

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2020 - Willoughby Bay Precinct

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response.

To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **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.
- **Closed for Council** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request council reopen action.

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December	BS1	Precinct queries the meaning of the reference to IPC - "Council's Manager Governance & Committee Services has advised that Council is not aware of any audit processes, however the IPC has been checking Council websites to ensure compliance with their Guidelines."	IPC stands for the Information and Privacy Commission: https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/	Closed for Council
	BS2	DA System/PCA/CDC System - Precinct asks Council to advise whether it identifies any problems presented to good planning and to residents by the parallel systems DA and PCA/CDC and whether Council considers it appropriate to make representation to any Government on the issue.	Council's Manager Development Services has provided a response which has been published via separate cover. ¹	Closed for Council.
	CR	Recycling issues - Precinct enquires as to what % yellow bin is currently broadly estimated to go to landfill and what % is actually recycled.	Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that according to the last Domestic Kerbside Waste and Recycling Audit, recyclable materials make up 87.3%	Closed for Council

¹ Response has been published via separate document.

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			<p>of yellow recycling bin. These recyclable materials comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • glass (36.2%) • paper and cardboard (40%) • plastic (9.4%) • steel containers (1%) • aluminium containers (0.3%) and • liquid paperboard containers (0.5%). <p>Almost thirteen per cent (12.7%) of the commingled recycling stream is contamination and will go to land fill. The main contaminants are plastic bagged material.</p>	
	CR	Young Street - Precinct asks Council: Is the first month of access restrictions due to works construction included in the 3-month trial period?	Council's Project Manager has advised that the first 7 weeks of access restrictions due to construction are not included in the 3 month-trial period. The trial will be in place until the end of March 2021.	Closed for Council
	GB1	Precinct Office Bearers and Members memorandum - Precinct enquires as to what scope there is for further feedback on the Code	As advised via the Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects memorandum dated 10 December 2020, the Code may be reviewed again following the conclusion of the Precinct System Review, should the recommendations arising from the Review warrant such.	Closed for Council
	GB2	Dangerous Path Steps Tobruk Avenue Path to Brightmore Reserve - A Precinct resident reported that the path steps leading down from Tobruk Avenue to Brightmore Reserve are steep and the last 30m at the bottom lacks a handrail.	Council's Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that the staircase at the bottom of the park was inspected on 28 January 2021 and no loose or hazardous steps were located on the track that links Tobruk Ave/Brightmore Street with Brightmore Reserve. The steps are compliant with the Australian	Closed for Council

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			Standard and does not require a handrail. These steps were upgraded in 2013 and this is the first complaint/request for a handrail that Council has received. Should the Precinct Committee request, Council staff can meet with Precinct representative on site to further discuss concerns.	
	GB3	Little Wonga Road - A Precinct resident reported that Little Wonga Road is covered in rubbish and leaves. Every time it rains the leaves get washed down onto the steps; which makes walking down the steps very dangerous. This is a health and safety issue and also a liability risk for Council. Precinct was advised that although this is a private road, Council is responsible for maintenance.	Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that the area has been cleaned on 12 January 2021.	Closed for Council
	GB4	E-Waste Concerns - A Precinct resident reports that Council contractors may still be collecting E-waste items, sometimes several together, put out amongst the household collection destined for landfill. A Precinct member asked is it not the firm practice of Council (particularly given the history of Precinct with Council in the development of a sound system for disposal of E-waste up to establishing the fine NSROC facility) to sticker the items and reject them for landfill collection	Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that if there is e-waste included in amongst clean-up items, URM will sticker and reject the items. Council's Street Cleansing Fleet then collect the items and take it to the CRC. There are no records of previous complaints from community members that URM is collecting e-waste with the clean-up service. White goods are collected as part of the clean-up which are taken to scrap metal merchants. The remaining materials are sent to landfill. Council will continue to monitor clean-up collections and continue to promote the CRC as the disposal point for e-waste.	Closed for Council
	GB6	Macpherson Street - Boundary Fence and Public Footpath, encroachment issue - A Precinct resident raised a complaint about boundary fence and public footpath	Council's Team Leader Building Compliance has advised that this matter is the subject of a long and complicated compliance investigation. Council officers	Open/Ongoing

