

EUROKA PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday March 1, at 7:30pm

Lavender Bay-McMahons Point Community Centre, 165 Blues Point Road

Online via ZOOM

FORMALITIES		
Co-Chairs: GMc and KR	Minutes Scribe: CT	Zoom: MC
Agenda prepared by: KR, CT and MC		
Welcome: GMc		
Apologies:	1	
Members present face-to-face	15	
Members present via Zoom	1	
Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting	Endorsed by: MC	Seconded by: ID

1. STANDING ITEMS & SOA	DISCUSSION/ MOTION /RESOLUTION	VOTES	ACTION
1.1 Response to summary of actions	- SOA not available at time of meeting	n/a	n/a
1.2 (a) 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.	n/a	n/a
1.2 (c) 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.	n/a	n/a

	- Precinct has not had any new information from council since the November update on this item. Precinct will keep this as a standing item until item is resolved.		
2. DAs	DISCUSSION/ MOTION /RESOLUTION	VOTES	ACTION
2.1	NEW APPLICATIONS		
(a)	<p><u>DA193/14/4</u> 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.</p> <p>The meeting heard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 Jan 24. - 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 		MOTION passed

	<p>other properties on a very narrow Crescent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If 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>DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council has regulations which the meeting feels should be enforced <p>MOTION</p> <p>Precinct is concerned about noncompliance throughout the eight years of this project and asks Council to enforce its regulations in relation to this DA.</p> <p>Passed without objection</p>		
(b)	<u>DA2/23 3/20 Queens Ave, McMahons Point.</u> Extension of deck at rear of premises. Lodged 3/1/23		NOTED LAST MEETING
(c)	<u>DA405/22 36 Victoria St, McMahons Point.</u> Alterations and additions to a single dwelling including associated landscape works. Lodged 21/12/22		NOTED LAST MEETING
(d)	<u>DA/26/21/3 37 Carr St, Waverton.</u> Retain existing swimming pool that was proposed to be filled in original DA. Remove DA consent Condition C1 and Condition C3 which are no longer required as the swimming pool will be retained.		NOTED. WAVERTON PRECINCT
2.2	APPROVED DAs		
(a)	<u>107/22 11 Bank Street, North Sydney.</u> Alterations and additions to a dwelling house and associated works including the installation of a front dormer window.		NOTED
(b)	<u>196/22 13 Euroka Street, North Sydney.</u> Alterations and additions to a dwelling house.		NOTED
(c)	<u>303/20/2 3 Mil Mil Street, McMahons Point.</u> To modify consent DA 303/20 to modify stormwater system and facilitate internal and external changes to dwelling		NOTED

	house including replacement and re-configuration of windows and additional timber cladding.		
(d)	<u>DA72/22. 45 Thomas Street, McMahons Point</u> Demolition of existing structures, removal of 5 trees, construction of a 3-storey dwelling house and associated civil and landscaping works (including new driveway crossover)		NOTED
(e)	<u>DA287/22 1 Blue Street, North Sydney</u> Alterations and additions to Shore Senior School including new pedestrian bridge and accessible bathroom.		NOTED
(f)	<u>DA 319/22 2 Waverton Ave, Waverton.</u> Replace existing timber balustrades with toughened glass in accordance		NOTED
2.3	REJECTED DAs		
(a)	<u>DA 23/23, 1 Carr Street Waverton</u> Proposed Front Fence and Hardstand Car Space Rejected by DRP 14 February 2023 DISCUSSION: Applicant has lodged new DA.		REVIEW NEXT MEETING
2.4	PLANNING PROPOSALS		
(a)	Council is considering PP2/23 601 Pacific Highway, St Leonards , to amend North Sydney LEP 2013 to increase maximum building height control on subject site from 49m to approx 187m and establish overall floor space ratio of 20:1 to accommodate a 42-storey commercial retail/office building comprising a 5-storey podium and 36-storey tower, basement car park with 128 spaces. DISCUSSION: - Density is an issue in this corridor - North shore hospital is already extremely concerned about capacity to service the current population with yet more residential towers being constructed.		NOTED
3. STATE GOV. ITEMS	DISCUSSION/ MOTION /RESOLUTION	VOTES	ACTIONS

