

## Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) Waverton Precinct 2023

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
July	EB7	<b>Crows Nest development update</b> - The matter of development in the stretch between St Leonards Station, along the Pacific Highway towards North Sydney, and down Falcon Street to North Sydney Boys High School is the next big issue. A decision relating to the "triangular site"(at Falcon Street and Pacific Highway and Alexander St) is currently in court in relation to height limits. IG, Chairman, suggested to the meeting that MO, the Director of North Sydney Council's Community, Planning and Environment Division be invited to address the Precinct regarding these matters and the changes being made by the new State Government and this was agreed to by the meeting.	Council's Director Community, Planning and Environment has noted the Precinct Committee's comments and will attend the Precinct meeting on 5 September 2023 to discuss.	Closed for Council

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	GB1	<b>Community Notice Board</b> - It was noted that Council updated the signage at the Bay Road community noticeboard, following our request last meeting. Community announcements are generally left alone but all other notices are still removed by an unknown party.	Council's Community Information Officer notes the Precinct Committee's comments regarding the notice board.	Closed for Council
	GB3	<b>Waverton Park drilling/access point</b> - is a tripping hazard as it is elevated above the grass and could be a dangerous obstacle for anyone using this recreational area. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.	Council's Public Projects Interface Manager is following up on this issue to be rectified with TfNSW and will respond to this item in due course.	Open/Ongoing
	GB5	<b>Road surface hazards</b> - A resident raised that various issues are ongoing in regard to road surface hazards around Waverton. Principally, these exist at the station end of Crows Nest Road near the intersection with King St, where there seems to be underground water issue, and also on Bay Road outside number 79, and the poor quality of the resurfacing on Balls Head Rd. The Precinct Committee will suggest a walk around with a North Sydney Council representative.	Council's Assets Engineering Officer has noted the Precinct Committee's comments and will provide an update in due course.	Open/Ongoing
June	2a	<b>Damaged area of road on Bay Road</b> - (adjacent to the Hall) remains an issue and is still a danger to residents - particularly those on foot and two wheels. A resident put to the meeting that his information is that this is an issue that requires intervention by Sydney Water. A trench had to be inserted to attend to a fire hydrant upgrade to an adjacent apartment block, and this has damaged the natural water course. It needs to be investigated if this	Council's Contracts Manager has advised that Sydney Water has approved the Council estimate. Restoration works has been allocated to Council's contractor and works have already commenced.	Closed for Council

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		assessment is correct or the damage is being caused elsewhere, and fixed by the correct authority.		
	3a	<b>Other Business</b> - It was raised that cars regularly remain in parking zones longer than the time they are zoned for. This includes several cars belonging to Capo Pizza. The Chair undertook to speak to the Pizzeria owner and also take it up with the Council to increase ranger patrol of this area.	Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has requested extra Parking Services Officer patrols for Bay Road in Waverton.	Closed for Council
	3b	<b>Balls Head Road resurfacing</b> - The recent resurfacing of Balls Head Road was seen to be of a modest standard. There is a clear joining line down the middle of the road, which will lead to water-based erosion over time and the manhole access is suspect and poorly aligned in places. It was: moved KA seconded VY Motion: That Council be asked to inspect the resurfacing of Balls Head Rd for quality control to ensure the work is up to standard. Further, that Council confirm whether they routinely sign off on this sort of work even when the contract for the work is not with the Council. Carried	Council's Contracts Manager has advised that the visible joint was due to the weather when they were laying (wet weather). Council will monitor the pavement and any defects will be rectified by the contractor in the near future.	Closed for Council
May	1c	<b>Pothole/speed bump degradation on Bay Road</b> - It was raised that there is a nasty dip in the road at Bay Road, almost directly outside the Uniting Church Community Hall. Some residents said that they had already contacted the Council however no action had yet been taken. Residents expressed concern that this was a significant safety hazard and needed to be rectified.	Council's Contracts Manager Engineering has advised that the road failure is related to a water leak and has been referred to Sydney Water for leak repair and restoration.	Closed for Council

