

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 27 February 2020

Starting at 8 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston AM

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

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1. Welcome / Apologies / Minutes of previous meeting

24 attendees and 14 apologies. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

2. Chair's report

(a) Certificate of Service: The Chair had much pleasure in presenting a Certificate of Service to GP to recognise his many years of service as a Precinct Office Bearer, including the positions of Chair and Treasurer.

(b) 1 Henry Lawson Avenue: The applicant's Land and Environment Court appeal against Council's deemed refusal was dismissed and DA refused on 7 February. An amended transfer document for the original purchase was tendered at the hearing. There have been media reports about the possibility of a further DA.

The Government has confirmed that acquisition is still proceeding, and reiterated that there is a 6-month negotiation period before a Property Acquisition Notice is issued. It is unclear whether the negotiation period has commenced.

(c) Council meetings: Council has resolved that a public forum be held prior to each and every ordinary and extraordinary meeting of Council. (The Code of Meeting Practice introduced last year provides that a public forum may be held.)

(d) New Year's Eve feedback: A response from Council's Manager Communications and Events to Precinct's feedback has not been received yet.

(e) Greenwood Hotel: The meeting heard about the latest plan and updated Plan of Management, and agreed that the additional area was excessive and not in the public interest. LEC hearing starts on site at 9.30am on Monday 2 March.

(f) Noakes event: Noakes will unveil restored ferry Radar at 4pm on Wed 4 March.

3. State Government items

Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade: A joint precincts meeting was held on 26 February to discuss this project.

That meeting heard about ongoing impacts such as additional air pollution from unfiltered stacks, additional traffic in the North Sydney LGA, loss of local road connections (e.g. no turning right from Miller Street into Berry Street, no connection from Berry Street to the Gore Hill freeway), and loss of public recreation space. The joint precincts meeting also heard about various construction impacts in the LGA.

Our meeting noted that the project's plans do not align with Council's plans for the area (e.g. closure of Miller Street, 2-way Berry Street).

The Secretary will collate a list of talking points suggested by Precinct members and other precincts, for developing into a submission covering selected points.

The EIS can be viewed and submissions made [here](#) until Monday 30 March.

4. Council items

(a) Council meeting practice: See Chair's report.

(b) Land near Sawmillers Reserve: Council has resolved to seek to lease unused land between the Lavender Bay railway line and Sawmillers Reserve from the State Government. This would help protect the land as recreational land.

5. Development Applications

(a) 73 Miller Street, North Sydney ([173/18/5](#)): Modification to allow out-of-hours construction work from 5pm to midnight Monday to Friday for 3 months. Comments due Friday 28 February. The meeting considered this to be an unreasonable imposition on nearby residents.

Motion: That Lavender Bay Precinct Committee is strongly opposed to any modification of construction hours. Carried unanimously.

(b) Northpoint, 100 Miller Street, North Sydney ([24/20](#)): Extend the hours of operation for shop 6 to 24 hours, 7 days a week for a new McDonalds. Comments due Friday 6 March.

The meeting discussed concerns that extended trading hours could create a dangerous precedent, against the benefits of a late-night economy. Precinct asks Council to apply a trial period for any trading beyond midnight.

(c) 3 East Crescent Street, McMahons Point ([102/16/10](#)): Modification to amend condition G17 regarding rectification of neighbouring apartments and/or agreement prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate for the whole of the building. Comments due Friday 20 March.

The meeting heard objections about the watering down of conditions. The meeting also heard that damage to the driveway at 1 East Crescent Street, McMahons Point, has been reported to Council.

Motion: That Lavender Bay Precinct Committee believes that modifying condition G17 should not be approved, and that damage to the driveway at 1 East Crescent Street, McMahons Point, should be remedied before the issue of any Occupation Certificate. Carried unanimously.

(d) Land and Environment Court appeals:

- 1 Henry Lawson Avenue, McMahons Point ([395/18](#)): See Chair's report.
- 3 Parker Street, McMahons Point ([103/19](#)): 25 February conciliation conference terminated with no agreement being reached.
- Greenwood Hotel, North Sydney ([169/19](#)): See Chair's report.
- 5 Bay View Street, Lavender Bay ([55/19](#)): Registration to speak at the conciliation conference on 9 April closes on Thursday 26 March.

6. Community Events

(a) Clean Up Australia Day: Sunday 1 March. Join a clean up [here](#), including the Lavender Bay foreshore, Quibaree and Watt Parks, and Sawmillers Reserve.

(b) Wendy's Secret Gardening: Saturday 7 March. RSVP to IC by Wed 4 March.

7. General Business

(a) Redundant No Stopping and No Parking Zones: Residents are encouraged to identify redundant zones and report them [here](#).

(b) Olympic Pool ([347/19](#)): The meeting heard a suggestion that Council should consider a minimal fix. Council has received advice that the pool shell needs to be totally replaced (not just repaired) and that the grandstand needs to be replaced because it is now load-limited. Funding for the project is still to be finalised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next meeting: 8pm, Thursday 26 March.