## **Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2020 - Union 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	2	Presentation by Council Traffic & Transport - Precinct unanimously resolved to recommend Option 3 as the preferred choice of the three options. The Precinct resolved to request Council to install "give way" or" Stop" signs and update the line markings at Carr Street, Union St/Euroka St, Bank Lane, Woolcott Street and Commodore Crescent. Proposed by MCH and seconded by JC and passed unanimously by the meeting		Closed for Council
	3.a	<b>DA 47/20/3, 2-4 Blue Street -</b> Removal of Clause relating to Affordable Housing Contribution. No information on justification is provided on DA tracker. Information on this to be sought from Council.	Council's Senior Assessment Officer has advised that the Statement of Modification has been uploaded to Council's Application Tracking System.	Closed for Council
	6	Online Meetings - A discussion was held regarding the potential of offering "Zoom" facilities to members to watch the meetings in future. Comments were made against having combined hybrid Zoom and live meetings. It was suggested that when the minutes were sent out that	Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects has noted the Precinct Committee's comments.	Closed for Council

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		members be asked whether they would attend a Zoom meeting in preference to a live meeting.		
	8	Liquor licence - The Precinct expressed concern that the licence had been issued without Community Consultation and resolved to bring this matter to the attention of Council.	Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects has advised that the applicant is responsible for displaying signage and notifying stakeholders, however, Council notifies Precinct Committees as courtesy. On this occasion promotion by Council to Precinct Committee did not occur due to an administrative error.  The Precinct Committee is encouraged to visit the Liquor & Gaming website to make a submission or have your say Liquor&Gaming NSW	Closed for Council
October	2	<b>Draft Public Domain Upgrade -</b> Presentation by Project Manager	Council's Project Manager, has advised that comments will be taken as a submission.	Closed for Council
	6	Unions Street Speed Controls - Council had offered to send the responsible traffic engineer to the next Precinct meeting on 4 November 2020 to discuss the proposed alternative solutions. Members welcomed this proposal.	Council's Traffic Transport Engineer has confirmed he will be attending Union Precinct meeting on 4 November 2020.	Closed for Council
	7	Sydney Metro Blues Point Site - Members of the Union Precinct Committee have written to Council strongly objecting to the Metro Authority/Department of Planning regarding the proposed continued use of the Blues Point temporary site beyond the end of 2020. MC expressed concern about the concrete trucks and noted Union Precinct supports the actions of the Lavender Bay Precinct against this.	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that Council has recently written to Metro objecting to the extension of the timing of work at the Blues Point retrieval site citing noise, heavy truck movements, amenity and disturbance issues.	Closed for Council
	8	Recent Council Matters - At a previous Precinct Meeting it was requested that Council allow the use of the public toilets in the Scout Hall to be available to the public as there were no toilet facilities in Sawmillers Reserve.  Council had advised that this was not practical due to	Comments noted by Council's Director Open Space & Environmental Services.	Closed for Council

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		security reasons, cleaning costs, possible property damage, need for sanitisation (COVID) after every use. On this basis the members unanimously resolved to request NSC to install public toilet facilities in Sawmillers Reserve.		
August	2	Draft Masterplan for the Public Domain Upgrade of McMahons Point - Blues Point Road Village - Cr Ian Mutton (IM) raised a number of issues affecting the Union Precinct. He mentioned a proposal to spend up to \$12m on Blues Point Road including additional trees and underground power lines and to make the area more appealing for pedestrians. He noted that the proposal had been developed by Council (Draft Masterplan for the Public Domain Upgrade of McMahons Point - Blues Point Road Village Centre) which will be placed on public exhibition and which he agreed to forward to the Precinct for distribution. His comment was to read the words and not be influenced by the pictures.	Council's Project Manager has agreed to present to the Union Precinct meeting in October 2020 on the Draft Masterplan for Blues Point Road. The public exhibition period will run from 2 September to 31 October 2020. Further information will be provided to the Precinct Committee.	Closed for Council
	2	Voluntary Planning Contributions - IM raised a concern that up to 60% of the Voluntary Planning contributions for residential developments on the Pacific Highway near Crows Nest/St Leonards in North Sydney Council had been ear marked for Willoughby Council rather than North Sydney Council. Several attendees expressed serious concern at this allocation of funding meant for North Sydney Council and requested Council provide an explanation.	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the Precinct Committee's concerns around the inequitable distribution of contributions (State Infrastructure Contributions or "SIC") between Willoughby Council and North Sydney Council are shared by Council.  Representations have been made on this issue over the last 18 months.	Closed for Council
	2	Lavender Green - Noted that submissions had closed, and that the vast majority were against the proposal. In the interim he stated that a fence had been erected around Lavender Green and expressed his concern as to why this had happened.	Council is advised that this proposal has now been withdrawn. The application no longer appears on the Department's website. It is unknown whether there will be a further proposal for the use of Lavender Green	Closed for Council