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		Moved KA, Seconded DL "The Precinct asks Council to make good the dangerous degradation of the speed hump in Bay Road, and for the task to be completed to a high standard as soon as possible". Carried.		
	1d	<b>Continued closure of the Coal Loader Café</b> - It was raised that the cafe at the Coal Loader has been vacant for a period of months. This was a primary reason why some residents visited the Coal Loader precinct and is an important community hub and draw for other facilities at the Coal Loader. Moved IB, Seconded DL. Motion: "The Precinct asks Council to update the Precinct on the status of the Coal Loader Cafe lease as the community are concerned that it has been left empty for an extended period of time". Unanimously passed.	Council's Property Officer has advised that Council has appointed Colliers to find a tenant. There have been many interested prospective tenants to view the cafe since its closure, and to date one party has made two offers that have been unacceptable. Council's managing agent has been instructed to advertise for expressions of interest, and it is anticipated that this process will take three months to secure a tenant and finalise a lease.  <b>UPDATE (1 August 2023)</b> The expression of interest campaign continues.	Open/Ongoing
	1e	<b>Bus zones to provide for additional opportunity for local car parking</b> - One of the two bus zones on Bay Road has been changed so that short term parking is permitted after 7pm and on Sundays, when bus routes are not operating. It was suggested that the other bus zone also be changed in this manner. Moved LH, Seconded KA "That North Sydney Council to add the second bus zone to short term parking after 7pm and on Sundays adjacent to the shops on Bay Road as per the other zone so both zones are consistent". Unanimously passed.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Council will investigate the potential for a change to the kerb side restrictions to allow turnover of parking. If the proposed change is supported by TfNSW, Council will consult on the proposal.	Open/Ongoing
	2c	<b>Community Notice Board</b> - Concern was raised regarding people taking down notices with which they might not	Council's Community Information Officer has advised that Council will provide a sign to be placed on the Waverton	Closed for Council

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		agree. This needs to be discouraged. The Precinct supports the use of the noticeboard as a way of encouraging respectful debate and providing information.	Noticeboard at the time of the next noticeboard change-over (13 June 2023), asking that people do not take down other people's notices. Note: that the open noticeboards are cleared and refreshed by Council every six weeks so that notices do not bank up and look untidy. Council will also take down notices which do not comply with the <i>Community Information Policy</i> if they are seen to be overtly political.	
April	1c	<p><b>Merrett Playground</b> - A periodic upgrade of the playground was on the capital works list for 2023 but the Precinct requested this be delayed until the former Bowling Club site's future was clearer. However, the Council decided in March that the upgrade will go ahead, sometime this year. The slope on the site is informally used as part of the playground but can be dangerous. It contains rocks and other obstacles. It was: Moved JB; Seconded GF</p> <p>Motion: The Precinct asks Council to include improving and using the slope as part of the overall upgrade of the playground. It is suggested that changes should be made to the current playground upgrade plan to utilise the slope as part of the playground, for example by including a long slide at ground level (access at the top, exit at the bottom). Unanimously passed.</p>	<p>Council's Landscape Architect/Project Coordinator has advised that the post-exhibition report was considered by Council at its meeting of <a href="#">13 March 2023 (Item 10.01)</a>, whereby Council resolved to "proceed with the Merrett Playground upgrade".</p> <p>Modification of the design, as proposed by the Precinct Committee, would involve significant costs and result in further time delay including the need for consultation on the new proposal.</p>	Closed for Council
	3a	<p><b>Other Business</b> - There is a broken water pipe at the end of Ross Street.</p>	Council's Assets Manager has advised that Sydney Water have fixed their water leak at the end of Ross Street.	Closed for Council

