Waverton Precinct Meeting 7 October 2025 Minutes

The meeting commenced at 7:35pm at the Waverton Uniting Community Hall.

Chair and Secretary: IG

Attendance: 19

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting including new attendees from Euroka Precinct. He noted the area had been letterboxed last Friday and Saturday and the flyer was on each chair for people to read.

As nobody was willing to be Secretary, the Chair performed both roles.

2. Previous Minutes

The September 2025 Minutes had been distributed to the mailing list. There were no queries or adjustments requested, so it was :

Moved VY, Seconded DL

'The Minutes for September 2025 be confirmed' Carried unanimously.

3.NSC response to Previous resolutions

The responses to all resolutions passed at the last three meetings were read out and the document was tabled for anyone to look through. It was note that our resolution on funding for Crows Nest Community Centre had received a positive reaction by Council.

It was noted that as Noakes Shipyard is now in Waverton Precinct, we also will make a regular update on that situation as well in this monthly summary.

4. Existing Business

- Expansion of Waverton Precinct boundaries

It was noted this has now happened and all new members present at the meeting were specifically welcomed. The new areas were explained to the meeting as well.

- Attempt to get more NSC funding

It was noted the Treasurer has approached NSC to see if Waverton can get more funding, to service the bigger area and more residents. The ex Euroka secretary noted they understand Council intends to give half their funds to Waverton and half to Lavender Bay Precinct.

- New Park at Berrys Bay

It was noted there is massive civil works going on there now and the administration building from Woodleys and the other small buildings in the corner of the Bay (e.g. the torpedo testing station) have also already been removed.

It was also noted most of the decaying wharf structures and all but 2 of the ex marina piles have been taken out of the Bay as well. This is solely due to our constant campaigning on this issue.

- Western Harbour tunnel

The recent update from this project team and the current position of the drilling equipment creating the new tunnel was summarised. It was noted detailed house condition reports have been done for the houses above the tunnel in Waverton since our last meeting.

5. New Business

- NSC new draft Model Code of Meeting Practice

It was noted that a new code of practice for Council meetings – modelled on the State Government template – is currently open for comment on the NSC website. It was clarified that this does not apply to Precinct meetings.

6. DAs

- 88/2021/6 20 Larkin St

This new variation was open for comment through September.

It is for a large 2/3 storey house taking up most of the site - similar to most of the more recent houses built in the last southernmost section of both Larkin St and of Balls Head Rd.

7. Community activities

- The proposed sale by NSC of the last section of Edward St to Shore was raised. While not particularly contentious in itself, it was suggested that as part of that negotiation, Council talk with Shore about the basketball court on the corner of Edward St and Mary MacKillop Place being made available to local children to use out of Shore school hours.

Moved SS, Seconded VY

"We request Council have further discussion and public consultation on the proposed Edward Street sale - and in particular that they ask about public access to the basketball court or a swap to make that a public facility available to Shore in school hours" Carried unanimously

- The closure of the café at the Coal Loader Park was also raised. This turned into a wider ranging discussion about the entire area being underutilised and feeling 'tired'. It should be revitalised as the centre for exploring Balls Head and linking to other local walking trails and Council could either convert some of the meeting rooms to public information/ unofficial meeting areas or deliberately schedule more Council staff activities and meetings in the meeting rooms.

Either way, the café might revitalise as a result of the area becoming the key start/finish/ toilet stop point for local walks and people walking through and on to the Harbour Bridge or on to Wollstonecraft and Greenwich.

It was also recognised the cafe might only run for 6-9 months each year. Lastly, the need for shade trees on the Coal Loader Platform in summer was raised.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.