

# THE SNAPSHOT

## HAYBERRY PRECINCT NEWS



### **HAYBERRY PRECINCT MEETING ACTION NOTES**

**NOVEMBER 15 2022**

**Location the Citadel, Hayberry Street.**

**Attendees 11 Apologies 29**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

As Residents of the area in which we meet and reside... the Hayberry Precinct acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land upon which we come together; those people of the Cammeraygal clan of the Eora Nation who lived in the area for almost 6,000 years until the 1820s

As a resident and convenor of this area I pledge and hope you do too, to uphold the care of this land upon which we now live and meet as did those traditional owners. Further I wish to encourage all residents of Hayberry to protect our little area from further degradation of its flora especially the continuing degradation and removal of our trees and its fauna birds and possums with which we should learn to share in care and harmony.

I look forward to the day when an ancestor of the traditional owners of this land welcomes you here.

**1. ROUND TABLE was held from confirmation of what people**

**wanted to discuss not included in the published agenda**

**2. A principal concern was raised regarding the Council revenue expenditures re the Olympic pool and debt and how a better "financial" management of NSC is needed.**

A member reported that they had attended a meeting at Wollstonecraft re the Olympic Pool

DM reported that the Council has also undertaken a look into the finances of the Olympic Pool [with cost variations now of \$70M, \$75M, \$80M and \$90M] The Mayor had stated at a Combined Precinct meeting that there were some hard decisions to be raised re the financing of the project and that some sales of property assets may have to be considered. Though this was not the case as reported from Wollstonecraft Precinct where it was stated "Council is carefully reviewing the business case with a view to delivering the best outcome for the community" The Mayor says "Council is committed to transparency and will provide as much information to the community as possible going forward. DM put to the Mayor as much as an anathema it is "Council may have to consider a Swimming pool levy to be added to the rates as opposed to selling off the "seed corn" in asset sales.

**3. Council's proposed amendments to reduce off street Car Parking spaces for new high-density developments in the area**

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**MORE ON STREET PARKING DOES NOT EQUATE TO MORE TRAFFIC**  
**General consensus is to oppose Councils position**

#### **4. Recent change to Vehicle Parking Infringement notices**

Problem Parking Infringement Tickets not issued is a concern raised by several attendees. The general belief is this is "a policy is one of entrapment for revenue raising

A resident reported they drove recently from Hayberry Street to Bunning's Chatswood then to Aldi Chatswood and returned and the marking remained! Another case car marked again while clearly

showing a permit, another time a tyre though vehicle had been driven over 15.2 kilometres! still showed partially the marks that a Ranger has made. Council claim the vehicle had only been driven to repark and was booked.

It was generally agreed that appears Council is following of entrapment by “hiding marking on vehicles so they cannot be seen easily together with the policy of not issuing tickets. The latter is fraught in event of a ticket being “incorrectly” issued as there is then an issue to challenge confidently to dispute or raise a case of \*mitigation due to the time delay of the offence and receipt of the notice ...if at all \* not being able recall a range possible circumstances.

It can be the case (remarkably) one can arrive back at the starting point as a member reported to still find the same space vacant where perhaps the car may have been marked up earlier. If the Ranger should return after this the vehicle will still attract a parking fine though as a case was cited it had been driven over 3ks. This has been previously notified to council.

Another local businessman who services vehicles complained that without tickets now issued his clients will receive the notice which causes questions directly to his honesty and integrity. The issue is also even if he has driven round the block into another Zone and returns and finds a park very close by will still get a fine.

**Consensus agreed was with one objection Council should return to putting ticket on windscreens.** Other questions

What is the material of Ranger Chalk as concern are cars moved but markings still visible. Are out of State plated vehicle being wrongly issued with infringements

Why markings SEEM TO be being hidden out of sight.

**5. Precincts voting on issues for Council Planning Proposals and Development Applications and submissions**

Was not discussed fully as the member raising on behalf of the Council did not make the meeting.

However the Convenor DM did briefly cover one of the issues about Precinct votes on Planning Proposal or Development Applications was fraught.

Motions generally brought before the Precinct in the past had often not been objective and details of such proposals that had been put before the Precinct in the past to lodge AND RUSH a submission [against] had in several cases be made based on incorrect and out of context information. This also resulted in the Precinct taking a position and further canvassing residents to individually make submissions of object to Council. DM made the point submissions either way should be left to individuals to lodge the exception(s) being to developments of such high rise and size that would impact the whole of the Precinct and or Crows Nest. It is recommended that anyone or group who want the Precinct to support an objection to a PP or DA must attend to state the case for or against It is recommended any decision as a Precinct would be better deferred until the next meeting so an informed decision can be made.

