

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2019 - Cremorne Point Precinct

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. 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** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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November	6.1a)	<p>Proposed plaque to recognise Ted Mack -</p> <p>a) Call to provide suggestions to best remember Ted Mack as we want to do something significant and tell his story.</p> <p>b) Please email WG with suggestions.</p>	<p>Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that the Precinct's intention is noted, and provides the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the funding allocation for operational/special project funding has been exhausted for 2019/20. Due to the majority of Precinct Committees claiming their operational funding allocation, meaning no residual funds available for special projects. • on 6 November 2019, Civic Park (the lawns and garden between Council Chambers and Stanton Library) was named <i>Ted Mack Civic Park</i> in honour of the former Mayor. 	Closed for Council
	19/11c	<p>Sirius Street Parking - Several people have received parking fines on Sirius Street due to no end of parking zone demarcation. Action: Please review.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that the Australian Road Rules state:</p> <p><i>170 Stopping in or near an intersection (3) A driver must not stop on a road within 10 metres from the nearest point of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights...</i></p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>This rule applies even if the intersection is not signposted.</p> <p>With regard to the Precinct Committee's suggestion, that the intersection be signposted with No Stopping signs, unfortunately Council simply cannot afford to install and maintain such signage at every intersection. Council already spends significant money on the installation and maintenance of signage each year. The need for signage is assessed on a site-by-site basis on criteria such as accident history, sight distance, speed of vehicles, volume of vehicles and gradient. The intersection in question does not meet the criteria required to justify the installation of No Stopping signage</p>	
	19/11d	<p>Trial Speed Bumps - Residents are extremely concerned with the set-up of the trial speed bumps to the point they are setting up a separate line of communication with council as this is a safety issue which needs to be actioned swiftly. Action: Please share Council's proposal. We would like to request a traffic officer to attend a future meeting.</p>	<p>UPDATE (14 February 2020) Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that the speed cushions were installed on 21 September 2019 for a 3-month trial period. The outcomes of the trial were reported to the Traffic Committee meeting on 7 February 2020.</p> <p>The Traffic Committee resolved to make an alternate recommendation after consideration of this matter at the meeting, and the minutes are still in draft, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT Council acknowledges all submissions from the speed cushion trial on Bannerman Street, and that the overall objective of the trial to reduce speed and improve pedestrian safety was successful.</i> 2. <i>THAT the trial speed cushions on Bannerman Street (except the one between Claude Avenue and Guthrie Avenue), be removed immediately.</i> 3. <i>THAT a low profile flat top threshold be approved by Transport for NSW prior to installation, and that</i> 	Closed for Council

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			<p><i>the threshold be installed in Bannerman Street in between Claude Street and Guthrie Avenue with the most suitable location to be determined by Council's Traffic Engineers. 4. THAT the threshold be carefully designed to serve its purpose, to be friendly to all road users as much as possible, and that it be constructed with haste.</i></p> <p><i>5. THAT Council commence speed counts as soon as the speed cushions are removed and report back to the Traffic Committee in 3-4 months.</i></p> <p>The recommendations of the Traffic Committee will be referred to the Council meeting on 23 March 2020 for formal adoption. For further information visit https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Committees/Traffic_Committee/2020/7 February 2020</p>	
	19/11b	<p>Hudgeson and Kareela Road Turning Circle - at the bottom of Hudgeson and Kareela Road, residents are concerned cars are parked in the way of the rubbish lorry. Action: Please review parking signs - possibly clear way during rubbish days?</p>	<p>Council's Traffic Engineer to investigate and provide a response.</p> <p>UPDATE (16 February 2020) Precinct Committee has clarified that the concern is that at the end of Hodgson Road, at the beginning of Kareela Road near to where the steps go down to the ferry/foreshore reserve, there is allocated car parking on the eastern side of Kareela Road which when used creates a narrowing of the width of Hodgson Road on the bend of the road which restricts the turning of the rubbish truck during their collection of the bins. Perhaps the Ranger and Parking service officers could review the parking spots with a view to possibly changing them to "No Parking" it only affects the two closest car spots nearest to the stairs down. It is not only an issue for the</p>	Open/Ongoing

