

## Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2022 Edward/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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October	4	<b>Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link</b> - MOTION: Edward and Union Precincts support the motion passed by Council [26 September 2022, Min. No. 305] to not enter into any contracts with the State government for Stage 3 (prior to the state election to be held in 2023).	Comments noted by Council's Public Projects Interface Manager.	Closed for Council
	5	<b>Merger Edward and Union Precincts</b> - The meeting heard from the Chair the likely steps should we decide to formally merge Edward and Union Precincts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The procedure will involve resolving boundary changes, if any, and coming up with a final decision on whether to merge the two precincts.</li> <li>• If we choose yes, a formal motion is to be on the agenda for the next meeting in November.</li> <li>• Councillors will be notified</li> </ul>	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement notes the Precinct Committees desire to progress the merger proposal and provided revised advice (to the advice of 4 October 2022) to the Precinct representative (KR) on 25 October 2022, regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suggested wording for proposed motion to be included on the agenda/flyer invite for the 2 November meeting;</li> </ul>	Closed for Council

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two precincts will then be dissolved as individual precincts through AGMs held in December.</li> <li>• The new entity will be created to begin in February 2023.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefits of merging; Wider range of views expressed at Precinct meetings, more people to draw on as office bearers, more people in attendance</li> <li>• Precinct(s) could choose to wait until the Precinct Review is completed in the middle of 2023</li> <li>• Hybrid meetings need appropriate equipment and sound is the most important. If Council provides the right equipment consistently the same experience can be had across the LGA</li> <li>• Edward and Union Precincts have a similar demographic, interests, and character. If we merge, we will continue to be the local voice for our neighbourhoods. Some indicated that southern parts of Union had more in common with Lavender than Edward.</li> <li>• Reiterated the CBD is not a good fit to be incorporated into either Edward or Union Precincts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that an AGM in December is not required, instead the Statements of Income and Expenditure as at December 2022 should be presented to the first meeting of the new Committee, in turn dissolving the two former Committees.</li> <li>• recommending (admin): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a 'sub committee' of the current two executives be formed, and Council is advised of the two office bearers to liaise with Council until the new Committee commences;</li> <li>b) an email be sent to both mailing lists, after the November meeting (or before the February meeting), to advise of the merger and hence combined mailing list to be used by the new Committee.</li> <li>c) 2022/23 operational funding is now available, and further information will be provided in due course regarding operational funding available for the new 'larger' Committee - the latter is to be determined in context of the total number of Precinct areas once the consultation with current active Precincts concludes. Whilst there are two temporary mergers in place (yours and Harrison/Bennett), we have also received enquiries from other active Precinct areas proposing to merge with their inactive neighbours.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	5.c.i	<b>Seeking updates for progress on the following</b> - Noakes Fire Order and lack of compliance still waiting for an update.	Council' Manager Environment & Building Compliance has advised that Council has enquired with Noakes regarding its progress with the Council's Fire Safety Order. Noakes is not legally obliged to provide such status reports to Council. The period for compliance with the Council's Fire Safety Order does not expire until July 2023.	Closed for Council
	5.c.ii	<b>Jetty at Berry Bay</b> - The still 'unbuilt' jetty at Berry Bay that was promised as a public benefit following the approval for development at the Noakes boatyard.	Council' Manager Environment & Building Compliance has advised that there is an ongoing legal matter on this item and there is not additional information to provide to the Precinct Committee since the update provided to the Union Precinct Committee under the November 2021 SOA (the original action remains open/ongoing).	Closed for Council
	5.c.iii	<b>Commodore Hotel noise/non-compliance</b> - The meeting heard from local residents that the live music on the outdoor terrace on Friday and Saturday nights ceased after it was raised at this Precinct meeting, however volume levels of sporting events on the outdoor TV screens are still incredibly loud.	Council' Manager Environment & Building Compliance, residents are advised as before to raise this directly with Liquor & Gaming NSW who have jurisdiction over noise issues from amplified sound at licensed venues. Council will however write to the licensee and advise him/her of the concern raised and thereby offer the hotel the opportunity to address the matter.  Details on how to lodge a disturbance complaint are available on the Liquor & Gaming NSW <a href="#">website</a> .	Closed for Council
	e	<b>Street works (footpath repair and re-sheeting)</b> - In the lower end of Union Street/Euroka streets recently took place with no notice or opportunity to provide	Item allocated to A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.	Awaiting Response

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		<p>feedback/input by affected residents. Discussion: Could there be a presentation from Council at a future meeting to inform and educate how/what the process is for this type of work to avoid finding out too late?</p>		
		<p><b>Letter from Union Precinct Resident</b> - represents discussions that were initiated at the combined Union and Edward Precincts. It has been observed by multiple community members and business owners that there has been an exponential increase in the amount of refuse to be found in the streets of McMahons Point and more specifically over the last three years. This includes (and not an exhaustive list) large amounts of leaf and other green compostable matter, household items, take away food containers including large numbers of disposable coffee cups, masks, tissues, filled nappies, fishing paraphernalia and dog excrement (bagged and unbagged). There are community members that are regularly picking up rubbish and have been doing this for many years in the proximity of their homes and in the public parks and harbour foreshore, however the constant presence of rubbish despite their best efforts is disheartening. This is having a profound effect on the suburb's milieu and more importantly on the storm water systems ultimately playing out in the Sydney Harbour and the collective enjoyment of the same. Unfortunately, the Precinct meeting heard from community members present at the above meeting that they have been advised that when calling Council about the rubbish they have directed callers to the Precinct meetings which whilst appropriate has raised concerns</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council's Waste Management Officer has advised that URM has been made aware that all items falling out of the bins while providing collection must be removed to ensure the street remains clean and safe. There has been an increase in the number of non-booked bulky household items and green waste presented on the kerb. Illegally dumped items are taped and stickered by Council Rangers and a report is prepared and sent to URM to arrange collection. URM provides regular collection of recycling and general waste which is followed by collection of illegally dumped items. URM will be advised to ensure illegally dumped items are removed from the kerb as soon as possible to avoid further dumping.</li> <li>2. Response pending</li> <li>3. Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that doggie bag dispensers to be ordered and will be installed at Blues Point Reserve and McMahons Point. These will be added to existing bin sites/poles.</li> <li>4. Response pending</li> </ol>	<p>Open/Ongoing</p>

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		<p>about the ability of Council to directly take on and address community members concerns. There appear to be a number of significant contributors to the issue - please find below examples that have been raised (with photos - there are many more available):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Morning garbage truck collection runs appear to leave significant amounts of items on the road that have missed the truck during the exchange from the bin to the truck. Community members advise that there appears to be limited culture within the collectors to pick up these items that have missed the truck.</li> <li>2. COVID and the significant foot traffic that eventuated through the suburb (most notably during the 5km limits) increased the number of people visiting the suburb including those who took up fishing which resulted in a marked increase in rubbish being discarded and left behind including masks/tissues.</li> <li>3. There has been a significant increase in dog numbers in the community. It has been advised by community members that owners could improve the management of their dogs excrement noting bagged and unbagged excrement discarded regularly in public places.</li> <li>4. There appears to be an increase in household and trade rubbish left on the streets and in other areas like park land. There has been a large number of renovations and certainly an increased movement of residents through the suburb during these three years. Whilst the Precinct Meeting appreciates the Council tape stating the item/s is/are illegally dumped it is not assisting with the removal of the same, it sits there for weeks and is often joined by</li> </ol>	<p>5. Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that street cleaning is carried out on a 10-week schedule, Road sweeper attends weekly. Frequency of street sweeping will increase over Autumn and high leaf fall periods.</p> <p>6. Response pending</p> <p>7/8. Response pending</p> <p>9 and part 11. Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that a bin was delivered to Victoria Park playground on 26 October 2022 and will be emptied Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays.</p> <p>10. Comment noted.</p> <p>11. Response pending re additional public toilet facilities at Sawmillers Reserve.</p>	

