## Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2023 Harrison-Bennett 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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November		DA Conditions of Consent - There was a general discussion about the amount of development taking place in the area and the resulting negative impacts on and disruptions to residential amenity - e.g. trucks parking in adjacent streets with engines running; excessive noise and vibration from digging; interruptions to power and water supply and damage to adjacent properties. Dilapidation reports for adjacent properties are a usual standard Condition of Consent. However, it was noted that noise and vibration impacts can extend well beyond directly adjacent properties. A traffic management plan is also required, however, it has been our experience that this is not shared with the community. For example, in Holt Ave, residents have noticed a large number of trucks associated with excavation activities associated with the HELM	Allocated to Council's Manager Development Services	Awaiting Response

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		development parked in Spofforth St and Holt Ave (with engines running). Precinct Convenors have requested a copy of the HELM traffic management plan to Council but have no received no response from Council staff as at the date of the meeting.		
		Spencer Road - It was noted that there had been an increase in through traffic crossing Spofforth Street from the Mosman side of Spencer Road to the North Sydney side. Construction related detours and delays in Holt Avenue have also resulted in an increase in through traffic in Spencer Road. This has enhanced the danger to pedestrians walking on the west side of Spofforth	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that construction work is a necessary requirement of any vibrant community and to ensure safety at construction sites, reduced vehicle speeds can be required and can result in drivers choosing alternative routes. The intersection of Spencer Road and Spofforth Street has stop controls and thresholds to reduce driver speeds and facilitate safe pedestrian access. While Council has not been notified of a recent increase to dangerous driving at this location, community members can report dangerous driving to NSW Traffic Police on 02 9956 3199 or <a href="majoritage-nsw.gov.au">nspactraf@police.nsw.gov.au</a>	Closed for Council
		Accident: Holt and Spofforth - It was reported that there had been another vehicle accident at the intersection of Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street on 2 November which had required the attendance of emergency services including an ambulance.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that safety improvements are now being constructed on the intersection of Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street. The improvements include raised thresholds and kerb buildouts reducing vehicle speeds and reducing the distance a pedestrian needs to walk to cross the road.	Closed for Council
		<b>Speed</b> - it was noted that Inner West Council had reduced overall traffic speeds to 40 km LGA-wide. There was discussion about whether traffic speeds in North Sydney	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that TfNSW are responsible for setting all speed limits. North Sydney Council support reduced speed	Closed for Council

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		LGA were appropriate for the conditions e.g. pedestrians, congestion, narrow roads. For example, the speed limit in Yeo Street is currently 50 km.	limits wherever practical. Community members can support Council in achieving a reduced speed limit by making a submission to TfNSW via the <a href="Safer Roads">Safer Roads</a> website	
October	No actio	ons arising requiring Council's response		
September		Harrison/Bennett Merger - The merge process is still in process - still awaiting boundary realignment and formal maps. An AGM and election of Office Bearers will be required at the completion of all outstanding actions regarding the merger.	Refer to Council's response/updates to related item 3 from August 2023 and July 2023.  AGM planning noted, refer to Council's memo dated 2 August 2023 regarding AGM procedures.	Closed for Council
		Parraween Street traffic - Meeting attendees raised concern about traffic impacts of the proposed development. In particular, the inability of Parraween Street to cope with more vehicles. The proposal will add 218 extra vehicles. The proposed development will have no vehicular access from Gerard Street - Parraween will be the only egress.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that as part of the development application process, a traffic impact assessment is required to be submitted by the applicant to demonstrate how all the potential traffic impacts from the development will be addressed. The impacts of the proposal will be considered as part of this process before any decision is made.	Closed for Council
		Parraween Street traffic, Winnie Street - Concerns were also raised about the cumulative impacts of any increased traffic movements from the proposed development. Of particular concern is the intersection of Winnie and Parraween. This intersection is frequently blocked with vehicles queuing across the intersection bound for Military Road or Murdoch Street. Motion: That the Precinct request Council to install road markings to stop vehicles blocking the intersection of Parraween and Winnie Street	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that it is illegal for drivers to block intersections with their vehicle. Council is concerned about the proliferation of road markings and street signage. Increasingly cluttered, more confusing and less legible road environment. For this reason, Council does not install road markings or signage to clarify things which are already illegal. By providing road markings to reinforce their illegality, drivers tend to mistakenly	Closed for Council

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			interpret this and endorsement of blocking intersections that are not line marked.	
			Community members can request increased enforcement of drivers blocking intersections by contacting North Sydney Traffic Police directly on 02 9956 3199.	
		Parraween St - Vehicle speed was another issue raised. The current speed on Parraween is 50 kmh. Given the narrow lane width, the high volume of traffic and high pedestrian activity, meeting attendees suggested that a reduction of speed would improve residential amenity. Motion: That the Precinct request Council to consider reducing Parraween Street traffic speed to 40 kmh.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that TfNSW has sole responsibility to decide and maintain speed limits on all roads throughout NSW.  Council would support the implementation of a reduced speed limit wherever practical. Community members can support Councils efforts to reduce speed limits by requesting consideration of an amended change from TfNSW directly via the safer roads website at: <a href="https://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au">www.saferroadsnsw.com.au</a>	Closed for Council
		Neutral Bay Alive" - The newly formed group met on 25.7.23 under the auspices of Council, however, no further update has been received.	The minutes of the Neutral Bay Alive community consultation group are publicly available from <a href="https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/nbtcps">https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/nbtcps</a>	Closed for Council
		Hunts Creek Bridge Walkway - Hunts Creek Bridge Walkway Precinct member, GW, raised concerns that references to 'Hunts Lookout Footbridge' in Council documents refer to an incorrect location. As a result of this, the new footbridge being built near the head of Mosman Bay could be saddled with an incorrect and historically incorrect name. GW requests that the term	UPDATE (7 December 2023) Council's Historian has advised that maps show Hunts Lookout sits next to the footbridge which presumably is why it has been referred to as Hunt's Lookout footbridge. Council can't find any official reference to the name 'Hunt's Creek'. However, this is a customary name rather than a gazetted one. Council can decide on a	Closed for Council