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		encroachment issues with respect to 74 Macpherson Street. The resident has requested Council to intervene with respect to the encroachment into the pedestrian thoroughfare in Macpherson Street. This resident has experienced problems with trespass during construction and fencing arguably a consequence of this parallel	are taking the appropriate regulatory actions in order to resolve this matter as soon as possible. Whilst it is not Council's preference that this matter has been drawn out, compliance matters are usually complicated and due process must be followed in accordance with the relevant legislation. Despite the length of investigation, Council's officers are pursuing this matter with high priority.	
November	CR	Grasmere Road and Young Street Intersection - Where do we find the detailed rationale behind Council's rejection of reinstatement of the roundabout?	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the report to Council on Council Meetings and Reports 26 October 2020 outlines the reasons why the reinstatement of the roundabout is not feasible.	Closed for Council
	4RI	Recycling Issues - In view of offshore market problems, what proportion of the recycled product is actually recycled? Will any of the red bin product previously recycled for landscape use again be put to like use? Precinct discussion of desirable circular system for usage of resources as against current, wasteful linear system.	Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that the recyclables that are collected from the kerb are delivered to Visy's Smithfield Recycling Plant. Visy's objective is to meet the requirements of its own internal supply chain. They have a circular economy business model which underpins their operations. Visy requires 1.3 million tonnes of fibre for its paper mills and cardboard plants as well as recycled plastics to produce pellets for conversion to resin, to meet the demand of customers for recycled food grade containers. Where possible Visy utilises recovered recyclable materials in manufacturing its packaging products rather than virgin materials. For example, at their Smithfield site, a high percentage of what is delivered to the plant is remanufactured into material used in Visy's business:	Closed for Council

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper which is sorted from the materials recovery facility to the Smithfield Pulp and Paper Mill and then Fibre operations, where it is turned into new packaging and cardboard boxes • plastics such as PET/HDPE containers are converted at Visy's PET and HDPE Recycling Plant, the recycled pellet is then supplied to Visy Packaging's Australian PET and HDPE bottle manufacturing plant. • recycled aluminium is made into new beverage cans at Visy • recycled Steel is made into new containers at Visy • glass bottles and jars are sent to GRS Sydney to make new glass <p>Any surplus of recycled material to Visy's own internal requirements, is delivered to the location where it receives the greatest return. Visy operates within the global commodity trading market and places emphasis on seeking local customers where possible. In regard to the materials in the red bin, at this stage it is not known if the red bin product previously recycled for landscape use will be put to similar use. The materials will continue to be sent to landfill unless the EPA lifts the restrictions. Council will then make a decision to either remain on a landfill contract or exercise the option and transition to a waste processing contract should the restrictions be lifted.</p>	

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	6	Christmas Decorations - A Precinct resident would like North Sydney to display more of a Christmas spirit, especially since COVID has impacted our lives.	Council's Manager Communications and Events advises that The Events Team agrees with the Precinct Committee and had already had the same idea, with plans in place for pop up activations in the villages starting from 30 November 2020. Along with the decorations, Council has organised Christmas themed pavement chalk art at three locations, six pop up musical performances, roaming elves and ice-cream giveaways. These are not being advertised, because with COVID-19 restrictions we cannot hold events without seating and ticketing people. Instead the activations will appear in different locations across three weeks.	Closed for Council
	7	Kerbs and Guttering - A Precinct member raised concerns that kerbs and guttering in this Precinct do not comply with easy access. Precinct members will be making a list of locations where the kerbs and guttering are non-compliant.	Comments noted by Council's Assets Manager.	Closed for Council
	8	Young Street Closure - A Precinct member stated that with concern that the Young Street closure cars travelling from the west on Military Road bank up considerably as they wait to turn left into Ben Boyd Road.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations and has advised that Council will monitor traffic conditions during the initial 3-month trial period. Council's Project Manager has advised that Precinct Committee's comments will be taken as a submission.	Closed for Council
October	CR	Grasmere Road/Young Street Intersection - Precinct enquires as to the situation in regard to the Councillor Briefing. Has it been held and if so, what was the outcome? If not, Precinct requests that a Precinct representative be in attendance at the Councillor Briefing on site which may	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the Councillor Briefing was held and a further report on this matter is planned to be presented to the Council on its 26 October 2020 meeting.	Closed for Council