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		<p>other items that need removal.</p> <p>5. Community members report that it is a long time since they have observed the Council's street sweeper or Council staff cleaning the streets. Both of these strategies are greatly appreciated by the community.</p> <p>6. The lovely parkland that abuts the harbour has attracted quite a number of event management type companies some of whom clearly obtain Council permission/permit for their gathering and many that don't. These events generate considerable rubbish including fake flower petals, food and beverage waste inclusive of the receptacle that they are served in and management of the rubbish appears to depend on the individual moral compass. The quantum regularly exceeds the receptacles capacity and then attracts vermin and our ever increasing bush turkey community who then distribute the rubbish widely.</p> <p>7. There are a number of commercial premises which have regular smokers on the streets. I draw your attention to the corner of Victoria Street and Blues Point Road and the extensive number of cigarette butts on the ground. Community members advise that they have messaged the building Manager to no avail.</p> <p>8. It has also been noted that a number of commercial premises are leaving their bins out on a Friday often well over capacity and again attracting our busy turkey community who is redistributing the items onto the road way.</p> <p>9. Limited bins, although the Precincts are not really an advocate for these and note some recent increase in</p>		

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		<p>these, however refuse in highly utilised childrens playgrounds like the Victoria Street one including full nappies and large number of wipes in the gutter adjacent to the playground and bushes would indicate that a rethink about no bin in some of these areas may be required.</p> <p>10. Litter breeds litter - a community that appears that it does not care - the NZ Tidy Towns project showed this. Unfortunately it is a self-perpetuating problem.</p> <p>11. There has been disturbing reports pertaining to Bus Drivers and Taxi Drivers unable to easily access the Public Toilets in the Blues Point Reserve secondary to the bollards in place urinating in public places on Blues Point Road. Members of the community have also reported on their dogs rolling in human excrement in Sawmillers Reserve. Whilst it is noted that this is a temporary issue at Blues Point Reserve - consideration of additional public toilet facilities at Sawmillers Reserve would be appreciated.</p> <p>The Precinct Committees would like to request Council's consideration in working with the McMahons Point community to codesign a plan with solutions to address this very significant community problem. There are interested parties that would happily give up their time to be involved in this. Potential solutions - see End Note<sup>i</sup>.</p>		
September	2.U.a	<p><b>DA252/22, 72 Bank St</b> - The meeting discussed the importance of the heritage conservation area, and that Council should take care when it allows demolitions to take place in the conservation areas in the LGA. So little</p>	<p>Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that Precinct Committees' motion will be treated as a submission.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		remains and what is left should be preserved. The meeting discussed the rebuild of 72 Bank St and feels that it should be rebuilt as weatherboard. MOTION: Edward/Union Precincts would like to ensure the character of the existing weatherboard cottage is retained in the new structure to street level.		
	2.U.b	<b>DA66/20, 26 Euroka St</b> - The meeting discussed the proposed modifications to the terrace and noted it is a listed building. MOTION: Edward/Union Precincts would like to ensure there are no changes to the character of the existing terrace located in a heritage conservation area.	Council's Graduate Officer has advised that Precinct Committees' motion will be treated as a submission	Closed for Council
	3	<b>Floating Dry Dock at Berrys Bay Update</b> - The meeting discussed the decision by the Land and Environment Court decision to refuse an appeal by Stannards Marine to operate a floating dry dock. MOTION: Edward/Union Precincts thank Council for supporting community resisting the development application	Compliment noted.	Closed for Council
	4.b.	<b>Voluntary Mergers</b> - Were discussed in terms of timeline for decisions. The meeting expressed its desire not to be merged with the North Sydney CBD Precinct due to the unique and specific issues/needs of the CBD which are not simpatico with those of Edward and Union precincts. For now, Union and Edward Precincts are comfortable proceeding with their trial merger.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement. Links to Item 6f, July 2022 and Item 3PSR, August 2022.  <b>UPDATE (4 October 2022)</b> Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has met with a Precinct representative (KR) to discuss next steps should Edward and Union Precincts want to formalise the merger.	Closed for Council

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			<p>The Council resolution of 25 July 2022 (Min. No. 213) states that <i>“mergers or amalgamations between Precincts or their dissolution are matters for the Precincts themselves to determine”</i> and <i>“that Council will provide administrative support for any such mergers, amalgamations or dissolutions.”</i></p> <p>The proposed process/timeline for merging (should the Precinct Committee resolve such) is outlined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct 2022 - discussion about current trial merger listed on advertised agenda; recommended proposed motion flagged for listing on the Nov agenda</li> <li>• Nov 2022 - motion seeking formal merger to be listed on agenda; advise Council of passed motion to proceed with merger</li> <li>• Dec 2022 - hold AGM to “close out books” of both Edward and Union i.e. present statements of income and expenditure for each account (one of Council’s engagement staff can attend upon invitation)</li> <li>• Council meeting (28 Nov or 12 Dec TBD) - report to Council for information</li> <li>• Jan 2023 - Council to update Precincts area map and webpage new Committee</li> <li>• Feb 2023 - hold AGM to elect office bearers for new Committee (AGM flyer required)</li> </ul>	

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			<p>Other considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name - would need to determine name of new Precinct area</li> <li>• Boundaries - Should Edward/Union Precinct propose boundary changes that affect an adjacent Precinct area, if they want to proceed with this proposal then consultation with the adjacent Precinct area will be required</li> <li>• Operational funding - whether additional funding will be available for merged/larger Precinct areas is yet to be determined - this is being explored via Working Group 1 as part of the updated Guidelines. Further information to be provided to all Precinct Committees in due course.</li> </ul>	
	4.c	<p><b>Proposed Neighbourhood Power Sharing and Community Battery Scheme:</b> The meeting heard community/feasibility testing is taking place in some social housing buildings in the LGA. The meeting discussed/queried the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How involved is Council in the power sharing project factoring in the cost of rebates and electricity being a state level service?</li> <li>• Charging pods for Electric Vehicles in the LGA (other than community provided pods at Greenwood/Crows Nest/Cammeray)</li> </ul>	<p>Council' Senior Sustainability Programs Co-ordinator has advised that Council staff proposed to look into a power sharing scheme for a Council owned social housing apartment block as one recommendation in response to the Notice of Motion from 22 May 2022.</p> <p>The proposed project would look at putting a solar PV system on a Council owned strata building that houses a number of social housing residents and then share the energy generated from the PV system between them. A distribution box (SolShare) is used that can direct solar energy to multiple apartments simultaneously. It optimises the solar delivery based</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>on who needs the energy at any point in time, while also ensuring that every apartment receives the same amount of solar over the course of each month. By installing a PV system on a Council owned social housing strata block, Council is actively working towards achieving our 2030 carbon footprint targets whilst at the same time assisting those who need it the most with reduced energy bills and access to renewable energy.</p> <p>Council is currently investigating the feasibility of a policy on electric vehicle charging on public land. Research of other Greater Sydney council policies is currently being undertaken.</p>	
		<p>Question: How many Council EV charging 'pods' are there in the North Sydney LGA?</p>	<p>Council's Manager Parking Stations &amp; Business Operations has advised that Council has 10 EV charging bays, these service 2 parking spaces per car park at Alexander St, Holtermann St, Hume St, Nicholson St and Ridge St car parks.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	<p>4.g.</p>	<p><b>North Sydney Demonstration School Works and Modification to DA150/22</b> -The meeting also heard from members present about concerns regarding the state of the footpaths in front of the works, along Bay Road, which are covered in concrete; evidence of a lack of adequate water filtration/management which is a breach of EPA regulations. Edward/Union Precincts would like to see a Council Compliance Officer attend the site as the works are in this LGA. It was also noted that pick up and drop off</p>	<p>Council's Manager Environmental &amp; Building Compliance has advised that the Precinct Committees' concerns have been referred to Council's Building Compliance section for investigation. The Precinct Committee will be advised of the outcomes in due course.</p>	<p>Open/Ongoing</p>