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			<p>rubbish trucks it is an issue for cars travelling in both directions when they come to this section on the curve of the road.</p> <p>Council's Manager Ranger and Parking Services has advised that there is no turning circle at the bottom of Hodgson Avenue and Kareela Road. The road is very wide at that point.</p>	
	19/a	MacCallum swimming pool - Please confirm council will monitor glass/alcohol in the pool during the summer holidays.	Council's Manager Parks and Reserves has advised that Council staff will monitor this area however most of time this occurs outside staff working hours.	Closed for Council
	16/8a	Poor lighting - We need to be proactive and flag areas of concern ahead of the Ausgrid Audit. Can this be done with community consultation? And shared once Ausgrid Audit complete. Please advise how we make an application with Ausgrid for a lighting level assessment?	Awaiting advice from Council's Traffic Operations Officer. Most recent update provided via October 2019 (see item 8/16a, August).	Open/Ongoing
	28/15	Cremorne Point eyesore - Residents are concerned that addressing eye sore has had no movement for one year. *please send an officer to our next meeting with answers regarding the timetable and provide update on progress	<p>Awaiting response from Council's Traffic Operations Officer.</p> <p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations is unable to attend the Precinct Committee's February 2020 meeting however has tentatively accepted an invitation to attend the Precinct Committee's May meeting should adequate information be available to address the meeting.</p>	Open/Ongoing
August	5	Compliment - The Precinct Committee would like to thank the Council for their swift action of many points recently. In particular the Sirius Road steps handrails making the area much safer. Thanks to PL for the photographs below. The rails are now painted a delightful brunswick green.	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Bushland Management Co-ordinator	Closed for Council

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	8/19a	<p>MacCallum swimming pool heritage - inclusion in heritage is unclear from the Heritage website below as it is mentioned but not in detail: https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=2181141 Action: Please clarify/advise how we may clarify if the pool is on the heritage register?</p>	<p>Council's Manager Development Services has advised that McCallum Pool is part of Cremorne Reserve as a whole. It does not require a separate listing of its own. Any application would need to demonstrate that heritage issues are appropriately addressed.</p>	Closed for Council
	8/16a	<p>Poor lighting - Council has been advised that the lighting at the lower footpath between numbers 4 and 16 along Milson Road is very dark at night. One person is already known to have fallen there recently and that there is ongoing concern of this being a significant risk and that others may incur serious injury.</p> <p>Action: Please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • when developments will be completed. • how we make an application with Ausgrid for a lighting level assessment. • In addition, we have been advised that the walkway between 90-70 Milson Road on the reserve side is also a dark area - is this Ausgrid or can the council assist here? <p>Precinct Committee confirming it's the Reserve.</p>	<p>UPDATE (30 October 2019) Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that as the developments at 12a and 14 Milson Road are being undertaken by the residents, Council does not know when they will be completed.</p> <p>Request to Ausgrid for lighting assessment - Ausgrid can provide a lighting assessment but they will charge whoever makes the request. As they are usually, expensive private lighting engineers are usually used.</p> <p>Lighting on the footpath between 90-70 Milson Road - these lights are Ausgrid lights.</p> <p>Lighting levels in Milson Road, Council has engaged a lighting consultant to prepare a lighting strategy for whole of the North Sydney Area. This should include the existing lighting levels for both streets and reserves. It is expected that the strategy will be completed and ready to be placed on public exhibition towards the end of the year. This will assist Council in the future on determining where new lights required.</p>	Open/Ongoing
	28/15	<p>Cremorne Point eyesore - Residents have advised Council repeatedly that the cabling and light fixture at pole (M30161), in the vicinity of Cremorne Point</p>	<p>UPDATE (30 October 2019)</p>	Open/Ongoing

