

NORTH SYDNEY PRECINCTS

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 July 2025
at Thelma and Louise Cafe commencing at 6.00pm**

01	Attendees:	16 Attendees, including Council employee/s and guest speakers in attendance. 06 Apologies (JS, SC, JB, RC, SM, CG)
02	Welcome	TB gave an Acknowledgement of Country. TB introduced the Committee members present at the meeting. TB gave an overview of the Hayes and Kurraba Precinct and its purpose. TB introduced guest speaker Surb Bhatti North Sydney Council's Conservation Planner/Heritage Officer
02	Guest speaker/s	Guest Speaker: SB– North Sydney Council Conservation Planner / Heritage Officer SB provided an overview of heritage and conservation planning in North Sydney, noting that the shift to digital systems has reduced face-to-face engagement and informal problem-solving. Heritage approvals now require full documentation upfront, and heritage staffing has declined since the 1990s. A map of conservation and heritage areas was presented, including historical details of Kurraba Point. SB explained varying restrictions based on whether a property is contributory, neutral, or uncharacteristic within a conservation area. Residents expressed concern over loss of durable interwar apartments; several buildings were suggested for heritage listing. SB outlined the listing process: only one of seven criteria must be met, but political support is key. Current state government strategies relating to high density housing appear to be compromising local heritage.
03	Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes of the 19 March minutes were adopted. Moved by TS and seconded by ML. https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/4097/precinct-minutes-march-hayes-kurraba Minutes of the 21 May minutes were adopted. Moved by TS and seconded by KC. https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/4229/hayes-kurraba-minutes-may-2025

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04	Council's Summary of Actions (SOA) from Previous Minutes	<p>TB shared a summary of the key updates from the Council's Summary of Actions (SOA): https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/downloads/file/4231/council-s-summary-of-actions-for-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Council's Summary of Actions for 2025<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hayes Street painted 'left' arrow (Council has amended its original decision and indicated a left painted arrow would have the effect of causing confusion to traffic accessing 94 Kurraba Road driveway for those proceeding north up Hayes St and crossing over Kurraba Road.- TB to request a reconsideration of that position)○ Kurraba Point Stairs issue ongoing (Council asked for more clarification) - TB has emailed Director of Open Space about maintenance of the tree canopy and the stairs noting some 6 weeks ago the stairs were pressure cleaned. TB requested confirmation that periodic maintenance of the stairs will be undertaken and requested an updated report on the maintenance of the tree canopy confirming that a resident had been injured from a falling branch and further confirming the previous state of the stairs clearly constituted a slip hazard slip hazard with several residents having had close calls.○ Shellcove Public Jetty Stairs - TB advised Director of Open Space that these stairs also had been pressure cleaned and requested confirmation that a regular program of cleaning will take place as local residents had similarly fallen and luckily avoided serious injury as a consequence of the slippery state of the moss affected public stairs.○ Foreshore upgrade (Council stated new development of the Hayes St foreshore would have to prove importance to displace another project listed to be undertaken in the current financial year).) – LM and PG to liaise and report back particularly relating to the planting of replacement of 3 or 4 Kentia Palms that notwithstanding Council's suggestion appear to have survived and flourished for many decades in Hayes St.○ Speed Limit Wycombe Lane (Council deemed slower limit non viable)○ Second Cigarette bin (Council placed it in the wrong spot) – Council appears willing to place a further bin near the bike racks which is a more suitable position - Council has forwarded the request to Open Space and is awaiting a response○ Wildlife signs (request being reviewed but concerns of cost of signs)
05	General Business	<p>Platypus Sub Base</p> <p>LM raised the Submarine Platypus base as a lost opportunity for community amenity and included prior correspondence dated 24 March 2023 between the Mayor of NSC and the Sydney Harbour Trust. LM is to liaise with Sydney Harbour Trust to obtain an update on what is happening regarding that area..</p>

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		Traffic centre- line between Billong St and Spains Wharf road on Kurraba Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kurraba Road needs a line for increased safety. <table><tr><td>Motion:</td><td>The Precinct requests the Traffic Committee arrange for a white centre- line to be painted on Kurraba Road between Billong St and Spains Wharf Road in order to mitigate the risk of vehicles colliding head on in that section of roadway.</td></tr><tr><td>Moved by:</td><td>PG</td></tr><tr><td>Seconded by:</td><td>LE</td></tr></table> <p>Voting: 10 in favour 0 against</p>	Motion:	The Precinct requests the Traffic Committee arrange for a white centre- line to be painted on Kurraba Road between Billong St and Spains Wharf Road in order to mitigate the risk of vehicles colliding head on in that section of roadway.	Moved by:	PG	Seconded by:	LE
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06	Development Applications							
		29 Shellcove Road: DA refused in the Land & Environment Court. 1 Hayes Street DA approved in May2025.						
07	Other business	Event Updates: Winter Photography Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none">Closes 1 September 2025Already has 9 submissions, posters are up around the community. There were 50 entries last year.Plan to have Sundowner drinks to award the winner potentially on September 13 Community Art Gallery Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan to have a community get together at the Art Gallery in the city with a tour. Invitations to be sent to Precinct members on the mailing list. At this stage the likely date is 16 October. KC to get in touch with TS to send out. Next meeting will be chaired by KC as both TB and TS are away.						
08	Meeting close	The meeting concluded at approximately 7:42PM						
09	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 06:00 pm at Thelma and Louise Café.						