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		at the Dem is restricted, possibly due to the number of vehicles parking in the area due to construction activities.		
	5	<b>Proposed Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp</b> - Edward/Union Precincts strongly support retaining green open space in the LGA for community use and therefore do not support the TfNSW linear cycle ramp. MOTION: Edward/Union Precincts support Lavender Precinct's request to Council, as the holder of Bradfield Park in trust for the public, to require a development application for the construction of any cycle ramp landing in Bradfield Park	<p>Council's Public Projects Interface Manager responded to the issue as raised by Lavender Bay Precinct motion, as follows: <i>there are numerous options for the project to receive planning approval. Most likely pathway is under Part 5 of the EP&amp;A Act 1979 resulting in the need for a 'Review of Environmental Effects'/REF' and not a DA. It is possible that the approval is via a DA with the NSW Department of Planning as the Consent Authority. However, due to the unknowns it is necessary to wait until the final decision is announced and to then ask the proponent (TfNSW) what they expect the approval pathway to be. That decision can then be examined in light of the circumstances and planning legislation. It is most unlikely that a DA would proceed with Council being the determining authority.</i></p> <p>The advice remains valid at this time. Additionally, it is worth noting that Council is currently examining the question of what powers Council has regarding Bradfield Park under the <i>Crown Lands Management Act</i>.</p>	Closed for Council
	6	<b>NSOP</b> - Members present discussed the pool renovation costings and timeline and would like to know more. MOTION: Edward/Union precincts would like any available update on the state of the North Sydney Olympic Pool redevelopment	Council's A/General Manager has advised that the most recent public monthly progress report went to the Council meeting held 12 September 2022 ( <a href="#">Item 8.06</a> ), with the next report to be considered at the	Closed for Council

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			Council meeting to be held 10 October 2022 ( <a href="#">Item 10.12</a> ).	
	7	<p><b>Employment Zone Amendments</b> - Council responded to Precinct's concern about lack of timely consultation in relation to substantial zoning changes within the LGA. MOTION: Edward/Union precincts would like to thank North Sydney Council for its response to our concerns about the Employment Zone amendments.</p>	Compliment noted.	Closed for Council
August	2DA	<p><b>16 French St, McMahons Point: Community Garden</b> - Those present at the meeting supported the comment and then discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is not unusual in North Sydney for parcels of land along the rail corridor to be utilised in such a way.</li> <li>• Community has expressed significant interest in utilising the remaining railway land behind the carports on French Street for a community garden. We understand this request was rejected by Council previously due to the expense of reclaiming the land.</li> <li>• Is it possible for other parcels of land along the rail corridor to be used for community gardens also?</li> </ul> <p>Edward/Union Precincts support the comment from our precinct member and request that Council relook at the community's desire to have a community garden in the Rail Corridor land, situated behind and in between the two residential carports at 16 and 18 French Street.</p>	Council's A/Director Space & Environmental Services has advised that the matter has been discussed by Council on several occasions and it has been decided that the contaminated status of the land together with the unreasonable cost to acquire the land from the State Government has resulted in abandoning plans to establish a community garden at this location.	Closed for Council

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	3PSR	<p><b>Precinct System Review</b> - The meeting heard/discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council will adopt the recommendations in the Consultant Report (including a Communication Plan) and will consult with Precinct Committees prior to a further report being delivered to Council.</li> <li>• Council recognises that while being advisory bodies only, Precincts are a vital channel of communication between the community and NSC.</li> <li>• Council accepts that, in order to function adequately, Precincts are free to determine, without interference, their office holders, boundaries (by agreement between Precincts) and agendas.</li> <li>• Some Precincts are dormant such as the CBD Precinct or struggling. The Meeting reiterated that it was not in favour of integrating the CBD into Edward/Union Precincts as per Edward's June 2021 minutes.</li> <li>• Edward and Union Precincts are in favour of revitalising Precincts and supporting ways to generate interest, agreeing that combined face-to-face and online meetings (such as the set up being trialled at this meeting) can go promote this and ensure a diversity of community voices.</li> </ul>	<p>Links to Item 3PSR, August 2022 and Item 4B, September 2022.</p> <p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning &amp; Engagement has advised that further information regarding progressing the Review's recommendations via the Implementation/Communications Plan will be provided to all Precinct Committees soon. Council will also contact Edward/Union Precinct to discuss the possible formal amalgamation of the two Precinct areas.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (19 August 2022)</b> Four Working Groups will be formed to progress implementation of the recommendations arising from the Review. Each Working Group will have a dedicated focus: 1) Amended Policy, Code and Guidelines, 2) Marketing and Promotion, 3) Office Bearer Training and 4) Remote Meeting Format. The Working Groups will meet in September/October 2022 with the outcomes presented to Precinct Committees before being reported to Council. Each Group will have six representatives. Participants can only sit in one Group. For more information Refer to the memorandum distributed to all Precinct Committees on 19 August 2022. To nominate for a Group email <a href="mailto:precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au">precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au</a> by 4 September 2022.</p>	Closed for Council

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	3 SN	<b>Service NSW</b> - The meeting noted and welcomes the arrival of a dedicated Service NSW facility in North Sydney, however noted lack of accessible parking near the site Edward/Union Precincts request Council to consider providing a disabled parking place in front of the Service NSW premises at 213 Miller Street.	This was raised at the Traffic Committee meeting held 2 September 2022. The Traffic Committee's recommendation is that "Council investigate and liaise with Transport for NSW in relation to timed disabled parking spaces at the new Service NSW office at 213 Miller Street, North Sydney." The minutes of the Traffic Committee meeting will be reported to Council for adoption.	Open/Ongoing
	3MS	<b>Miller Street Pedestrian Pop-up</b> - The meeting discussed the current expanded pedestrian area on Miller Street in the CBD on the block between Pacific Highway and Berry Street. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Originally installed to preserve pedestrian space in an area that is going to be dramatically affected by the Western Harbour Tunnel which will see Berry Street become a major multi-lane funnel into the new tunnel.</li> <li>Reference made to the Save Berry Street campaign.</li> <li>Members would like to see Miller Street remain open to traffic as it is the most efficient means to get in and out of our Precincts</li> <li>The look and design choices of the pop up were questioned and comments made as to why the expansion was not done permanently and 'properly' in the first instance.</li> </ul>	Precinct Committee feedback will be treated a submission.	Closed for Council
	3PM	<b>Permission for remote Precinct Committee Meetings</b> - Council has agreed to support remote precinct meetings Edward and Union Precincts support this decision and are	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised, that the per the memorandum distributed 22 July 2022, that Council will consult with Precinct	Closed for Council