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	3	DA57/19, Floating Dry Dock - Noted in correspondence from Council that the recommendation from the SNPP was that the application could be withdrawn, or it would be sent to the SNNP for determination in August. It was unsure if a public meeting would be held. It was noted that if Noakes withdrew the application their appeal rights to the Land & Environment Court would be reduced, however if SNNP rejected the application they would be able to appeal. BM noted that she was in discussions with North Sydney Council regarding a Land & Environment Court case for several infringements of the DA 1164/90 conditions. It was noted North Sydney Council has thus far not progressed the public jetty at John Street, despite a Council resolution (which should have been built 25 years ago) and requested that Council provide an update on the matter.	Council's Planning & Development Advisor has advised that Council is investigating the construction of a new public jetty at the developers cost as set out in the condition of DA1164/90 and Council's resolution of 28 May 2019.  Council has received 'in principle' landowner's from RMS Maritime for a Jetty subject to navigational and environmental standards and requirements being met. At this time the approval path is yet to be determined, and detailed planning for the jetty is yet to commence.  Once the approval path is confirmed Council will engage with Stannards on progressing the project.	Closed for Council
	3	DA103/18/2, 14 William Street North Sydney (Shore School) - Noted that the Shore School was seeking to remove the clauses in their approvals relating to restoration of affordable housing or contribution to Council of \$500,000 in lieu. No information had been provided to community or Precincts and it was resolved to request an update from Council on this application	Council's Team Leader Assessment has advised that the Precinct Committee is encouraged to review the application documents that are available on Council's Applications Tracking site, as Council staff have reloaded the applicant's Statement of Environment Effects after redacting personal information from the document. The Precinct Committee should note that this modification relates to conditions imposed on an approved DA. If the Precinct Committee has comments please submit by 16 September 2020.	Closed for Council
	4	DA submissions and Council Access to Information Policy - Council has advised that from the 1 July 2020 the Application Tracking System made all submissions to DAs public, unless an individual submitter requests that	Comments noted by Team Leader Administration Services. Council has made a Submission Cover Sheet template available from its website. Alternatively, submitters can make a request to withhold "information they consider to	Closed for Council

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		their submission be restricted. This includes personal details such as address, emails and phone numbers.  Requests to withhold information must be made by a	be confidential or privileged including their address or contact details" by way of an email or letter.	
		separate cover document indicating the reasons why the information should be restricted. All requests would be reviewed and determined by Council's Document Management Services Department. It was resolved to register the concern of the Precinct in allowing all	The privacy web page of Council's website has been updated. This page advises that individuals can request removal of any personal information that has been published by Council as part of a submission.	
		personal details to be made public as this was a threat to the privacy and safety of the submitters. There was agreement that names could be disclosed to stop anonymous submissions, but all other identifying information should be automatically withheld. Proposed by MK and unanimously accepted by all the attendees.	For planning engagements including DAs, the new provisions commenced from 17 July 2020 i.e. notifications for DAs advertised from this date include overt reference to the proactive release of submissions. Anyone who has made a DA submission since 17 July 2020 can contact council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au and request their personal information be withheld, if they did not do so at the time of submission.	
	5	Precinct System Review Stage 1 - Due to an expression of frustration over how to discuss this important matter within the Precinct, it was resolved that a request be made to Council to make the whole discussion process easier under the circumstances of time constraints and restricted meetings. MCC and other attendees expressed their concern that no attempt had been made by Council to communicate the issues with the residents via Zoom or other new technology. It was resolved to recommend to Council that new technology be adopted to engage more with community. The Chair agreed to write to our precinct facilitator.	Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects advises the Precinct Committee's feedback will be taken into consider for Stage 2. As communicated at the commencement of Review, it will be conducted in two stages. Stage 1 involved the public exhibition of a Discussion Paper, intended as a 'green paper' seeking preliminary feedback on six recommendations to inform the Stage 2 consultation; which will involve a range of consultation methods. Further information will be provided to all Precinct Committees in due course.	Closed for Council
	9.4CM	Code of Meeting Practice - Residents are concerned that in general their views are not being aired and they support that the office bearers of the Precinct have their interests at heart to represent them. One suggestion put forward in	Feedback to be treated as a submission to the Amended Code of Meeting Practice.	Closed for Council