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		include consideration of reinstatement of the roundabout at the intersection.	<p>UPDATE (27 October 2020) At its meeting on 26 October Council resolved: <i>1. THAT designs be prepared for a change of priority at the intersection between Grasmere Road and Young Street, Cremorne, and that the change be constructed subject to concurrence from the North Sydney Traffic Committee.</i> <i>2. THAT community notification on the change include details regarding why the change is being made and why a roundabout cannot be installed at the intersection.</i></p>	
		Parking Restrictions for Waste Collections - Precinct supports the purpose of the restrictions and defers to the waste contractors with regard to the adequacy of that restriction period.	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that the Precinct's feedback has been treated as submission.	Closed for Council
		Gerard Street/Macpherson Street Signalisation - Precinct notes Council is to report on measures to enhance pedestrian safety at the site and requests that such report be expedited before the November Council meeting.	<p>Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised Council staff are currently investigating the feasibility of alternatives at the intersection and a further report will be provided to Council in due course.</p> <p>UPDATE (27 March 2023) Letter received from NSW Minister for Metropolitan Roads/Tim James MP via Mayor Baker. Copy distribute to the Precinct Committee.</p> <p>UPDATE (27 January 2021) The report was presented to Council on 30 November 2020 meeting. Council resolved: <i>1. THAT Council write to the Minister for Transport and Roads requesting special consideration for installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Gerard Street and</i></p>	Closed for Council

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			<p><i>Macpherson Street on the basis of pedestrian safety and amenity, with reference to this report.</i></p> <p><i>3738th Council Meeting - 30 November 2020 Minutes Page 14 of 50</i></p> <p><i>2. THAT the following signage changes be referred to the Traffic Committee for installation under delegation of the Manager Traffic & Transport Operations:</i></p> <p><i>a. an additional pedestrian crossing sign installed in front of the tree on the southern side of Gerard Street facing west.</i></p> <p><i>b. the Give Way sign on the left-hand side of Macpherson Street at Gerard Street be removed so as not to obstruct the pedestrian crossing sign.</i></p> <p><i>3. THAT all line marking associated with the pedestrian crossing including, zebra markings and zig zag markings on approaches, be maintained and refreshed to ensure visibility to the crossing is adequate.</i></p>	
		<p>Brothers Park:</p> <p>Gardening Storage Shed Proposal - A presentation of the gardening storage shed proposal for Brothers Park, was received with unanimous support. The proposal would be discussed with an adjoining resident prior to submission to Council.</p> <p>Park Clutter - A resident had written to the Chair raising concerns as to the increasing visual clutter in the Park and this concern was echoed by Precinct Vice Chair. The resident was pleased that the proposed gardening storage shed would be located in the gully and not be visible from either Fifth Avenue or the footpath alongside the Park. The resident also had an issue with the location of the red lidded</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Manager Parks & Reserves.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		garbage bin and requested Council trim the bottlebrush near the monument		
	1GB	Prospect Avenue Road Surface - A Prospect Avenue resident wishes to lodge a complaint with Council about the dangerous condition of the Prospect Avenue road surface. The resident has requested Precinct to pose to Council the question as to when the road will be resurfaced.	Council's Assets Manager has advised that the re-sheeting of the road pavement of Prospect Avenue is currently on the 2021/22 Roads Program. The Roads Program for this financial year has been allocated. If funds become available this financial year the resheeting of Prospect Avenue will be brought forward.	Closed for Council
	6	Access to Library - A Precinct resident has complained that she was allowed only 2 hours access to the Stanton Library before being excluded and Precinct asks that Library rules on this apparently unsatisfactory situation be clarified.	Council's Manager Library Services has advised that in order to manage numbers in the Library customers are asked to browse and borrow. On the library's website it says: The Library is open for "Browse and Borrow". Due to current visitor number restrictions under the Government Public Health Order, we ask that you keep your visit brief to allow other customers to access the Library. See below for more details on available services and spaces. Council Website/library	Closed for Council
September	DA	DA 176/20, 40 Ellalong Road Cremorne - Concerns raised by a representative of Ryries Parade residents. Precinct was shown by a resident DA (plans and photo) of the proposed development and notes shortcomings and possible breaches of NSDCP including (i) privacy (lack of suitable screening devices), width, depth and height of proposed deck; position of large deck on new third storey, (ii) site coverage, (iii) height (2.5m above existing roof structure), (iv) noise impacts, (v) inadequate boundary setbacks. Precinct notes residents' such concerns and encourages Council to address	The Precinct Committee's separate DA submission has been received by the Council's Senior Assessment Officer.	Closed for Council

