

Minutes of Bondi Heights Precinct Committee General Meeting

Monday 14th October 2024

The Community Room, Margaret Whitlam Recreation Centre, Waverley Park, Bondi Road.

COMMENCEMENT: Meeting started at 7:03pm

MEETING DIRECTIONS & Announcements –

- 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.

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

11 with 9 eligible to vote.

NOTED ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT:

Co-Convenor:

Bill Mouroukas

Co-Convenor/Secretary:

Lynda Hall

WAVERLEY WARD COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE:

Cr Fabiano

Cr Spicer

APOLOGIES:

Gwen Zeller & late apology from Cr Spooner.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE CHANGE FOR NEXT PRECINCT MEETING:

The December Bondi Heights Precinct meeting has been cancelled due to the closure of the chambers building. The next meeting will now take place at 7pm on Thursday 21st November 2024 at the Community Room - MWRC.

COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS AND INTRODUCING OUR WAVERLEY WARD COUNCILLORS:

The 2024 Waverley Council local election was held on Saturday 14 September and the results have now been declared by the NSW Election Commission.

<u>Bondi Ward</u> Michelle Stephenson (LIB)	<u>Hunter Ward</u> Will Nemesh MAYOR (LIB)
Dominic WY Kanak (GRN) Margaret Merten (ALP)	Dov Frazer (LIB) Steven Lewis (IND)

<u>Lawson Ward</u> Paula Masselos (ALP) Katherine Westwood (LIB) Lauren Townsend (LIB)	<u>Waverley Ward</u> Joshua Spicer (LIB) Ludovico Fabiano (GRN) Keri Spooner DEP MAYOR (ALP)
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MATTERS ARISING:

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting was tabled, and copies were available to meeting attendees.

MOTION [202410M1] ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS IN PERSON MEETING MINUTES – THAT, THE TABLED DOCUMENT BEING THE MINUTES OF THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING HELD ON 19th AUGUST 2024, IS ADOPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THAT MEETING.

Mover, Eva Varga. Secunder, Julia Lewthwaite.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

WAVERLEY COUNCIL REPORT:

The Council Report was read and tabled. The Response Report to the October 2024 Bondi Heights Precinct meeting is attached to this document.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE OLD WAVERLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS SITE:

The Waverley Council Chambers building is closed. The previously proposed renovation has been shelved during the concluding term of Council and determination on what will be taking place on this site will now be decided by the newly elected Councillors. A temporary Council Chambers has been established at the Boot Factory in Bondi Junction. While no further information is available regarding the old chambers site, precinct meeting attendees made the following suggestions. Note that these are personal opinions and are not recorded as a precinct view supported by vote:

- Some sort of theatre with a minimum of 800 seats.
- Make-A-Space, which is like a Men's Shed that's a place where children can learn to be creative.
- Childcare Centre.
- Indoor Pool.
- Aged Social Centre.
- Play Group.
- Council Chambers.
- Whatever goes there ensure accessible parking is provided.
- Whatever is build, ensure a parents room is included.

TRAFFIC:

The Waverley Traffic Committee met on the 22nd August and 26th September 2024 The Bon Accord Road closure was the main item of significance to the Bondi Heights Precinct however as this event has already taken place and the meeting minutes remain confidential at this time, there was nothing further to report.

BONDI ROAD AND WELLINGTON STREET CHANGES:

During discussion reference was made to TfNSW Leaflet, a copy is attached to these minutes.

The right turn bans at the Wellington St & Bondi Rd intersection have been completed with a new 'illegal to cross' double white line in the middle of Bondi Road. Reports are that many are breaking the law by turning right into and out of Wellington.

TfNSW might decide to install a central blister to physically prevent the illegal movements. There should be monitoring of the alternate traffic routes, such as Henderson & Moore streets, U-turns at the Avoca service station and increase in southbound traffic volumes at Ocean and Penkivil traffic lights.

