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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th November 2018 at 6.30pm
at the Northbridge Golf Club**

Present	10 people attended as per the attendance sheet.
Apologies:	JD, EM, PW, JF.
Chair:	PM Presided. Meeting declared open at 6.35 pm.
Minutes	JB: Moved that the minutes of the previous meeting on 6th August be accepted. Seconded by BE. Carried.
Keynote Address - Greening the Freeway	<p>Dr Alanya Drummond, Tunks Ward Councillor, delivered the keynote address, titled Greening the Freeway.</p> <p>An imaginative proposal for utilising the space above the southern section of the Warringah Freeway for sports fields and parklands was presented to the State Government in August. The proposal was presented by the High Mount Consortium. Councillors at North Sydney were briefed recently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section proposed is High Street to Berry Street approximately. • Dominant use is green open space. • Commercial development at the High Street end. • Two-level podium, with no cars on the top level. • The project would bridge the division of North Sydney caused by the construction of the freeway. • The project would fall under the jurisdiction of the State Government with the co-operation of the council. • The RMS would need to change the planning use for the airspace above the freeway in order to make it a reality. • The tunnel portals for the BL and WHT could be integrated into the project. • Range of uses possible - council would advocate green space. However, commercial development of around 6 stories on some of the new space is also proposed. • Podiums below could be used as a bus interchange. • Significant benefit of noise and dust reduction <p>A vote of thanks was passed to Dr Drummond.</p>



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<p>Correspondence</p>	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE SENT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSC, requesting repair of the footpath between #15 & #39 The Boulevard. • Response to the Tunks Park draft Plan of Management. • To the Premier, expressing opposition to the Government’s current position of no filtration to the Western Harbour & Beaches Link tunnels. <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of NSC re a proposal to the State Govt to develop certain sections above the Warringah Freeway • NSC DA re 26 Alan Street lodged. • NSC DA re 6 The Boulevard. Applicant appeal upheld. • NSC DA re29 Cowdroy Av approved. • NSC Summary of Actions. • NSC DA re 17 Rowlison Parade lodged. • NSC DA re 50 Cammeray Road lodged. • NSC DA re 14 Rowlison Parade lodged. • NSC Invitation to annual volunteer function. • NSC DA re 60 Carter Street lodged. • NSC DA re 42A Carter Street lodged. • NSC Integrated Development Proposal re Bradfield Park South. • NSC re Exhibition of Planning Proposal for the development of 100 Christie Street, St Leonards. • NSC re 15 Cowdroy Av lodged. • Letter from the Premier, in reply to our communication.
<p>Tunks Park Masterplan & Plan of Management - BP Submission</p>	<p>The BP submission centred on two imperatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the role Tunks Park plays in nurturing and protecting fauna and flora: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Floodlighting to enable sport at night and the associated noise is a terminal threat to nesting, foraging, reproduction and sleep of protected and other fauna in Tunks Park. Protection of fauna and



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	<p>floodlighting are mutually exclusive – there can be no protection of fauna if the park is floodlit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the constraints of Tunks Park’s topography: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We were advised that vehicular traffic management into and out of the Park is outside of the remit of this plan. However, increased usage of the park means increased traffic, and it is unrealistic to force more traffic of any kind onto the access roads. <p>The Executive Summary (Attachment 1) submitted by the Precinct is attached.</p>
<p>Beaches Link and Western Harbour Tunnel Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE: There has been much opposition in the community to the proposed project including unfiltered emission stacks, noise and frequent truck movements. • JR: Residents around Flat Rock Creek very concerned about the potential destruction of tracks and bushland etc which have been built up by the community over the past 20 years. • BE: Tabled letter to the Premier outlining the BP's concerns about the project and in particular the proposed unfiltered stacks. Response from Premier read out and there was a consensus that it was disappointing because it did not adequately address the concerns regarding the lack of filtration. • RS: The emissions from the stacks would meet relevant standards but Australian standards for vehicle emissions are very poor, amongst the lowest in the OECD. Believes that the stacks must be filtered. • The date for public submissions closes 1 December 2018 and this will be followed by the release of the EIS.
<p>Draft planning package for Crows Nest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE: Two 27 Storey towers and an 18 storey hotel proposed for above the new Crows Nest station. • TD: Facilities and greenspace are not keeping pace with development and new towers will exacerbate the problem. • BE: A rally against overdevelopment in Crows Nest attended by several hundred citizens. Message was that the community is not opposed to development but opposed to very high towers above the station, overshadowing and the dirt of green space. The area around Crows Nest and St Leonards would have a population denser than parts of Manhattan. • PM: St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 draft plan proposes 7500 new dwellings over the next 20 years. • PM: The 42 storey tower proposed for above Victoria Cross Station was now set in stone and it would cast a shadow across Anderson Park in the afternoons.
<p>Chairman's Report</p>	<p>The Chairman’s report is attached (Attachment 2).</p>