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		the concerns raised, particularly the issues of overlooking and loss of privacy.		
	1	Grasmere Road/Young Street Intersection - Precinct notes from February 2020 Meeting Minutes the Mayor's attendance and interest in Precinct's view that the above roundabout be reinstated. Precinct appreciates the subsequent Mayoral Minute to that end and enquires as to the status of that Minute and progress of the matter in Council.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that a report was referred to the Council meeting on 22 June 2020 in response to the Mayoral Minute. Council subsequently resolved: <i>THAT this matter be deferred to a Councillor Briefing which will include a representative from the RMS and Council's Engineering and Property Division, to discuss design specifications and limitations at the intersection.</i> A briefing is being arranged with external parties.	Closed for Council
	3	Primrose Park Tennis Courts - Precinct enquires as to Council's plans for the funding of refurbishment of these courts as they are in disrepair and verging on unsafe.	Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects has advised that the following information was provided direct to the Precinct Chair regarding the status of the Tennis Courts - the project has been scoped however no budget has been assigned in the current Delivery Program. Council will continue to explore grant opportunities to fund this project. A related Mayoral Minute has been included on the Council meeting agenda for 28 September 2020.	Closed for Council
	7	Community Housing Project - New Generation Boarding House - Precinct asks the Mayor to advise please the outcome of the Councillor briefing on Council Meeting Item 8.21 27 (July 2020) Community Housing Project and Funds: New Generation Boarding House and also the basis for non-acceptance by Council staff of the recommendation to proceed with this project.	Council's EA to Mayor has advised that a letter has been sent directly to Precinct Chair, with response to Precinct comments. Comments noted by Council's A/Director Community & Library Services. A related report has been included on the Council meeting agenda for 28 September 2020.	Closed for Council

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	8	Disclosure Scheme of Private Interests of Councillors and Senior Staff - Resident raised news of NSW enquiry into present system shortcomings with some Councils and advised procedure to access such disclosure forms. Meeting questioned whether there is any audit or independent scrutiny of disclosure details, random or otherwise.	Council's Manager Governance & Committee Services has advised that Council is not aware of any audit processes, however the IPC has been checking Council websites to ensure compliance with their Guidelines.	Close for Council
August	CR	Brothers Memorial Park - Precinct will submit a plan to Council showing intended position of the storage shed in Brothers Memorial Park before any gardening tools are purchased.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Parks & Reserves - plan to be reviewed once submitted. Council's Streets Alive Co-ordinator has also been advised about the project.	Closed for Council
		Compliance Development Certificates - Precinct's view is that the CDC system should be subject to the same notification and access as a DA. We note Council's response and Precinct's view is that the present CDC system is lacking in notification of signage and consultation and in inadequate access to CPC plans. As this matter is within the province of State government, Precinct suggests it is sufficiently important for Council to raise for consideration at the October LG Conference.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Development Services.	Closed for Council
		Gerard St/Macpherson St Signalisation - Precinct expresses disappointment and objects to the Traffic Committee's decision. We note the position and we will monitor the issue's re-evaluation come July 2021. Precinct would welcome any ideas Council has to enhance public safety on this.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.	Closed for Council
	DA	DA224/2019 - Precinct objects to the nature and scale of this DA on the grounds of:	Comments noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner.	Closed for Council