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		'Hunts Lookout Footbridge' be not used to describe or label the new footbridge currently under construction. An alternative name should be used instead e.g. 'Hunts Creek Footbridge'	formal name and sign and the Precinct Committee can put forward suggestions with reasoning and evidence, if other names such as Hunt's Creek are being referenced. One suggestion is Boundary Footbridge as the creek over which it stands formed part of the boundary between East St Leonards and St Leonards in the 1870/80s, and the current boundary between North Sydney and Mosman. Alternatively, the footbridge un-named.  The Precinct Committee is encouraged to send their preferred name to <a href="mailto:precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au">precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au</a> for consideration. The timeframe for decision-making is to be advised.	
August	3	Harrison/Bennett Merger - awaiting boundary realignment including update on Parks Precinct's which has proposed boundary adjustments along Military Road. The boundary realignments can progress once Parks Precinct has resolved its position.  Following confirmation that the proposed boundary adjustments are supported by all Precinct Committees, the next step is for Council to prepare and distribute notification to the directly affected properties (draft letters and amended maps were previously circulated for feedback), then to report the boundary change to the elected Council. An AGM and election of Office.  Bearers will be required at the completion of all outstanding actions regarding the merger.	UPDATE (6 August 2023) Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised Parks Precinct recently resolved to accept Neutral Precinct's boundary change proposal affecting Military Road. Council will now process the boundary changes to:  1. Brightmore/Harrison-Bennett 2. Neutral/Harrison-Bennett 3. Neutral/Brightmore 4. Neutral/Parks  As previously advised, Council will write to the affected priorities to advise of the boundary changes.	Closed for Council

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	As notified at the July meeting, a new logo for the merged Precinct may also need to be considered. Making use of the letters 'HB' was one suggestion.	The report to the Council advising of the finalisation of the Harrison-Bennett merger will go to the 14 August meeting, Item 10.3.  UPDATE (28 August 2023) Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that in updating Council's records and systems to reflect the merger etc, the following admin matters were flagged (to action in due course):  1. Bank account - change name to Harrison-Bennett 2. Email account - consider changing email address to reflect the new Precinct name 3. Precinct logo - there is no requirement to have an individual Precinct logo, such is optional. We recommend deferring this until the new Precinct System logo and the new flyer templates are determined. 4. Invoices for flyer distribution - if you are using Mr John Henry to letterbox meeting flyers, please have him invoice you for both the Harrison and Bennett Precinct areas. Council is no longer pays for the Bennett portion. Note: under the current Precinct System Guidelines Precinct Committees who need additional funding can request such (once the initial \$1,500 has been expended). Council is reviewing the amount of operational funding per Committee, as noted in the 2023/24 Operational Funding memo dated 31 July 2023	Julias

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			and advised at the CPC meeting held 15 August 2023.	
		PP 5/23, 115-125 Holt Avenue - Group and individual item heritage listing - North Sydney Local Planning Panel (NSLPP) met on 19.7.23 to consider PP 5/23 which proposed the following: "to amend NSLEP 2013 such that the properties at 115, 117, 119, 121, 123; 125 Holt Avenue, Cremorne are identified as heritage items through their listing within Schedule 5 - Environmental Heritage and identification on the Heritage Map. The Panel unanimously voted to support the proposal to proceed to the Department of Planning for Gateway Determination and public exhibition. This recommendation demonstrates that the Planning Proposal is well justified and has merit.	Council's Senior Assessment Officer (Planning) has noted the Precinct Committee's comments.	Closed for Council
		Whilst this is major and welcome news, it is the first step of a multi-step process. SK provided an explanation of this process. The next step required is for the NSLPP's recommendation to be presented and voted upon by Councillors at a full Council meeting. The next scheduled Council meeting is 14.8.23.  Meeting attendees expressed hope that Councillors will vote to support the NSLPP recommendation so that the PP		
		could be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning for the next step of the PP process.		

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		Murdoch Street, Cremorne children's crossing - Feedback closes 1 Sep 2023. Meeting attendees were not able to comment as there was no diagram attached to the YOURSAY page.	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer/Council's Traffic and Transport Engineer has noted the Precinct Committee's comments which will be treated as submission.	Closed for Council
		Convenors to request more information from NSC. Meeting attendees once again expressed concern and frustration at Redlands lack of community engagement with residents. The current proposal for a "Children's Crossing" has not been notified in advance to the Precinct and is an example of the lack of consultation with the resident community.  Redlands has not addressed the long-standing frustration of residents caused by Redlands related traffic congestion during the morning and afternoon pick-up periods, in particular on Rangers Road, Murdoch and Spofforth Streets.  Large buses associated with Redlands also continue to park on Murdoch Street even during non-school hours.	Note: the proposal diagram is available from the Your Say page document library, as an attachment to the notification letter.	
July		Harrison/Bennett Merger - Convenors provided an update: Despite some research the Council Historian was unable to find an Aboriginal name or any references of note [relevant to the new Precinct area]. Council's Manager Community Engagement suggested we may like to consider using the current name.  Motion: That the name for the merged Precinct be Harrison-Bennett. Proposed by PM, Seconded by GW Vote: unanimous	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement notes the new name of the merged Precinct Committee. Council is now in the process of finalising the merger, from an administrative perspective.  Updating of the new Precinct area map is pending finalisation of the boundary changes as agreed with Neutral and Brightmore Precincts. Neutral Precinct has further proposed boundary adjustments along Military Road that affect Parks Precinct. Parks Precinct	Closed for Council