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Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's report is attached (Attachment 3).
Election of Office Bearers	<p>PM vacated the Chair. RS took the Chair as Returning Officer. He declared all positions vacant. The following were elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair - PM• Secretary - BE• Treasurer and Minute Secretary – JB• Committee Members – JD, JK, EM, RS and PW
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frequency of meetings:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ BE: The BP currently meets every two months with the Committee meeting in the intervening months. Proposal to meet four times a year in February, May, August, and November with the committee meeting in the months in between.▪ All agreed and new meeting times will be now applied.



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ATTACHMENT 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bay Precinct & Save Tunks Park

Submission to Tunks Park Masterplan & Plan of Management

This Executive Summary is directed to the Council Officers with ongoing responsibility for the implementation of the plan, to the Tunks Ward Councillors, and to the Mayor.

After adoption of this plan by Council, focus then will shift to ongoing implementation.

Bay Precinct and the Save Tunks Park Group welcome the opportunity to make this submission.

We congratulate North Sydney Council and the Consultants on the draft plan. Throughout the planning process, the consultants have given us the opportunity to express our views. Much of what we have advocated has been incorporated into the plan.

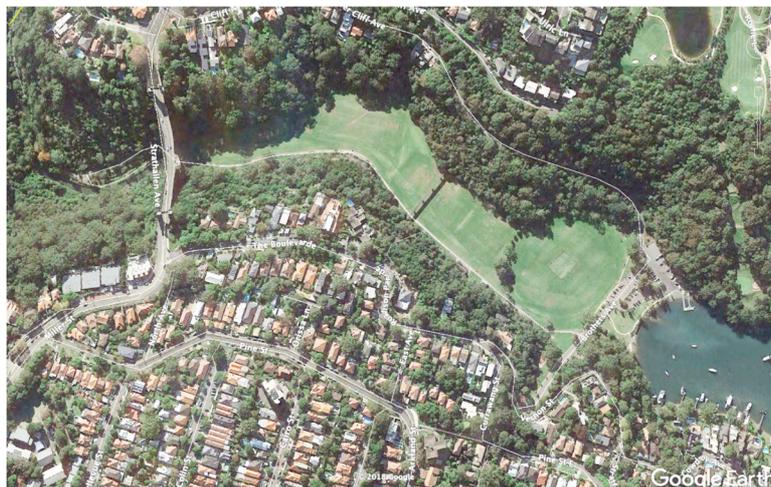
Most people in our community like the Park the way it is and support its balance between passive and active recreation.

Imperatives for the Future of Tunks Park

We believe two imperatives are vital to protect this community asset for future generations. In this Executive Summary, we are emphasising these matters to ensure they receive appropriate attention ongoing.

- Recognise the role Tunks Park plays in nurturing and protecting Sydney's natural flora and fauna: Floodlighting to enable sport at night and the associated noise is a terminal threat to nesting, foraging, reproduction and sleep of protected and other fauna in Tunks Park. Protection of fauna and floodlighting are mutually exclusive – there can be no protection of fauna if the park is floodlit.
- Recognise the constraints of Tunks Park's topography: We were advised that vehicular traffic management into and out of the Park is outside of the remit of this plan. However, increased usage of the park means increased traffic, and it is unrealistic to force more traffic of any kind onto the access roads.

Tunks Park - A Vision



Plans evolve from a vision. Bay Precinct and the Save Tunks Park Group believe that it is essential to develop a vision for Tunks Park. We have chosen to promote a vision entitled "Tunks Park: A Vision" to encapsulate the views of our communities.

Most of the constraints and opportunities identified in the planning process to date derive directly from extraordinary physical setting of the Park.