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the scale, height and bulk of the development in the context of existing Brightmore residential premises; adverse impact on traffic movement and the safety of cyclists and pedestrians in a narrow street; and adverse impact on neighbours and adjacent parkland by noise and overshadowing. 		
	GB2	Drainage grate in Fernhurst Ave/tree planting - A resident has concerns over a hole near a drainage grate in the roadway on the northern side of the street opposite 9 Fernhurst Ave. Could Council investigate and rectify.	Council's Contracts Manager has advised works for the grate at Fernhurst Ave have been allocated to a contractor. Estimated completion date is 30 September 2020.	Closed for Council
	GB3	Coles/Woolworths Over packaging - A Precinct resident has concerns with the reams of plastic/paper wrapping of many items.	Comments noted by Council Senior Sustainability who has advised that Council has no jurisdiction over the packaging practices of businesses but assists businesses to reduce their waste (including plastic and paper) through the Better Business Partnership (BBP). Regrettably, Coles and Woolworths are not members of this free program.	Closed for Council
	GB4	Precinct System Review - Precinct notes the Precinct System Review Discussion Paper and Code of Conduct matters now raised and discussed and in view of the time limit for Precinct response the meeting authorises the Committee to reflect Precinct views in Committee submissions in the form and manner required by Council.	Precinct Committee's submission to Stage 1 has been received. All submissions received will be collected and analysed.	Closed for Council
	GB5	Rate Notices - Precinct authorises Vice Chair to submit to Council a draft Motion Form for Council to present to the October 2020 Local Government Association Conference, which motion will call for amendment of the Local Government Act to permit councils the option of a	Suggested motion was referred to the Council meeting on 24 August 2020. UPDATE (25 August 2020)	Closed for Council

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		providing residents with a single annual rates notice containing all four instalment payment slips.	Council at its meeting of 24 August 2020 consider all suggested motions put forward by Precinct Committees and resolved to thank the Precinct Committees for their suggestions, and to adopt only Lavender Bay Precinct Committee's suggested motion regarding educational institutions acquiring additional land to pay rates on new acquisitions.	
July	a	<p>Draft Trailer Parking Policy - Feedback is closing 19 July 2020. Precinct discussed the proposed policy. A Precinct member proposed that the policy should be amended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in para 4.9.6.2, add before the last word ("and") ... "whichever is the greater" • in para 4.10.7.2, add before the last word ("and") "whichever is the greater" <p>Precinct requests Council to retain the current trailer parking restrictions and signage in Fifth Avenue.</p>	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations advises that Precinct Committee feedback on the draft Trailer Parking Policy will be treated as a submission. Council has already resolved to retain the existing trailer parking restrictions and signage in Fifth Avenue.	Closed for Council
	b	<p>Food Waste - Vice Chair stated second para in "Actions" pertains to last mentioned point, not to Food Waste. Precinct action here is for: "Council to note that action on this should also include community education on consumer shopping and food management matters, so as to prevent or reduce waste in the first place".</p>	<p>Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has noted the Precinct Committee's comments. Links to related item from Precinct Committee's Minutes, February 2020.</p> <p>Council's Senior Sustainability Program Co-ordinator notes the comments regarding Food Wastage prevention education and advises that Council runs regular Green Events workshops (listed on Council's Green Events webpage). Many have a strong waste avoidance focus e.g. the topic for 27 August is <i>Talking Trash: Recycling reimagined through waste innovation</i>. Workshops in the past 6 months have</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>included <i>Living with Less, Pickling and preserving, Make your own beeswax wraps and Cooking with the basics</i>. Future events include <i>Balcony gardening, Cloth nappies, Backyard Beekeeping, Native beekeeping, Mending</i> and a movie screening of <i>Biggest little farm</i>.</p> <p>Council's is also offering discounts on worm farms or compost bin to help residents reduce their food waste via the Compost Revolution Program.</p>	
	1	Volunteer Grants 2020 - Precinct was advised that funds have been received. Precinct to liaise with Council on the location of proposed equipment storage shed at Brothers Memorial Park.	Noted by Council's Manager Parks & Reserves.	Closed for Council
	2	Gerard Lane No Stopping Sign - It was noted that a motion has been moved by Council to undertake community consultation with regard to the installation of No Stopping signs on the south-western side of Gerard Lane between the driveway of H/No.81 Gerard Lane and the 90 degree bend.	<p>Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the matter was considered at the Traffic Committee meeting on 20 March 2020 where it was recommended, and subsequently adopted by Council:</p> <p><i>1. THAT Council undertake community consultation regarding the installation of No Stopping signs on the south-western side of Gerard Lane between the driveway of H/No.81 Gerard Lane and the 90-degree bend. (4.2.2)</i></p> <p><i>2. THAT the matter be referred back to the next available Traffic Committee meeting following community consultation. (4.2.2)</i></p> <p>UPDATE (31 August 2020) Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that a community survey is being prepared and expected to</p>	Closed for Council

