

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2018 - Bay Precinct

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- **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.
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November		Tunks Park Masterplan & Plan of Management - BP Submission: The BP submission centred on two imperatives: Recognise the role Tunks Park plays in nurturing and protecting fauna and flora: 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. The Executive Summary (Attachment 1) submitted by the Precinct is attached.	Precinct submission received and noted by Council's Landscape Planner/Architect, who advised that the submission was received by Council and matters raised in it were addressed in the report on the draft Tunks Park Plan of Management that went to the December 2018 Council meeting. No further action required.	Closed for Council
August	1	Tunks Park Plan of Management Update	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Landscape Planner/Architect.	Closed for Council

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		<p>BE presented the status of the Masterplan/Plan of Management process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable development of Tunks Park is our strategic, long-term objective. • The consultants have included much of the input that we contributed to the Masterplan/Plan of Management process. • We have a major, favourable outcome: At least for the life of this Council, the Park will not be floodlit, and the natural grass of the sporting fields will be preserved. <p>At this meeting we will: Bring you up to date with the planning process, canvas your ideas to continue to beautify the Park. We have proposed a vision for the Park, which we have called Tunks Parklands: 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".</p>		
	2	<p>Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link PM: One week ago, we received a communication from Felicity Wilson, MP for North Shore, advocating the case in favour of both tunnels, Beaches Link and Western Harbour. Our community remains divided, some in favour of the tunnels and some opposed to them. At this meeting we want to determine our position as a Precinct. JB: PowerPoint presentation outlining his concerns for project:</p>	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Executive Planner Metro Project.	Closed for Council

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has not conducted a proper analysis of transport needs of the northern region, including public transport. • Tunnels would induce new traffic and would therefore only alleviate traffic congestion for a few years. • Military Rd would remain congested. • Major health concerns are associated with the vehicle emission stacks. • BE pointed out that the proposed stacks have been moved further up the freeway, close to Earnest St. • JB still has concerns about concentrated emissions within a few hundred metres of schools and homes. • Loss of amenity from waste storage, truck movements, blasting and tunneling. • Vibration noise and damage both during the construction phase and operational phase. • Possible loss of property values. <p>BE: Felicity Wilson, MP for North Shore, has communicated with Precincts and forwarded Proposed Concept Designs for both tunnels, each a fifty-page document. These documents are open for public discussion until November 9, 2018.</p> <p>JR: Residents around Flat Rock Creek are very concerned about the potential destruction of tracks and bushland. These have been developed by the community over the past 20 years.</p> <p>PM: NORTAG are active and working with the West Connex Action Group and some precincts in the North Sydney LGA in opposition to the tunnels. Which way does our local community want to go - support or not support the tunnels?</p>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE moved that this Precinct support the tunnels, given suitable safeguards: • Filtration and location of emission stacks. • Minimisation the transport of the disposal of waste through local streets. • BK expressed a strong preference for a rail link as the preferred option. • BE's motion was put to the meeting. 5 votes for the motion; 4 against; 3 abstaining. • TDG suggested that in view of the limited audience and the closeness of the vote the material from the Government be circulated to residents and that the October meeting be devoted to this matter. • BE supported canvassing a wider audience before committing BP and agreed to withdraw his motion. • PM stated that we will distribute proposed concept designs to residents and reopen the matter at the October meeting. 		
	3	<p>Victoria Cross Station JB: In favour of proposal to use the space above the station for a badly needed town square/ green space for North Sydney instead of 42 storey office building as proposed by state government. Proposal for town square supported by some community leaders, some Councillors, and some residents. Public transport infrastructure pays for itself because it relieves traffic congestion which costs the Australian economy \$16.5 billion per year. PM: Local council is trying to make North Sydney more pedestrian friendly by closing off streets to vehicular traffic in the Ward St Precinct Masterplan.</p>	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Manager Strategic Planning.	Closed for Council