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Tunks Park occupies the deep gully of Flat Rock Creek at the head of Long Bay. It is unusual among other landfill-gully parks such as Anderson Park and Primrose Park for its extent. It also links extensive natural forest along the Middle Harbour foreshore at Northbridge and the largely intact forested areas of Flat Rock Creek. Tunks is a fundamentally different type of public open space from the ridge-top parks such as Cammeray Park, St Leonards Park, Northbridge Park, Chatswood Oval, Gore Hill Oval. The ridgetop parks tend to have better access for cars and public transport, shops and services. However, they tend to be isolated green spaces; and they lack the natural freshwater systems and harbour access. The gully parks tend to connect natural systems: creeks, bushland and harbour. Furthermore, the rising forested landform around the gully parks create a highly distinctive visual environment of canopy forest.

Tunks Park – A Vision:

- A place of natural beauty: forest and wildlife setting.
- A rare place on Middle Harbour where people can come into contact with the harbour.
- A highly flexible place with a great variety of uses and users.
- A strong and distinctive link in Sydney's Green Grid and Blue Grid.
- A visual environment where almost every surface is plants (trees & grass).
- A place in Sydney where night is dark.
- A place that is "everybody's backyard".

Celebrate this special place where saltwater and freshwater meet!

These are merely thoughts to start a process to develop a vision: one which will support, reinforce and protect this jewel into the future.

Implementing the Plan

Bay Precinct requests representation on the committee chosen to implement the plan.



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ATTACHMENT 2: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018

At the time of our last AGM held at the North Sydney Leagues Club on 18 November I gave an outline of the highlights of the busy 2017 year. At that time we had recently become aware of Council's recent decision not to floodlight nor install artificial turf to Tunks Park as Council recognised that Tunks Park has fundamental characteristics that preclude the expansion of the park for sporting purposes. They acknowledged that the park is an essential link into Sydney's Greater Green Grid, sits at the base of a valley with an amphitheatre effect, and is host to endangered flora and fauna.

Our aspirational vision for Tunks Park continues to be our main focus with sustainable development of the Park being our strategic long term objective. North Sydney Council's decision to proceed to a Plan of Management (POM), excluding floodlighting and artificial turf, was made on 20 November 2017. A subsequent Tunks Park Masterplan consultation was held in April exploring various options for members of the Bay Precinct and others providing much input, enabling a significant outcome for the Bay Precinct, Cammeray residents and the community at large. Community workshops focused on park use, walkways, traffic issues, the environment and amenities, enhanced by a combined submission made to the consultants by the Bay Precinct and the Save Tunks Park groups regarding the POM options. One significant immediate outcome was a simple decision to stagger the timing of winter sports games which has resulted in better traffic flow in road access to Tunks Park. Only recently has the Bay Precinct and Save Tunks Park group made a final Submission to Tunks Park Master Plan and Plan of Management with the expectation of a final document from Council before years end.

In February we heard from North Sydney Council's Manager of Strategic Planning who spoke about future development impact of Crows Nest, St Leonards and North Sydney CBD areas with high rise development in the proximity of the new metro stations. Recognising the need for the inclusion of green space [REDACTED] presented an excellent paper "North Sydney Green Space – a vision for the future" proposing the greening of the Warringah Expressway, the paper being then subsequently presented to the next Combined Precincts meeting which adopted the proposal. This is a big, bold vision for green space in the LGA providing active and passive recreation and at the same time creating new areas of natural environment. This Bay Precinct initiative has been formally submitted as a vision as potential input into the North Sydney's Strategic Planning Process. Subsequently a design concept has been prepared by a consortium of three firms and presented to the Mayor, the MP for North Shore and the MP for North Sydney.

With regard to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link North Sydney Council seeks to work cooperatively with the State Gov. to negotiate suitable outcomes for the project including the location of filtration stacks and improved community infrastructure. There has been much opposition in the community with several action groups expressing their concerns over lack of detail to the extent that many want the project stopped altogether. Currently the project is in the EIS stage with December 2018 being the target date. The community remains divided over the project and seek much more detail to make a final informed decision.

There is currently a DA lodgement for 6 The Boulevard with the 4 storey development lodged with the Land and Environment Court for resolution with residents expressing opposition to the proposed development mainly because of height and bulk of the project and a bridge crossing over public land. Although the parties reached agreement in July a new DA has been lodged.

Early in the year the Bay Precinct, in an effort to make our meetings more effective decided to hold our meetings every second month with an expanded committee, noting that only a few of our residents attend unless there is a major issue. [REDACTED] was elected Secretary/Treasurer and [REDACTED] was elected Minute Secretary while [REDACTED] was again elected as Chairman.



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Lastly, as your Chairman I wish to give special thanks to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for their invaluable input during the year.

[REDACTED]
Chairman