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		<p>Wharf, continues to be an eyesore, spoiling one of the most beautiful views of Sydney from a public place by both day and night. This location has over 1 million visitors each year.</p> <p>This has been a long-standing item of significant concern to the Precinct and the Committee to again follow up with Council officers or Councillor's on the additional pole added at this location and any updates on previous concerns.</p> <p>Residents are extremely happy with this outcome and we look forward to further progress updates.</p> <p>It's been a year since we received the last update to the left - *please confirm status*</p>	Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that Council is still investigating the structure of the roadway to install Council owned lights.	
May	2/19e	Speeding issue	Refer to Council's responses against the February 2019 minutes.	Closed for Council
	11/18a	Sirius Rd - Steps handrail - A request for a handrail on the steps at the bottom of Sirius Road for safety. This is the bottom stretch of steps which wind around property 96 Milson Rd from Sirius St Playground steps to the reserve pathway.	<p>Council's Bushland Management Coordinator has advised that Council is currently seeking quotes for handrail installation. Path-edge vegetation will be trimmed back.</p> <p>UPDATE (24 October 2019) Council's Bushland Management Coordinator has advised that the handrail has been installed and painted, sandstone steps repair and path-edge vegetation trimmed back.</p>	Closed for Council
	8/16a	Poor Lighting - refer to minutes for full details.	Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that a lighting level assessment was completed by Council's contracted lighting engineer. To improve the level of lighting in this location Council is still waiting for the owners of 12a and 14 Milson Road to lodge their lighting designs to satisfy the DA conditions placed on their	Closed for Council

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			development approval regarding lighting the underside of the access concrete slabs to their properties. UPDATE (30 October 2019) Refer to Council's responses against the August 2019 minutes.	
		Please advise how we make an application with Ausgrid for a lighting level assessment.	UPDATE (18 September 2019) Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that Council has engaged a Lighting Consultant to prepare a lighting strategy for the whole of the North Sydney LGA. This should include the existing lighting levels for both streets and reserves. It is expected that the strategy will be completed and ready to be placed on public exhibition towards the end of this year. Therefore, there will be no need to request a lighting level from Ausgrid.	Closed for Council
		In addition, we have been advised that the walkway between 90-70 Milson Road on the reserve side is also a dark area - is this Ausgrid or can the Council assist here?	ACTION REQUIRED: Precinct Committee is requested to clarify, are you referring to the reserve or the elevated pathway adjacent to the road?	Closed for Council
	28/15	Cremorne Point eyesore - refer to minutes for full details.	Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that before the existing Ausgrid street lights can be removed and new decorative lights install a structural engineer has to assess the wharf and the integrity of the seawall. Council is now engaging the structural engineer to complete this work.	Closed for Council
February		Litter - Dumping on pavement/failure of contractor to distribute marketing materials. Action: Please advise the councils policy on littering. And regulations for distributors.	Council's Manager Ranger and Parking Services has advised that the placement of advertising brochures and newspapers in public places or open private places for distribution at a later time by a contractor is littering. The <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW)</i> defines litter as "any other material, substance or	Closed for Council

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			thing deposited in or on a place if its size, shape, nature or volume makes the place where it is deposited disorderly or detrimentally affects the proper use of that place.” Brochures and newspapers should be delivered to the contractor’s premises where they can be stored in a private place. Residents should call council if they witness the dropping of bundles of brochures on the street and Ranger Services will contact the organisation responsible for delivering the brochures.	
		Speeding issue - Residents at the bottom of Cremorne Road and Milson Road near the wharf have experienced on several occasions speeding vehicles have disturbed the peace around 2am and 4am. It has been better during the wharf closure 12-6am. Action: Please advise what can be done.	Council’s Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that the enforcement of speed limits is a matter for the Police. Residents can contact North Shore Police Area Command regarding speeding issues in their street to request targeted enforcement.	Closed for Council
	2/19	Kurraba point building - Community are concerned about the demolition proposed on their sister point. Please keep precinct up to date with status.	Noted by Council’s Assessing Officer. The DA was reported to the North Sydney Local Planning Panel on 1 May 2019. The NSLPP unanimously endorsed Council’s recommendation that the DA be refused, with its reasons outlined below: <i>The Panel notes that the Applicant sought to submit amended plans and requested a deferral to allow re-notification and assessment. The Panel has determined the application be refused for the reasons identified in the Officer’s report. Deferral of the application was not considered appropriate given the magnitude and extent of non-compliances and impacts on the natural and built environment. As such it is considered a new Development Application with all the accompanying documentation would be required to be lodged with Council.</i>	Closed for Council
	2/19c	Car sharing - Not being used enough to validate taking up the parking space from others. Action: Precinct are aware that the car sharing Blue Yaris - is	Council’s Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator has advised that changes to Car Share Parking need to be endorsed by the North Sydney Traffic Committee and Council. Council will seek data regarding the space	Closed for Council