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	the Precinct System Review process was that a resolution must be passed on an issue before office bearers can speak on it at Council's Public Forum and this does not work simply from a timing factor. It was noted that this does not preclude office bearers speaking purely on a personal level.		
6	Union Street Speed Controls - Some information had been provided regarding possible interim options (this was briefly discussed at the meeting), but concern was expressed that nothing more had happened due to COVID-19. Suggestions were made for better signage at Woolcott Street, a pedestrian crossing and controls be installed at Bank Street. KR will respond to Council on these matters and a request was made to Council to come and address the meeting on options to solve the speed issues on Unions Street between Bank Street and Woolcott Street.	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that the Precinct Committee was given three alternate options in April 2020 (by direct email). Council has not received a response from the Precinct Committee.  Option 1  Construction of a concrete median and kerb extension at the bend, Construction of a refuge island at Bank Street. Upgrade the road line marking Option 2:  Construction of a concrete median and kerb extension at the bend, Construction of kerb extensions at Bank Street. Upgrade the road line marking Option 3  Construction of a concrete median and kerb extension at the bend, Upgrade the road line marking Option 3  Construction of a concrete median and kerb extension at the bend, Upgrade the road line marking The existing garden bed to retain at Bank Street  Also note that a Pedestrian Crossing at Bank Street is very unlikely to meet the numerical warrants for pedestrians and vehicles established by Transport for NSW (TfNSW, formerly the RMS).	Closed for Council

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	7	Sydney Metro Blues Point Site - Serious concern was expressed about the recent proposed extension of time of least 12 months for the large work shed at the bottom of Blues Point Road and the loss of the public park. Additionally, there would be a huge impact on the community with movements of cement trucks and other heavy vehicle access down Blues Point Road every five minutes and seriously affect residents behind the shed. Attendees expressed concern at the expedient way that the State Government had announced the change despite what it has promised in the original EIS, namely the fit out was to be in Barangaroo and North Sydney proper. IM noted that the Council were powerless to act as it was State Government decision. Resolved that the Union Precinct Committee ask Council to strongly object to the Metro/Department of Planning regarding the proposed continued use of the Blues Point temporary site beyond the end of 2020. Carried unanimously.	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has confirmed that Council wrote to TfNSW on 12 August 2020 concerning the Blues Point Access site, inclusive of the following points of objection:  • increased use of local streets by heavy vehicles • noise and amenity impact on residents • traffic and parking impacts • ongoing alienation of public land • public safety issues particularly with heavy trucks moving through high amenity pedestrian environments like Blues Point village.	Closed for Council
	9.1CM	North Sydney Public Domain - a booklet which contained illustrations on how the CDB could look in the future was presented however, with the uncertainty of the WHTL and the closure of Miller Street, these plans seem uncertain. Several residents expressed concern about how they would navigate the CBD if Miller Street was closed. WHTL EIS submissions are closed and NSC has launched a campaign to makes changes to the proposal. Many intersections will fail under the current proposal and there is uncertainty as to the benefit for NSLGA. The chair displayed an NSC brochure "All Pain and No Gain" She noted she had written personally to our state member Felicity Wilson as suggested.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Strategic Planning And Senior Strategic Planner - Urban Design.	Closed for Council

