

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) Waverton 2025

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response. A new standing item has been added to highlight actions relating to the Noakes Boatyard.

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To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
- **Closed for Council** -
 - a) Sits outside of Council's jurisdiction
 - b) Response given by Council and awaiting Precinct's reply
 - c) Council has completed related works/tasks

(Note: These subcategories are only applied from 2025 onwards)

If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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General Meeting Summary of Actions (SOA)

Month	Item	Actions	Council's Reply	Status
		Noakes Boatyard	See standing item below	Ongoing standing item
September		Crows nest Centre Precinct requested Council be asked to review the financial cuts made to the Crow's Nest Centre to ensure the services are not completely lost and can be fully revitalised as Council finances improve.	Request forwarded to Director of Corporate Services	Open/Ongoing
August		Euroka Precinct Precinct requests that the map presented by Euroka Precinct with the new boundaries be supported and Council to implement these changes	Request noted, the Councillors and Euroka area has been notified and website updated	Closed for Council
July		Euroka Precinct Waverton Precinct welcomes the proposal for the western section of Euroka to join Waverton Precinct. Following (i) receipt from Euroka of a map of the proposed boundary, (ii) a favourable response from those on the Waverton Precinct mailing list, and (iii) agreement between the three precincts, Waverton Precinct will support Euroka's approach to the Council's Precinct Coordinator.	Proposal noted	Open/ongoing
June		<i>No action for Council</i>		
May		Former Botanica Café Site	This matter has been forwarded to TfNSW	Closed for Council - a

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		The Precinct requests Council ask Transport for NSW to at least keep the site tidy (trim trees, etc).		
April		Disabled Parking Waverton Precinct request that North Sydney Council be asked to create 2 disabled parking spaces in Russell St Wollstonecraft ,near the Bowling Club.	Requests for on-street disabled parking spaces in Parking Zone C are currently only considered where the following criteria are met: 1. The request is made by a resident who does not have access to off-street parking and is unable to park on-street near their home due to high parking demand. 2. The applicant must provide a copy of their current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit at the time of the request, and annually thereafter if required as part of Council's disabled parking audit. 3. The proposed disabled parking space must be located immediately adjacent to the resident's property. As the request relates to the provision of disabled spaces for the Bowling Club—a non-residential site—it does not meet the criteria outlined above. Only residents with mobility permits will be considered for disability parking in front of their properties for Zone C. This criteria exists to prioritise equitable access to on-street parking for residents with demonstrated need rather than allocate spaces for general use by patrons of specific businesses or facilities.	Closed for Council

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			Providing 2 disabled parking spaces at the Bowling Club would not necessarily increase the availability of parking for Club patrons as any driver with an MPS permit would be able to park in the space for long durations. It is noted that on-street parking cannot be dedicated to a single business and any parking restriction change must consider broader community impacts. As such, an option to increase on-street parking availability is to decrease the existing 4P restriction on Russell Street down to 2P. This would increase parking turnover and allow drivers to more easily find an available space to park or pick up/drop off passengers. Should there be interest in pursuing this option, Council would require evidence of community support from residents in the vicinity of the Club in the form of a petition. The petition should clearly outline the proposed change, the specific location, and be submitted to council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au for consideration of the proposal.	
		DA's Council be asked to provide at the end of each month a list of DA's submitted within the Precinct area in that month.	Current DA's are published on the NSC Website weekly. www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-developments-approvals/view-current-development-applications These include which Precinct the DA is in. You can also log into the DA tracker to find more information including applications submitted in the last month, applications by area and applications determined - www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/proposed-developments-approvals/view-current-development-applications	Closed for Council - b

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			developments-approvals/find-development-application-planning-proposal . Subscribe to a DA weekly newsletter here https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/enews to receive a weekly update of applications. If you need Council to print any plans or email a PDF please let us know by emailing precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au	
March		Berry's Bay Raise with both the Council and with Transport for NSW both the removal of the derelict wharves and piers in the Bay; and the early development of a basketball court on the flat area between Carradah Park and Balls Head Rd. Update May 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.	Open space have responded that Council is in active discussions with TfNSW regarding the removal of these structures as part of the Berrys Bay redevelopment project. Regarding the basketball court request, Open Space have noted this and request additional information on the specific location for this requested development from the precinct (ideally located on a map or providing GPS coordinates). Update May Location received by Director Open Space and noted.	Closed for Council - b
		Trailers and Boats on Local Streets	Please find the link to Council's Trailer Parking Policy . Please report any trailer parked to Council on 9936 8100 or email council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au , providing	Open/Ongoing

