



**Parks Precinct Meeting
Wednesday June 18, 2025
Meeting: On-Line 7pm.**

Parks Precinct Meeting Minutes. June 18, 2025

1. Attendance and apologies.

Attendees as per the attendance sheet: 13

Apologies: One

2. Confirmation of April Minutes.

Moved DD seconded GD. Passed unanimously.

Matters arising.

Nil

3. Guest Speaker:

Cr Godfrey Santer, Deputy Mayor, North Sydney Council.

Cr Santer gave an update on Council's Financial Position.

- Comparison of rates with neighbouring councils.
Average NSC Residential rates per annum are \$1012, Willoughby (\$1300), Lane Cove (\$1441), Mosman (\$1765)
- Local Government is underfunded by State Government. It provides 25% of services and receives 4% of funding from Government.
- Council infrastructure is in poor repair. Previous councils deferred application for rate rises.
- Sale of income generating assets will not improve funding for the future.
- Cost increases of NS Olympic Pool
- Failure of IPART to approve SRA requires:

An amended Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan which includes the following:

Productivity improvements (IT improvements already in place)

Sale of assets such as road reserves.

Reduction in services

Repairs, refurbishment listed for 25/26 will be deferred till 26/27

(Subject to funding available through grants.)

Increased revenue raising including Increases in charges such as ticketing entry to New Years Eve Events, use of public space and advertising.

4. New DAs under consideration. Nil

5. General Business.

Following discussion on Grosvenor Lane Plaza, the following motions were passed.

- Parks Precinct requests Council to continue to explore options for the optimum delivery of Grosvenor Plaza. That Council provides information on design and commercial model for the Plaza.

Moved CT. Seconded, SM. Passed unanimously

- Parks Precinct opposes any sale of the Neutral Bay Community Centre. It must remain in Council ownership and be fully equipped and used for community purposes.

Moved CT, Seconded.BB Passed unanimously

Next Meeting Wednesday July 15 at 7pm. Online.

Meeting Closed at 8.10 PM