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	9.3CM	Sculpture "The Sun Also Rises" - proposed for Carradah Park. Chair displayed a flier of the sculpture and noted that the original proposal was in Milson Park but was vetoed by the residents. KR noted that the options in Have your Say were only to place it in one place or another in Carradah Park and that there should have been an option not to have it at all and he felt it was not in keeping with the design and industrial history of the park. MC stated she was not against the sculpture personally but understood and acknowledged community feedback.	Feedback noted by Council's A/Director Community & Library Services. All feedback received was collated, analysed and reported to Council. Council at its meeting of 24 August 2020 resolved:  1. THAT Council resolves not to place The Sun Also Rises sculpture at the locations in Carradah Park advertised as Options 1 and 2, in view of the results of the June 2020 community consultation.  2. THAT Council resolves to locate The Sun Also Rises sculpture at Option 3 as suggested by Waverton Precinct Committee, for a trial period of 12 months and at the end of this period a report be brought back to Council.	Closed for Council
	10.2	Speakers for Future Meetings - Noted that Sydney Heritage Fleet had presented at the recent Waverton Precinct meeting and could be approached to speak at a future Union Precinct Meeting as residents were keen to understand their proposal. It was noted that General Manager, Sydney Heritage Fleet had publicly supported Noakes on the Floating Dry Dock and we do not want any workshops or work on the water or derelict boats left in the Bay. The upside is that this may stop any future commercial development in Berrys Bay at Woodleys marina area. MC to action.	Comments noted by Director Open Space & Environment Services.	Closed for Council
	10.2.1	Council to present proposal for Blue Point Road - A request was made for the State Government or one of the contractors to speak at the meeting regarding the proposed traffic movements on Blues Point Road caused by the recent time extension of the shed. MC to action. Council could be requested to present on their proposal for Blues Point Road. KR to action.	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the most suitable person to liase with regarding the Blues Point Road proposal is Lani Tan from TfNS. The Precinct Committee is encouraged to contact Lani Tran direct (email address provided to the office bearers) to invite to address a future meeting.	Closed for Council
	11.1OB	Wire fence in Waverton Park - BM noted the dangers with the lack of wire protection on the fence surrounding	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has clarified that the wire mesh at Waverton Park was placed on that section of	Closed for Council

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		Waverton Park onto the water. She noted that some areas had wire mesh to protect users of the park, however the wooden fence near the tap and gym equipment and 100-150 meters up the roadway to John Street, did not have any wire and it was a potential danger to young children to fall into the bay. Resolved to request Council to investigate and rectify. Carried unanimously.	the fence to help stop balls going into the water. Installation of fencing can be obtrusive and inhibit transparent views across the harbour foreshore and at this stage the sections of fence will remain as they are. There are many locations on the water's edge in the North Sydney LGA that don't have any mesh, or, in some instances, any fence at all e.g. Sawmillers Reserve, parts of Blues Point Reserve, Berry Island and Kurraba Point Reserve.	
	11.2OB	Sawmillers Reserve - A request for toilet facilities at Sawmillers Reserve was made. Noted that the current Scout Hall had toilet facilities which may be able to be used with permission. Resolved to request Council to investigate. Carried unanimously.	Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects advises that the request for public access to the Scout Hall at Sawmillers Reserve falls outside of Council's remit, as it does not control this facility. We have forwarded the request direct to Scouts NSW for response.  UPDATE (3 September 2020) Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects has advised that a respond from Scouts NSW has been	Closed for Council
			received, advising that public access to the toilets in the Scouts Hall is not practical based on: How to secure the hall while providing access to the toilets?, Who pays for cleaning costs?, Who covers the cost of any damage to the property? And their COVID-19 Safety Plan currently requires the hall be sanitised after each use. That would also have to be done anytime someone uses the toilet. Unfortunately, the bathroom is not in close proximity to the building entrances.	
			Additionally, Scouts NSW has requested to contact an office bearer of Union Precinct Committee to discuss their plans for a community book library and community garden.	