DM further cited 13 DAs 11 of which he knew of where decisions had been made by the Precinct based on misinformation and residents were further advised individually objections to submit.

DM also notified the meeting he had recently at a Combined Precinct Meeting abstained re a submission against a Planning proposal in was for a Woolworth Supermarket in Rangers Road Neutral Bay to seek further information. Hayberry was the only Precinct to abstain.

At a subsequent Combined Precinct Committee having got further information and knowledge of the area DM voted against the CPC position. Hayberry was the only precinct to vote against. The other Hayberry representative present abstained having not previously

been aware of the issue. There was since that Combined Precinct meeting you will have received a leaflet re this Planning Proposal which is misleading

**Consensus agreed by all present issue of Hayberry Precinct voting value is discussed at the next meeting i.e.**

***On the one hand** a Precinct vote SHOULD still count as one vote of the precinct as a collective as individuals are still able to make independent submissions.*

***On the other** counting the number of votes for or against particular issue is submitted as the total and raise the probability of “double dipping” There is also no reliable way to audit such voting*

## **6. Tolls on the entry ramp to the Gore Hill/Warringah “Freeway”**

Why is this toll still applied if its intent was to pay for the Falcon street entry and Military road exit ramps. The Precinct felt that for such a short distance the cost is outrageous. We understand this is a State Issue but want Council to take action to lobby the Government to remove it

**Consensus with no objections was Council should press for the removal of these 2 toll “booths”**

## **7. Western Harbour Tunnel Update: Mayors letter to NSW Government**

The letter wasn't discussed or presented due to time but DM reported very briefly he had written to all the Councils impacted by the Bushfires 2019/20 and subsequent floods to alert them to the money to be wasted on the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link and that should be used to rebuild the infrastructure of their areas. DM went on to say either way if there is or isn't a change in the State Government the Beaches Link will be shelved Previously

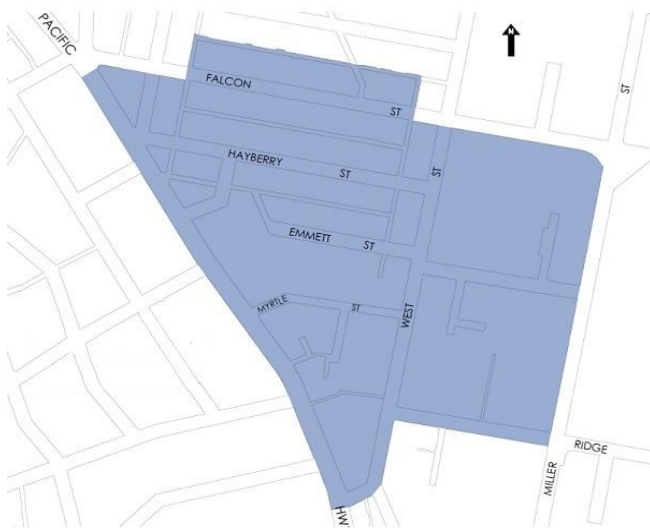
STOP the Hayberry precinct campaign against the both Tunnels had

been given assurances from Jody Mackay and Michael Daly the Beaches Link would not be built. Any contracts to build the Western Harbour Tunnel would be examined and if the costs were to be less expensive to cancel like the East West Link Melbourne than press ahead with a folly best cancelled at a short term cost of \$1.1 Billion as opposed to its \$17 billion DM expressed sadness at the destruction of Cammeray Golf course the trees fauna and the failure of the other Groups not to have broadened their campaigns Sydney and NSW State-wide

**On Agenda but Not Discussed due to time**

**8. West Street Cycling, Walking and Street Upgrade Stage 1** Was not discussed as the person proposing not present

**Note Dog Faeces remains a huge problem in Hayberry Street**

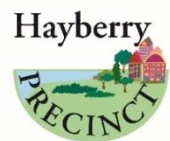


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A smarter proposal would be to work with developers to actually rent and encourage off street parking in any development for the use of other \*non-building residents. This would be especially useful where an EV charging infrastructure backbone is installed It would as seems the want enable \*non-building residents to charge and keep their vehicles

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North Sydney's Senior High Achiever of 2022

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Guide Dog Therapy Dog Handler