

Precinct	Bays and Beaches
Date, meeting time and venue	17 April 2024, 7pm Coast Centre for Seniors, Curie Avenue, Little Bay
Chair	Opening: Peter Fagan
Secretary	Eric Ooms
Commenced	7:05pm
Attendance	15 residents, plus Councillors Danny Said, Noel D'Souza and Bill Burst, who joined later in the meeting.
Declaration of interests	None
Apologies	Carol Abela, Charles Abela, Adrienne Pearson
Previous minutes	Unanimously accepted. (Chris Hanson/Gail Tring)
Business Arising	<p>Upgrade of Public Toilets at La Perouse</p> <p>Bill Burst gave an interim report about replacing the La Perouse public toilets at the entrance to The Loop. Bill confirmed that this is a complex project owing to aboriginal heritage and geotechnical issues on land belonging to National Parks and a report is being prepared for Council to address these issues. This should be completed by July and Council will be able to update residents once the report's recommendations have been considered.</p>
Resolution 1 Dog Waste Stations	<p><i>Bays and Beaches Precinct requests Council to provide dog waste bag stations at the following locations at Chifley Reserve:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bunnerong Road car park, top of stairs leading up from the carpark.</i> <i>Outside children's playground</i> <i>Beside large RCC sign on path leading to Hastings Street</i> <p><i>We also request Council to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Investigate other sites in South Ward that need dog waste stations</i> <i>Conduct roving Ranger patrols to enforce the picking up of dog waste by owners and</i> <i>Encourage the picking up of dog waste by owners through Council publicity such as email newsletters and Council web site (Linda Christie and Gail Tring)</i>
Resolution 2 Adherence to Council's Customer Service Charter Requirements	<p>Susan Graham spoke to this topic. Council compliance with its own charter of service is variable. Often Council staff don't respond to customer calls within Council designated time limits and the response is patchy or inadequate. It was noted that Council responds more quickly to requests using the using the "Snap Send Solve" app.</p> <p><i>Bays and Beaches Precinct requests Council to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Review its Customer Service Charter and ensure that frontline staff and contractors are familiar with, and follow the Charter at all times.</i> <i>Clarify the definition of 'established standard times' in the Charter.</i> <i>Ensure that all resident reports are recorded in the Council's customer request system (CRM) and actioned within established standard times. (Susan Graham and Rod Jones).</i>

<p>Resolution 3 Tree Management Plan</p>	<p>The issue of regular tree maintenance/lopping not being carried out was raised.</p> <p><i>Bays and Beaches Precinct requests Council to consider developing a tree maintenance and management plan (Susan Graham and Rod Jones).</i></p>
<p>Resolution 4 Resolve the parking of RVs, trailers, vehicles and boats</p>	<p>Queries were raised re the uncontrolled parking of various types of RVs, trailers, vehicles and boats throughout the grassed centre of Anzac Parade between Jennifer St and Bunnerong Road and whether this could be regulated.</p> <p>Councillor Said spoke to the issue and encouraged the Precinct to request Council to evaluate more formalised parking solutions.</p> <p><i>Bays and Beaches Precinct therefore requests Council to provide the community with a concept plan for the introduction of designated areas and/or permit controlled parking for the Anzac Parade median strips at the following locations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Jennifer Street to Reservoir Street</i> 2. <i>Bilga Crescent to Solarch Avenue</i> 3. <i>Kain Avenue to Franklin Street</i> <p><i>(Peter Fagan/Chris Hanson)</i></p>
<p>Resolution 5 Support for new toilets at Little Bay</p>	<p>Councillor Bill Burst said there are plans afoot to have an outdoor gym and new toilets and amenities constructed near the children’s playground on Pine Avenue. This proposal is now included in the 2024/25 draft plan.</p> <p><i>Bays & Beaches Precinct supports Council’s initiative and requests Council to consult with the PHCA and local community on the location and design of such a facility to ensure that it aligns with the Prince Henry Master Plan. (Peter Fagan/Chris Hanson)</i></p>
<p>Resolution 6 Retirement of Bays & Beaches Secretary</p>	<p>Bays & Beaches Precinct thanks Eric Ooms for his work in 2020 to revive a precinct committee to serve La Perouse, Little Bay, Phillip Bay and Chifley and his contributions as Secretary for four years from 2021 to 2024. (Peter Fagan/Chris Hanson)</p>
<p>Other Issues</p>	<p>Recognition of Lynda Newman Bays and Beaches recognises Lynda Newman for her efforts in preserving the environment and the coastal area of Botany Bay and our area.</p> <p>Off-leash Dog Areas at PH Chris Hanson reported that residents feedback received during the PH Open Day was that McCartney oval is already being used as an informal off-leash dog walking area and perhaps it could be made a designated off-leash area. However, the meeting didn’t feel that this would be appropriate as once</p>

	<p>designated, dog numbers would increase significantly requiring the area to be fenced off which is not permitted by the PH Master Plan.</p> <p>It was confirmed that there are two nearby sites already designated as off-leash dog areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Woomera reserve - many people let run their dogs off-leash including on the golf course. 2. Bicentennial Park near Yarra Bay is another informal off-leash area, though dogs are not allowed on the beach. (Council is investigating extending this).
New Secretary	<p>Leela Hanson was appointed as the new Secretary for the Bays and Beaches Precinct (carried, unanimously)</p>
Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSW Ports have their annual community grants available for community groups. Visit their website for more information, applications close soon. 2. The Opal Paper Recycling Mill in Matraville is conducting tours of their facility. Please contact baysbeaches@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in a tour.
Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 19 June at the Prince Henry Centre. Doors open at 6.30pm for coffee and tea and the meeting starts at 7pm.</p>