

THE SNAPSHOT

HAYBERRY PRECINCT NEWS



HAYBERRY PRECINCT MEETING ACTION NOTES February 2024.

Location: The Citadel, 14 Hayberry Street.

Attendees 10, Apologies 61, Street engagements 57

1. Round Table

The formal meeting discussed following matters brought to the Round Table by attendees.

1a. Marist College. Concerns (not new) were raised regarding increased traffic volumes due to an increase in student numbers.

General discussion ensued and specific concerns were about pick-up/drop-of-road safety for pedestrians and vehicle collisions alike.

Traffic and parking: Of particular concern about how existing traffic problems will be increased with vehicles exiting the College and turning right into Carlow Street and the probable tailback in Ridge Street and the impact on surrounding streets.

Originally it was proposed in the Responses to Submissions that school facilities, including the auditorium, library, and outside areas, would be available for community use.

Motion agreed by all in attendance and subsequently with residents post the meeting was to know from Council what the traffic management plans post construction including the underground carpark. That Council representatives from the Open Space & Infrastructure Division (Traffic and Transport) meet with

representatives from the Precinct particularly John from Carlow Street and Gary from West Street and Davie to raise concerns. Further perhaps jointly with a meeting with Community, Planning & Environment Division (Community Development) re the above re community use of school facilities after hours and weekends raised.

1b. West Street Ridge Street Cycle way.

Raised by 2 residents of West Street at the meeting and by 9 others externally to the meeting.

Existing bike lanes are not being seen to be used. How will the Cycle Lane be configured where it intersects Cnr Carlow and West Street. Key Safety concern re the above is the junction/cross streets at Carlow West and Emmett

1c. A recent resident to Emmett and Restaurateur raised concerns about the current redevelopment of Willoughby Road in Crows Nest.

With the installation of new paving, lighting and street furniture and replacement of existing planter boxes that surround the present dining areas a primary fear is that without notice the movable street furniture may simply disappear.

Precinct unanimously seeks reassurance from Council that notice will be given to any Café/Restaurant owner reasonable notice when installations are planned to existing outside areas so arrangements can be made with the owners or contractors to keep such furniture safe and secure.

1d. Concern was raised by 2 residents regarding the NSW Government Policy Housing Policy, especially heritage concerns.

Further how the Government Policy as it is may impact Hayberry Precinct. There was a general and lengthy robust discussion with support both for and against the Government's plans. Concern was highlighted regarding the appropriateness of Council Executive being engaged in promoting a political opinion as opposed to providing independent objective advice. In response Davie presented several Government documents challenging the idea among others made at

a public meeting held on the subject “One Size Fits All” General agreement is there is a Housing Crisis. Davie raised concerns in detail regarding submissions made by 2 Precincts against the Government Policy.

1e Resident raised concerns regarding the probability of an increase in traffic resulting in North Sydney from the completion of the Western Harbour Tunnel and The Metro

The premise was that the Metro would encourage private traffic density and flow from the Northern Beaches to North Sydney (Victoria Square) of commuters wanting to use the Metro and thus be seeking parking; Additionally, the WHT (Western Harbour Tunnel) it too will increase traffic and parking into North Sydney CBD.

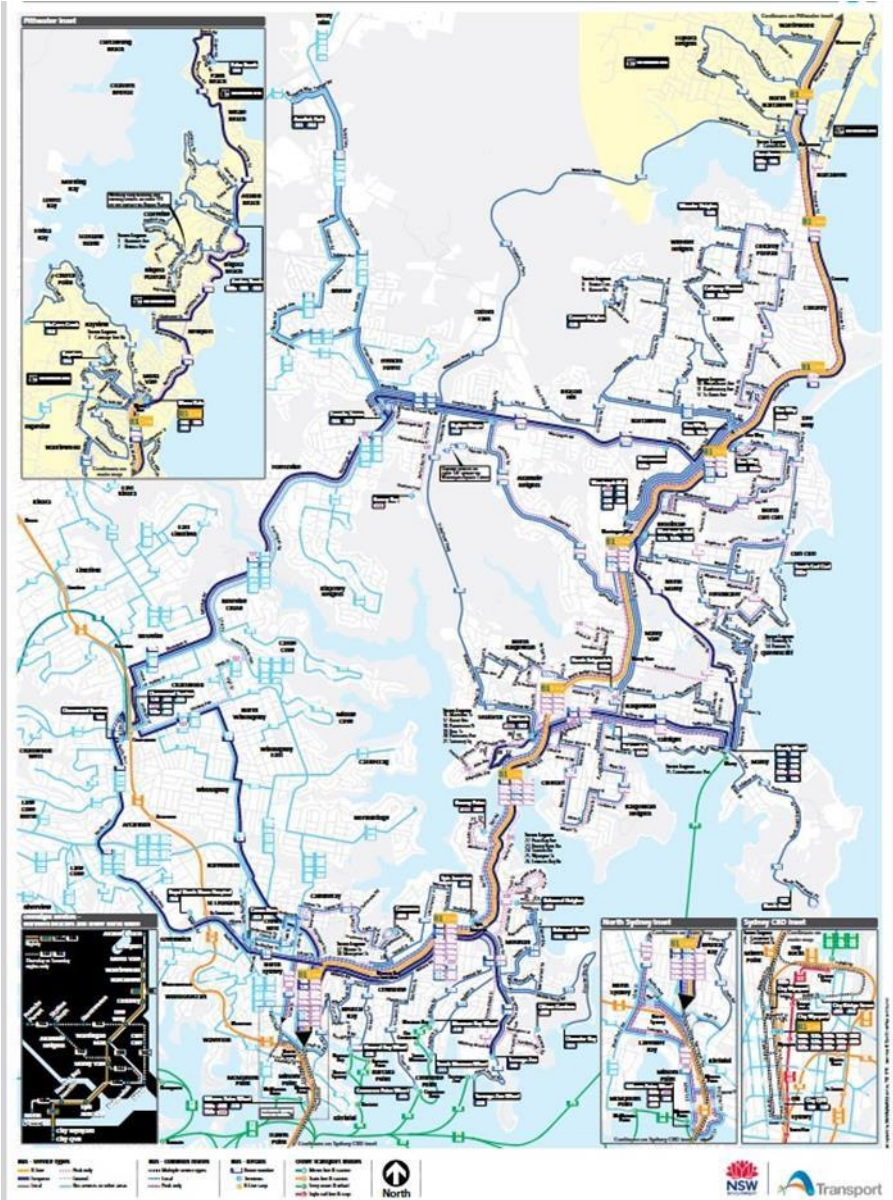
An alternative view was that would be surprising if the Metro would cause increased traffic as the Metro was to reduce commuter traffic from Northwest Sydney. With existing public transport including the Northern Beaches Bline to the CBD and location of North Sydney and Crows Nest Metro Stations it should not occur. The entire basis of its justification from the outset and while it is true building such roads induces more traffic all modelling specific to the WHT shows this is unlikely based on data of North Sydney being a destination of more commuter traffic. A pinch point may occur at Berry/Ridge Street for Pacific Highway traffic that currently uses Berry to access the Harbour Bridge >Western Distributor to transition paying expensive tollsx2 to journey West via the Rozelle interchange.