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		<p>already experimenting with hybrid remote and face-to-face meetings.</p> <p>Edward/Union Precincts would like enhanced technical support from Council to facilitate successful remote participation in meetings. Currently Precinct members are purchasing or utilising their own equipment to support remote participation in Precinct meetings</p>	<p>Committees regarding the formal introduction of remote meetings, including preferred licence format (inclusive of level of support from Council), frequency of use, and promotional requirements; with view to the new arrangements coming into effect from January 2023.</p>	
	4MLC	<p><b>MLC Building Heritage Status</b> - Motion: Edward/Union Precincts strongly urge North Sydney Council to ask the current Minister for heritage NSW, (the Hon. James Griffin) to correct the errors made in the heritage listing of the MLC Building, to ensure it is relisted and protected from demolition</p>	<p>Cr Baker, Mayor of North Sydney has advised that a letter was sent to Minister James Griffin, regarding the listing of the MLC Building on the State Heritage Register pursuant to s34(2) of the <i>Heritage Act 1979</i>. A copy of the letter was forwarded to the Precinct Committee on 26 August 2022.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (16 September 2022)</b> Council has received a response to its letter, from the Hon. James Griffin, Minister for Environment &amp; Heritage dated 1 September 2022, who appreciates the matter being brought to his attention. The Minister understands that the Heritage Council of NSW is considering its statutory obligations in light of the Land &amp; Environmental Court judgement.</p>	Closed for Council
	4WHT	<p><b>Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT)</b> - Status of early works in Waverton, Edward/Union Precincts will keep a close eye on the project and its ongoing development and ask Council to include the Your Say Survey on its website because of the importance of this project to the amenity of the LGA.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning &amp; Engagement has advised that the survey results relate to an engagement undertaken by TfNSW in November 2021, therefore as this is not a current Council engagement it is not appropriate to promote via the Your Say North Sydney site. Instead, the request will be referred</p>	Closed for Council

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			internally for consideration as to promotion via the related page on the Council website.	
	4MBR	<p><b>Moorish Blue Restaurant, Blues Point Road</b> - The meeting heard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident concerns about the scale of renovations/work being done at this locally significant premises and the amount of 'debris' being removed/demolished.</li> <li>If there are no external changes other than 'repair' and works internally are certified, there is no need for a DA.</li> <li>The building is in a conservation area and residents are monitoring what is taking place at the site.</li> </ul>	<p>Council's Team Leader Compliance has advised that Council Officers have attended the site on three occasions in August 2022. On these visits there has been no one onsite and a business card with contact details has been left requesting the occupant contact Council.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (4 October 2022)</b> No updates available to date</p>	Open/Ongoing
	4LLB	<p><b>Laurel Leaf Bistro 'Pop Up' Outside Dining Trailer</b> - The current pop-up outside Laurel Leaf Bistro was discussed at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety (as the trailer impacts egress for cars driving down Union Street) and loss of parking.</li> <li>The small area for outside dining at Laurel Leaf</li> </ul>	<p>Council's Executive Co-Ordinator has advised that the location of the Parklet on the street was approved by Council's Engineers and thoroughly checked for safety and permissibility with Council's parking regulations. The Parklet is classified as an authorised Council Vehicle for this program, which is initiated to assist local businesses to recover from the pandemic.</p> <p>Council's Rangers and Parking Services Officers are fully notified of where the Parklet is located on the street at all times. In general, the Parklet is rotated around the LGA on a three-month basis. Concerns and issues with the Parklet, can be reported to Council's Rangers on 9936 8100.</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p><b>80 Union St Query</b> - The meeting received a query from the community in relation to proposed works to 80 Union St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No attendees were aware of any work set to take place.</li> <li>Edward Secretary will investigate if Shore School is planning work at the currently vacant building.</li> <li>There are disruptions in areas surrounding Shore School from time to time resulting from students parking cars.</li> </ul>	Council's Manager Development Services has advised that there are no current applications for this site, and no planning enquires that would lead to an application.	Closed for Council
July	5b	<p><b>Arts &amp; Cultural Strategic Plan Review</b> - NSC is updating the North Sydney Arts &amp; Cultural Strategic Plan and would like feedback to ensure the new plan is tailored to local arts and cultural needs. Stage 1 closes 31 July and encourages members to find out more and to complete the survey. The meeting discussed the first stage of engagement which seeks to identify new and/or reaffirm current priorities in three focus areas and that the survey does not allow for much and feels like a tick-a-box exercise. Ideas like a women's shed and our own LGA gallery, revitalising the Platypus subbase (managed by the Harbour Trust) were discussed by members present at the meeting.</p>	Council's Teal Leader - Arts & Culture has advised that the Precinct Committee's feedback will be treated as a submission to the Stage 1 engagement.	Closed for Council
	5c	<p><b>Western Harbour Tunnel</b> - The meeting heard Council considered in detail at its June Council meeting the status of the Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) and Northern Beaches Link (NBL) project. Council has written to the Federal Member for North Sydney and passed a motion for the</p>	Feedback/motion noted by Council's Public Projects Interface Manager.	Closed for Council

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		<p>NSW State Government to halt, review, reassess the WHT because of a proposed cessation of construction of the NBL. With no NBL, the WHT would have even greater detrimental impact on traffic in the North Sydney LGA. The meeting heard that NSC has been unable to identify any benefit to North Sydney from either tunnel. 85% of North Sydney residents were opposed to construction of the tunnels. Tree removal at Cammeray (which has been substantial) has already had a major impact on affected areas with wind, noise and light pollution to recreational parkland. Motion: The Edward/Union Precinct Committees fully supports Council opposition to continued construction of the Western Harbour Tunnel due to the detrimental impact on the local areas' amenity and quality of life due to the halting of the Northern Beaches Link. Motion passed without objection.</p>		
	5d	<p><b>Code of Meeting Practice &amp; Meeting Dates</b> - The meeting heard that Council is abolishing the Legal and Planning and Governance and Finance sub- committees established in 2012. These meetings were not open to the public. Matters formerly referred to those Committees will now be reported directly at Council Meetings. The meeting also heard there will now be an increased number of Council meetings (every 2-3 weeks) also recorded and made available online, which is a positive outcome for the community providing enhanced transparency and accessibility. Precinct unanimously commends Council for this decision.</p>	Compliment noted.	Closed for Council

