>Notes from the Priority setting exercise</p> <p>Mary Shiner advised the meeting that the notes from the priority setting exercise conducted at the CPM in December 2021, were included in the minutes. These will be used by the subcommittees to assist with the work the CPM prioritises for 2022.</p>	
7.	<p>General business</p> <p>1. Motions from the Bronte Beach Precinct re War Memorial</p> <p>Motion 3</p> <p>The Combined Precincts request Council to adjust the October 2021 changes to the permitted land use for the War Memorial SP2 area. The permitted use of 'Seniors Housing' should be changed to 'Residential Care Facility', a sub-term of Seniors Housing.</p> <p>Moved Julie M Seconded Margaret M Carried</p> <p>Background (Refer map below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the entire War Memorial Hospital site, bounded by Birrell St, Bronte Rd, Church St and Carrington Rd consists of a large part of SP2 Infrastructure zoning, and also R3 Medium Density Residential zoning predominantly along Birrell St (99-117) • the permitted land use for SP2 on the Standard Instrument LEP (ie mandated by the State Government) is the purpose shown on the Land Zoning Map, including any development that is ordinarily incidental or ancillary to development for that purpose. • the permitted use dictated by the State Government is therefore Health Services Facility for this particular SP2 • This is the only area in the Waverley LGA zoned as a Health Services Facility • in an amendment to the Waverley LEP dated 29 October 2021 under Schedule 1 Council has added three additional land uses for War Memorial SP2 : centre-based child care, community facilities and seniors housing • under the land use hierarchy seniors housing consists of two sub-terms: 'residential care facility' and 'seniors housing that is not a residential care facility'. This second part includes Independent Living Units. • Independent Living Units for seniors are indistinguishable from normal apartment developments. Seniors (ie over 60s), or younger people taking care of seniors, • can reside in this accommodation. Residence is unregulated. • Waverley has recently experienced significant development activity for Seniors Independent Living Units at the Waverley Bowling Club site in Birrell S (55 Units). Seniors housing that is not residential aged care is not scarce, and 	

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	<p>essentially fungible with any residential accommodation. However Residential Aged Care is in short supply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Seniors Housing that is not Residential Aged Care (ie Independent Living Units) is excluded from this SP2 area, it can still be developed in the R3 zoned area, as is intended by Uniting. • The War Memorial SP2 zoned area currently includes the Edina Aged Care Facility. Restricting new development in the SP2 zoned area via this motion will focus development on the renewal of that facility. There are also two blocks of Independent Living Units that would continue unaffected as they are existing developments.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul P - request to watch an episode of A Current Affair which covers the story of a new DA in Bondi Beach and the proposed removal of a Mediterranean Oak tree All agreed to the request and the brief film was played. Paul spoke to the content of the film and then the following Motion was discussed and carried. Motion 4 That given the deep concern across all Waverley Precincts about the destructive impact of many of the new developments, this meeting asks Councillors to seek input from Combined Precincts in relation to the formulation of the parameters for the selection of Council's new Planning Director. We also ask Council to review the level of resources allocated to, and the structure of the Planning Department. The current level of resourcing is not fit for purpose given the changes to the NSW Planning System since 2016 and the level of development in the East. Moved: Paul Paech Seconded: Margaret Merten Carried • Developers harassing elderly residents to sell Senior Constable Maria Flood, Aged Crime Prevention Officer / Gay and Lesbian Liaison (LGBTIQ) Officer Crime Prevention Unit, Eastern Suburbs PAC, wants to advise the Precincts that any cases of developers harassing elderly community members to sell their properties, can be referred to her. Discussion on this issue followed with some experiences shared. Clr Wy Kanak gave an example of a submission he received on this issue. He will direct it to Maria Flood. <p>In the context of this discussion, concerns over developers harassing objectors to DAs was raised. Several examples were cited, where objectors were contacted by developers and harassed for lodging objections. Participants queried how/why personal details of objectors were released by Council and expressed concern that this was happening? They suggested that the submission of objection should be released, not the personal details of the objector.</p>	

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	<p>Richard Coelho explained the following re open access of objectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submissions are classified as 'open access information' under the GIPA Regulation and must be made publicly available unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure. • Submissions are not published on Council's website. • In accordance with the Access to DA/Planning Information Procedures, DA submissions since 2019 are released in full (unredacted) by Customer Service on request. • Residents are advised that their submission may be provided to other members of the public. This notice occurs on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The notification letter. ○ Our website here. ○ The site notice. • Residents can object to their submission/personal information being disclosed. Governance assesses these requests. <p>A Precinct member suggested the process should include an option section on the form, where you can opt not to have personal information disclosed. It is agreed that the nature of the objection should be on the public record, but not the personal details for the objector. Richard noted this and undertook to follow this up with Customer Service. Cllr Wy Kanak also undertook to follow up this issue.</p>	
8.	<p>Next meeting will be chaired by Margaret Merten Date: Thursday 7 July 2022</p>	
9.	<p>Meeting closed 8.36pm</p>	