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		A new logo for the merged Precinct may also need to be considered. Making use of the letters 'HB' was one suggestion.	Committee next meets on 26 July 2023 and has been requested to include this proposed change on their next agenda. The boundary realignments can progress once Parks Precinct has resolved its position.	
			Following confirmation that the proposed boundary adjustments are supported by all Precinct Committees, the next step is for Council to prepare and distribute notification to the directly affected properties (draft letters and amended maps were previously circulated for feedback), then to report the boundary change to the elected Council. It is preferable to finalise the boundary adjustments before finalising the Harrison-Bennett Precinct merger to avoid any confusion with different versions of the map etc.	
			UPDATE (25 September 2023) Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the boundary changes have now been accepted by all affected Precinct Committees and the respective notification letters sent to the mailing house to go out this week, advising the properties affected of their change in local Precinct Committee. The updated Precinct areas maps will be provided to the affected Precinct Committees.	
		Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPAs) - are agreements entered into by a planning authority (e.g., a Council) and a developer. Under a VPA a developer can agree to provide or fund public amenities and public services; affordable	Council's Senior Strategic Planner notes the Precinct Committee's feedback and has advised that this matter requires will be discussed at a future Councillor Briefing.	Closed for Council

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		housing; and. transport or other infrastructure. They are legal documents created under the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> .  Q: Does the North Sydney community benefit enough from VPAs? The meeting was advised that developers can make windfall profits when there is a rezoning; some councils (e.g. Parramatta and the City of Sydney) have a policy on the amount developers must contribute under a VPA - for instance Parramatta Council's policy specifies that the VPA include 50% of the increase in land value when there has been a rezoning; and Council doesn't have a policy at present, Council staff negotiate on a case-bycase basis. The meeting was advised that a briefing about Parramatta Council's VPA Policy is scheduled to be held for NSC councillors. Following discussion, the following Motion was proposed: <i>That the Precinct write to the Council expressing support for the creation of a VPA policy. Moved by AB seconded by BD Vote: unanimous</i>	Council's current VPA Policy can be found on the website.	
June	3	Harrison/Bennett Merger update - New Name: The Precinct is looking for a new name that, if possible, is applicable across both precincts. It was noted that the latest amalgamated precinct (Edwards & Union) took its name from the estate on which Graythwaite was built - Euroka. Using this as a guide, some suggestions for Harrison/Bennett of 'Cooper', 'Longview', 'Paling' and 'Garton' were discussed. Cooper & Longview are the names of the original subdivision area, Paling was a prominent original landowner and Garton was a prominent early architect who designed many houses in	<ul> <li>UPDATE (5 July 2023)</li> <li>Council's Manager Corporate Planning &amp; Engagement provided the following progress update regarding the Precinct area boundary changes, as relevant to Harrison-Bennett Precinct:</li> <li>Neutral Precinct has further proposed boundary adjustments along Military Road that affect Parks Precinct.</li> </ul>	Closed for Council

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	Neutral Bay, Cremorne and Mosman which have local heritage significance.  The following motion was proposed: That the Precinct investigate an appropriate Aboriginal name with the assistance of the Council Historian. Vote: unanimous. It was noted that a merger would also require a change of Operational Funding - currently each Precinct is provided with \$1500 per year to pay for flyer distribution and other administrative items. This is insufficient for an amalgamated precinct and a new amount will be determined as part of the Precinct Review. Currently, Bennett Precinct expenses are paid directly by Council. Timing - the merge process can be completed any time in a calendar year. Finalisation of the merger also requires a Precinct map update. This cannot be completed until a name is confirmed. The map update is complicated by the transferring of some parts of Harrison/Bennett Precinct area to Brightmore and Neutral Precinct areas respectively - these changes will take some time.	<ul> <li>Parks Precinct Committee next meets on 26 July 2023 and has been requested to include this proposed change on their next agenda.</li> <li>The boundary realignments can progress once Parks Precinct has resolved its position.</li> <li>As previously advised, following confirmation that the proposed boundary adjustments are supported by all Precinct Committees, the next step is for Council to prepare and distribute notification to the directly affected properties (draft letters and amended maps were previously circulated for feedback), then to report the boundary change to the elected Council.</li> <li>It is preferable to finalise the boundary adjustments before we finalise the Harrison-Bennett Precinct merger to avoid any confusion with different versions of the map etc.</li> <li>The merged can proceed with the current office bearers as interim office bearers and hold the AGM down the line. As advised on 1 June 2023, the AGM can be deferred if the current office bearers are willing to continue in their roles/anyone else interested can become a temporary office bearer until the AGM.</li> <li>The process of finalising the merger at the Council's end is delayed because of the boundary changes affecting adjacent Precinct area/s - see related response under prior months. To avoid confusion with map updates etc, Council needs to finalise the boundary adjustments, then</li> </ul>	