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	5f	<p><b>Employment Zone Reform in North Sydney LGA</b> - The meeting heard that the Department of Planning and Environment has decided to change the names of light industrial and business zones to “employment” zones and to increase the number of permissible uses in those zones in the LGA. The meeting expressed concern around the lack of consultation on this matter which has the potential to inflict significant changes on our precincts and which may affect us all both as residents and neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Edward and Union Precincts wish to convey their concern about the proposed Employment Zone Reform in the LGA and are critical of the Council's Planning Department for not alerting Precincts earlier of these changes.</li> <li>2. Edward and Union Precincts will support the submission that will be put forward to DPE by Lavender Bay Precinct and look forward to improved efforts by Council in relation to communication about proposed changes within the LGA that impact amenity, character and liveability in the North Sydney LGA.</li> </ol>	<p>Council's A/Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the NSW Government is not always the best at notifying of proposed changes to the planning system which can have potential impacts on the wider community. This burden is often and sometimes unfairly put back on councils.</p> <p>The Employment Zone Reforms, that were exhibited in June 2022, represents the first time the NSW Government has pre-consulted with councils to discuss how to communicate the proposed changes to the LEP, prior to its public exhibition. Unfortunately, the same should have been done when the first stage of the Employment Zone Reforms was exhibited, which related to the creation of the new zone framework.</p> <p>Despite this limited approach by the NSW Government, Council's planning staff endeavour to alert the wider community of relevant planning reforms as best they can. It should be noted that these proposed changes often occur without prior warning and are typically restricted to short exhibition periods without opportunity for late submissions. Due to these short timeframes and the often very technical or difficult to understand concepts being proposed, this can prevent Council staff from providing any meaningful synopsis to the wider community (i.e. a plain English explanation and potential impacts) before the public exhibition period ends. This in turn limits the ability to ensure our community has sufficient</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>information and time to respond to these proposed changes.</p> <p>It should be noted that there have been a raft of changes, reforms and proposals from the NSW Government over the last 2 years. This has been challenging for Council staff in addition to remaining on top of already very heavy workloads. Council staff will continue to endeavour to alert all Precinct Committees of upcoming planning reforms where it is likely to have a direct impact on the character of our communities.</p>	
	6b	<p><b>Sub-Base Platypus</b> - A meeting participant raised the activities of the current tenants at the Sub Base Platypus located in the North Sydney LGA and if there are any ways Council can activate the site for better community use. The site, the Harbour Trust and other successful sites were discussed. The Meeting resolved to look at some ideas that could form a strategy of some sort at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning &amp; Engagement has advised that this suggestion can be explored through both the pending/upcoming reviews of the following Council strategies - Arts &amp; Cultural Strategic Plan and Events Strategy, as well as implementation of the adopted <i>Visitor Economy Strategy</i> (2019).</p>	Closed for Council
	6f	<p><b>Edward and Union Merger</b> - Meeting members discussed the pros and cons of the current trial merger between Edward and Union Precincts and agreed to continue in a temporary fashion for another three months. The meeting also agreed to trial a hybrid meeting strategy of 'streaming' the meeting for those unable to attend in person to still stay informed. The hybrid model will not be as participatory as the previous zoom meetings however there will be an</p>	<p>Noted by Council's Engagement staff. Links to Item 3PSR, August 2022 and Item 4b, September 2022.</p>	Closed for Council

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		opportunity for those tuning in 'online' to forward questions to a moderator who will raise them on their behalf in the meeting. Meeting members also indicated that they understood there will be some trial and error as an acceptable hybrid model is established. Some technical testing will be done in advance of the next meeting.		
	6g	<b>Edward and Union Flyer redesign</b> - A meeting participant suggested that the flyer distributed prior to the meetings be given an update. Some new design options will be presented at the next meeting for members to view and consider. Some Union members present noted that they had not received the flyer in their letterboxes. Council is asked to inquire as to whether the distribution occurred.	<p>The external distributor engaged by the Precinct Committee has advised that due the weather at the time of distribution, flyers were not distributed to all the residences in the Precinct area. The Precinct Committee was not charged for this delivery.</p> <p>Council's Manager Corporate Planning &amp; Engagement has advised that review of flyer delivery is an action within the Implementation Plan arising from the Precinct System Review. Hopefully we can expedite looking into this matter as the majority of Committees rely on one distributor to deliver their flyers, with no back up plan.</p>	Closed for Council
June	4a	<b>Code of Meeting Practice</b> - feedback closed 8 June. Pre-meeting briefing sessions and public forums may be held by audio-visual link. Several items covering in-person and audio-visual attendance at Council meetings. Individual presentations prior to Council meetings are not recorded. Precinct suggests that Council considers recording presentations. Council should consider publishing the closed session at the end of Council meetings (with confidential information blanked out). The meeting	Feedback noted by Council's Executive Manager Governance. The Precinct Committee's minutes were sent to Council on 27 June 2022, as such this feedback was not included in the post exhibition report which was considered by Council at its meeting of 27 June 2022.	Closed for Council

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		<p>discussed Council meeting frequency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an opportunity to provide feedback</li> <li>• Precincts support whatever is deemed most effective by Council staff, Councillors and the community</li> <li>• the swift dissemination of information by Council is appreciated</li> </ul>	<p>On 27 June 2022, Council resolved to adopt the amended <i>Code of Meeting Practice</i> in accordance with section 360 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>. The Participation in the Public Forums is now possible by remote attendance. Community members wishing to attend remotely are required to advise Council by 10am on the day of the Council Meeting. The deadline for registering for Public Forum remains at 4pm at this time. Further information will be available from Council's website ahead of the July 2022 Council meeting.</p> <p>Council did not resolve to change the current arrangements for Councillor Briefings, these will remain open to Councillors and staff only, and the webcast will not be available to the public.</p>	
	4d	<p><b>Precinct System Review</b> - The Precinct expressed concern over the regular delay in progress of the Review. The Precincts in the LGA have been in action for 50 years, supporting community engagement in the LGA and allowing voices in local areas to be heard. The meeting strongly supports early resolution of the Precinct Review to provide more certainty as to the future of the Precinct System.</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Manager Corporate Planning and Engagement. Council has deferred consideration of the Precinct System Review recommendations to the July 2022 meeting.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (29 July 2022)</b> Council at its meeting of 25 July 2022 considered the Precinct System Review recommendations and resolved:</p> <p><i>1. THAT the Precinct System Review - Stage 2 Consultation Outcomes Report be received and noted.</i></p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>2. THAT the management responses to the consultant's recommendations be adopted, and the Implementation Plan (including Communications Plan) be finalised in consultation with Precinct Committees prior to a further report to Council seeking adoption of the final Implementation Plan with the following additions to the Precinct Code of Conduct:</p> <p>(a) The Code should include a preamble recognising that, while being advisory bodies only, Precincts provide a vital channel of communication between the North Sydney community and Council, ensuring that Council is aware of the community's interests and concerns.</p> <p>(b) The Code should provide that Precincts are free to set their own agendas and there is no restriction by Council on the subject matter which the Precincts choose to discuss.</p> <p>(c) The Code should provide that Council recognises that, in order to perform their advisory function adequately, the Precincts are free to determine, without Council interference, their Precinct office holders, subject to the requirements of office holders contained elsewhere in the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>3. THAT Council recognises the following:</p> <p>(a) The principle that the question of mergers or amalgamations between Precincts or their dissolution are matters for the Precincts themselves to determine</p> <p>(b) That Council will provide administrative support for any such mergers, amalgamations or dissolutions.</p> <p>(c) That Council will explore ways to increase community awareness of, and participation in, Precinct meetings.</p> <p>4. THAT the Precinct System Guidelines, Policy and Code be updated as outlined in this report and this motion, and in consultation with Precinct Committees, prior to a further report to Council seeking endorsement to place the revised</p>	

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			<p><i>Policy and Code on public exhibition for 42 days prior to final adoption.</i></p> <p><i>5. THAT the consultation with Precinct Committees on facilitating remote meeting participation be noted.</i></p>	
	5a	<p><b>Noakes Floating Dry Dock Appeal</b> - the Chief Judge of the L&amp;E Court has reserved his judgement as of 26 May. The meeting heard that: It could be up to three months until a decision is made on an issue that commenced in 2016. Council's solicitors were excellent.</p>	Compliment noted.	Closed for Council
	6a	<p><b>Union and Euroka Streets roadwork for speed controls</b> - Precinct members would like to thank Council for the work undertaken to date. Signage and line markings need to be completed. One meeting participant noted that a bus had difficulty navigating the bend and it may prove hard to see on approach. Reflectors and a slowdown sign might help.</p>	Compliment noted.	Closed for Council
	6c	<p><b>Community Educator</b> - Motion: Union/Edward Precincts support the concept of appointing a dedicated community education officer for planning matters in the LGA.</p>	<p>Feedback noted. A report responding to the Notice of Motion will be prepared for Council. ETA July 2022.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (3 August 2022)</b> The report responding to the Notice of Motion will be considered by Council at its meeting of 8 August 2022. <a href="#">Item 8.06 Community Education Officer Planning.</a></p>	Closed for Council
May	3a	<p><b>Western Harbour Tunnel</b> - Motion: The Precinct Committees strongly encourage Council to continue to advocate for building the Freeway facility building underground. Carried without objection.</p>	Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised that the elected Council has resolved to seek the undergrounding of the motorway control buildings. Council staff will continue to seek the	Closed for Council