An online petition has been established:

[https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/bondi-rd-wellington-st-traffic-signals?share=8cc06df4-6c46-49c7-bad0-84c90f4e75f9&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email%20\(https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/bondi-rd-wellington-st-traffic-signals?share=8cc06df4-6c46-49c7-bad0-84c90f4e75f9&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email\)](https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/bondi-rd-wellington-st-traffic-signals?share=8cc06df4-6c46-49c7-bad0-84c90f4e75f9&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email%20(https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/bondi-rd-wellington-st-traffic-signals?share=8cc06df4-6c46-49c7-bad0-84c90f4e75f9&source=email-share-button&utm_medium=&utm_source=email))

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS:

Lynda Hall reported there was no new issues of significance to report from notices that had been received up to the 14th of October 2024.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- An instance of offensive graffiti was reported to the precinct after also being reported to Council via the Snap Send Solve app. I requested Council's Community Liaison officer to follow up on this matter. It is required of Council to remove all offensive graffiti within 24 hours of it being reported, as per Council's Graffiti Management Policy (page 5, section 4.7). I understand the offensive graffiti has since been removed.
- Addition of benches in Waverley Park on Southern Birrell Street border of Park. This sunny location is ideal for residents, particularly the elderly, to sit, rest, read and enjoy viewing the Park whilst watching the passing parade. It will be a "rest and enjoy" space for all with the theme "the park is for all generations - young and old residents"

MOTION (2024 10M2) BENCH SEAT INSTALLATIONS WAVERLEY PARK – THAT THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT SUPPORTS THE INSTALLATION OF TWO OR MORE BENCH SEATS IN WAVERLEY PARK. LOCATED ON THE BIRRELL STREET SIDE, BETWEEN HENRIETTA AND LANGLEE STREETS, OPPOSITE THE AVERY RESTAURANT IN THE WAVERLEY GREENS. THE SEATS MUST BE LOCATED IN A SUNNY SPOT - NOT UNDER TREES. THIS ACTION IS APPROPRIATE AS IT IS THE VIEW OF BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT THAT THE PARK HAS BECOME EXERCISE CENTRIC AND LESS GENERATIONAL FOCUSED.

Mover, Lynda Hall. Seconder, Bill Mouroukas.
Decision; Carried unanimously.

- Dogs must be on leash by law, and it is council's responsibility to enforce this and ensure the safety of all residents in local parks and playgrounds. Residents should feel free to enjoy on leash parks and playgrounds without dogs running up to them.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202410R1] DOGS ON LEASH ENFORCEMENT – BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT REQUESTS WAVERLEY COUNCIL TO HAVE RANGERS ADEQUATELY PATROL LOCAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS FOR DOGS OFF LEASH. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE TALKING TO DOG OWNERS, ISSUING WARNING AND DISPENSING FINES WHEN REQUIRED. COUNCILS SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER INSTALLING MORE EFFECTIVE SIGNAGE AND PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON

RULES FOR DOG OWNERS THROUGH LOCAL VETS, MEDIA SUCH AS WENTWORTH COURIER AND WITH LOCAL ELECTED COUNCILLORS ALSO SPREADING THE WORD.

- Dog owners are grateful for the ability to walk dogs in areas of Waverley Park and to have the off-leash area. But in spring and early summer the areas that are not playing fields or the Memorial Garden, have infestations of bindi-eye. We note that there are times when Council has sprayed certain areas of the park for weeds, But the areas favoured by dogs appear to miss such spraying.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202410R2] BINDI-EYE CONTROL NEEDED AT WAVERLEY PARK – COULD COUNCIL PLEASE INSPECT AND IDENTIFY THE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE CURRENTLY LARGE PATCHES OF BINDI-EYE IN WAVERLEY PARK AND ENSURE THAT THESE AREAS ARE ON THE SCHEDULE FOR SPRAYING IN FUTURE YEARS.