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		can finalise the new Precinct map for the Harrison- Bennett Precinct area.	
4a	<ul> <li>DA 102/23 freestanding advertising structure, Military Road, Cremorne - Meeting attendees expressed the following concerns about the proposed structures:         <ul> <li>Visual Pollution - Precinct members felt that there was already enough electronic signage clutter at bus stops.</li> <li>Could be a distraction for motorists.</li> <li>Lack of community benefit: Council-related information is at risk of being "overridden" (obscured) by commercial advertisements.</li> <li>Obstruction for pedestrians, especially those using mobility aids, and prams.</li> <li>The large size of the signboard (The communication panel has a maximum height of 2.755 metres) is likely to impede vision including the view of buses approaching for the passengers waiting at bus stops.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In light of the issues identified and the large number of similar DAs being lodged with Council, meeting attendees asked if the Precinct could write to Council to object to all such freestanding structures.         <ul> <li>Motion: That Convenors lodge an objection to the current and any future DAs for freestanding advertising structures within the Harrison/Bennett Precinct areas. Vote: unanimous</li> </ul></li></ul>	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that the Precinct Committee's feedback will be treated as a submission.	Closed for Council

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	4c	PP 4/23, 183-185 Military Road, Neutral Bay - Meeting attendees continued discussion about this PP. Reference was made to the Urban Design Study submitted by the applicant as a place to start for those wishing to make their own submission. Discussion, this time, centred around the traffic impacts, particularly on Yeo Street. The issue of the cumulative impact of all the proposed developments in the area was also raised as a neglected aspect of analysis. Motion: That the Precinct write to Council requesting a comprehensive traffic and parking study be carried out for the Neutral Bay Town Centre. Vote: unanimous. It was noted that while the PP is listed on the Council's website there is, yet no deadline set for submissions.	The Precinct Committee's intention to make a submission (in due course) is noted. PP 4/23 is showing on Council's website a Planning Proposal 'lodged'. Lodge proposals required review by Council's Strategic Planning Department etc. Planning Proposals only proceed to public exhibition (with deadline for submissions) following Gateway Determination.  Council's A/Team Leader - Design has advised that as part of the Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study, Council has engaged a transport consultant to prepare the Neutral Bay Town Centre Traffic and Transport Study. The study will include an analysis of traffic and transport capacity in the Town Centre, culminating in clear recommendations for how to best support public domain improvement and growth in the Town Centre. The study is planned to be completed by Sep/Oct 2023.	Closed for Council
	4G	PP 6/22, 1-7 Rangers Rd, Neutral Bay (Woolworths) - The meeting was advised that this PP had been rejected by a majority of the Councillors at the Council Meeting of 22 May. The applicant has advised Council that they will be seeking a rezoning review. After some discussion of the impact of the two major developments (this one + PP4/23), meeting attendees collectively expressed concern that the PPs are being dealt with in isolation. For the community to properly benefit from the creation of better public amenities, collaborative consultation between the two landholders is necessary. One of the major issues raised was the small size of the proposed	UPDATE (14 July 2023) Council's A/Manager Strategic Planning has written direct to the Precinct's Office Bearers:  Council understands and notes the concerns raised by the Precinct Committee and draws your attention to the Council Officer's assessment report for PP1/23 which was considered by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel on 19 April 2023 and Council on 22 May 2023. This can be accessed at:  https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/2	Closed for Council

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	plaza included in PP6/22 (Woolworths). Meeting attendees noted that there would be more public benefit if PP6/22 and PP4/23 were considered holistically so that a better outcome could be achieved. It was noted that the original Military Road Corridor Study concept diagram proposed a more viable plaza. One additional suggestion was that the northern end of Rangers Road could be closed at Military Road to enable a larger plaza to be created. It was noted that the volume of vehicles using Rangers Road to access Military Road was not high and that access is already prohibited in the morning peak hour. However, it was also noted that this could push more traffic into Yeo Street.  The following action was proposed: Action: That the Precinct write to NSC expressing concern about the impact of the two proposals being dealt with separately and to encourage the Council to liaise with both landowners to ensure that the best public amenities can be achieved e.g. size of proposed plaza.	333/pp01-1-7-rangers-road-and-50-yeo-street-neutral-bay-pp123-19-april-2023  Consistent with the report's recommendations, Council resolved not to support the progression of PP1/23 for strategic and site-specific reasons, citing inconsistency with high-level strategic planning policies relating to the site, that will set an undesirable precedent and undermine the strategic planning work undertaken by Council to date for the Neutral Bay Town Centre.  In response to Council's refusal, the applicant (Fabcot Pty Ltd) lodged a rezoning review request with the Department of Planning and Environment. Council is yet to be advised of a hearing date for the rezoning review request. Council will be making representations directly to the Sydney North Planning Panel on its position and intent to pursue a holistic outcome. The Planning Proposal for the adjacent site (183-185 Military Rd Neutral Bay) is currently under assessment.  The outcomes of the Rezoning Review for PP1/23 are unknown at this stage and may have implications on the broader Planning Study that is currently underway for the Neutral Bay Town Centre. As part of this renewed study, Council has recently engaged a consultant to undertake a comprehensive traffic and transport assessment to help guide future development within the precinct.	Julia

