

Lavender Bay Precinct Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, 23 February 2023

Starting at 7pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

Chair: Robert Stitt Robert@StittQC.com.au
Secretary: Victoria Walker lavenderbayprecinct@gmail.com

1. Meeting started at 7pm, 25 people attended, 8 apologies were received.

[Minutes of the 19 January 2023 meeting were accepted](#)

2. Chair's report

- The Chair presented Certificates of Service to Joan Street, Geoff Pritchard and Carolina Totterman, awarded to them in recognition of their contributions to the Lavender Bay and McMahons Pt communities.
- Lavender Bay Hi-Line. The Chair noted both the Premier and local Member have thrown their support behind the Hi-Line. The meeting noted the Government is to appoint a committee to examine the concept and the business case for the Hi-Line, as it did prior to the last election in 2017. The question was raised: why another committee? Why not commence work now?
- Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp. The Chair noted the ramp has become the most a hot-button issue in the electorate but to date has evinced no advocacy from the local Member. A petition has been prepared opposed to the design, not the concept; NSW transport has commenced work has commenced in Bradfield Park North despite an unanswered legal question: whether Transport can progress work without repeal of the Act of 1932, that dedicated the area to the community of North Sydney in an effort to redress the destruction of homes and businesses in the area, necessary to facilitate construction of the Harbour Bridge.

Post the meeting: Ian Curdie provided details of the petition. Joan Street provided the link to a new Community Cycle Ramp Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/728265015516766> and requested Precinct members add their posts to the site, setting down their views on a cycle ramp, noting the urgency, as there is only a small window of opportunity to influence the upcoming State election.

3. State Government items

Works:

- Sydney Metro, Precinct discussed unfinished remediation and problems with the end of Blues Pt Rd, now shared with pedestrians. Problems include the lack of signage, the lack of a "poached egg" to indicate the turning circle, persistent speeding and illegal parking in that area and the lack of patrols by Rangers or Police after hours. Precinct noted that prompt Police action had considerably reduced hoon, speeding and vehicle noise on Blues point RD. Recommended: that Precinct write to Council, and to the Police, suggesting fines could be used to deter the problem and inviting them to attend the next meeting of Precinct.
- Warringah Freeway Upgrade, Construction work timetable Noted.
- Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway Northern Access Project, site investigations underway. Noted.

Luna Park

- Precinct discussed whether Brookfield's decision to close its functions arm at Luna Park's and focus on its rides would result in a significant loss of revenue. The Precinct wants to keep Luna Park, it is a Sydney icon, but it has to be viable for it to operate. Precinct discussed whether Luna Park would have any further use for Lavender Green, on the Lavender Bay walkway, if no longer hosted functions.

Precinct has previously expressed concern that Lavender Green, designated as green space, had been fenced and locked. A large canvas marquee had been erected on the site, advertised by Luna Park for corporate and social functions.

Precinct resolved to request Council to issue a development control order to require Lavender Green to rectify its non-compliance with its zoning as public open space. That compliance can be achieved by the removal of the marquee and its concrete footings, with the fences and locked gates around the perimeter.

Precinct discussed the outcome of discussions held with the John Hughes, new CEO of Luna Park by Joan Street and Graham Hand, resulting in his agreement to a series of small but important changes in procedures that are aimed at a degree of noise abatement. A list of these is attached to the Minutes.

4. Council items

- **1 Henry Lawson Avenue.** Noted. Precinct will follow demolition of the building and integration of the site into foreshore open space.
- **McMahons Point Pocket Park,** Precinct agreed to observe during the trial period and provide feedback on Council's *Have Your Say* site.

5. Development application: 361/2021/2 6 Warung Street, McMahons Point. Noted.

6. Community items, for information, Noted.

7. General business

- Emily Jaques proposed strategies to increase promote the Precinct and to increase membership, particularly amongst younger residents, she suggested Precinct develop a Facebook page, noting there is a Lavender Bay, McMahons Point Community Facebook page over a thousand members. Feedback requested at next meeting.
- Luna Park Noise: Graham Hand reported on meetings he and Joan Street held with John Hughes, CEO of Luna Park. Mr Hughes agreed to progress a number of modest suggestions for noise abatement they proposed. Their next meeting is set for 8 March 2023. Graham provided details for Precinct, they are attached to the minutes.

8. Land and Environment Court appeals – for information

MLC Building, 105-153 Miller Street, North Sydney ([147/20](#)): TBA.

1 Warung Street, McMahons Point. NB the Land & Environment Court will meet on-site at 9.30am on 20 March 2023.

NEXT MEETING OF PRECINCT, 7 PM 30TH MARCH 2023