3.1	WORKS		
(a)	<p>Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycleway Northern Access Project. Site investigations underway on Lavender, Burton and Alfred streets in Milsons Point and will continue till Tuesday March 7 to 'inform' design. Night work will take place between 6:00PM-7:00AM on: Mon, Feb 27; Tues, Feb 28; Mon, March 6 and Tues March 7.</p> <p>THE MEETING HEARD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The affected local precinct opposes the TfNSW favoured design. - We have a situation with a Minister claiming the cycleway doesn't have approval while TfNSW is acting as it though it does. <p>Council gave owner's consent for the DA to be lodged not that they allowed the takeover of the land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The local community is very upset and regard this as a terrible way for a State government to treat a local council. <p>DISCUSSION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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: https://www.change.org/p/save-our-sydney-harbour-bridge-heritage?source_location=search 		MOTION passed

	Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/cyclerampramp		
	<p>MOTION</p> <p>Precinct expresses its disappointment with TfNSW's treatment of both the community and North Sydney Council.</p> <p>Passed without objection</p>		
(b)	<p>Warringah Freeway Upgrade Construction Work in North Sydney continues: Daytime: Mon-Fri, 7:00AM-6:00PM, Saturday 8:00AM-6:00PM. Night works; Mon-Fri, 8:00PM-8:00AM.</p>		NOTED
3.2	<p>Tree Replacement Announcement. Plans to re-landscape the remains of Cammeray Golf Course announced by the Member for Willoughby. Discuss more at 4.5 (a)</p>		NOTED
3.3	<p>Berrys Bay Announcement. Transport for NSW released a masterplan for Peninsula/Berry's Bay—8 years earlier than anticipated—to 'transform former industrial land', no longer required for the West Harbour Tunnel construction site, into foreshore parklands and open space.</p> <p>THE MEETING HEARD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Berrys Bay masterplan is still a Landscape Plan. - Council has expressed its agreement. Detailed design will start in 2023. - Construction to be undertaken during 2024. - The State election is imminent as a community we will wait, see and watch. 		WAIT AND WATCH
3.4	<p>High Line Announcement. The NSW government announced a proposal for the High Line but has not at this stage prepared its own plans for the site, but has committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden by 300 square metres - Preparing a business case to canvas options for converting the rail corridor into a walkway. <p>THE MEETING HEARD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three Premiers (Baird, Berejiklian and now Perottet) have announced and re-announced 'support' of the highline without budget and without timelines. 		MOTION passed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no alternative plan for the Lavender Bay railway sidings which currently house daily overflow trains for the metropolitan rail network. - Local residents living around Johns/Dumbarton and Queens streets have Some concerns about the highline. - There has not been any real consultation with affected residents in this Precinct such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The proposed High Line actually ends 500 metres away from Waverton Park not at the Park as suggested – There are no actual harbour views for most of the proposed High Line other than Lavender Bay – One-sixth of the highline will run through a dark tunnel that goes under the point (from Watt Park to Mill Mill Street above Sawmillers Reserve) no views, dark and real safety concerns. – The Highline includes heritage trains having access to the railway thus limiting actual pedestrian access along the rail corridor - Precinct would like residents from the directly impacted areas to be included in any future decision making and would like a residents working group set up specifically for the High Line project - This community supports walking and The Walking Volunteers Group and is in favour of enhanced harbourside walks however feel better harbour foreshore walks around the points and bays and the long promised Berrys Bay jetty would be excellent alternatives to a ‘highline’ from Lavender Bay to Waverton. - A boardwalk around Blues Point or walks like those in Barangaroo would be appreciated additional amenity to the local area and community - This Precinct appreciates the value of an elevated walkway around Lavender Bay however has concerns about it’s practicality after Watt Park <p>MOTION Any high line working group must include residents from Euroka and Waverton Prectincts Passed without objection</p>		
4. COUNCIL ITEMS	DISCUSSION/ MOTION /RESOLUTION	VOTES	ACTIONS