However, agreed by consensus: Precinct asked Council if there exists a traffic and parking management plan with the expectation some of the Precinct believe there will be such an increase with the opening of the Metro and completion of the WHT.

Post meeting information.

Some traffic may continue from Military Road to Falcon and Miller but there are better ways [3 Car routes or **multiple Buses see following image** to go Chatswood to pick up the Metro or drive via Ryde and or West from the Northern Beaches.

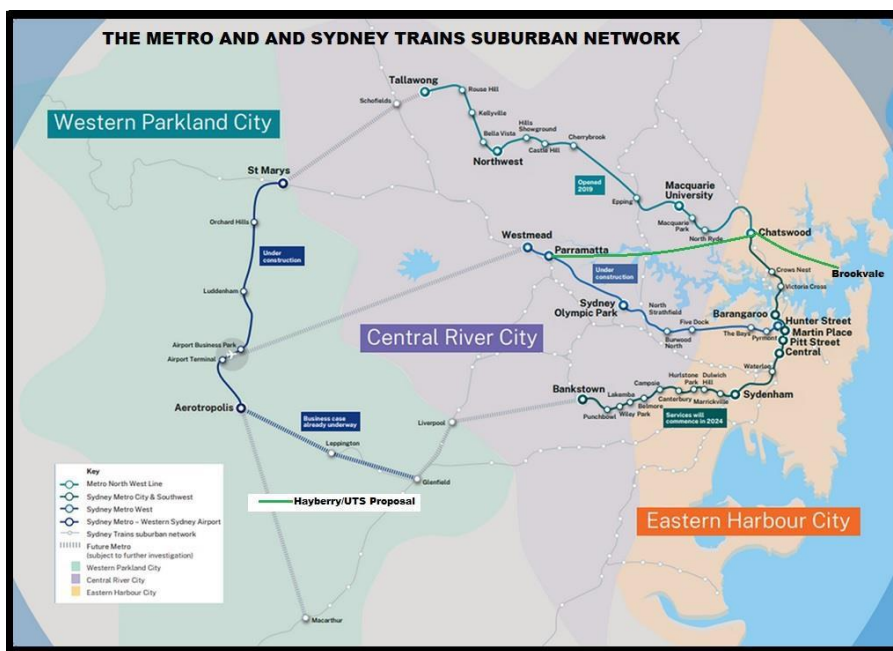
NORTHERN BEACHES BUS ROUTES identifying a variety of Public Bus services and their connections to Chatswood St Leonards



The Hayberry Precinct STOP Campaign Rail Proposal

The meeting was reminded it was Hayberry that was a key player lobbying against and to STOP the Beaches Link Tunnel by broadening the campaign across Sydney and Statewide and getting the then State opposition to commit to cancelling the plan.

While the Metro and plans for the WHT and Beaches Link were in their infancy in 2017 Hayberry proposed in detail supported by UTS the alternative of rail from the Northern Beaches via Chatswood to Parramatta that was continually undermined by the North Sydney Combined Precinct Committee and “Stop the Tunnels” campaign



See Hayberry Precinct Face Book STOP Campaign for everything from Traffic data to an expose of Transurban.

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<https://www.facebook.com/STOPWesternHarbourTunnelandBeachesLink/photos> Specific articles relevant to 1a above + can be provided upon request by email

SCHEDULED AGENDA

Due to the time matters brought to the Round Table took NONE of the scheduled items were discussed.

2. Council's continuing plan to reduce off-street car-parking spaces for new high-density developments in the area.

3 ONGOING

Vehicle Parking Infringement notices and Parking Fine Reviews

Bring back tickets Councils responses to date not good enough.

N.B Hayberry have pursued the issue further afield.

4 Notice of Special Meeting(s) to be held.

a) Re: Council meeting held February 12 re Olympic pool

b) re the Councils Public meeting held 14 February 2024 re State Government Housing Reforms this policy as it seems are several of the Rangers.



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