

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2023 - Euroka Precinct

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response.

To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
- **Closed for Council** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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Month	Item	Actions	Council's Reply	Status
May	2.1a	<p>DA 98/23 Mount Street, North Sydney - Installation and operation of a freestanding advertisement structure for the purposes of Council communication and third-party advertising at Mount Street, North Sydney. This falls on the edge of Euroka Precinct. Submissions open 21 April-19 May 2023. Discussion: Information was not easy to locate for this DA, one had to dig deep to access any details that were opaque and minimal. <i>Motion: Precinct requests Council to provide detailed information that easy for residents to access re the proposed advertising structure relating to size, location and the number of advertisements rotating on these structures.</i></p>	<p>Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that information on this DA is available through the normal DA process on Council's website. Please refer to link: https://apptracking.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Pages/XC.Track/SearchApplication.aspx?id=010.2023.00000123.001</p>	Closed for Council

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	4.3	Planning Proposal Fiveways 'Triangle' at Crows Nest: Pacific Highway/Falcon/ Alexander Sts - has resurfaced. Developer is seeking to construct on the site a 16-storey mixed-use development with 129 residential apartments, 247 basement carparks, a non-residential Gross Floor Area (GFA) of 8,002m2 and rooftop facilities. See appendix 2 for Images and more information. Comment: The meeting expressed its concern with such a high-rise development adjacent to a heritage area. It was worried it would change the character of Crows Nest Village.	Council's Senior Strategic Planner has advised that the Five Ways Planning Proposal is on public exhibition until 31 May 2023. Submissions must be made to the NSW Department of Planning & Environment. For more information visit https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/pp-five-ways-crows-nest	Closed for Council
April	2.2a	DA52/23, 1 Carr Street, Waverton - Proposed Front Fence and Hardstand Car Space. Closed 24 March 2023. Discussion: Safety concerns with proximity of proposed driveway to intersection/corner of Carr and Euroka Sts. Comment about proximity of proposed driveway to a mature tree. Stakeholder advised Council engineer has indicated location is acceptable at this point-in-time. <i>Request: Precinct trusts/requests Council engineers to ensure the driveway is safe for the location.</i>	Council's Development Engineer has advised the Assessment Officer that the location of the proposed driveway is safe, as it has good visibility towards the intersection of Euroka St and Carr St. Should the DA be approved, the visibility will also improve as it will require the current "No Stopping" to be relocated approximately 2m north along Euroka St. There will be no on-street parking between the proposed driveway and the intersection to the south. Further, the proposed driveway will provide one off-street parking space without removing any on-street parking spaces.	Closed for Council

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	3.2	<p>Matters of Urgency, 27 March 2023 Council Meeting - the following matters in relation to the State government were raised: Council welcomes the cancelling of the Beaches Link project; Council writes to the Treasurer (elect) asking that the business case for the Western Harbour Tunnel be immediately released; Council seek an urgent meeting with the Transport Minister (elect) and the Roads Minister (elect) to discuss the viability, impacts and alternatives to the Western Harbour Tunnel, including options for a Metro link to the Northern Beaches from Chatswood; Council also seeks to meet with relevant new ministers regarding the election commitments made in connection with the North Sydney LGA. <i>Motion: Precinct endorses the 'Matters of Urgency' raised at the 27 March 2023 meeting in relation to; releasing the Business case for the Western Harbour Tunnel, the viability, impacts and alternatives to the Western Harbour Tunnel, and Election commitments made to the North Sydney local government area.</i></p>	Noted by Council's Public Projects Interface Manager.	Closed for Council