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			be distributed in early September 2020. A copy of the survey will be distributed to Precinct Committee.	
	3	Special Rate Variation - SRV had been considered by CPC. CPC has requested a response from Council as to whether the approved cumulative increase in rates can be clawed back in future years.	Council's Community Engagement Coordinator advises Precinct Committee to refer to the CPC Summary of Actions.	Closed for Council
	4	Young Street Closure - A Precinct member stated that the work at the top of Young Street is unrelated to the proposed closure of Young Street, to which Precinct objects.	Council's Project Manager confirms that works commencing in mid-June 2020 are footpath upgrades and not related to the trial closure of Young Street (Young Street Plaza). A copy of the notification has been forwarded to the Precinct Committee.	Closed for Council
	5b	E-waste collection - Council is requested to remove please its reference to an ongoing E-waste collection service on Council's waste recorded message service, as this is misleading, particularly to new residents.	Council's Waste Operations & Education Officer advises that both the Council messages and URM messages have been reviewed and the URM message will be updated to remove e-waste and advertise the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) instead.	Closed for Council
	5e	Demolition of 74 Macpherson Street - Council staff conducted a compliance check after residents reported demolition occurring without previous notice to the community. Staff reported that the owner had a PCA Complying Development Certificate, but this had not been notified to Council and so signage etc notice was not made available to the local community. Precinct considers it unacceptable a process by which demolition and development can occur without prior Council and community notification.	Council's Compliance Officer advises that Council has investigated the Compliance Development Certificate (CDC) issued to 74 MacPherson Street. This involved requesting documentation from the Principle Certifying Authority (PCA) in relation to their determination of the CDC for demolition and construction works. The PCA provided Council with records of them notifying residents within the area prior to the determination of the CDC. It should be noted that the requirements for notification of CDCs are only applicable to include the Council and those residents/properties within a 20m radius of the	Closed for Council

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			development site. The PCA has demonstrated that they had notified the subject properties. In this regard, Council is unable to determine that the PCA has failed to satisfy their statutory obligations regarding notifications. Thus, no further actions are intended by Council.	
June	1	<p>Military Road Corridor Planning Study - Willoughby Bay Precinct has reviewed the North Sydney Council Military Road Corridor Planning Study - Stage 1 and wishes to submit the following concerns to Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neutral Bay is a vibrant local centre with a valued village atmosphere. The most effective way to kill a village atmosphere is to surround it by, or replace existing 2. village style (heritage) buildings with buildings of excessive height. Precinct believes the current 5 level limit is adequate to allow development and provide amenities required, and the proposed increase should not proceed. Precinct considers that 8 levels would be excessive and 12 levels more so. 3. Use of terminology such as, 'Increased maximum building heights to 12 storeys in designated areas will allow for a new community centre and creative art spaces' seems to imply that these amenities can only be achieved with the height increase. Precinct considers that the provision of social and community amenities is not necessarily linked to the approval of height increases. 4. The conversion of trafficable streets to open spaces, which it is claimed can only be provided by an increase in height of surrounding buildings seems a 	Council's Senior Strategic Planner has confirmed this will be considered as submission to the Military Road Corridor Planning Study - Stage 1.	Closed for Council