4.1	East Crescent Street Pocket Park, construction commences Mon Feb 27 set to be completed in 3-4 weeks. There will be a 3 month trial with a Human Movement Study conducted during that period. Feedback is invited on Council's Have Your Say site.		NOTED
4.2	FEBRUARY COMBINED PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE		
(a)	Warringah Freeway Update Presentation by Lead of the Project Team delivering the Warringah Freeway upgrade.		
(b)	Euroka Precinct formally established, reported to Council at Feb 27 Meeting.Minor boundary changes to finalise.		
(c)	New Council website went live on Feb 21. Includes new pages for precincts. Euroka to decide what images it would like on the new Euroka Precinct page on Council's site. CT will compile shortlist of images for review at April meeting.		CT to source image options
(d)	Guest speaker opportunity: Council Planning Advisors can attend Precinct meetings to discuss planning processes.		
(e)	Meet the Candidates opportunity. Milson Precinct have organised an event for North Shore candidates to answer questions from the public hosted by a moderator. Residents across the North Shore electorate are encouraged to attend this event at Loreto Kirribilli Junior School, March 16, 6:30PM FLYER ATTACHED		
(d)	Proposed Traffic/Parking Changes on exhibition. Responses required by 7 April. - Berry St. at Edward St. install pedestrian crossing/refuge island - Woolcott St. at Euroka St. (install kerb build outs) - Mount St. at Edward St. (review intersection operation) DISCUSSION - A refuge for pedestrian is a good step for Euroka/Woolcott		MC TO PREPARE SUBMISSION BEFORE APRIL 7

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garden beds are problematic - Elderly and mothers with prams already have difficulty crossing at this intersection - Footpaths are not wide enough for egress - Confused motorists turn into Commodore Crescent - Signage is small and unclear - The proposed works will actually worsen the situation - Prefer amendments to the design and a holistic approach 		
4.5	Discussion of strategies to encourage greater community involvement in the Euroka Precinct.		DISCUSS APRIL MEETING
4.6	Waverton Bowling Club land has been transferred to Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. (MLALC) Waverton Precinct will invite MLALC to one of its meetings to discuss KR will advise when this may occur		NOTE
4.7	Council has advised Waverton Precinct of proposed amenity improvements to the Coal Loader, including shading, benches, toilets		
4.8	Writer in Residence applications for Don Bank Museum. Precinct will advise outcome		
5. COMMUNITY ITEMS	DISCUSSION/ MOTION /RESOLUTION	VOTES	ACTIONS
5.1	International Women's Day Breakfast: Friday, March 10: 7.30-9.30AM North Sydney Community Centre, 220 Miller Street. Supported by North Sydney Council. \$25 ticket		
6. GENERAL BUSINESS	DISCUSSION/ MOTION /RESOLUTION	VOTES	ACTIONS
6.1	Trailer parking on Woollcott St between Euroka St and railway overpass. At last count 6 trailers were occupying half of the space available for all day parking. The trailers appear to be unattended and rubbish is collecting on and around them. KR to seek further information on this and advise the next meeting.		KR to advise

6.2	<p>We note the recent death of SF, former secretary of Waverton precinct, who contributed an enormous amount to the area, especially in matters relating to Berrys Bay and Balls Head/Waverton Peninsula. S was acknowledged by the Mayor at a recent Council meeting and a memorial tree will be planted with a plaque to acknowledge his contribution to the community.</p> <p>MOTION This precinct acknowledges the recent mayoral minute acknowledging his contribution to the LGA.</p>		MOTION passed
6.3	<p>North Sydney Pool Question asked about the report into the North Sydney Pool project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report into the process was set to be completed in December 2022 - Currently there is only one pool (Lane Cove) in the area open to use as Willoughby Councils pool is also closed <p>REQUEST This precinct would like to see the report that was due for completion December 2022 in the interest of transparency.</p>		
7. GOOD TO KNOW			
7.1 Upcoming Council meetings: March 13, March 27 and April 24.			
7.2 Upcoming Traffic Committee meetings: March 17, April 28			
<p>7.3 Current Policies on Exhibition to contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Managing Conflict of Interest Policy (DAs) feedback closes 11.59pm March 6 - Mapping Queer North Sydney feedback closes 11.59pm March 10 - Draft Statement of Business Ethics feedback closes 11.59pm March 20 - Amended Filming in the Council Area Policy feedback closes 11.59pm March 20 - Amended Sports Facilities Booking Policy feedback closes 11.59pm March 20 <p>https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/policies-on-exhibition</p>			

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FORMALITIES

Review of actions to be taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>DA 23/23</u> 1 Carr Street Waverton resubmitted DA to be included in April agenda- MC to prepare submission on Woolcott St.at Euroka St. (install kerb build outs)- CT to source image options for review for Euroka precinct page on council website- strategies to raise interest in Euroka precinct added to April agendatrailers on Woolcott St update added to April agenda
Date, time location next meeting	April 5, 7:30pm. Lavender Bay-McMahons Point Community Centre and by Zoom.
Meeting Closed	9:15 PM