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		That Council be asked to provide guidance on how they can control these types of long term 'parking up' of boat and working trailers and ask for ideas of how they might improve the situation in Waverton.	number plate and where parked. Once logged the trailer than has 28 days to move. Council follow the NSW Government laws on unattended property . For more information please see Introducing new boat trailer parking laws .	
February		NSC proposed rates increase The Precinct requested the Council to arrange for a representative of the Waverton Precinct to give evidence at the Council discussion next Monday to decide on this issue.	To register to speak at a Council Meeting, individuals need to apply online . However the Public can attend a Council meeting. https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings/attend-council-meeting	Closed for Council –
		Carradah Park maintenance The meeting requested the Council to update the twenty-year-old DA for Carradah Park to permit a possible different approach to the Larkin Street strip.	Council staff are in the process of preparing a landscape plan for the section of park adjacent to the road verge, which will be provided to the Precinct and notified to adjacent residents. We also note that the vegetation was prescribed as part of a DA for Carradah Park. Update May Director Open Space and Infrastructure requested the the Park team develop a simple design proposing the replacement of the native grass planting with turf and some simple native garden beds, which will then be looked after by the Public Presentation team as part of their cyclical maintenance regime. Council will need to consult on this proposal will send the proposal to the Precinct for review and comment prior to broader public consultation.	Open/Ongoing
		MLC building in North Sydney	Response from the Service Unit Manager Development Services, Thank you for your positive suggestion in regard	Closed for Council

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		The meeting called on the Council to press for the inclusion in this critical project – at the very heart of the city centre – of significant public facilities, including a multipurpose public space (city hall).	to this DA. The MLC building is a State listed Heritage item, and this places substantial physical constraints on what can be provided within the existing building fabric. The MLC building currently features an auditorium and this could possibly be the center of some form of public space/civic use. This space is similar in size to the Hutley Hall at Council Chambers. In the current plans this space remains. The suggestions of the Precinct will be put to the applicant for response. If the applicant agrees, the acceptance of dedication or other form of permitted use for civic purposes would have to be carefully considered in terms of cost and benefit to Council going forward. However, it is a suggestion that warrants further exploration.	
		DA for 52 McLaren Street (Redham School). Waverton Precinct requested that Council introduce comprehensive measures to ensure that private schools pay for their use of community assets and contribute to the community through the sharing of their spaces and facilities with the public.	North Sydney is one of the densest education precincts in the country, with 21 primary and secondary schools and two universities within the 10.5km2 boundary. The NSW Local Government Act (1993) provides exemptions for land used for charitable, religious, or educational purposes. Section 555 of the Act outlines various categories of land exempt from rates, including land used for educational purposes by schools, colleges, or universities. Under the Act, Council is unable to charge rates to schools or universities. At the Council meeting of 9 December 2024, Mayoral Minute MM01: Invitation to non-rateable educational institutions to voluntarily pay rates, and preparation of a policy to guide and regulate intensive “operational”/timetabled use of Council parks by private	Closed for Council – (a)

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			schools recommended that Council invite private schools and the Australian Catholic University to voluntarily pay rates (or an equivalent in-kind contribution) on their property holdings within the North Sydney local government area to contribute to maintenance of Council assets including roads, footpaths, and open space. Under the Local Government Act Council has no authority to enforce schools or religious organisations to pay rates.	