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	4.1 a	<p>Waverton Bowling Green - Council resolved to write to the Premier (and Leader of the Opposition) the State Government to acquire the Waverton Bowling Green, properly compensate the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council, and transfer care and control to North Sydney Council. Discussion: Support the Mayor to investigate what is happening. Council does have the power to resume Crown land and land that is subject of a native title claim subject to the payment of compensation [Under the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.]. The claim could only be submitted by Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council (MALC) in the first instance due to a 'bungle' of Waverton Bowling Greens not actively being 'used' for a time, even though Council maintained it. The community would like the bowling green retained as open green space as there is great need for it in the local government area. Precinct does not want to see the land transferred and then just sold to a developer. This community has always had either Waverton Park and prior to that the former Berry Estate as open green space. Recognising the original owners of the land for the preceding 50,000 years in some way on the site moving forward would be a positive step. Discussions re greater recognition of the Cammeraygal people may come out of the Mayor's discussions with MALC. <i>Motion: Precinct supports Council's efforts to pursue transfer of care and control of Waverton Bowling Club to North Sydney Council.</i></p>	Noted by Council's Acting Director Open Space & Environmental Services.	Closed for Council

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	4.1b	<p>Pop-up activation of the Quarantine Depot cottages at Berrys Bay - Prepare a report on a pop-up activation of the Quarantine Depot cottages at Berrys Bay with a focus on arts and culture. They also resolved to prepare a strategy for the medium- and long-term community use of the Quarantine Depot site. <i>Motion: Precinct endorses Council implementing a pop-up activation at the Quarantine Depot cottages while a long-term arts and culture strategy for the site is drawn up and approved by Council.</i></p>	<p>Noted by Council's Acting Director Open Space & Environmental Services.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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	4.1c	<p>Sydney Heritage Fleet proposal for Berrys Bay - SHF is seeking to include its proposal for Sydney Maritime Museum in the Berrys Bay Masterplan detailed design. Council resolved at the March 13 meeting it no longer supports the Sydney Maritime Museum plans for Berrys Bay and Council will no longer work with the SHF on this. Council reiterated its support for the planned park as outlined in the Masterplan as soon as possible.</p> <p>Discussion: Council would like the Berrys Bay Masterplan implemented as soon as possible. SHF may still lobby for inclusion or a reduced presence. Original proposal is for a 26 or 15 berth marina depending on the source of information. SHF plans will see a high intensity use of what is a small bay that has been designated as low scale parkland. The Waverton Peninsula Working Group supports Council's position.</p> <p><i>Motion: Precinct strongly endorses Council's position to not support SHF being included in the Berrys Bay Masterplan and support for the planned park as outlined in the Masterplan as soon as possible.</i></p>	<p>Council's Acting Director Open Space & Environmental Services has advised that it is envisaged that Council will be handed the site by Transport for NSW but that is still uncertain. Basically, Council has no control over either of the above parties, but Council has put forward a position that is not backing the current plans of the Sydney Heritage Fleet.</p>	Closed for Council
	4.2a	<p>Precinct Area Boundary - Decision required re boundary adjustment; 100 Pacific Highway to be included in Euroka Precinct's footprint. GMc to lead discussion.</p> <p><i>Decision: Euroka Precinct agrees to the boundary update to include 100 Pacific Highway.</i></p>	<p>Council's GIS Mapping Officer has advised that the boundary of Euroka Precinct area has been changed to include the whole of 100 Pacific Highway, North Sydney. Updated maps will be issued in due course.</p>	Closed for Council

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	4.4	<p>Illegal parking - Council encourages residents to report illegal parking The form can be found on the council website from the 'Contact us' Tab Council's website. Discussion: Council does not act on reports from residents. The online form is onerous and when you get to the end the user is informed there is a roster for rangers. Once illegal parkers become aware of the roster they 'park around' the known times and days observed by residents. This discussion demonstrates a broader communication disconnect, or breakdown, between residents, Precinct members and Council's staff fielding calls and the user experience online with Council forms and requests. The 'promise' and the actual experience with Council 'touchpoints' are discrepant.</p>	<p>Council's Director City Strategy has advised that with regard to reported inaction, that the Council takes pride in providing exceptional customer service and responding to every report. As such, he extends an offer for a senior member of Council's Ranger & Parking Services team to attend the next Precinct meeting to take questions surrounding any concerns. To take up this offer please email precincts@nothsydney.nsw.gov.au</p>	Closed for Council
	4.6	<p>Guest Speaker opportunity - Decision: Should Euroka Precinct Committee take up the Council offer of a Planning advisor to speak at one of the upcoming meetings? Discussion: Precinct is interested however at a higher level, more than just 'how to submit a DA; Precinct would like to know more about what is being proposed strategically; For example, what State government is pushing for and the impact that could have.</p>	<p>Council's Planning & Development Advisor has advised that what the Precinct Committee suggests is outside of the remit of the Development Services Department and more for the Strategic Planning Department.</p> <p>At this time the Strategic Planning Department is not resourced to prepare such a presentation. The suggestion could be referred to the Combined Precincts Committee for consideration, to request such a presentation be made open to all Precinct Committees.</p>	Closed for Council

