



**Minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2024 at 6.30 pm
Northbridge Golf Club**

Present	X people attended as per the attendance sheet
Chair:	HM declared the meeting open at 6.35pm Acknowledgement of first people
Apologies:	BE, JK, TR
Committee	SR elected to the committee
Minutes	Minutes of the AGM November 2023 meeting were adopted
Correspondence Sent and Received	<p style="text-align: center;">CORRESPONDENCE SENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p style="text-align: center;">CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Update on the Western Harbour Tunnel Project	<p>JB made a presentation on WHT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint BP and Naremburn Progress Association letter campaign to the NSW Premier and ministers launched in November 2023 asking



	<p>the NSW government to address -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The SPACE deficit by deleting planned Beaches Link Infrastructure and return land. ○ STREETS –the widespread local traffic issues by reassessing the freeway configuration. ○ SMOG – immediately re-assess the poor pollution levels modelled. ○ SENSE – refer the project to the NSW Auditor General and INSW to re-establish its cost/benefits- CANCELLATION. <p>• North Sydney Council – Mayoral Minute Dec 2023</p> <p>The Mayor presented a minute to a council meeting which recommended:</p> <p>THAT Council call on the State Government to:–</p> <p>(a) commission new traffic modelling</p> <p>(b) prepare a new business case...</p> <p>(c) prepare and seek consent for amendments to the WHT/WFU projects to mitigate congestion.....</p> <p>(d) consider cancelling the WHT and redirection of funds to public transport projects in greater Sydney</p> <p>. • 2 for 1 Tree Replacement – JB wrote to local member TJ and received the following update in Dec 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question: Up to 3,000 trees will be destroyed in total. Why is the actual tree destruction so much higher than the estimate of 687 in the EIS? Secretary's Answer: ".....the number of trees first outlined for removal is different to the actual number of trees removed due to a change in how trees are defined." ○ Question: Of the at least 1,200 trees destroyed to date how many have been replanted? Secretary's Answer: No response ○ Question: Will these dead saplings be replaced or not? Secretary's Answer: "Transport for NSW is committed.....to replacing failed plantings." <p>• The traffic congestion recently occurring in the inner west as a result of the opening of the WestConnex interchange is a foretaste of the traffic congestion which is predicted to occur on the lower north shore with the opening of the Western harbour Tunnel.</p> <p>• Rozelle Parklands closed due to asbestos contamination. Mayor Zoe Baker has written to TFNSW about possible contamination of mulch used in the WFU project. Mulch used on this project is not contaminated with asbestos.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cammeray Park - 4.7 Hectares destroyed <p>Potential for 2.7 hectares to be returned to community</p> <p>State government likely to return 1.8 hectares for community use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current status of WHT <p>WHT Stage 1 Complete - the excavation of 1.7km of the tunnel between Emily Street in Rozelle to Cove Street in Birchgrove.</p> <p>WHT Stage 2 – excavation of 4.8 km of the tunnel between Birchgrove and North Sydney/Cammeray. Preliminary work begun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Future – Bay Precinct will continue to lobby the state government for –<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ the promised return of greenspace within the vicinity of Cammeray Park○ the deletion of Beaches link infrastructure and return of space to the community○ the replacement of up to 3,000 trees○ a reassessment of the freeway and tunnel configuration to lessen the predicted local traffic congestion○ an immediate re-assessment of the poor pollution levels modelled○ work with local government and community groups in order to achieve these goals
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<p>Update on Tunks Park</p>	<p>HM -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal posts have been installed at the eastern end of Tunks Park for AFL training. • HM: JB wrote to council and received a reply that council had no current plans to install floodlights in TP. • HM: We need to remain vigilant as there will be continued pressure to utilise the park more which could lead to overuse of grass leading to synthetic turf and floodlights. • LR: AFL use of the park will lead to increased traffic to and from the park. Nothing has been done to improve the already poor traffic movements. • HM: AFL use of the park will extend the duration of the traffic congestion problems we are already experiencing. • LR: AFL use of the park will lead to increased traffic to and from the park. Nothing has been done to improve the already poor traffic movements. • HM: A path starting near the southern side of the bridge leading down to TP would relive some traffic congestion and improve public transport access. • LR: The existing stairs leading from The Boulevarde down to TP have been upgraded. However, the rises are too tall and as a result the stairs are difficult to navigate. Also there are no safety railings. • LP: the Powerful Owls in Flatrock Gully would be threatened by floodlights. • HM: North Sydney Council will be conducting an Open Space and Recreational Needs study and BP will be seeking feedback from residents in order to inform its response.
<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB has been communicating with residents in Plateau about the reactivation of Plateau Precinct. The residents have held two informal meetings to discuss reactivation and have been communicating with council. • HM: New stairs and paths linking Pine St and Cairo St. BP has not written to council about the unsatisfactory nature of the stairs and paths as agreed at the last GM.



	<p>JB will confirm with Plateau residents whether they want BP to do this on their behalf.</p> <p>NO: The community have been denied pedestrian access through the golf course which they previously had. This needs to be addressed.</p> <p>LP: The NSW Transport Orientated Development Program will have huge ramifications for the local area leading to densification and increased traffic congestion. Community needs to be aware of this and to act.</p>
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bay Precinct's next meeting is on Wednesday, May 22. <p>G P, NSC's Director of Open Space & Recreation, will be the keynote speaker. His topic will concentrate on Tunks Park – improving walking access, specifically improving the walking track on the northern perimeter.</p> <p>PW presented walking access concepts at the Nov AGM.</p> <p>HM to conduct a workshop in similar style to the Developments at Tunks Park Topic – What other improvement would you like to see?</p>