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May	1b	Guest Speaker: Cr Santer - Infrastructure: The Earnest Street ramp will not be removed. To minimise heavy vehicle movements along Ernest Street once tunnelling commences, Transport for NSW will build a temporary access off Warringah Freeway into the Ernest Street site. Cr Santer said he can't understand why TfNSW had chosen to remove all its access ramps to the freeway system apart from the one to the current Harbour Tunnel. In his view this would divert traffic away from the Ourimbah Road bypass and onto Military Road, thus counteracting one of the claimed advantages of the project. Action: clarification sought re Ernest St changes.	Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised that the northbound ramp from the Fwy to Ernest Street (allowing traffic to turn left onto Ernest Street) will remain as part of the finished road works. The change will be that a dedicated lane sweeping left from the ramp (and avoiding the red lights at the top of the ramp) will be removed. Consequently, traffic using the ramp to access Ernest Street and turn left, will need to stop at the signals.  The last sentence saying that the WHT will remain in public hands is very debatable. As with the rest of the WestConnex stages, the roadway will likely be handed over to a private toll operator for a period of approx. 40 years.	Closed for Council
	2	<ul> <li>Harrison/Bennett Precinct Merger update - As part of the merger process. the following motion was passed unanimously: That the Precinct agree to:         <ul> <li>Transfer all that part of Harrison Precinct located north of Military Road between Winnie Street and Macpherson Street to Brightmore Precinct.</li> <li>Transfer all that part of Harrison and Bennett Precincts located to the west of Wycombe Road (including the western side of Wycombe Road) between Harriette Street and 152-156 Wycombe Road, to Neutral Bay Precinct.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	UPDATE (1 June 2023) Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised, via email, that the AGM to elect the new office bearers of the merged Precinct Committee, can be deferred until after Winter if the current office bearers are willing to continue in their roles/anyone else interested can become a temporary office bearer until the AGM.  UPDATE (6 June 2023) Precinct Area Boundary Changes - Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement is liaising with Brightmore, Harrison/Bennett and Neutral Precinct Committees regarding the boundary changes. On 6 June	Open/Ongoin g

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		This means that the new boundaries for the merged Harrison and Bennett Precinct would be as follows - All that part of the North Sydney LGA bounded by:  • Northern Boundary: south of Military Road (including the southern side of Military Road) between the western side of Spofforth Street, the eastern side of Wycombe Road;  • Eastern Boundary: west of Spofforth Street (including the western side of Spofforth Street) between Military Road and Hodgson Street;  • Western Boundary: East of Wycombe Street (including the eastern side of Wycombe Street) from Military Road to Harriette Street;  • Southern Boundary: remains as is for Bennett and Harrison Precinct.  A further Motion was also passed unanimously: That Harrison Precinct requests that Council amend the boundaries between Brightmore, Neutral, Bennett and Harrison Precincts as follows:	2023, draft maps assuming the proposed changes, together with draft letters to be distributed by Council to the effected properties to advise of the Precinct area boundary changes, have been provided for review by the Precinct Committees.  On 8 June, Neutral Precinct advised that they have approached Parks Precinct with view to also transferring the remaining addresses along Military Road from May Gibbs Place (Barry Street) to Watson Street, that are currently in Parkes Precinct. Staff will wait for the outcome of this proposal before proceeding with the notification letters and Precinct area map updates.  UPDATE (15 June 2023)  Precinct Name - Council's Historian has been in correspondence with the Co-Convenors regarding new name suggestions for the merged Precinct. It is recommended that the proposed options be presented to a meeting for consideration by Precinct members. A	
		<ol> <li>Transfer all that part of Harrison Precinct located north of Military Road between Winnie Street and Macpherson Street (including the northern side of Military Road) to Brightmore Precinct.</li> <li>Transfer all that part of Harrison and Bennett Precincts located to the west of Wycombe Road (including the western side of Wycombe Road) between Harriette Street and 152-156 Wycombe Road, to Neutral Precinct.</li> </ol>	related motion should be listed on the agenda/flyer as part of the consultation.  UPDATE (27 June 2023) Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has noted Neutral Precinct Committee's motion regarding the boundary changes; and that Neutral Precinct has further proposed boundary adjustments along Military Road that affect Parks Precinct. Parks Precinct Committee next meets on 19 July 2023 and has	

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		It was noted that a new name for the merged precinct would be needed. Consultation with Council Historian has been recommended by Precinct staff. Action: Convenors to contact the Historian.	been requested to include this proposed change on their next agenda.  This matter can progress once Parks Precinct has resolved its position. As previously advised, following confirmation that the proposed boundary adjustments are supported by all Precinct Committee, the next step is for Council to prepare and distribute notification to the directly affected properties, then to report the boundary change to the elected Council.  A draft Precinct area map showing the proposed transfer of properties has been provided to the Precinct Committee for checking. Please advise if there are any errors.	
	3a	PP4/23 183-185 Military Road, Neutral Bay - A new Planning Proposal has been submitted for this site. The Urban Design Study shows a 12-storey building. It was noted that the developer of this site already has approval for a five (5) level shop top housing development with a communal rooftop terrace and basement car parking. Motion: that the Precinct make a submission objecting to this PP. The motion was unanimously agreed to. Attendees were encouraged to make their own submissions on the Department's Planning Portal. Action: Convenors to prepare and submit the objection to the NSW Planning Portal.	Council's Senior Strategic Planner has advised that PP4/23 (183-185 Military Rd) is currently under assessment and submissions should be directed to Council at this stage. It should be noted that there are no statutory requirements to publicly exhibit a planning proposal before the issuance of a Gateway Determination. Notwithstanding, any preliminary submissions received by Council will be considered as part of the assessment report.	Closed for Council