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	6.1	<p>Trailer parking on Woolcott St between Euroka St - and railway overpass. Recent count 6 trailers were occupying half of the space available for all day parking. The trailers appeared to be unattended, and rubbish is collecting on and around them. KR to provide information. Discussion: Trailers are being parked in this section of Woolcott St. by a business operator. There are no residences in this section of Woolcott St. The policy for parking in this part of section 9 is problematic as nobody is able to request a change. A solution would be for timed parking. <i>Motion: Precinct would like to limit the number of unattended trailers being left in the section of Woolcott Street -between Euroka and the rail overpass - to alleviate the shortage of parking for residents and requests Council to implement timed parking, 6 or 8 hours, in this location.</i></p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operation has noted comments with respect to ensuring adequate space provided for two vehicles to pass at Woolcott Street and Euroka Street. Item has been endorsed by Traffic Committee and is designed to accommodate two vehicles passing.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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	6.2	<p>Proposed traffic changes at Woolcott/Euroka Sts - Submission being prepared by MC for Euroka Precinct Discussion: Precinct will be submitting a response to the proposed pedestrian refuge and garden beds; Precinct would like Council engineers to ensure there is adequate room for two cars or one car and a bus to pass each other safely with the proposed traffic calming work; Precinct encourages individual submissions from residents and members.</p>	<p>Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that with respect to ensuring adequate space provided for two vehicles to pass at Woolcott Street and Euroka Street, that the related item has been endorsed by Traffic Committee and is designed to accommodate two vehicles passing.</p> <p>This matter was reported to the Traffic Committee meeting of 21 April 2023 (Item 5.06). The report recommended that the Traffic Committee endorses the following proposals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide a pedestrian refuge with on Woolcott Street just west of Euroka Street; b) Provide kerb build-outs on the northern and southern sides of Euroka Street west of Woolcott Street; and c) Provide a kerb build out on the western side of Euroka Street just south of Woolcott Street. <p>The minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting held 21 April 2023 will be reported to the Council meeting of 22 May 2023 (Item 9.01).</p> <p>UPDATE (25 May 2023) Council resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT the Minutes of the Traffic Committee dated 21 April 2023 be received.</i> 2. <i>THAT Council notes that the Young Street and Grosvenor Street roundabout and intersection will be subject to a separate design and consultation.</i> 	Closed for Council

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	6.5	<p>Woolcott Street Garden - Resident who lives at 2a Euroka street has recently approached council via reception for help re gardening collection of detritus at the Community Garden on Woolcott St and was advised, "it is not Council's responsibility". The meeting heard: Neighbouring residents contacted Council again on behalf of the resident; A group of residents who live around the Euroka/Woolcott Sts. intersection have agreed to create a roster for upkeep of the Community Garden to help the resident - Will require some assistance from Council re green collection.</p>	<p>Council's Streets Alive Coordinator has advised that this site is part of Streets Alive, and that Council is more than happy to collect green waste as long as co-ordinated with the Streets Alive Co-ordinator and volunteers. Future green waste collection arrangements will be made with MC (volunteer).</p>	Closed for Council
	6.8	<p>Council Rates - Request from meeting re likely changes in Council rates due to significant increases in land values. The Meeting Heard: the upper level increase (as a percentage) to Council rates is set by State Government each year and is not based on increase in unimproved capital value of property; in addition an extra increase was sought by North Sydney in application to IPART. Request: Can Council advise if the proposed rate increase for next year is known, and also the status of the application to IPART. (Request for information from Council re Council Rates plans/increases).</p>	<p>Council's Manager Financial Services had advised that rate peg for 2023/24 for the North Sydney LGA is 3.7% as advised by IPART. No special rate variation is proposed at this time.</p> <p>Council applied for and was granted a one-off Additional Special Variation for the year 2022/23. A 2.0% increase was granted instead of the original IPART determination of 0.9%.</p> <p>Council's annual <i>Revenue Policy</i> is appended to the Operational Plan and is available from Council's policy manual.</p>	Closed for Council

