



**Parks Precinct Meeting
Wednesday February 19, 2025
Meeting: On-Line**

Parks Precinct Meeting Minutes. February 19, 2025

1. Attendance and apologies.

Attendees as per the attendance sheet: 18

Apologies: Nil

2. Confirmation of November Minutes.

Moved BB, seconded CT. Passed unanimously.

Matters arising.

LP asked about Council Response to speeding problems mentioned in November minutes.

At the time of the meeting there was no response to the November meeting. Chair has committed to following up with the Council.

3. Guest Speaker: Zoe Baker, Mayor North Sydney.

A) In addressing the SRV proposal submitted to IPART, the Mayor reported:-

- a. Community Consultation (May -July) was undertaken to provide a Ten Year Strategy in eight areas (Transport, Governance, Open Space and Recreation, Culture and Creativity etc.) to provide a strategic framework for decision making and to avoid ad hoc decision making.
- b. Asset Management and Plans.
- c. Rate application to IPART (including business rates) would be 87.05 % over two years. The minimum rate (\$715) is paid by 77.6% of residents.
- d. Levies would not be additional, but included in the proposed increase. Council faces a liquidity crisis for the next two years (Pool, servicing debt and limited Infrastructure reserves)

- e. IPART decision due in May. Public consultation will be available. The IPART decision will be bound by the Council's request/recommendation.

The Mayor addressed questions.

- Reports will be made to Council on possible Commercial opportunities when the pool is complete. Free access to residents may be available at times.
- Schools do not pay rates. 10% of Council Area is occupied by rate exempted institutions. Redlands and Shore have agreed to work collaboratively with Council. RC schools have refused to do so. Some Schools are using parks as substitute playgrounds.
- Young St access to Military Rd. Construction June/July.
- Neutral Bay Planning Study applies to Grosvenor Plaza. Tenders for Plaza close on 22/2/2025.
- Arkadia submitted PP for two 12 Storey Towers with complex driveways.
- Coles latest DA includes a plaza.
- Woolworths Development in Rangers Road has been approved by Northern Planning Panel.

4. New DAs under consideration

Nil

5. General Business. As listed in the matters arising from the minutes.

6. Next Meeting Wednesday 19th March at 7pm. Online.

Meeting Closed at 8.15 PM