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	3b	<b>Other Business</b> - Graffiti and deterioration on public signage especially in the Carradah Park area requires Council attention. An Audit of the state of all public signs would be sensible and the resulting maintenance can be planned, funded, and undertaken.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that staff will be looking at upgrading this signage in the next financial year.	Closed for Council
	3c	<b>Other Business</b> - There also was a request for Council to look for improvements to be made of obstructions often as vegetation grows and obscures views around pedestrian crossings.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised the Precinct Committee's feedback is noted. Council staff will action any pruning requirements on crossings as they see fit in terms of view lines.	Closed for Council
<b>March</b>	1a	<b>Berrys Bay</b> - Representatives from Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) project were due to attend and address the meeting - but due to standard pre-election protocol they cannot attend within 3 weeks of a State election. We look forward to having them next month. North Sydney Council and the WHT team have both been notified following our last meeting that the toxicity of Berrys Bay and especially along the line of the former Woodley's slipway is a significant concern to the community. It was pointed out to both that remediation of this toxic waste is not mentioned anywhere in the WHT plans, or in the new 'Berrys Bay Masterplan'. The Premier has announced that a new Parkland will open on these sites in mid-2024 but there is still no mention of fixing the decaying wharves and former marina piles, transferring the marine leases to the Council, or for any remediation of the known problem sites.	Council's Acting Director Open Space & Environmental Services has advised he has no knowledge of any proposed remediation of the contaminated sediments in Berrys Bay. The land is entirely owned by Transport for NSW and hence any cost and responsibility for the clean-up is borne by them. Ideally, given the works that are proposed to occur on the land, the harbour bed could be remediated as well.	Closed for Council

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	2	<p><b>Sydney Heritage Fleet (Shf)</b> - Alan Edenborough and Gary Inberg were invited to address the meeting on a proposed re-use of Woodley's Shed and Office building to create a new business in Berry's Bay. SHF first addressed the Waverton Precinct group in 2020, so the proposal to move a segment of the operation of SHF to Berrys Bay dates from then. The proposal involves the conversion of Woodley's Shed to house small historically significant craft, have a place to put them on display, a woodworking workshop for historical boat restoration and invite people to work on small craft... Council's recent Waverton Peninsula Working Group was looking into the condition of Woodleys Shed condition. However, a dilapidation report has not been shown. We do not know the overall condition of this structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that for discussions to move forward, the community will need time to review the proposal in more detail.</li> <li>• It was agreed that more detailed material will be circulated with the March meeting Minutes, which will facilitate further discussion. This will be a future Agenda item, around other presentations by WHT representation that may occur in April and an address by the new General Manager of North Sydney Council in May.</li> </ul>	<p>Council's Acting Director Open Space &amp; 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>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	3	<p><b>Former Bowling Club Site</b> - The Chairman sent email to Mayor after last meeting. However, he did not receive a reply as yet. He will chase this up with the view of having further information to report at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Council's Executive Assistant to the Mayor has advised that the Chair met with the Mayor on 31 March 2023 to discuss this item.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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February		<p><b>Berry's Bay 'Masterplan'/Western Harbour Link project -</b>  Project representatives will be attending our March meeting. It was noted neither the 3 land allotments subject to the 'Masterplan' process or the related Maritime leases have been handed to the Council. Poisonous sediment in the shallow harbour waters around the slipway of the former Woodley's site (and in other parts of Berry's Bay) remain a significant concern as they are not acknowledged in the Masterplanning process, so far. At the invitation of the Chair, BR addressed the meeting at this point. In his role as an Environmental Engineer, he has extensive understanding of this situation and he has made submissions and provided data to all relevant parties, plus acted as an expert witness to the recent Upper House Inquiry. However, Maritime has not made any progress on remediating this area - plus both the EPA and Transport NSW remain silent on this aspect. BR said he regarded this as one of the most polluted water ways in Sydney Harbour and it must be cleaned up as soon as practicable and certainly before anyone starts walking, playing, swimming, kayaking etc in the area. The remedial idea of dumping new sand on top of the polluted chemicals, as floated by Transport for NSW, he regarded as "simply preposterous". BR passed around a summary of the data and submissions made and it was agreed this will be sent out to our mailing list, as well as to the WHL team with the request they address this issue when at our meeting next month.</p>	<p>Council's Public Interface Manager notes the Precinct Committee's comments regarding WHT/Berry's Bay Masterplan.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>



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		<p><b>Public access to toilets</b> - It was raised that the toilet facility in the building housing Coles in Crows Nest is permanently locked to the public and the Chair was asked to raise this with the company - probably as a joint approach with Wollstonecraft Precinct.</p>	<p>Council's Administrative Support Officer has spoken with the building manager, who has advised that the toilets are not open to the general public hence they are locked. Customers of the respective retail shops/Coles can borrow a key to access the toilets.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>