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		<p>non sequitur. It is important to provide vehicle access, including to and from our homes when we travel to and from the city. Precinct considers that the proposed street closures of Young Street and Grosvenor Lane should not occur.</p> <p>5. The suggestion that 'Through-site-links will also be developed to provide better connection between the Grosvenor Lane plazas and Military Road' is somewhat ambiguous at least. The drawing on page 21 shows one existing and two proposed through-site links to Grosvenor Place. But all three currently exist. This is acknowledged on page 28.</p> <p>6. The greatest improvement in village atmosphere would come from removing through traffic from ground level of Military Rd, either by undergrounding it, or diverting it elsewhere.</p> <p>7. Precinct considers that the existing development controls allows the opportunity for increased commercial & residential as evidenced by the recent redevelopment projects completed in Neutral Bay and Cremorne.</p>		
	3	<p>Tree Preservation Policy - Willoughby Bay Precinct opposes the draft amendment to Council's tree preservation policy under NSDCP 2013 which would reduce the threshold for obtaining a Council Tree and Vegetation Management Permit from 10m to 5m.</p>	<p>Noted by Council's Executive Strategic Planner, in addition a separated submission has been lodged, this submission will be addressed in a future post exhibition report to Council. The date for this report has not been confirmed.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	4a	<p>Environment & Recycling - Worsening situation with overseas markets for receipt of recycling/yellow bin product, for future discussion with Council staff.</p>	<p>Noted by Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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May	<i>No meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions</i>			
March	1	<p>Special Rate Variation Motion - The response from Council at the CPC of 18 February 2020 confirms Precinct's view that the Residential Ad Valorem rate has increased by 9.5%. However residential rate payers and the Precinct were told that residential rates would go up by 7%. Precinct does not believe they were told that the 7% was the average rate increase and that may residential rate payers would have increases of 9.5%. Precinct requests an explanation and asks whether the approved cumulative increase in rates can be clawed back in future years. Motion Carried: 15 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against</p>	<p>Noted by Council's Manager Financial Services. The Precinct Committee's feedback is noted, however no further information, from what has already been provided to date, can be provided by Council. The SRV application criteria has been assessed by IPART and complies with their requirements. The matter is considered closed by Council.</p> <p>UPDATE (2 September 2020) Council's Manager Financial Services has advised in response to "whether the approved cumulative increase in rates can be clawed back in future years", that yes such is permissible in accordance with Section 511(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> regarding "catching up of shortfall in general income" (and replicated in the <i>COVID-19 Legislative Amendment (Emergency Measures - Miscellaneous) Bill 2020</i>): <i>If the rates and charges made by a council for a year that produce its general income produce an amount of general income that is less than the maximum amount permissible under section 509 for that year because the council did not apply a full percentage increase applicable to it under section 506, 508(2) or 508A for the year for which the rates and charges were made, the council may make rates and charges for any 1 or more of the next 10 years after the year for which the shortfall occurred so as to produce the maximum amount so permissible of the general income plus the whole or any part of the shortfall.</i> However in accordance with Council's adopted preferred Scenario of the <i>Long</i></p>	Closed for Council

