

Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 2 August 2022



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The meeting opened at 7:35 pm.

Acting Chair: JD

Minutes: IB, JD

Attendance: 7 members

IB, JD, BD, AG, PK, VY, JB

1 Apologies

KA, SF, IG.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and confirmed.

4 Information and responses from NSC

Consultation with active Precinct Committees will occur in August 2022 regarding regular online meetings and (i) preferred software licences, (ii) frequencies and (iii) promotional requirements. The new arrangements are expected to begin after January 2023.

5 Existing business

5.1 Western Harbour Tunnel (esp. underground services work).

The procurements process for Stage 2 - from Birchgrove to the Warringah Freeway - is underway and a contract is expected to be awarded in late 2022.

The Precinct noted that significant disruption will be caused from Hazelbank Road to Balls Head Road as an electricity cable is laid to supply power to tunnel works at Berrys Bay.

The Precinct confirmed its concerns about the Western Harbour Tunnel and responded to the request by the Combined Precincts Committee to write to the local member - see item 6.3.

5.2 Bowling Club site and Merretts Playground upgrade

The Precinct noted that the Precinct Chair wrote to the Mayor and Acting General Manger on possible uses of the bowling club, depending on the outcome of the current native title claim, as requested at last month's meeting of the Precinct. The Land and Environment Court proceedings were on 11-13 July.

5.3 Precinct System Review (updates from NSC)

The Precinct noted that NSC plans to promote the precinct system after the completion of the review next year and agreed that actions would then be taken by the Precinct to encourage more residents to participate in its activities.

5.4 Dilapidated vessels and wharves

The Precinct commended the efforts of the Precinct Chair to have TfNSW consider the issue and requested that these efforts continue.

NSC will list the dilapidated vessels and wharves and request TfNSW to have them repaired or removed.

5.5 Invitation to Councillors to discuss the capital works budget

The Precinct confirmed the desirability of inviting Councillors to the meeting on 4 October, so that they would appreciate the Precinct's priorities prior to the NSC briefing on the capital works budget. It was noted that all ten Councillors represent parts of Waverton.

6 New Business

6.1 Transport for NSW 'Community Values Survey' results.

While confirming its opposition to the delayed hand-over of surplus land to the NSC as the appropriate land manager, and its opposition to TfNSW apparently assuming the role of land manager, the Precinct noted that - as advocated by residents for a very long time - the highest priorities were found by the survey to be 'cycling, walking, bush walking tracks, scenic amenity and passive recreation' and recognition of connection to country and maritime history, with low importance given to access by car or boat.

The Precinct requested the Chair to point out to NSC that the results of the survey strengthen the need for land surplus to the requirements of the tunnel works to be transferred urgently to the Council.

The Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholders Working Group met on 1 August to review the first set of drawings and will meet again on 5 September prior to the next Precinct meeting to consider the development principles for Berrys Bay.

6.2 Greater Sydney Parklands integration into TfNSW.

The Precinct expressed its strenuous opposition to the transfer of the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust to TfNSW, questioning why a transport agency should become a land management authority, and defending the roles of local councils in managing public lands and places. The Precinct will submit a motion for consideration at the LGNSW annual conference - see item 6.4 below.

6.3 Western Harbour Tunnel

The Precinct requested the Chair to write to Ms Wilson to ask for her support for a pause and review to improve the planning and design of the Western Harbour Tunnel and to defer its construction, in response to (i) the deferral of the Beaches Link, causing even more traffic to be forced into local streets and Berry Street, (ii) the unchanged serious degradation of North Sydney CBD from the current design, (iii) the significant changes in work and traffic patterns since the current plans were adopted in 2016 and (iv) the position of state finances after the costs of the pandemic, bushfires and floods.

6.4 LGNSW Annual Conference – call for motions.

NSC has invited Precinct Committees to submit motions for consideration at the LGNSW annual conference. The Precinct proposes the following motion.

THAT LGNSW expresses its concern at the emerging role of TfNSW as a manager of public lands and calls upon the NSW Government to:

- (i) Confirm the primary role of local governments as managers of public lands and places;

- (ii) Confirm the need for a specialised urban land manager, with strong local government representation, where regional parks and networks extend beyond the boundaries and resources of one local government area;
- (iii) Reconsider the appropriate ministerial portfolio for the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust.

6.5 DAs 71/2020 11 Balls Head Road

The Precinct noted the application for modification of the approved DA.

7 Other Business

The Precinct requested the Chair to urge NSC to write to the minister for heritage to strongly recommend that he correct the procedural flaw in the listing of the MLC Building and instruct the Heritage Council to add the building to the state register.

BD advised the meeting that the decision of the Land and Environment Court on the appeal by the proponents of the floating dry dock will be delivered at 9.30 am on Monday 8 August.

VY advised the meeting that a minute's silence and a commemorative ringing of bells to remember the bombing of Hiroshima was to be held at Peace Park on Whatmore Lane at 10 am Saturday, 6 August.

8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in September (the 6th) starting at 7:30 pm. The location will be in the Uniting Community Hall in Bay Road. All residents are welcome.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.