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3b	)	PP 6/22: 1-7 Rangers Road Neutral Bay (Woolworths) - It was noted that this proposal was rejected by the North Sydney Planning Panel. It is not clear what the next step will be.	Council's Senior Strategic Planner has advised that Woolworths have since lodged a second Planning Proposal (PP1/23) for 1-7 Rangers Rd & 50 Yeo St, which Council resolved not to support on 22 May 2023. A rezoning review request was lodged by Woolworths with the NSW Department of Planning on 23 May 2023. A date for the rezoning review hearing is yet to be scheduled.	Closed for Council
3e		<ul> <li>DA 104/23 (Miller St Cammeray) re: installation and operation of a freestanding advertisement structure for the purposes of Council communication and third-party advertising (JCDecaux Australia) - This DA was discussed and meeting attendees unanimously agreed that the Precinct should make a submission based on the following feedback: <ol> <li>Visual Pollution: Precinct members felt that there was already enough electronic signage clutter from electronic signboards at bus stops.</li> <li>Council related information to be exhibited on these structures was at risk of being "over-ridden" (obscured) by commercial advertisements.</li> <li>The Cremorne location is not ideal - the large size of the signboard is likely to create a visual obstruction for people waiting at the nearby bus stop (near McDonalds) as well as obstruct the pathway.</li> <li>Lack of pedestrian traffic - the location chosen for the sign is not a high pedestrian area. For Council to gain maximum exposure, it needs to be placed</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that Council has engaged external independent planning consultants to undertake an assessment of the proposed advertising panel in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policies. The signage proposals have been prepared following a Council tender process for Advertising on Selected Council Infrastructure which concluded in February 2022.  The assessment of advertising structures against planning controls, including consideration of submissions, will be addressed at a later date by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel, who operates independent of North Sydney Council. The concerns expressed in the submissions received in response to the formal public consultation process will be considered both by the independent planning consultant and the Planning Panel at that time. Those submitters to the proposal(s) will also be able to address the Local Planning Panel before they are determined.	Closed for Council

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		in a high pedestrian traffic area. In Cremorne this would be in a location near to the Cremorne Town Centre building. Another possible location would be on or near Cremorne Plaza.  Action: Convenors to prepare and submit a submission.		
March	2	Harrison/Bennett Precinct Merger - Meeting attendees unanimously agreed to proceed with the merger of Harrison and Bennett Precincts. It was noted that Edwards and Union Precincts recently received formal approval from Council to merge. The new Precinct will be called Euroka Precinct. It was also noted that this merger occurred after a trial period of six months. It was thought that as Bennett Precinct members have been attending Harrison Precinct meetings since 2021 a trial period would not be necessary. Action: to advise the Council of the decision to formally merge.	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the Precinct Committee's resolution to proceed with the formal merger of Harrison and Bennett Precinct areas is noted. It is acknowledged that this trial merger has been in operation since August 2020 and that during that time meeting flyers have been distributed to both Precinct areas and to both email mailing lists, so there is considerable awareness of the proposal. This is equivalent to the six-month trial undertaken prior to the Edward and Union Precinct merger as Euroka Precinct, therefore a further trial period is not required.  Q. Is a new name proposed for the merged Precinct Committee?  As previously communicated to the Office Bearers (and the CPC), the next steps in the merger proposal process are:  • Motion resolved by the Precinct Committee  • Discuss new name options with Council's Historian (allow 2 to 4 weeks for research)  • Prepare Statement of Income and Expenditure for both Precinct Committees (to be resolved)	Closed for Council

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			<ul> <li>within a motion to proceed with the merger, if carried).</li> <li>Interim office bearers appointed.</li> <li>Flyers distributed in both Precinct areas advising of the first meeting of the new Precinct, at which office bearers will be elected.</li> <li>Council report advising of the merger (or other change).</li> <li>Administrative tasks to be undertaken by Council (update mailing lists etc).</li> <li>There are a number of changes currently being proposed by other Precinct Committees and the preference (where practical) is to report these together to Council.</li> </ul>	
	5a	Other Business: Spofforth St Heritage information plaque/sign - The Precinct would like an update from the Council Historian on the status of the previously discussed Spofforth St Plaque/information sign to be erected at the corner of Spofforth and Florence Street. Convenors shared the proposed content for a street plaque on 18 July 2022 by email to the Council Historian.	Council's Historian has been in contact with the chair of Harrison Precinct and no further follow up is required on this item.	Closed for Council
	5b	Noise from leaf blowers - A meeting attendee asked if the Precinct could find out who is responsible for noise complaints in relation to leaf blowing equipment. The attendee had contacted the NSW EPA but was told to contact the Council. However, Council staff have stated the matter is not a Council issue. Who is responsible?	Council's Manager Environment & Building Compliance has advised that the use of a leaf blower (and other power tools) on residential properties in NSW is currently permitted under the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2017,</i> between:	Closed for Council

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			<ul> <li>8am and 8pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, and</li> <li>7am and 8pm any other day.</li> </ul>	
			Under this legislation, it is an offence to use a power tool on a residential property outside of the above-specified hours in the circumstance where the noise from the power tool can be heard within a neighbouring residential premises.	
			In the event a power tool is observed being used on a residential property outside of the above-mentioned times, Council's Rangers can be contacted on 9936 8100 for assistance. Council's Rangers are on duty from 5:30am to midnight daily.	
			Whilst Council Officer's enforce the provisions of the above-mentioned legislation, the NSW EPA (Environment Protection Authority) is responsible for reviewing and updating this legislation.	
February	2a	New DA 404/2022 (previously DA 351/22) 152-156 Wycombe Road and 165-167 Military Road, Neutral Bay - The previous DA for this site was rejected by the Design Review Panel (DRP) on 22/11/2022. The developer is currently seeking a variation to the height. The plan submitted requests 21.835 metres in a 16 metres zone - a 36.4% variation - in order to fit in an extra storey. The other concerns are the overshadowing of adjacent	Council's Senior Assessment Officer has advised that the Precinct Committee's submission has been received.  UPDATE (2 May 2023) Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that Brightmore and Harrison/Bennett Precinct Committees have proposed Precinct area boundary changes that affect the current Neutral	Closed for Council
		buildings, safety issues with additional vehicles trying to	Precinct area. Neutral Precinct Committee has not yet	