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	11.3OB	Compliments - The Precinct congratulated Council on the new boat and kayak storage facilities in Sawmillers Reserve and resolved that they consider the same boat storage facilities in John Street near the proposed public jetty which is supposed to be built. (noted earlier). Carried unanimously.	Compliment noted by Council's Landscape Architect/Project Coordinator.	Closed for Council
July	No meeti	ng due COVID-19 restrictions		
June	No meeti	ng due COVID-19 restrictions		
May	No meeti	ng due COVID-19 restrictions		
April	No meeti	ng due COVID-19 restrictions		
March	GB	Ward Boundaries - IM noted that in the September 2020 elections that there would only be two wards with 5 Councillors each subject to election. IM suggested that it was likely that a referendum could be included as part of the Council elections in September 2020 to possibly increase the number of wards and/or change the boundaries to East - West. IM noted that he did not support the concept of an elected mayor.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Governance & Committee Services.	Closed for Council
	GB	Sawmillers Reserve - IM noted that Council was investigating obtaining a leasehold over surplus land around the Scout hall and tunnel adjacent to Sawmillers Reserve to expand the park. IM noted that the Scout hall already had toilet facilities which could be incorporated into Sawmillers Reserve which currently has no toilet facilities. A question was posed by a resident whether Council could acquire the freehold from the State Government. IM noted that he was opposed to the Council obtaining freehold unless all the environmental costs to potentially rehabilitate the land were fully met by the State Government.	Comments noted by Council's Director Open Space & Environmental Services.	Closed for Council

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	GB	Union Street Traffic - Council has decided not to proceed with speed cushions on the western end of Union Street and was looking at alternatives. Precinct Committee invited Council to provide Council officers to the next meeting 1 April to discuss this. Council responded that they would try and provide a speaker at the April 2020 meeting to discuss alternatives, subject to any progress in finding alternatives. KR is to seek confirmation of 1 April so that we can be informed as to why the speed cushions alternative was rejected and to have some input to any alternatives the Council officers are developing.	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer confirmed his attendance, however due to the COVID-19 the meeting was cancelled. A short report has been drafted for the Precinct Committee explaining the reason why cushions are not to go ahead as well as proposed alternate solutions.  UPDATE (30 April 2020)  Refer to correspondence from Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer sent 30 April 2020, advising the recommendations of the external traffic consultant.	Closed for Council
	OB	Noakes Slipway - PW as the representative of Noakes addressed the meeting regarding the amended application to Council for the FDD which had been lodged on 21 February 2020. He stated that Noakes has only received one fine from the EPA (attached) and he believes slipways are a thing of the past and the dock will be more pollution friendly. He noted the main differences was a limit to work on hull heights up to 7.7m and using sound curtains on the sides and retractable covers on the roof. Attendees questioned how could this work as most boats have masts which would stick out. JB commented that he felt that there was no credibility. RW commented current practice was not preventing the VOC's and paint smells.	Comments noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner.	Closed for Council
February	ОВ	Abolition of E-Waste Collection - A resident expressed concern about the abolition of the annual e-waste collection. E-waste now must be taken to Community Recycling Centre at Artarmon, and this is difficult for some residents. The Chair will contact Council about any options for residents who are unable to take their waste to the recycle centre.	Council's Waste Management Coordinator has advised that there are no alternate options for the disposal of e-waste other than at the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) in Artarmon for North Sydney. Council resolved to terminate the e-waste kerbside collection service in 2018 due to the decreasing amount of e-waste presented for the twice	Closed for Council

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			yearly pre booked collections following the establishment of the CRC.	
	OB	Traffic Committee Meeting - The Chair reported on the recent Traffic Committee Meeting which decided that speed cushions will no longer be considered for Union Street because of police concerns about the safety risks, and after a safety auditor confirmed this was not the best solution. The Council will investigate alternative speed controls for Union Street. The Chair suggested that an invitation be put to Council to come and talk to the precinct about various options for this and obtain feedback directly from residents. The April meeting was suggested as a possibility. KR will invite Council representatives.	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has tentatively accepted the invitation to attend the Precinct Committee meeting on 1 April 2020 pending further information being available.  UPDATE (22 April 2020) Refer to to Council's responses to item Other Business relating to Union Street Traffic against the March 2020 minutes.	Closed for Council
January	No meet	ing	1	