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June		<p>DA for 6 The Boulevarde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The developers have appealed Council's deemed refusal of this development to the Land & Environment Court (LEC) for resolution. The hearing of the LEC is scheduled for 16 July 2018. BE has been approached by residents of the Precinct to support their objection to this development at the LEC hearing. JR outlined her concerns about the development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Height and bulk Streetscape Overshadowing Loss of privacy Protection of the heritage cave on this property It was resolved to support local residents in their opposition at the LEC. 	<p>UPDATE (8 August 2018)</p> <p>Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that the Land and Environment Court appeal for 6 The Boulevarde, Cammeray is likely to be settled this week ending 10 August 2018. Amended plans and details were provided addressing many of the concerns. Further details of the decision can be provided to the Precinct Committee when available.</p>	Closed for Council
April		<p>Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link</p> <p>The NSW Government is developing plans for two major new tunnels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Harbour Tunnel from Rozelle to North Sydney, 7 kms long with 3 lanes of traffic each way. It will link into the Warringah Freeway/M1. Beaches Link from North Sydney/Cammeray to the Seaforth/Balgowlah area, 7.5 kms, again with 3 lanes of traffic each way. Exact routes and entry/exit points are not yet known. <p>A meeting was convened on 22 March 2018 by Registry Precinct Committee to inform the community of concerns Registry Precinct Committee and other Precinct Committees have about the proposed tunnels. Active</p>	<p>Council's Manager Strategic Planning advised that Council at its meeting on 30 April 2018, considered a Mayoral Minute (MM02) on this matter. Council resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> THAT Council withdraw its opposition to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. THAT Council writes to the Minister for Transport to clarify the status of the project. THAT Council seeks to work constructively with the State Government to negotiate outcomes from the project including the location of any interchange, the location of filtration stacks and improved community infrastructure in exchange for the disruption that the project will create. THAT Council gives in principle support for purchasing and installing Aeroqual (or equivalent) air quality monitoring equipment at locations likely to be affected by ventilation stacks proposed in conjunction with the Western Harbor Tunnel and Northern Beaches 	Closed for Council

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		<p>Precinct Committees in the NSC LGA were invited to participate. BE presented a summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230 to 250 residents attended. Channel 9 recorded proceedings. • The purpose of this meeting was to provide information to residents on the health, noise and traffic impacts to enable them to be aware of and understand the issues from experts, before the State Government's Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] process begins. • Three people, experts in their fields, made presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Ray Nassar's topic was <i>Health Effects of Air Pollution</i>. He said people most susceptible to air pollution are the young, pregnant women and unborn children, the elderly and people with chronic illnesses. ○ Noel Child, N G Child & Associates, specialists in transport, energy and environmental services. His topic was <i>Road Tunnels Air Treatment Ventilation Considerations</i>. He highlighted that emission stack filtration is required to protect the health of the users of the tunnels and the people who live in proximity to the emission stacks. ○ Chris Curtis, Curtis Associates, Property Advisory Services and Buyers' Agency. His topic was <i>of proposed WHTBL on property price</i>. The presentation highlighted the negative impact on real estate values in proximity to tunnel entry and exit points. <p>Bios of the three speakers are available from the Secretary by request.</p>	<p><i>Link such as near St Leonard's Park and near any school likely to be affected.</i></p> <p><i>5. THAT a report come back to Council's May meeting outlining all associated costs, suitable locations near proposed stacks, and the preferred supplier.</i></p> <p><i>6. THAT the Mayor and Deputy Mayor seek a meeting with the Premier Gladys Berejiklian to discuss the growing community concerns relating to the proposed ventilation stacks near Anzac Park School and Wenona School.</i></p> <p><i>7. THAT Council request a Briefing from the Chief Health Officer regarding the planning implications for the Tunnel.</i></p> <p><i>8. THAT the information, including real time monitoring data and reports, from air quality monitoring installed be made available to the community, including the Precinct system.</i></p> <p>The Minutes are available from Council's website at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings</p>	

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		<p>JB had prepared and presented his views on this topic: <i>WHTBL - Challenges for the Lower North Shore</i>. Key points from his presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of the WHTBL project was made as election promise. • Minimal community consultation on a \$14 billion project to date. • Not based on any studies of the transport needs of North Shore. • NSC has called for suspension of project until a transport study carried out. • Four unfiltered emission stacks proposed for the North Sydney/Cammeray area and are in close proximity to each other. • Health risks to community include cancer, stroke, heart disease, lung disease. • Traffic congestion - new major road projects "induce" new traffic as well as existing traffic and ultimately end up with traffic congestion comparable or worse than before new infrastructure. • Disruption and loss of amenity. In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sediment from the harbour bed will contain a raft of contaminants ranging from dioxins to heavy metals and pesticides. ○ Dumping of excavated waste in existing parks. ○ Noise and dust. ○ High frequency of truck movement during construction. <p>Responses to presentation</p>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TD. Would like to know the relative danger levels from vehicle emissions along Military Rd compared to emissions from the stacks. • RS. Supported the need for tunnels. Recommended contacting Government to be informed about how they plan to manage issues relating to community health. Supported the concept of filtration of the emissions from the stacks. • TD. Stacks should be filtered. Choosing to use tunnels is a choice for each of us as individuals. • JD: Concerned that the BP has been working towards maintaining and increasing green space in the LGA and that the project will take green space away for many years. • JR: Expressed support for a railway tunnel rather than a road tunnel. <p>JB then moved that the Precinct support NSC's position on the project, which is: "On 1 May 2017, Council resolved (Min No 137) to write to the Premier; the Minister for Transport; the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight; the Member for North Shore; the Greater Sydney Commission and Infrastructure Australia expressing its concerns regarding the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link projects, and recommend that work on both projects be suspended until the Greater Sydney Commission, in collaboration with Transport for NSW, undertake a robust options assessment that considers all possible solutions to the transport problems afflicting the Northern Beaches and the flow on effects on the Lower North Shore. That the letter includes a submission that the Government undertake a formal options assessment to address a holistic transport plan for the capacity issues from the Northern Beaches through to the Harbour Bridge." Carried. Those wishing to express other concerns may choose to take action as individuals.</p>		