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			delivery of this outcome as part of the ongoing, complex negotiations with Transport for NSW.	
	3b	<b>Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp</b> - A cycle ramp from Harbour Bridge to central North Bradfield Park will require resumption of an area during construction. Concern was expressed by the meeting about the possible large size of the resumption area. The meeting noted that the ramp will result in some loss of parkland and amenity/ accessibility for local residents. Council deferred to its May meeting a decision about its response to TfNSW's offer to lease over 7800 m <sup>2</sup> of Bradfield Park to construct the ramp.	<p>On 23 May 2022, in response to the deferred report (Item 10.3) Council resolved:</p> <p><i>1. THAT Council advise TfNSW that it is not prepared to consent to compulsory acquisition of land required at Bradfield Park for the construction of a cycle ramp in advance of the final form of the ramp being formally authorised with the necessary statutory approvals including but not limited to approvals under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth).</i></p> <p><i>2. THAT if compulsory acquisition is pursued by TfNSW subsequent to formal approval as per 1 above, it is Council's preference that compensation be determined by negotiation under s29 of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.</i></p> <p><i>3. THAT the report be treated as confidential and remain confidential until Council determines otherwise.</i></p> <p><i>4. THAT Council continues to advocate for a dedicated lane for cycling and active transport on lane 8 of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and urges TfNSW to continue to pursue this option.</i></p>	Closed for Council
	4c	<b>Waverton Bowling Club</b> - Precincts are waiting for the response from Council re the Native Title Claim that was rejected by Council and has been appealed.	Please refer to Council's response to related Item OB, from March 2022 in the Union Precinct SOA (see below).	Closed for Council
	4d	<b>Blues Point Road ongoing noise issues</b> - The meeting heard that neither the latest Traffic Committee meeting nor the Council meeting on 26 April 2022 discussed this.	<b>UPDATE (28 July 2022)</b> Council's A/Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that this item will be added as a standing	Closed for Council

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		The Precinct Committees fully supports Lavender Bay Precinct's suggestion that noise and traffic in Blues Point Road should be considered as a standing item at Traffic Committee meetings.	item to the Traffic Committee agenda from the September 2022 meeting.	
	4f	<b>Precincts E-News</b> - Request by Edward Secretary for Council to convert each Precincts E-news to pdf for circulation to Precinct Committees who can then onforward to members if they wish.	Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that this matter has been previously discussed at the Combined Precincts Committee, and a response provided to Edward Precinct Committee via the SOA, in September 2021: per the response to the CPC SOA (February 2021), an alternate PDF version of Precincts E-news was investigated. The Precincts E-news is created using web-based software. Manual creation of a PDF with bookmarks by Council (following the automated distribution of E-news) is not considered practical, instead on a weekly basis Council will provide a link via email to each eNews - which importantly does not include the unsubscribe function, that can be forwarded on by individual Precinct Committees as warranted.	Closed for Council
	4g	<b>Summary of Actions</b> - The meeting heard that Council's response to a query regarding extended access/use of the Lavender Bay/McMahons Point Community Centre was 'Closed for Council response'. There was no response to the question regarding the fee structure being a barrier for use by residents.	Relates to item 7 from Union Precinct Committee's April 2022 meeting minutes re-allocated to Council's Director Community & Library Services - requesting response to suggested "review of the fee structure for local community groups".  Note: Council's draft Fees & Charges Schedule 2022/23 is on public exhibition from 25 May to 21 June 2022.	Closed for Council

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			<p>The Precinct Committee's feedback will be treated as a submission.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (2 August 2022)</b> Council's Director Community &amp; Library Services has advised that McMahons Point Community Centre is a well-used community centre. Currently eight groups are regularly using it covering a wide range of activities such as community counselling groups, Sydney University of the Third Age (U3A), childcare, Tai Chi, prayer groups and dance groups.</p>	
	6c	<p><b>Noakes Update: Proposed Public Jetty</b> - The meeting heard that the outstanding 1990 requirement to construct a public jetty in Berrys Bay is being pursued by Council separately to the DCO and court case. Council resolved at its 26 April 2022 meeting to invite Noakes/Stannards to make a monetary contribution towards the construction of a public jetty, rather than construct the jetty as specified in the 1990 development consent. Motion: The Precinct Committees supports Council's stance in relation to the construction of the public jetty. Carried without objection.</p>	<p>Motion noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner.</p>	Closed for Council
	8a	<p><b>GB: Commodore Hotel Noise Levels</b> - Local residents have expressed concern about the increasing noise levels generated at the Commodore Hotel, most especially amplified music and announcements. Motion: Advice was given to the resident that Council requires evidence of when the noise incidents occur.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Environmental &amp; Building Compliance has advised that this item has been Council's Team Leader Environmental Health for investigation. Relates to Item CH from Union Precinct Committee's March 2022 minutes.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (3 June 2022)</b></p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>The Liquor License issued by Liquor &amp; Gaming NSW has the following condition regarding noise from patrons and/or sound equipment at the hotel:</p> <p><i>The LA10 noise level emitted from the licensed premises shall not exceed the background noise level in any Octave Band Centre Frequency (31.5 Hz to 8 kHz inclusive) by more than 5dB between 7.00am and 12.00 midnight at the boundary of any affected residence. The LA10 noise level emitted from the licensed premises shall not exceed the background noise level in any Octave Band Centre Frequency (31.5 Hz to 8 kHz inclusive) between 12.00 midnight and 7.00am at the boundary of any affected residence. Notwithstanding compliance with the above, the noise from the licensed premises shall not be audible within any habitable room in any residential premises between the hours of 12.00 midnight and 7.00am.</i></p> <p>As Liquor &amp; Gaming NSW is the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over noise from amplified sound and the like from licensed premises, the Precinct Committee is encouraged to lodge a disturbance complaint with them to have the matters raised investigated.</p> <p>Details on how to lodge a disturbance complaint are available on the Liquor &amp; Gaming NSW <a href="#">website</a>.</p>	
	8b	<b>GB: Parking in Chuter St</b> - The meeting heard from local residents that the Chuter St parking situation has deteriorated and that no parking infringement notices	Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has advised that 53 infringements have been issued in Chuter St this year, and the street has been regularly	Closed for Council

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		<p>have been issued for the 1 and ½ hour parking spaces for many months, despite obvious breaches. Some businesses are filling all available spaces all day. Some local businesses are being impacted by clients not being able to park for meetings, while residents may have to park streets away. The meeting heard that despite calls being made to Council nothing has been done. The recent ranger 'blitz' on Victoria and Mitchell Sts was effective. Motion: The Precinct Committee ask Council to conduct a parking blitz on Chuter St specifically. Carried without objection.</p>	<p>patrolled. The perception that no-one is being infringed may be due fines are no longer placed on cars, these are mailed out to the registered owner by the NSW Government. Nevertheless, staff have been asked to increase patrols for the next month and then review.</p>	

