

**Waverton Precinct meeting
6 May 2025
Minutes**

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting commenced at 7:35pm

Chair and Secretary: IG

Attendance: 10

Apologies: Nil

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The confirmation of the previously circulated draft Minutes was moved by CK and seconded by MS

“That the April 2025 Minutes be accepted”

Carried unanimously

3. Existing Business Updates

- Matters stood over from last meeting

It was reported new brighter lighting is being installed at the end of Blues Point Road. Attendees are encouraged to see what that is like and consider if we should ask for a similar upgrade at the end of Balls Head Rd.

It was also noted several bus stops have been shut in Miller street with passengers encouraged instead to use the stops next to the Metro station outlets.

- Proposed new Park

It was noted the Council had replied asking us to specify where a basketball court might be located. This was agreed to be on the flat area between the end of Carradah Park and the bund wall; and set back away from the water and the existing track.

- Proposed change to park area at southern end of Larkin St

This broad request has been made early this year on a walk around of the Precinct executive with relevant Council staff. It was a shared view the last 200-300 m is not working as planned and is currently neither bushland nor park land.

We know Council is working on a new scheme, so the Chair was asked to get an update from NSC on that item.

- ‘Save our Sydney Harbour’ campaign

The Chair reported a letter had been given to the head of Maritime suggesting the ‘Aqua Cube’ (formerly known as ‘Flanagan’s Afloat’) vessel be the first vessel to be subject to Maritime’s new legal powers with respect to derelict vessels.

No reply has been received.

4. New Business

- DAs

61/2025 16 Larkin St There was no comment. For the record it was noted the Chair and Treasurer have both discussed this application direct with the owner of

the property, in an attempt to resolve non compliance issues related to this application, because they are neighbours.

- Draft NSC Development Control Plan 2025.

The memo was read to the meeting. There were no questions.

- Other

-State of fig trees in Larkin St

MS spoke to a report which he has drafted about the state of health of these trees in Larkin St, which he did following the collapse last year of branches onto parked cars, with some vehicles completely written off.

He will provide a copy of his report to the Precinct.

He noted the trees roots are routinely parked on by parked cars and he also thought they are driven over routinely by the people cleaning the toilet block and occasionally by large trucks doing periodic pump outs in the upper level of Waverton Park.

He noted there is no gutter and hence no real stormwater capture system at all on the eastern side of the street and the Council routinely puts bark chip on the hill side which simply washes down and kills the grass in the Park at the lowest point.

He notes some trees look much less healthy than others.

He recommends a gutter be fitted along the whole of the eastern side and a link be made from it to the existing stormwater drain on the eastern side of the street, which is located at that lowest point.

He suggested the section of the street from Wood to Woolcott Sts be made one way to keep the cars away from the tree roots.

This aspect was strongly disputed by several audience members as the solution – instead suggesting car parking should not be allowed on the eastern side of the street between those two streets’ if this is impacting the health of the trees.

It was agreed by the meeting that the Chair should write to Council asking them to:

1. do a report on the health of these trees and provide a copy to the Precinct (or table any recent report they might already have) ;
2. remind the toilet cleaning contractor to stay on the road and open the gate to access the Park; and
3. require pump out trucks to access the Park from Woolcott Street near the bus shelter.

- Cape Don

It was noted there will be an Information Day this coming weekend and the tours are still being run regularly at a cost of \$10 per person.

- Former “Botanica Café “ site

This site was closed by Council last year for health reasons. It was noted the site is not being maintained at all and is now looking very derelict. The Precinct requests Council ask Transport for NSW to at least keep the site tidy (trim trees, etc).

-Derelict house on the foreshore of McMahons Point

An update on this item was requested for the next meeting

The meeting closed at 9:15pm