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March	1.2 a)	Standing Item: Status Noakes Fire Audit - No order has been put in place for five years. Last update in November 2022. Precinct will keep this as a standing item until the matter is resolved.	Council's Manager Environment & Building Compliance has advised that a Fire Safety upgrade order is in place with an expiry date of 27 July 2023. Follow up from Council had Noakes advise that they were on track for completion by 27 July 2023, which is the expiry of the Order.	Open/Ongoing
	1.2 c)	Standing Item: Berrys Bay Public Jetty - More parkland has been promised by the state government recently Precinct hopes that is honoured which will be good for the Berrys Bay jetty. Precinct has not had any new information from Council since the November 2022 update on this item. Precinct will keep this as a standing item until item is resolved.	<p>Allocated to Council's Acting Public Projects Interface Manager.</p> <p>According to Berry's Bay Community Stakeholder Working Group page of Felicity Wilson MP's website, the "final masterplan to transform the former industrial land of Berry's Bay into beautiful foreshore parklands and public space was released on 8 February 2023.</p> <p>The next step in the development of the Berrys Bay master plan is detailed design, where there will be further opportunities for input by the local community.</p> <p>Construction is expected to start in late 2023 and open earlier than originally planned now that Berrys Bay is no longer needed for the Western Harbour Tunnel project, taking around one year to complete, subject to design approvals."</p>	Open/Ongoing

	<p>2.1 a)</p>	<p>DA193/14/4, 5 Commodore Crescent, McMahons Point - Modify the consent to carry out internal layout changes, adjust building levels, increase the upper floor's area, window and landscaping changes and other associated amendments to the approved development. The meeting heard: This request to modify an existing plan provides no evidence on adverse impact to neighbours, just a statement by the applicant. Nor any drawings for the work to be done and what is there is very inaccurate; Neighbours have had concerns over the past eight years of this project. It has been worked on in fits-and-starts; Work Safety reports have been lodged previously for lack of harnesses and hard hats for which fines have been incurred; Trucks delivering to site have knocked down neighbouring walls which were repaired by the applicant however not to a good standard; Sediment runoff from this sloping site is problematic; Notification of the DA modifications did occur but there was very little real time to respond due to Council holiday shutdown with no-one to contact during the shutdown and the notice period closing on 24 January 2023; No correspondence from Council received other than an auto generated receipt of email; There have been four objections to date for this particular DA (and multiple previous DAs over the years for this one project); The November 2022 DA was rejected on the basis of height and bulk. This version is not very different to the already rejected DA. If approved this structure will be dominant and significantly different in height and scale to other properties on a very narrow Crescent; If</p>	<p>Council's Senior Assessment Officer has advised that Council acknowledges the eight-year timeframe however as a Construction Certificate has been issued and development works commenced, the works can be ongoing until such times as an Occupation Certificate is issued. Concerns regarding the quality and validity of the plans submitted will be considered during the assessment of the proposal and if necessary, Council will follow up with the applicant tin this regard.</p> <p>The application is for modification and is still required to adhere to the conditions of consent imposed upon the original determination notice which include conditions to manage construction impacts. Any concerns of the residents relating to construction matters should be directed to Council/s Rangers and or Compliance team for follow-up via council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au or 9936 8100.</p> <p>All concerns raised in submissions will be considered in any subsequent assessment report for the modification considerations. This includes Matters relating to bulk and scale, height and privacy.</p> <p>For clarification of the PC the previous application was not rejected on the basis of any height or bulk merit, the application was deemed to be insufficient in submission requirements and is not to be cited by the PC as evidence the modification proposal is unsatisfactory.</p> <p>The PC is also advised the original application was approved with a height variation but the revised proposal</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
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		<p>approved this development will not comply with Council's own height restrictions; The proposed glass wraparound balcony will look directly down into the next-door neighbours yard affecting privacy.</p> <p>Discussion: Council has regulations which the meeting feels should be enforced. <i>Motion: Precinct is concerned about noncompliance throughout the eight years of this project and asks Council to enforce its regulations in relation to this DA. Passed without objection</i></p>	<p>will be reassessed with regards to any new height variation.</p>	