- Concern is raised about the past refusal of Council to consider mirrors at the end of the laneways. The rejection was based on the idea that they would be vandalized. A poor outlook when you are considering public safety.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202410R3] LANEWAY CONVEX MIRRORS – COULD THE NEW COUNCIL PLEASE RECONSIDER INSTALLATION OF CONVEX MIRRORS IN LANEWAYS SITUATED IN THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT.

REQUEST TO COUNCIL [202410R4] NO BYCYCLE RIDING SIGNAGE – COULD COUNCIL PLEASE CONSIDER A ROLLOUT OF ‘NO BICYCLE RIDING’ SIGNS (FOOTPATHS) TO BE INSTALLED WHERE APPROPRIATE.

QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202410Q1] HOUSING PRESSURE IN WAVERLEY – WHAT IS COUNCIL DOING ABOUT THE STATE GOVERNMENT’S HOUSING POLICY WHICH WILL INFLICT ADDITIONAL PRESSURE IN OUR ALREADY DENSLY BUILT AREA.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Thursday 21st November 2024
- Monday 3rd February 2025
- Monday 7th April 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Monday 11th August 2025
- Monday 13th October 2025
- Monday 1st December 2025

MEETING CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Attachment One

Transport for NSW

Safety improvements at Bondi Road and Wellington Street intersection

Start of work notification

September 2024



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Bidjagal, Birrabiragal and Gadigal as the Traditional Custodians of these lands and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Transport for NSW is improving safety in Bondi as part of the Federal Road Safety Program.

We are changing access into and out of Wellington Street at Bondi Road and reducing the speed limit on Wellington Street.

This will improve safety for the thousands of people driving, walking and riding bikes through the intersection each day.

Following our notification in early September our work will:

- start on **Sunday 29 September**
- take around **two weeks** to complete, weather permitting
- **take place at night**, and during spring school holidays, to reduce impacts.

Improving intersection safety for everyone

We are making the following safety improvements:

- removing the right turn from Bondi Road into Wellington Street
- removing the right turn from Wellington Street into Bondi Road
- increasing the size of the existing pedestrian refuge on Wellington Street
- reducing the speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h on Wellington Street, between Bondi Road and O'Brien Street, at all times.

Approximate location of our work areas



Map for illustrative purposes only.

More information about the project, including potential alternative routes, is available on our website: transport.nsw.gov.au/bondiwelington



What work are we doing?

Our construction partner ConnectSydney will be delivering this work which includes:

- upgrading the existing pedestrian refuge on Wellington Street to make it wider for pedestrians to use and to support the right turn removal
- removing existing lane marking and installing 'left-turn only' arrows on the road in Wellington Street (southbound)
- removing the existing 'keep clear' road marking on Bondi Road and installing a double painted line along the centre of the road
- installing 'no right turn' signs and 'left turn only' signs on existing and new posts
- replacing some of the road surface in selected areas
- installing new speed signs for 40km/h on Wellington Street between Bondi Road and O'Brien Street.

When we'll be working

Our work needs to be carried out at night to limit disruption to traffic and reduce safety risks to our workers, pedestrians and motorists.

We will work for around **eight night shifts**, between **Sunday 29 September** and **Sunday 13 October 2024**, weather permitting.

Our work hours will be between **8pm and 5am** from **Sunday to Friday**.

We may work up to a maximum of five nights in any week.

We will not work on Saturdays or public holidays.

What will this mean for you?

Our work may be noisy at times, but we will do everything we can to minimise our impacts, including:

- completing noisier activities before midnight
- turning off equipment and vehicles when they are not in use
- using quieter equipment where possible.

So that we can carry out this night work safely, we will need to:

- temporarily close Wellington Street between Edward Street and Bondi Road – **access will be maintained for residents** within this area
- temporarily close some lanes on Bondi Road.

Traffic diversions will be in place and traffic controllers will be onsite to direct motorists. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signage on site.

If you have any questions about the work please contact ConnectSydney on **1800 735 563**.

How will I know the new changes are in effect?

These changes to traffic conditions on Wellington Street and Bondi Road will take effect **when the signs to reflect these changes are installed and visible**.