## Edward SOA (Feb to April 2022)

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April	3a	<b>Proposed temporary merger with Union Precinct</b> - Motion "Edward Precinct supports a trial operating merger with Union Precinct. Meetings will be held in McMahons Point Community Hall, 165 Blues Point Road probably at 7:30 - to be discussed at first meeting. Until a merger is formalised, each precinct will retain its own record keeping and management systems."	Motion noted by Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement and Community Engagement Coordinator. Edward and Union Precinct web pages on the Council website will be updated accordingly.  <b>UPDATE (28 April 2022)</b> First meeting of the temporary merger of Edward/Union Precinct Committees is scheduled for 4 May 2022. Council has assisted with printing flyers.	Closed for Council
	3d	<b>Duration of Precinct Office Holding</b> - According to NSC, precinct office holder duration is defined as "Office Bearers shall hold this position for a maximum of four (4) consecutive years" This is acceptable where only one resident holds a position but may be too short when a position is shared. Thus where precincts have joint treasurers, secretaries or chairs, a longer period could be considered'. Motion: "Edward Precinct recommends to NSC that office holder maximum duration is extended to 6 years where more than one person is elected to a class of position".	Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement has advised that the suggestion will be considered as part of the review of the Precinct System Guidelines, which will coincide with the next stage of the Precinct System Review. Further information will be provided to all Precinct Committees in due course.	Closed for Council
	3f	<b>Collapse of stormwater grate at the end of Oak Lane</b> - Council should address this problem as soon as possible.	Council Assets Engineering Officer has advised that the Council is aware of this issue and has engaged a contractor to repair. Works are expected to be completed by 20 May 2022.	Closed for Council

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		<p><b>Poor design of many Council documents</b> - many Council documents are badly designed for precinct member (or staff) use. An example is:  1bbe6_Draft_Playgrounds_Plan_of_Management_-_210427.pdf</p> <p>This useful 105 page document has a linked table of contents, but no headings and thus no ability to read the document in an organized manner. In addition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. it has the document title rather than the file name at the top of the screen,</li> <li>ii. no file management activities are possible due to the requirement of NSC to prevent editing (such as copying one section), and (iii) file size cannot be reduced from its current 6MB, which some precincts or residents would seek to do.</li> </ol> <p>Motion: "Edward Precinct recommends that NSC reviews its file preparation systems and discusses them with CPC, with a planned outcome of making all published documents more useful to readers".</p>	<p>Council's Manager Information Technology notes the Precinct Committee's feedback. Need for a corporate standard regarding the format of PDFs will be considered internally.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (6 June 2022)</b>  Council's Manager Customer Service &amp; Records has advised that a review of the naming conventions associated with publicly available files/documents will occur, commencing with an assessment of files made available on Council's website in priority order (to be determined). Many of the files outlined above are created and managed through Council's software that organises/assembles meetings and agendas, so this will require a review of how filename structures work in that environment when they are exported so that the new naming convention can be applied correctly. This work is not a quick fix and requires alignment with several current projects including the internal Record Keeping Review and new Council website. Further updates will be provided to the Precinct Committee in due course.</p>	Closed for Council
March	3d	<p><b>Proposed Refuge Island Upgrade</b> - Crows Nest Rd x McHatton St, Waverton - Meeting participants considered that the existing corner is not bad. Concern was expressed that the new design narrowed an existing quite narrow passage and may increase the level of danger in the area particularly for children crossing. Council needs to review the design and ensure that traffic flow is improved, and pedestrian safety is not worsened.</p>	<p>Council Traffic &amp; Transport Engineer has advised that the proposal of the new refuge island has a kerb extension on both the eastern and western sides, it shortens the crossing distance, and the new raised median island will have rails. It improves the crossing distance, as well as protects the pedestrians standing when in between the two direction is needed.</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>The turning paths check of 12.5m bus has been provided by the design consultant in the initial design, the turning path indicates the turns are adequate. Additionally, bus company has also been consulted in regard to the upgrade, bus company raised no objection about the narrow of the T- intersection.</p> <p>The treatment about the intersection of Pacific Highway and Crows Nest Road is listed in the LATM Action Plan Zone 1, Item (T106, medium priority) - with the treatment of installing continuous footpath treatment or pedestrian crossing. Projects are planned on an annual basis subject to the priorities within the Action Plans, availability of funding and community consultation. Council will continue to explore funding opportunities for this item.</p>	
	3f	<p><b>Possible trial merger with Union Precinct</b> - Union at its meeting last week proposed a trial merger with Edward subject to Council approval. Motion: Edward Precinct supports a trial merger with Union Precinct commencing in May, to be held in McMahons Point Community Centre - 165 Blues Point Road.</p>	<p>Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that Edward Precinct Committee's sentiments are noted. Union Precinct Committee is proceeding with its AGM on 6 April 2022. Commencement of the temporary merger is conditional on there being no forthcoming office bearers at the Union Precinct AGM.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (6 April 2022):</b>  <b>Union Precinct Committee resolution:</b> Discussion on option of "temporary merger" with Edward Precinct: The idea of a merger has with Edward Precinct has been discussed numerous times over the last two years within Union Precinct. At its March meeting, Edward Precinct</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>supported a trial merger to start in May 2022. Following lengthy discussion, the following motion was passed:</p> <p>That Edward and Union Precincts merge temporarily, essentially for the purposes of holding joint monthly meetings. This temporary merger will be for a period of three months, at which point it will be reviewed by both Precincts. If both agree to continue, this temporary merger will continue until Council makes a decision on the amalgamation or boundary changed associated with the precincts. The temporary merger may be terminated if one or both of the precincts agree. Financial and administration functions for each precinct will remain separate. The location of meetings will be held at McMahons Point Community Centre. The management of the meetings and any minutes or correspondence from those meetings will be shared between the executive committees of the two Precincts.</p>	
February		<p><b>Combined Issues DA429/21 and DA436/21</b> - about 3 objections are known to have been made at this stage to both 11A Hazelbank and 46 Crows Nest. Precinct advised that it was likely that NSC would accept further objections or supporting statements even though closure is listed on the Council website as 28 January. However, objections would be best lodged in the near future. Both DAs are classed as highly non-compliant with conservation area guidelines and are therefore considered difficult to review. Don't demonstrate how they minimise negative impacts on the Crows Nest area. The two DAs are likely to interact.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Development Services advised that the Precinct Committee's comments are noted. The issues raised in submissions will be carefully considered by Council planners. 11a Hazelbank is particularly troubled as it represents the total demolition of a contributory item. The other application, 46 Crows Nest Road, seeks significant extensions and alterations to a contributory item. Both will be reported the North Sydney Local Planning Panel in coming months.</p>	Closed for Council

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		Many of the problems resulting from the proposed designs are compounded by the other DA.		
		<b>DA 397/21 Greenwood Bridge</b> - installation of 2 x third party advertising signs on either side of the existing pedestrian bridge. The location on the map is now correct. Precinct objected unanimously in our June 2021 meeting. The applicant (Urbis Pty Ltd) states that it is currently liaising with TfNSW regarding issues raised. It is uncertain what the status of the DA is at present. However, Edward Precinct reiterates its objection to the DA and recommends that the advertising contract is not approved. The new Council should focus on supporting good urban design and limiting or rejecting advertising.	Council Team Leader Assessments has advised that the Precinct Committee's submission is acknowledged, and comments will be addressed in final report to NSLPP.	Closed for Council
	GBa)	<b>North Sydney Walking Strategy</b> - Council is seeking feedback on the locations and walking infrastructure identified in its priority plan. Recommendation: Precinct recommends that more focus is included in the final report on recreational walking, including improvement, extension and linkage of harbour sidewalks.	Council's Senior Strategic Planner has advised that the Precinct Committee's comments will be taken as a submission.	Closed for Council
	GBf)	<b>Council Minutes Layout</b> - Council produces excellent Council meeting minutes, though minor changes are suggested to make them easier to use by residents and Precincts. Recommendation 1 - that file size is reduced prior to filing or distribution. Recommendation 2 - that headings are bookmarked to make it easier to move around the document. It is noted that the minutes already have a linked table of contents at the start.	Council's Manager Council & Committee Services has noted the feedback/suggestions and advised that the minutes are rarely more than 1MB in size and have a bookmarked table of contents.	Closed for Council

