

**NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL**  
**CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE 92nd MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 5.00PM**  
**IN THE FORD ROOM, CROWS NEST CENTRE**

**Present:** Duncan Mitchell, Council's Director Engineering and Property Services in the Chair,  
Councillor Barbour, Councillor Keen, Councillor Brodie.

Denise Ward, Crows Nest Centre  
John Meadows, Crows Nest/Holtermann Precinct  
Laura Tilsed, Holtermann Precinct  
Zar Bingham, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
Dionisious Xenos, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
Jacqui Cannon, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
Tom Appleby, Colliers International  
Adrianna Pielack, Brooks/Payce  
Lance Brooks, Payce/Brooks  
Heather Jackson, John Holland CPB Ghella  
Ben Miller, John Holland CPB Ghella  
Lauren Moore, Resident  
Kin Chung, Resident

Council Staff:

Adam Deutsch, Projects Manager  
James Marshall, Economic Development Coordinator  
Marcelo Occhiuzzi, Manger Strategic Planning  
Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. **Meeting opened at 5.10pm**
2. **Apologies:** Mayor, Jilly Gibson
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the 91st Meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2017 were adopted.

Moved by John Meadows.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

## **5. Projects Update**

### **5.1 Pacific Highway Public Domain Upgrades**

The next stage of the Pacific Highway Public Domain Upgrades is now under construction which will see a refresh to the eastern side of the Pacific Highway, between Falcon Street and Alexander Street. The work will also include a small section of Falcon Street footpath between Willoughby Lane and Willoughby Road upgraded. The project includes: new paving, new pedestrian fence, the removal of planter boxes and replacing with on grade planting, one new street trees on the Pacific Highway near the Alexander Street intersection, new seats and refurbishment of existing bins and bollards. The project is expected to take roughly 8 weeks' dependent on weather.

### **5.2 Ernest Place Substation Relocation**

The work now has reached practical completion now the last of the paving being installed around the substation and two power poles replaced on Willoughby Road. Denise Ward stated that a couple of the mosaics got damaged around the water feature and the agreement was that once the works were completed the mosaics would be repaired. Denise will follow that up.

### **5.3 Ernest Place Turf**

Over the last 12 months, Council has seen some of the areas change from turf to garden beds in areas under the trees where the grass was performing poorly. The slight reduction of turf area has put more pressure onto the remaining turf. To continue to improve the quality of the turf, the Parks team have been cordoning off one area at a time, historically they fenced off the whole of Ernest Place at once which wasn't received well. The new plan will see the turf adjacent Willoughby Road fenced off for roughly 6 weeks to allow it to recover. When this area is reopened, the turf closest to the community centre will be fenced off for recovery. The grass is watered at 6am, 3 times a week in the summer. It was stated by Denise from Crows Nest Centre that the grass is the best it's ever been.

### **5.4 Ernest Plaza Public Domain Upgrade**

This project has reached completion and has been reopened to the public. The upgrade included new paving, seats, bollards, parking bays, precast concrete seating wall, custom raised planter, post top and decorative tree lighting. Council's Streets Alive Coordinator has worked with the local residents to use the custom planters for a community herb garden. The residential building on the north side of the plaza has signed a Streets Alive agreement with Council's Streets Alive Coordinator to maintain and grow their herbs and plants and as they see fit.

### **5.5 Fairy Lights**

The fairy lights are proposed for the southern end of Willoughby Road but has unfortunately been delayed. It is now anticipated to have the lights installed by the end of April.

## **6. Strategic Planning**

### **6.1 Hume Street Park Expansion Project**

Council's Manager Strategic Planning addressed the committee saying that the property at 99 Willoughby Road is the only thing holding up development on this project as Council is waiting on owner's consent, so until that issue is settled nothing can be done. The design work is ready and the project has been funded.

### **6.2 Metro Train**

Heather Jackson, Engagement Manager and Ben Miller, Project Engineer also from Holdings who are representing the contractor addressed the Committee.

There are four stages: Demolition, Site Establishment, Excavation and then the Tunnel.

The demolition of the buildings has been finished so the contractor Delta is moving off site and now the site is over to Holdings. It is up to the state of doing what they call tunnel station excavation (TSE). The above ground development consists of early stage development (ESD).