Motorists are advised to take note of new signage and follow changed traffic conditions.

Contact us

For enquiries about construction work contact ConnectSydney: **1800 735 563** (24/7)

For general project enquiries contact Transport: **1800 491 566** (business hours)

cbd-and-east@transport.nsw.gov.au

PO Box K659 Elizabeth Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

Visit the project webpage
transport.nsw.gov.au/bondiwelington

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Attachment Two

**WAVERLEY WARD
BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT**

0Waverley Council Response Report to requests from August Bondi Heights Precinct meeting				
Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
August 2024	MOTION [202408M2] COUNCIL NEWSLETTER PROMOTES EXPIRED EVENTS – THAT, THE BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT RECOMMENDS COUNCIL NEWSLETTERS ARE DELIVERED BEFORE THE PROMOTED ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE.	Can the Precinct please advise which Newsletter they are referring to? I will inform the Communications team of the error in regard to all printed and mailed communications.	Community, Culture and Customer Service	In progress
	QUESTION TO COUNCIL [202408Q1] UNLAWFUL RIDING ON PEDESTRIAN ONLY FOOTPATHS – WHAT IS COUNCIL GOING TO DO ABOUT UNLAWFUL RIDING ON FOOTPATHS?	Riding on the footpath is enforced by NSW Police under the Road Rules. Council has no jurisdiction on this matter. Some detail below on legislation and what is enforced by Police. Riding on a footpath Generally, bicycle riders must not ride on a footpath. However, children under the age of 16 years can ride on the footpath unless there is a NO BICYCLES sign. Bicycle riders aged 16 years and over must not ride on a footpath unless they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an adult supervising a child under the age of 16 accompanying a child under the age of 16 where all children are under the supervision of an adult a postal worker riding a bicycle in the course of their work duties a rider carrying a child under 10 as a passenger a rider with a medical condition who is carrying a medical certificate that states a medical practitioner believes the rider should be allowed to ride on the footpath 	Planning, Sustainability and Compliance	Complete

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a rider accompanying a rider with a medical condition. <p>Additional Information can be sourced under Road Rules 2014</p> <p>250 Riding on a footpath or shared path (1) The rider of a bicycle who is 16 years old or older must not ride on a footpath unless— (a) if the rider is an adult—the rider is accompanying a child under 16 years of age who is riding on the footpath and the child is under the rider’s supervision, or (b) if the rider is not an adult—the rider is accompanying a child under 16 years of age who is riding on the footpath under the supervision of an adult and the rider is also under the supervision of the adult, or (c) the rider is a postal worker who is riding the bicycle in the course of his or her duties as a postal worker, or (d) the rider is carrying a person who is under 10 years old as a passenger on the bicycle or in or on a bicycle trailer towed by the bicycle and the bicycle is not a pedicab. Maximum penalty—20 penalty units. Note 1— <i>Bicycle trailer</i> is defined in rule 257 and <i>footpath</i> and <i>postal worker</i> are defined in the Dictionary. Note 2— Subrule (1) is not uniform with the corresponding subrule in rule 250 of the <i>Australian Road Rules</i>. However, the corresponding subrule in the <i>Australian Road Rules</i> allows another law of this jurisdiction to prohibit a rider of a bicycle who is 12 years old or older from riding on a footpath. Different rules may apply in other Australian jurisdictions. Note 3—</p>		

0Waverley Council Response Report to requests from August Bondi Heights Precinct meeting