## Union SOA (Feb to April 2022)

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April	3	<p><b>Option of “temporary merger” with Edward Precinct -</b> Following lengthy discussion, the following motion was passed. “That Edward and Union Precincts merge temporarily, essentially for the purposes of holding joint monthly meetings. This temporary merger will be for a period of three months, at which point it will be reviewed by both Precincts. If both agree to continue, this temporary merger will continue until Council makes a decision on the amalgamation or boundary changed associated with the precincts. The temporary merger may be terminated if one or both of the precincts agree. Financial and administration functions for each precinct will remain separate. The location of meetings will be held at McMahons Point Community Centre. The management of the meetings and any minutes or correspondence from those meetings will be shared between the executive committees of the two precincts”.</p>	<p>Motion noted by Council’s Manager Corporate Planning &amp; Engagement and Community Engagement Coordinator. Edward and Union Precinct web pages on the Council website will be updated accordingly.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (13 April 2022)</b>  <b>Edward Precinct Committee resolution:</b> Motion: “Edward Precinct supports a trial operating merger with Union Precinct. Meetings will be held in McMahons Point Community Hall, 165 Blues Point Road probably at 7:30 - to be discussed at first meeting. Until a merger is formalised, each precinct will retain its own record keeping and management systems.”</p> <p><b>UPDATE (28 April 2022)</b>            First meeting of the temporary merger of Edward/Union Precinct Committees is scheduled for 4 May 2022. Council has assisted with printing flyers.</p>	Closed for Council
	7	<p><b>Creative space on Blues Point Road -</b> The space is self-funded and is a social enterprise that also addresses sustainability and circularity. The lease is ending soon and CT requested Precinct support for Council to enable operations in the McMahons Point Community Centre across the road. It was also discussed that the fees Council charges for use of the hall should be reviewed so that local community groups such as choirs etc, can have reduced pricing. Motion: to support activating the</p>	<p>Council’s Director Community &amp; Library Services has advised that McMahons Point Community Centre is a well-used community centre. Currently eight groups are using it covering a wide range of activities such as community counselling groups, Sydney University of the Third Age (U3A), childcare, Tai Chi, prayer groups and dance groups. There will likely be more groups as people feel more confident to resume group sessions and workshops coming out of the pandemic.</p>	Closed for Council

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		underutilised community centre for community use and a review of the fee structure for local community groups.		
		<b>Review of speed limit on Blues Point Road</b> - The Precinct asks Council what actions it can take to help support a reduction in the speed limit along Blues Point Road to 40km an hour.	Please refer to Council's response to related Item 4d, from May 2022 in the Edward/Union Precinct SOA (see above).	Closed for Council
March	CH	<b>Commodore Hotel</b> - Union Precinct expresses our concerns about the excessive noise and disruption caused by the operation of the Commodore Hotel as it impacts on the neighbourhood. We request that the North Sydney Council further investigates the operation of the Commodore Hotel beyond that of its approved operational terms and conditions.	<p><b>UPDATED (3 June 2022)</b> Relates to item 8a May 2022 - Combined Edward-Union Summary of Actions</p> <p>Council's Team Leader - Environmental Health requests that Precinct Committee please provide further details as to the nature of the complaint. Clarification of "excessive noise and disruption" is required. It would assist to know the day/s and times that the excessive noise and disruption occurs and from what source. If the noise is from patrons and/or activities/entertainment at the venue, then the concern/complaint needs to be lodged with Liquor and Gaming NSW (L&amp;GNSW) as the appropriate authority for dealing with complaints of this nature from licensed premises. It would also assist to know what activity/s at the Hotel are considered by the Precinct Committee to be beyond the hotel's operational terms and conditions.</p> <p>Note: Lavender Bay Precinct Committee raised, at their February 2022 meeting, raised an item regarding the noise of</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>an amplified microphone used for trivia. Concerns in relation to this matter have been lodged with L&amp;GNSW.</p> <p>Council's Team Leader - Environmental Health has advised that concerns regarding noise from the Hotel have been lodged with Liquor and Gaming NSW (L&amp;GNSW). This is the responsible authority to pursue this matter with. There are strict noise criteria that L&amp;GNSW require licensed premises to adhere to.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (26 July 2022)</b> Council's Team Leader - Environmental Health has advised that the letter was written to the hotel on 1 April 2022. advising of the received concerns - namely noise amplified music and from microphone use during trivia, and to remind them of their responsibilities towards neighbouring resident's amenity.</p>	
	OB	<p><b>Waverton Bowling Club</b> - Information on Waverton Bowling Club requested. It was thought it was subject to Native Title Claim which was rejected and is now subject to appeal.</p>	<p>Council's Director Open Space &amp; Environmental Services has advised that the outcome of the second Land Claim is yet to be determined. Council is unaware of the timeframe for when such a decision will be made.</p> <p>Waverton Bowling Club site is subject to a current Claim. The claim was initially refused by the appropriate State Government Minister and the decision to refuse has been appealed to the Land &amp; Environment Court for determination.</p>	Closed for Council

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			Council and the community have provided information and affidavits to the Crown Solicitor, and we are awaiting a court hearing date to be announced.	

<sup>i</sup> Potential solutions to date for consideration included the following:

1. Mapping what is currently in place and identify any gaps leveraging off the good will of the community members, business owners and organisations in McMahons Point.
2. McMahons Point in partnership with the Council gets behind Clean Up Australia Day - usually the first weekend in March to develop a whole of suburb strategy and to include the ocean fronts. There is plenty of time between now and March 2023 to rally the suburb and get local business owners engaged too.
3. Council review its current street cleaning schedule in McMahons Point with a view to assessing options to reinstate or increase it.
4. Council consider the development and implementation of a Council 'hot line/email' and identified response when members of the community identify illegally dumped items. Signage identified is unable to be followed secondary to the degradation of the signs. Council consider a strategy that goes beyond the taping of illegally dumped items to assist in the removal of these items.
5. Consider what has been successful elsewhere in relation to change via a review of the evidence base etc. A cultural piece is drafted from this information and via the codesign process and consulted upon for implementation for McMahons Point - along the lines of a Tidy Town Project - maybe a Tidy Suburb Project. It is the considered view of the Precinct Committee that the Lavender Bay Precinct maybe interested.
6. There is a need to consider options around the management of dog excrement. Bags are appreciated, bins are appreciated however not all partake in these opportunities leaving offensive piles all across the community. Consider the extension of bag availability to Blue Point Reserve and around the McMahons Point Ferry Wharf and a cultural piece on speaking up about this when it is observed.
7. Council and precinct increased promotion on the household waste pick up dates and what is and is not appropriate.
8. Consider the trial of Council bins in some of the heavily utilised childrens playgrounds.

The Precinct Committee looks forward to further and timely discussions with Council to urgently improved the immediate community management of litter/other items and the flow on effects to our beautiful harbour.