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	3.1a)	<p>Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway Northern Access Project - Discussion: While the outcome of the cycleway is not what the community wanted. The current design leaves a big problem for the Council to manage after it is constructed as cyclists will exit directly into the freeway exit at the Kirribilli roundabout. The established palm tree in the roundabout is earmarked to be removed. Historically this roundabout was implemented for residents to access both North Sydney and Kirribilli from Lavender Street prior to the numerous high-rise apartments being constructed. As more people move into the area it is becoming increasingly more dangerous. Council tried on many occasions to engage with TfNSW to no avail. There was an article in today's Sydney Morning Herald about the meetings held by Council. There is a petition on Change.org local Milsons Point residents have created and a Facebook Group <i>Motion: Precinct expresses its disappointment with TfNSW's treatment of both the community and North Sydney Council. Passed without objection</i></p>	Noted by Council's Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator.	Closed for Council

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	6.3	<p>NSOP redevelopment - Request: Precinct would like to see the report that was due for completion December 2022 in the interest of transparency.</p>	<p>Council's Corporate Contracts Manager has advised that there will a report was presented to the Council meeting of 26 April 2023 (Item 10.09). The report responds to Council's resolution of 10 October 2022, relating to the undertaken of the independent review of the NSOP redevelopment project, and provides advice in relation to changes in funding requirements and changes to programmed completion timeframes. Council resolved:</p> <p><i>1. THAT Council note the report on the North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project - Project Review and Outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>2. THAT Council provides a copy of this report to the Office of Local Government in accordance with the Capital Expenditure Guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>3. THAT the report prepared by PriceWaterhouseCoopers and provided to Councillors, and the General Manager's recent update be made available to the public, with the redaction of any commercial in confidence information or information subject to contractual restrictions or legal professional privilege.</i></p> <p><i>4. THAT PriceWaterhouseCoopers explain why they did not include discussion on the delays on drawing down the TCorp loan as advised by the previous General Manager, and what the was cost of that delay.</i></p> <p>UPDATE (14 April 2023) More information: An open letter to our community</p>	Closed for Council

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February	7	<p>Financial Report - The Financial reports for Union and Edward Precincts were read out. Balance for Edward Precinct 31/12/22: \$3452.63 Balance for Union Precinct 31/12/22: \$3157.96 Statements of income and expenditure attached. <i>Motion to accept the financial reports.</i> <i>Moved by: MC Secoded by: KR</i> <i>Voting: Unanimous. No objections.</i></p>	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement notes Euroka Precinct Committee's opening balance is \$6,610.59, inclusive of 2022/23 operational funding. The Precinct Committee is asked to confirm the bank account details for the new Precinct Committee so Council's records can be updated.</p>	Closed for Council
	8	<p>Office Bearer Election - Motion: That the nomination of KR and GMc as Co-Chairs be accepted. <i>Moved by: ID Secoded by: MCh</i> <i>Voting: Voting: Unanimous. No objections.</i> <i>Motion: That the nomination of CT for Secretary be accepted. Moved by: MCh Secoded by: MC</i> <i>Voting: Unanimous. No objections.</i> <i>Motion: That the nomination of MCh for Assistant Secretary be accepted. Moved by: CT Secoded by: MC</i> <i>Voting: Unanimous. No objections. Motion: That the nomination of ID for Treasurer be accepted. Moved by: CT Secoded by: KR</i> <i>Voting: Unanimous. No objections.</i></p>	<p>Council's Administrative Support Officer has updated the Precinct Committee contacts register accordingly.</p>	Closed for Council