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	access Yeo Street and additional traffic congestion in Yeo Street. As previously discussed, vehicular access to/from the proposed building will be via May Lane which is a local service lane that provides rear vehicular and pedestrian access to properties fronting Military Road and Yeo Street. Traffic flow is restricted to one-way eastbound movements only. Approaching traffic tends to do so via Yeo Street - Barry Street - May Lane, while departing traffic must exit to Yeo Street. Time-restricted metered kerbside parking is permitted at selected locations along the laneway, subject to signposted restrictions. The traffic implications of the development proposal primarily concern the nett change in the amount of traffic generated compared to its existing and/or approved uses, and its impact on the performance of the surrounding road network, particularly during the weekday morning and afternoon peak periods. Precinct meeting feedback: Presence of and effect on egress and access to the Fire Station on Yeo Street was not included in any DA documentation This proposed height variation would set a poor precedent for Neutral Bay village. Motion: that the Precinct lodges an objection to the amended DA on the grounds of the increased height, overshadowing and the resulting traffic issues. Moved by GW, Seconded by BD For: 20 Against: nil Abstain: 2 As noted previously, this DA is located within the Brightmore Precinct, an anomaly that could be addressed through the Precinct Review.	formally discussed the proposed and has been encouraged to raise under General Business at their May 2023 meeting and list a proposed motion on their June 2023 agenda to provide Council with a formal record of Neutral Precinct's view on the matter.  As advised in an email to the office bearers of the three Precinct Committees, the below next steps are proposed - to help ensure consultation has occurred and coordinate the admin changes:  1. Proposal listed on next Precinct meeting agenda for discussion - Council informed of final proposal via motion within minute (post consultation with Precinct area)  2. Staff to prepare map/s showing proposed maps (to aid consultation)  3. Consultation to occur with affected streets directly impacted by the proposal e.g. via direct notification letter  4. Councillor Bulletin item prepared to advise of proposal (for information)  5. Council report to advise of the Council change 6. Precinct area map/s updated on website and Council's record keeping system etc. 7. New boundaries apply  Once a response from Neutral Precinct Committee has been received, Council staff will be in contact again to	

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			further discuss the next steps in progressing the boundary changes.	
	2b	DA 95/2022 - 290 Military Road (McDonalds) - It was noted that TfNSW had vetoed the idea of having a combined entry/exit driveway. The DA is now restricted to improvements to the remote order stations for drivethrough customers and it appears that this should have no impact on the neighbours. There was no support for a proposal to write to the Council asking if any pedestrian safety measures could be installed at the entrance and exit driveways as part of the DA process.	Noted by Council's Senior Assessment Officer.	Closed for Council
	2c	DA 334/22: 53 and 55 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay - It was noted that there are ongoing concerns with the use of Rangers Lane for vehicular access to the proposed building. This Lane is currently a well-used shared pedestrian/vehicle area. It has only one entry/exit point to Harrison Street. The development proposed would result in 19 extra vehicles having access to the Lane which poses a significant risk to pedestrian safety and residents are concerned that this could see a change to the current usage of the laneway in favour of vehicles. It was noted that 55 Yeo Street currently has driveway access on Yeo Street. The DA does not utilise this existing access. It was noted that additional documentation has been uploaded to the Council website including a report from the Design Excellence Panel (DEP) dated 13.12.22 as well as a 15.12.22 update to the Heritage Impact Statement by the developer's heritage consultant, Weir Phillips. The DEP	Council's Director City Strategy has updated that on 13 February 2023, Council considered a Notice of Motion responding to community concerns arising from the assessment of DA 334/22 to demolish the existing dwellings at 53 and 55 Yeo Street, Cremorne and construction of a 4-storey residential flat building. Council resolved to seek advice as to whether an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) could be supported in relation to these properties and ultimately determine whether they are worthy of long term heritage protection. It also resolved to investigate whether the two properties could be incorporated within the adjoining Cremorne Conservation Area.  On 22 February 2023, the General Manager imposed an IHO over the properties at 53 and 55 Yeo Street, Cremorne. The decision to impose the IHO was based on	Closed for Council

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		stated it "broadly supported" the proposed design subject to identified issues being addressed. Meeting attendees also noted issues of loss of vegetation and trees in the area as well as insufficient set back with existing dwellings in Harrison Street. It was noted that there is a motion before the Council meeting of 13 February 2023:  1.THAT Council obtain urgent advice in relation to whether an Interim Heritage Order(s) can be supported in respect of dwellings known as 53 and 55 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay.  THAT the advice includes an assessment of local heritage significance under the Wycombe Road Group NSH1255 listing.  2.THAT Council prepare an urgent report to assess whether 53 and 55 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay ought to be included in the South Cremorne Heritage Conservation Area.  3. THAT the review consider whether the 53 and 55 Yeo Street properties may be heritage or contributory items within the conservation area.  Motion: that the Precinct writes to all Councillors seeking support for the above motion before Council. Moved by: JA, Seconded by: CS For: Unanimous Abstain: 2	the advice from Council's Conservation Planners that both subject properties meet at least four the criteria for heritage listing and the "threat of harm" established through the on-going assessment of the DA and its Appeal to the Land and Environment Court for the whole demolition of the identified potential heritage items.  Notice of Council's imposition of the IHO was published in the Government Gazette on 24 February 2023, the date from which formal temporary protection is granted. In addition, the property owners to which the IHO relates have been directly notified, and public notices advising of the imposition of the IHO and its gazettal have been placed in the Mosman Daily and on Council's website.  The next steps will involve the engagement of an independent heritage consultant to undertake a detailed heritage assessment of the two properties to confirm whether the properties are worthy to be heritage listed long term. In addition, the consultant will investigate the potential to include to the two properties within the Cremorne Conservation Area in accordance with its resolution of 13 February 2023. The recommendations of the consultant will then be reported back to Council with a recommendation as to whether it should proceed with an amendment to North Sydney LEP to list one or both of the properties as heritage items and or included within the Cremorne Conservation Area.	

