

Lavender Bay Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 31 Oct 2024
Starting at 7 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston AM

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

Chair: Robert Stitt robert@stittqc.com.au
Acting Secretary: Ian Curdie lavenderbayprecinct@gmail.com

1. Welcome / Apologies / Minutes of Previous Meeting

10 were present with 7 apologies. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

- 2. Matters Arising from last meeting:** we received an update on matters raised at our last meeting from Council's Service Unit Manager Capital Projects & Asset Management, who attended last month's meeting. The Blues Pt Rd masterplan summary was tabled (see attached), the piles off 1 Henry Lawson are TfNSW's responsibility to remove, Council is looking to source recycled materials to use as a temporary measure to keep vehicles off the grass at McMahons Point wharf area and Wendy's Secret Garden slope stabilisation has no budget allocated but Council is looking for funds from other projects so the stormwater piping is done this financial yr.

Precinct noted there is spare stone in Sawmillers Reserve – might this be borrowed for use at McMahons Point?

Precinct was told that Council won't remove weeds from the slope needing consolidation at Wendy's Secret Garden but Council has also said Wendy's workers mustn't access the slope until it is consolidated – a chicken and egg scenario – which comes first?

Action that Council as leaseholder must address the issue and make safe the slope so that garden workers can access the remainder of the leased area.

3. Chairman's Report

Parking meters. The Chairman outlined the problems faced in using the new parking metering system. Use of a mobile phone App is intrusive and doesn't suit those users less tech savvy, the system doesn't recognise registration plates with less than 5 alpha/numeric figures, the new system charges an additional and possibly illegal service fee, the old meters are bound up and unusable, all leading to businesses noticing a

decline in trade as customers seek more convenient places to conduct their business. Not only is business lost – residential amenity is also lost. What does Council have to say about this fiasco?

It was noted 10 parking spaces have been withdrawn from Alfred St Milsons Point and are not used.

Action Precinct asks that these places be made available especially at busy market days and on weekends.

Media travails. The Chairman has contacted Kate McClymont about the lack of balance in media reports on the bike ramp issue. Two journalist's names were suggested who were contacted – and the requested unreported issues furnished as well as details of the ombudsman's findings that the Arcadis report on the Community Cycle Ramp was not impartial – however there has been no corrective report resulting. 2GB just hung up. How can sensible democratic debate take place when reportage is so biased?

4. **Western Harbour Tunnelling information**

The tunnel will shortly pass beneath the Pacific Hwy and continue underneath Waverton.

The meeting was advised that the Berry St on-ramp will continue to function and feed the Warringah Freeway and Western Harbour Tunnel.

With no warning signage, the inconvenience of being forced to cross the harbour bridge when the Alfred St (north) off ramp is closed was noted – residents can get updates from TfNSW at: whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au

5. **Development Applications Submitted**

20 Bayview St (275/2024) – demolition of house and rebuild. Noted

11 King George St (270/2024) – alterations and additions, reduction in pool size. Noted

37 Bayview (246/2024) – amendments to DA, internal changes, fenestration changes to all facades, extend garage to southern boundary, deletion of bin storage. Noted

35 Blues Point Road (272/2024) – alterations – new windows, doors and garage. Noted

6. **Community Events**

- Wendy's Secret Gardening – Saturday 2 Nov. The volunteer gardeners meet on the first Saturday of the month for a morning's gardening with a sausage sizzle usually provided as a thank you for coming. Details from Ian on icurdie@bigpond.com

7. **General Business**

- That we extend an invitation to Councillors to our meeting, especially new Councillors.

- Friends of Bradfield Park to meet Tues 12 Nov at 8.30 am in The Lounge, 70 Alfred St.
- Olympic Pool Levy or Rate hike? It was reported that Council is seeking to raise the general rate through IPART to raise funds to pay for the pool. Precinct is opposed to a general rate increase to manage the pool funding shortfall and instead suggests that Council raise a special one-off “Pool Levy” to be applied exclusively to the pool debt and perhaps extend over a few years.
Action – that Precinct’s preference for a Pool Levy be put to Council.

The meeting was closed at 8 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday 28 November, 2024. 7 pm

The November meeting will be our Annual General Meeting and the final meeting for 2024, so come prepared for some Seasonal Cheer.

Attachment – Blues Point Road Masterplan
So far, Council has delivered stages 1A, 2, 5

4. Masterplan Implementation Program

Table 2 - Masterplan Implementation Program

<i>Proposed Project</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Delivered by</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Stage 1A - Initial construction works for Zone 2 - Blues Point Road Village. This work includes footpath upgrades along Blues Point Road and King George Street intersection, footpath widening on Blues Point Rd, Pedestrian crossing upgrade and continuous footpath treatment at the intersection of Blues Point Road and King George Street.	Partial funded by the Special Rate Variation (SRV) and Capital Works for the financial year 2021/2022 + Additional funding required	<i>June 2022</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
Stage 1B - Completion of Zone 2 - Blues Point Road Village. This work includes removal of overhead wires and completion of footpath upgrades along Blues Point Road and King George Street intersection, new streetlighting, footpath widening on Blues Point Rd, planting of new trees and hedges, and potential sculpture installation (TBD during	<i>Subject to funding being made available on by Council in the next Delivery Plan; and or grant applications</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>\$1,786,000</i>

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design development stage in conjunction with community).			
Stage 2 - Zone 3 - East Crescent Street Pocket Park. This work includes construction of new pocket park, removal of overhead wires, footpath upgrades along Blues Point Road and East Crescent Street, footpath widening to increase outdoor dining spaces, new streetlighting, construction of continuous footpath treatments along Blues Point Road and streets junctions and potential sculpture installation (TBD during design development stage in conjunction with community).			\$1,580,000
Stage 3 - Zone 1 - Blue Street Gateway. This work includes footpath upgrades along Blues Point Road, planting of gateway trees and garden beds, removal of overhead wires, installation of multipurpose poles with banner flags and upgraded streetlighting, and construction of continuous footpath treatments along Blues Point Road.			\$2,145,000
Stage 4 - Village Complementary works Blues Point Rd between Zone 1 and Zone 2 This work includes footpath upgrades along Blues Point Road, planting of new trees and garden beds, removal of overhead wires, streetlighting upgrade, street furniture upgrade and construction of continuous footpath treatments along Blues Point Road intersections.			\$3,480,000
Stage 5 - Village Complementary works Blues Point Rd between Zone 2 and Zone 3, and Zone 3 to Warung Street. This work includes footpath upgrades along Blues Point Road, planting of new trees and garden beds, removal of overhead wires, streetlighting upgrade, street furniture upgrade and construction of continuous footpath treatments along Blues Point Road intersections.			\$4,420,000
Stage 6 - Village Complementary works Union Street to Victoria Street This work includes footpath upgrades along Blues Point Road, planting of new trees and garden beds, removal of overhead wires, streetlighting upgrade, street furniture upgrade and construction of continuous			\$980,000