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		<p>TP: Requested that the Secretary distribute the letter to all in the Precinct by printing it on the back of the flyer for the next meeting. Agreed.</p>		
		<p>Tunks Park Update BE introduced a discussion to update the Precinct on the current status of the process to develop a Masterplan/Plan of Management for Tunks Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 30 people attended the Community Workshop on 10 April 2018 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Fred Hutley Hall. • Attendees were assigned to one of four separate workshop groups. • The Key Issues below were presented to the meeting in sequence by the Consultants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transport/Access to the Park ○ Pedestrian and Cycle Movement ○ Parking ○ Boat Ramp ○ The Foreshore ○ Turf Condition and Use ○ Bushland and Habitat Management ○ Flatrock Creek Enhancement ○ Canopy Enhancement and Shade ○ Amenities Buildings • After the consultant presented each key issue, the workshop groups discussed the options presented by the Consultants. Their input was recorded by the Council officer assigned to each group. • After the Consultant presented each key issue, attendees discussed each issue in turn. Input from each workshop group was recorded by NSC. 	<p>Comments noted by Council's Strategic Planner and thanks the Precinct Committee and Save Tunks Park Committee for their detailed joint submission.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<p>Matters raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB. The Council resolution that there would be no floodlighting of Tunks Park, nor artificial turf, should be stated explicitly in the Masterplan/Plan of Management. It must be a part of the document, not omitted. • JD. Increase in canopy increases wildlife in park which strengthens the case against floodlighting and synthetic turf. • RS. Our tactics should be to fix traffic first. Take on one big issue. • JK: Disappointed with the community workshop process. Traffic not dealt with. • TD: Only at this meeting did we understand that the issue of traffic entering and leaving the Park falls outside the remit of POM. TD will seek guidance from NSC management about how the Precinct Committee should address this. The Secretary agreed to write to the appropriate Council manager, authorizing TD to act for the Precinct. <p>It was agreed that TD and BE develop the plan about how the Precinct Committee will respond. The Secretary will seek an extension to the deadline of 24 April to submit our response. The intention is to present a comprehensive response to the Consultants. He agreed to send our response to attendees.</p>		
February		<p>Tunks Park Plan of Management (POM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BP and STP have made a combined submission to the consultants regarding the POM Options. 	Comments noted by Council's Strategic Planner.	Closed for Council

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of the work undertaken by JD, TD, JB on behalf of the community. • The decision by Council for floodlights and synthetic turf to be excluded from possible options for Tunks Park POM was welcomed by BP and STP. • Unanimous agreement of all present that that the park should be available for both passive and active users of the park. • The Tunks Park POM consultants will present a master plan to Councillors on the 26 March 2018. • BE raised the opportunities which exist to link the future of NSC green spaces to the NSW government's "Greener Spaces" policy. 		
		<p>Presentation by BE "North Sydney Green Space - A Vision for the Future."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Tony Carr commended BE on the ideas presented but aired reservations including the fact that the Warringah Freeway is crown land but was generally supportive of the proposal. • Unanimous consensus to present the Greenspace Vision presentation at the Combined Precincts Committee meeting on 27 February 2018 and to seek support from other Precincts. 	Precinct Committee's Minutes forward to Cr Tony Carr on 6 March 2018.	Closed for Council

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		<p>Frequency of Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BE proposed that the Bay Precinct (BP) hold their General Meetings every second month and that an enlarged committee meet in the intervening months to discuss community issues. All in agreement. • The committee recommended that from now on General Meetings be held every second month. The expanded Committee will meet on the alternate months. Adopted. 	<p>Comments noted by Council's Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
		<p>Expansion of the Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM spoke again about the need for new committee members for BP. • The committee recommended that that frequent attendees at BP General Meetings be approached to join the Committee without defined or specified duties. The idea is to promote a discussion group to bring refined ideas to General Meetings. The expanded committee would then meet on the alternate months to General Meetings. Adopted. 	<p>Comments noted by Council's Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>