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	2e	Amended DA 269/21 - 368 Military Rd/75 Parraween St (Platino - Seventy5) - It was brought to the Precinct's attention that there was another amended DA for this site. The amended DA proposes a modification to the approved development to increase the setback of upper levels to Military Road; increase the number of units from 6 to 7; make minor internal alterations and modify specific conditions of development consent. The Precinct lodged an objection to the original DA in October 2021. Since then this DA has undergone a number of modifications (This is the fourth DA submitted for this development site) Precinct feedback overall is that this is overdevelopment by stealth. The modification seeks to return the number of units to 7, which was the number approved by Council in the original DA. The meeting agreed that the Precinct should write to the Council objecting to the increase in the number of units and to confirm support for the Council's heritage officer as there have been a number of improvements made to ensure that the new building is in character with the Orpheum.	Noted by Council's Senior Assessment Officer.	Closed for Council
	4d	PP 2/12-14 Waters Road, Neutral Bay - is currently approved "Pre-exhibition stage", however, the developer has simultaneously lodged an amended DA (92/21) to include additional level of strata titled residential apartments (increase height from five to six storeys). Motion: that the Precinct lodge an objection to the most recent amendment of DA 92/21. Vote: Moved by: JA, Seconded by HL - Unanimous	Council's Senior Assessment Officer has advised that the Precinct Committee's submission has been received.	Closed for Council

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	5	previously noted there are several anomalies and/or confusing boundary lines which currently exist between Harrison and Brightmore Precinct. Recent discussion of DA 404/2022 revealed that this site currently falls into Brightmore Precinct - specifically 165-167 Military Road and 152-156 Wycombe Road, Neutral Bay. Currently a portion of the southern side of Parraween Street and the northern side of Military Road, Cremorne fall into Harrison Precinct. It was discussed and agreed that it would be more logical to reassign 165-167 Military Road, Neutral Bay/52-156 Wycombe Road to Harrison Precinct and to incorporate Parraween Street and the northern side of Military Road, Cremorne into Brightmore Precinct.  Motion: That Harrison Precinct approach Brightmore  has written to Harrison and Brightmore Precinc Committees to discuss the next steps in prog proposed Precinct areas boundary changes. To following steps are proposed to coordinate the Staff to prepare map/s showing proposed Precinct area (to aid consultation)  • Consultation to occur with affected stend the directly impacted by the proposal e.g. notification letter  • Councillor Bulletin item prepared to a proposal (for information)  • Council administration - Precinct area	<ul> <li>Consultation to occur with affected streets directly impacted by the proposal e.g. via direct notification letter</li> <li>Councillor Bulletin item prepared to advise of proposal (for information)</li> <li>Council report to advise of the Council change</li> <li>Council administration - Precinct area map/s updated on website and Council's record keeping system</li> </ul>	Closed for Council
	6	Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place Public Domain Upgrades - The Precinct requested and was granted an extension to the public feedback period. The following note was received: Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that the design options are being revised to include preliminary feedback which closes on 31 January such as evergreen trees, more greenery and improved access. At this point there are no designs to share yet.	Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that the Precinct Committee's preliminary feedback submission has been received.  UPDATE (20 February 2023) Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised all Precinct Committees via memo, that there the two (2) design concept options are on public exhibition until 3	Closed for Council

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		Council is anticipating the design options to be available from 7 February, which is the start of the next stage of consultation. The following are suggestions arising from the discussion at the meeting:  • green wall on Military Road • improve lighting • more seating • improve wheelchair access • provide all-weather awning/pergola - current "tents" are not acceptable • no need for children's play area • incorporate art-deco themes Action: Convenors to submit feedback	April 2023. We invite all stakeholders, including Precinct Committees, to have a say on the future look and feel of these spaces. 8,000 flyers have been distributed to owners, residents, and businesses in Cremorne area to promote this engagement opportunity. During the exhibition period, the following events provide the opportunity to discuss the proposed concepts with Council staff and design consultants:  • Drop-in Information Stall 1 - Wednesday 1 March 2023 between 2pm - 4pm • Site Walkthrough - Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 4pm • Design Consultants - Wednesday 22 March 2023 - places limited, registration essential. • Drop-in Information Stall 2 - Monday 27 March 2023 between 4pm - 6pm  For more information including the concept plans and online submission form visit: https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/cremorne-plaza-langley-place-public-domain-upgrades  UPDATE (18 July 2023)  Council's Project Manager has advised that the consultation outcomes are under internal review, a consultant will be briefed on the outcomes to provide a preferred concept incorporating community feedback. The preferred design concept will be presented to Council in September 2023.	