

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

NEUTRAL BAY SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE 159th MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2022 AT 5.30 PM IN THE
ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Present: Councillor Baker in the Chair, Council Gibson

Rick Doran, Co- President Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
JoEllen Henderson, JoEllen Design Studio
Richard O’Grady, Co- President Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Christina De Polinsky, Resident
James Mullin, Colliers International
Meredith Trevallyn-Jones, Resident
Nicole Robertson, Concept Events (Remotely)

Council:

Therese Manns, General Manager
Jon Higlett, A/Director Engineering and Property Services
Diana Mejia, Project Manager, Engineering Infrastructure
Paul Yang, Project Manager, Engineering Infrastructure
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm, with Councillor Baker in the chair.

2. Apologies

Lesley Sommerville, Resident

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 158th Meeting held on 4 October 2022 were adopted.

Moved by Rick Doran and seconded Councillor Gibson.

Voting was unanimous.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

5. Projects Update

5.1 Streetscape upgrades for Neutral Bay

Upgrade of Planter Boxes in Neutral Bay

The plants have been replaced along the Military Road corridor with assorted colours that are still establishing and will hopefully be more robust and established by the end of Summer.



Cordyline 'Rubra



Crassula 'Gollum



Carex 'Everest



Hebe diosmifolia

Footpath Upgrades – Wycombe Road

The planned upgrades for the streetscape in this section of Neutral Bay is between Military Road and Yeo Street.

Quotations are in progress for the upgrade and works are planned to begin in April 2023, these works include:

1. New footpath paving.
2. New street furniture.
3. Beautification of the outdoor dining areas.



These works will complement streetscape works finished in Military Road.

Site Investigations - Cheal Lane

Site Investigation and Concept Development in Cheal Lane are underway. Quotes have been requested from Landscape Architects for the site investigation and to develop initial concept design ideas. This will include lighting upgrade.



Forward planning for Cheal Lane to slow down traffic, similar to Grosvenor Lane.

It was suggested by Rick Doran from the Chambers that it be made similar on the southern side of Military Road, where it slows down the vehicular traffic and makes it safer for shoppers and office workers.

5.2 Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place

Project Locality Plan



Preliminary engagement closed 31 January 2023

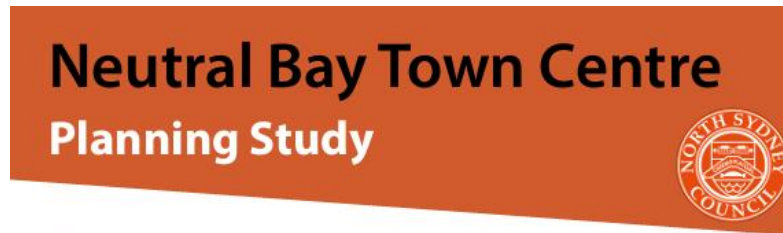
Public exhibition of design options and community engagement activities will begin 20 February 2023 - including Community Design workshop.

More details and key dates about this consultation will be released next week on the project webpage:

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/cremorne-plaza-langley-place-public-domain-upgrades>



The Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study (NBTCPs)



Council is preparing a Planning Study to help manage and influence positive changes to the Neutral Bay Town Centre.

Drop-in Sessions

Drop-in information sessions will be held in Neutral Bay Town Centre at the Grosvenor Lane carpark. We invite you to come and speak with us about the Planning Study.



Scan the QR code to visit the YOUR SAY page.

Hard copies of the fact sheet and FAQs are available at Council's Customer Service Centre and Neutral Bay Community Centre during opening hours.

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/nbtcps>



In response to community concerns, on 24 January 2022, Council resolved to rescind the Planning Study adopted in 2021, and to prepare a revised Planning study to better balance development height and the provision of additional public open spaces and facilities.

Council is now preparing this new Planning Study and Early Community Engagement/Consultation will begin this month with 2 Drop-in Information sessions at Grosvenor Lane Carpark, Neutral Bay.

Community are invited to come talk to Council staff about the project and find out about the upcoming stakeholder engagement opportunities on the following dates:

Thursday 23 February, 2pm to 5pm.
Saturday 25 February, 10am to 1pm.

6 Chamber of Commerce

6.1 Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Update

- Nicole from the Chamber of Commerce advised that there has been a lack of banners up for a while, the Chamber has been in contact with Council regarding damaged gateway banners. A banner schedule has been submitted as standard for this year, depending on what can happen with those damaged poles. The banners have been made into bags.
- Various campaigns throughout the year.
- Activation events planned through the year. (Artisan Markets, Shop Local Campaign, a Village Day, Christmas in July or Spring Event) use the Orpheum to advertise events.
- Organic Growers market in Young Street Plaza (flexible space requested)
- Potential activation events (music etc.) in residential areas such as Anderson Park, Neutral Bay Club or Neutral Bay Public School.

James from Colliers suggested Barry Street carpark / Cheal Lane as a future activation event site.

7. General Business

- Rick Doran from the Chamber of Commerce would like to acknowledge the effort that Duncan has put in over the years.
- Young Street Plaza update – Mayor advised that negotiations with TfNSW are ongoing and there will be community consultation.
- The Chamber of Commerce requested a small area in the Neutral Bay Community Centre partitioned off with some tables and chairs so that they can hold meetings if need be.

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, 22 August 2023

9. Close meeting:

Meeting finished at 6.10pm