At the moment they are up to site establishment. The walls will go up around the station. The excavation is due to commence in March and then they will be excavating for approximately a year, then they have two tunnel boring machines coming from Chatswood and they are due to arrive in around June 2019. At the moment it is only the early stages.

They will start putting the box over the station in May which they will start in Hume Street near Grosvenor Lane. There will be a huge cover over the top the station which is like a stadium to help them to be able to work in all sorts of weather and for dust, noise and other impacts, so they weatherproof the site. Acoustic testing has been completed with sound monitors put around the site. Hume Street between Pacific Highway and Park Lane will be closed for approximately 6 months that's likely to happen within the next 2 weeks around March 9 and that information will be coming out to the local community in this next week.

Transport for NSW will be holding meetings for the community to tell them where this project will be going, to talk about the ESD which has been held at the Victoria Cross site. They should be meeting for the Crows Nest Community in May.

For more information on the Sydney Metro  
Website: [www.sydneymetro.info](http://www.sydneymetro.info)  
Email: [tunnels@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tunnels@transport.nsw.gov.au)

### **6.3 Priority Precinct update**

The Priority Precinct is run by the NSW Government. The Department is currently running a community consultation process. The consultation is largely to help the Department draft 'character statements' for the precinct. This includes:

- Targeted briefing sessions with residents and local businesses;

- A series of walking tours;
- An online survey that can be accessed via their website:  
<http://www.planning.nw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/St-Leonards-and-Crows-Nest/Community-feedback>
- Questions about the consultation program should be referred to the Department of Planning: 1300 305 695

The Department intends to release the draft plan for public comment shortly afterwards. This will be the first opportunity for the community to gain a better understanding of the proposed population and employment growth, building heights, open space proposals and social infrastructure for St Leonards/Crows Nest.

The Department will also release proposals for a new state levy to fund new schools, regional open space and road upgrades.

#### **6.4 Coles DA Rebuilding**

Lance Brooks and Adriana Pielak from Brooks Development addressed the Committee about the Coles development stating they look after the community engagement part of the project. They stated that there are 70 apartments, and that there is around 4,500m<sup>2</sup> retail space, at the moment they are on the third level basement, and there are 3 parking levels with just over 200 parking spaces. The sales office will open shortly across the road from Coles site and it is by appointment only. If you do want to contact the sales team and see what the vision is they are happy to facilitate contact details. The completion is expected around the first quarter 2019. There are 2 hours free parking in the car park which is in and out of Atchison Street.

#### **7. Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) update**

Denis Xenos representing the Crows Nest Mainstreet addressed the Committee stating that they had their annual general meeting on Tuesday 26 February, once again he was made Secretary of the Mainstreet for 2018. Denis reported that the 2017 Crows Nest Fair was very successful, they had more people attend than in previous years. The Mainstreet have changed the model for this year's festival with includes having a new event company coming on board to organise the festival.

The Crows Nest Carols which was held for the second time last year was a success. Ernest Place was full of families and community members from end to end. The kids were playing music up on stage. The Mainstreet would like to extend the carols this year into the area that has just been opened up between Alexander Street and Willoughby Lane. There is also an opportunity that this new area could be utilised for the Christmas markets. Lance Brooks of Payce/Brooks (Coles Development) mentioned earlier he is happy to come on board and make a contribution to the Crows Nest area. The Mainstreet are looking forward to this year's festival and more events throughout the year.

#### **8. General Business**

The Crows Nest Centre is having a "Remembers" Project for the 100-year anniversary of World War 1, they will knit and crochet poppies with the plan to hang them down the back of the John Griffin Memorial Stage. They are hopeful that they will have enough to go forward into Ernest Place and adjacent streets. The project will launch at Seniors Week in April and they will knit and crochet all the way to end of October. They are also planning to make a flyer to let people know and are keen for everyone in Crows Nest to get involved. The Crows Nest Centre have asked the Mainstreet to advertise this to all the local businesses and the local schools as well.

Council's Economic Development Coordinator mentioned that Council is reviewing its Community Strategic Plan. This is the overarching document. It's the communities vision for the area and each time we get new Councillors on board we have to review this plan to submit it by the end of June. Some of the different ways of taking part have now finished but there are still some opportunities to have your say. You can make a formal submission. You can pin a comment on our map and you can also get involved in the discussion forum.

**9. Next Meeting – 18 September 2018**

**10. Close Meeting - 5.50pm**