Noakes Boatyard Summary of Actions

	Actions	Council's Reply
Standing item - Noakes	Noise pollution and air pollution resulting from the use of a pressure washer on the hardstand area	The EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority responsible for the administration of noise pollution and air pollution under the Environmental Protection License and Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997.
	Air pollution resulting from paint fumes in Munro Street and the surrounding area	The EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority responsible for the administration of noise pollution and air pollution under the Environmental Protection License and <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997</i> . December 2024 – Environmental reports have been assessed by the EPA. The EPA has permitted spray painting activities to re-commence in Shed 3/4.
	Carbon filtration system	Council has received concerns that the carbon filtration system has been constructed near the wash bay. The EPA Environmental Protection License required the installation of a CFS, however, work commenced prior to development consent being obtained in accordance with s 4.2(1)(a) of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979</i> . December 2024 – Council has received a Development Application through the NSW Planning Portal to install a Carbon Filtration System. The Development Application will be notified in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol. January 2025 – DA 368/2024 is currently under assessment. The latest information is available on Council's application tracker website - https://masterview.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Home/Disclaimer .
	Fire safety order Update Fire Control System The meeting welcomed the implementation of improved fire protection, but requested the Council to investigate the following aspects of the Noakes proposal: - Was a DA	A Fire Safety Order as issued on 27 July 2021. The matter has been referred to HWL Ebsworth Lawyers. A building certification and fire safety consultant, engaged by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers to assist them in advising, has carried out an independent "peer review" of the adequacy of the fire safety order. The consultant has completed their review and made recommendations to Council concerning the extent of compliance with the Fire Safety Order.

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	submitted before or after the installation of the fire control system?	A meeting was conducted between Council staff, Council's legal representatives, consultant fire experts, the owners and the operators of the Boatyard on 23 July 2024, to discuss compliance with the Fire Safety Order and set timeframe for work and the provision of required information and certificates. The meeting was conducted on a without prejudice basis. The meeting had a positive outcome in which all parties agreed to collaborate in achieving fire safety compliance on site. Following the meeting, Council and their legal representatives continue to work towards achieving an appropriate fire safety solution. Council take this matter seriously and further information will be provided to the community at the first available opportunity. January 2025 – A further meeting was conducted between Council staff, Council's legal representatives and the owners and operations of the boatyard to discuss compliance with the Fire Safety Order on 17 January 2025. The meeting was conducted on a "without prejudice" basis and had a positive outcome. A strong intent to resolve these issues was demonstrated. Further information will be provided to the community at the first available opportunity. February 2025 – 1. Council issued the Fire Safety Order in response to fire safety concerns of the community. A Development Application is not required to carry out works that are the subject to an Order in accordance with cl 29 of Schedule 5 of the EP&A Act. 2. The hydraulic fire safety system designs are required to be prepared by registered practitioners and reviewed by Council. 3. Fire safety system performance and maintenance obligations are contained s 81 and s 89 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment (Development Certification and Fire Safety) Regulation 2021</i>. A site-specific plan is not required to be provided to Council. March 2025 – Update a) A registered practitioner is currently preparing the design for the fire hydrant system.

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		b) Inspection conducted by Council staff - emergency lighting and exit sign upgrades are partially complete. May 2025 – Update Council issued a Fire Safety Order on 27/07/2021 to carry out twenty-eight (28) fire safety upgrades to the existing buildings, including in respect of the fire hydrant system. Multiple meetings have been conducted on a “without prejudice” basis with the relevant parties and there has been a positive outcome and progress to address the Fire Safety Order items. The number of fire safety items has been substantially reduced. There remain some outstanding matters. Documents and designs in relation to the fire safety system remaining items have been submitted to Council and are currently being reviewed.
	Spread of fire to adjoining property	Council has received concerns about the potential risk of fire spreading from 6 John Street to nearby buildings/ properties. Council engaged a building certification and fire safety consultant to assess the risk. The assessment concluded that the risk of fire spread from Noakes Boatyard to nearby buildings/ properties, including the closest property at 16-18 Munro Street, does not exceed the limits prescribed by the BCA. Accordingly, circumstances do not exist for Council to issue an additional Fire Safety Order on the basis of fire spread risk, as this risk does not exceed the relevant criteria.
	Fire on barge in Berrys Bay	Council is aware of the fire that occurred on a barge during the evening of 19 August 2024. The barge was located on the water and the fire did not spread to the land.

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		Council is the regulatory authority for fire safety in the built environment, however, that jurisdiction does not extend beyond the Mean High Water Mark. The Port Authority of NSW is the relevant regulatory authority for fire safety on the water. Transport for NSW (Maritime) is the relevant regulatory authority for marine incidents.
	Hard stand area A temporary enclosure has been constructed on the hard stand area without development consent	Council has received concerns that a structure (temporary enclosure) has been constructed on the hardstand. The structure has been erected without development consent, in contravention of s 4.2(1)(a) of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979</i>. Council has taken enforcement action. An inspection on 25 October 2024 confirmed the unauthorised structure had been dismantled.