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		due for renewal 31 March 2019 and request this is not continued.	identified by the Precinct Committee to establish if it is operating in accordance with Council's Car Share Policy and, should the data indicate an inconsistency, raise the matter with the Traffic Committee.	
	2/19b	Rotten/unsturdy wooden rails - One of more elderly members of the precinct brought to our attention that they nearly fell over the other day using one of the wooden rails as it was wobbly - Corner Kareela Road and Hodgson Ave. Action: Please check the wooden railings here and throughout the precinct area. We can't have a fall occurring due to un-sturdy/rotten rails.	Council's Property Maintenance Supervisor has advised that the handrails (68 lineal metres) were made safe on 1 May 2019. Further strengthening of 3 posts was carried out in the week ending 10 May 2019.	Closed for Council
	2/19a	Disabled Parking - The disabled parking, in particular those near the Cremorne Point Wharf are being used for overnight parking. Action: Please will you request a parking warden checks these spaces in the evenings and reports back.	Council's Team Leader Parking Services has advised that in the last 2 months 8 vehicles were fined for parking in disabled-only spaces in North Sydney (\$561 + 1 demerit point offences). Several move on directions have also been issued. The location in question was patrolled by Council's Parking Service Officers at time ranging from 7.45pm to 9.15pm on 7 May, 8 May, 14 May, 15 May, 16 May, 17 May and 18 May 2019, and no illegal parking was observed on any of those occasions.	Closed for Council
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	5/18a	MacCallum swimming pool Health Concern - in particular Jan-March. Residents have observed the condition of the pool to be poor in particular over the holidays and feel this is a health concern.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Parks and Reserves who has advised that it is an ocean water pool that is drained and cleaned on a weekly basis. This has been the case for many years and Council has never had a report of any health concerns.	Closed for Council

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		<p>Precinct is gathering information over the busy period: Jan - March critical time. Precinct members are advised to document all issues.</p> <p>Precinct members have been given these: contact details for the Council Rangers (office: 9936 8100) in case members observe visitors leaving trash and glass behind along the reserve or other concerns.</p> <p>Precinct is concerned that it requires persons being subject to health concerns for action to be taken.</p>		
	5/18b	<p>MacCallum swimming pool condition & future proofing. With greater numbers of visitors to the pool (local and international) and the view for the development of the Bondi to Manly walk, we feel the pool needs to be considered in the bigger Destination NSW context. Council to provide updates on funding applications.</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Manager Parks and Reserves.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	8a/16	<p>Poor lighting - Council has been advised that the lighting at the lower footpath between numbers 4 and 16 along Milson Road is very dark at night. One person is already known to have fallen there recently and that there are ongoing concerns of this being a significant risk and that others may incur serious injury. Action: Please advise how we make an application with Ausgrid for a lighting level assessment. In addition, we have been advised that the walkway between 90-70 Milson Road on the reserve side is also a dark area - is this Ausgrid or can the council assist here?</p>	<p>Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that a lighting level assessment was completed by Council's contracted lighting engineer. To improve the level of lighting in this location Council is still waiting for the owners of 12A and 14 Milson Road to lodge their lighting designs to satisfy the DA conditions placed on their development approval regarding lighting the underside of the access concrete slabs to their properties.</p> <p>Council's Manager Parks and Reserves has advised that the lighting along Cremorne Point path is owned and maintained by Ausgrid.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
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