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
		<p>A rider of a bicycle who is under 16 years of age may ride on a footpath unless such a rider is prohibited from doing so under rule 250-1 or rule 252.</p> <p>(1A) A rider of a bicycle does not have to comply with subrule (1) if—</p> <p>(a) the rider is carrying a medical certificate that states a medical practitioner believes the rider should be allowed to ride on the footpath because of a medical condition the rider has, and</p> <p>(b) the rider is complying with any conditions stated in the medical certificate, and</p> <p>(c) no other law of this jurisdiction states that this subrule does not apply.</p> <p>Note— <i>Medical certificate</i> and <i>medical practitioner</i> are defined in the Dictionary and <i>medical condition</i> is defined in subrule (3).</p> <p>(1B) Also, a rider of a bicycle does not have to comply with subrule (1) if the rider is accompanying another person who is exempt under subrule (1A).</p> <p>(1C) However, the rider is exempt under subrule (1A) or (1B) only if the rider who is carrying the medical certificate immediately produces the medical certificate when an authorised person asks to see the certificate.</p> <p>Note— <i>Authorised person</i> and <i>medical certificate</i> are defined in the Dictionary.</p> <p>(1C-1) A rider is not exempt under subrule (1A) or (1B) if there is a bicycle path or shared path available near the footpath.</p> <p>Note 1— <i>Bicycle path</i> is defined in rule 239.</p> <p>Note 2— This subrule is an additional NSW subrule. There is no corresponding subrule in rule 250 of the Australian Road Rules.</p> <p>(2) The rider of a bicycle riding on a footpath or shared path must—</p>		

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		<p>(a) keep to the left of the footpath or shared path unless it is impracticable to do so, and</p> <p>(b) give way to any pedestrian on the footpath or shared path.</p> <p>Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.</p> <p>Note 1— <i>Pedestrian</i> is defined in rule 18, and <i>shared path</i> is defined in rule 242.</p> <p>Note 2— For subrule (2), <i>give way</i> means the rider must slow down and, if necessary, stop to avoid a collision—see the definition in the Dictionary.</p> <p>(3) In this rule— <i>adult</i> means an individual who is 18 years old or older.</p> <p>Note— There is no corresponding definition for this term for the purposes of rule 250 of the Australian Road Rules. The definition is required for the purposes of subrule (1)(a) and (b).</p> <p><i>footpath</i> does not include a separated footpath.</p> <p><i>medical condition</i> means a medical condition that makes it impractical or unsafe for a person who has the condition to ride a bicycle on the road.</p> <p>Note— There is no corresponding definition for this term for the purposes of rule 250 of the Australian Road Rules. The definition is required for the purposes of subrule (1A).</p> <p>Note— <i>Separated footpath</i> is defined in rule 239.</p> <p>245-1 NSW rule: riding a bicycle negligently, furiously or recklessly</p> <p>(1) The rider of a bicycle must not ride the bicycle—</p> <p>(a) negligently, or</p> <p>(b) furiously, or</p>		

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		(c) recklessly. Maximum penalty—20 penalty units. (2) An offence against subrule (1) is not a strict liability offence.		
	<p>MISC – <u>eMail received: Parking outside no 10 Ocean Street North, Bondi 2026.</u> The following is an excerpt from an eMail received on this matter and read at the meeting. <i>“As discussed with you over the months, one of the issues we highlighted were the boats and trailer that have not been moved in months. I am once again sending the pictures to you that were taken yesterday, of the same vehicles.</i></p> <p><i>Secondly, I know you sent the issue to another party interested in traffic flow, re the Martin/Ocean intersection where the cars have to accelerate up the hill and turn sharply into Ocean St North. This could result in a serious accident with the cars parking in the street, as they park or leave the space. I do hope the wardens/ the meeting will shed some light on the situation.”</i></p>	<p>Boat and Trailers - Rangers have inspected this street numerous times over the past few years. The vehicles are owned by local residents, the registration on these vehicles are still valid, and they are parked in unrestricted locations.</p> <p>Traffic Flow re: Martin / Ocean Intersection - This location has been identified as an area of concern as part of a recent Local Area Traffic Management Plan consultant study. Council have a few preliminary ideas and treatments for the intersection however more work is required. There is currently no funding for this. As such, it will need to be considered as part of our on-going Capital Works program and prioritised against other locations around the LGA. Council will also continue to explore existing and new grant opportunities.</p>		<p>Complete</p> <p>In progress</p>