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			<p><i>Term Financial Plan (Resourcing Strategy)</i>, due to the need to improve long term financial sustainability, and in turn Council's capacity to maintain and improve community infrastructure/assets at the cessation of approved SRV periods rates will continue to be levied at the annual rate peg on top new base amount set by 2021/22 levels i.e. will not revert back to pre-SRV levels.</p> <p>The Precinct Committee is reminded of Section 4.3.3 of IPART's SRV determination re overall assessment of the impact on affected ratepayers: <i>We consider the impact of the proposed SV on ratepayers would be reasonable given:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Council's need for the additional funding to address its infrastructure backlog;</i> • <i>The Council's proposed average rates with the SV would appear to be reasonable compared to the estimated average rate levels for OLG Group 3 councils over the proposed SV period; and</i> • <i>The community's capacity to pay given its SEIFA ranking indicates a higher level of advantage compared to its surrounding councils.</i> 	
		<p>Young Street Closure - Discussion of this trial which some residents opposing the concept as further restricting local traffic movement.</p>	<p>Council's Project Manager has noted the Precinct Committee's feedback and it will be treated as a submission for the community consultation during the trial period of the temporary plaza.</p> <p>After community consultation undertaken between May and July 2019 Council, at its meeting of 26 August 2019, endorsed the trial closure of Young Street for a period of 3 months for the implementation</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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			<p>of a temporary plaza, with feedback sought during the trial period and reported back to Council.</p> <p>During the trial period, Council will assess the traffic and parking impacts of the road closure to gain an understanding of the effects of the permanent road closure and make an informed decision about the future of the plaza.</p> <p>Construction will begin in June 2020 and the 3-month trial plaza will end September 2020.</p> <p>Concept plans are available on the Your Say North Sydney website https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Young-Street-Plaza</p>	
	2	<p>Gerard/Macpherson Street Signalisation - Precinct noted the draft motion on the Traffic Committee agenda for 20 March; that should TNSW advise that no variation to warrants can be applied to the proposed Traffic Control Signals at the intersection between Gerard Street and Macpherson Street, that the project be removed as a Standing Item on the North Sydney Traffic Committee.</p> <p>Motion: Precinct has been pursuing the signalisation of Gerard/Macpherson Street since 1999 and objects strongly to the possibility that due to a perceived lack of numerical warrants in pedestrian usage, the safety of the residents of North Cremorne will continue to be jeopardised by the non-signalisation of this intersection and Precinct strongly urges Council to maintain it as a Standing Item as a priority for signalisation.</p>	<p>Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.</p> <p>Representations on behalf of the Precinct were made at the Traffic Committee meeting on 23 March 2020.</p>	Closed for Council

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		Motion Carried: 13 in favour, 2 abstentions, 1 against		
	6	Rat Infestation at Cremorne Plaza - A Precinct member has noticed that there appears to be a rat infestation in the vicinity of Cremorne Plaza.	Council's Manager Parks and Reserve has advised that rodent control works have been undertaken before in that location and the Pest Control contractor will be engaged to undertake further measures.	Closed for Council
	8	Graffiti Concerns - The Vice Chair has reported that the electrical substation on the corner of Montague Road and Macpherson Street is festooned with graffiti.	Council's Administration Officer (Works) has advised that graffiti on the Energy Australia substation and Australia mailbox was removed on 26 March 2020.	Closed for Council
February	1	Request to Roundabout Grasmere Road/Young Street Intersection - A number of Precinct members raised concerns about the safety of the intersection. Discussion on this agenda-recurring matter occupied much of Mayor-Precinct discussion time. Motion: Precinct calls on the Mayor to put a Mayoral Minute to Council to reinstate the roundabout.	Council at its meeting held 24 February 2020 considered <i>MM02: Bring Back the Roundabout</i> and resolved: <i>1. That Council staff prepare a report to identify the costs associated with reinstating the roundabout with a flat top like the one on Alexander Street and identify a funding source.</i> <i>2. That consideration be given to improving pedestrian access in the new design.</i> UPDATE (9 December 2020) A report was presented to Council on 26 October 2020 meeting. UPDATE (26 June 2020): At its meeting held 22 June 2020, Council considered Item 9.7: Response to Mayoral Minute - Roundabout at Grasmere Road and Young Street, Cremorne and resolved: <i>1 That this matter be deferred to a Councillor Briefing which will include a representative from the RMS and</i>	Closed for Council

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			<p><i>Council's Engineering and Property Division, to discuss design specifications and limitation at the intersection.</i></p> <p>UPDATE (26 May 2020): Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that a report is anticipated to be presented to the June 2020 Council meeting.</p>	
		<p>Intersection Safety Hazard - Poor Visibility Due to Traffic Island Vegetation: Precinct is concerned over the lack of visibility and the hazard this causes drivers on the corner of Park Street and Ernest Street adjoining the tennis courts. A similar problem exists on the corner of Earle Street and Young Street. Precinct requests the Mayor to ask Council's gardening team to trim these plants please.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Parks and Reserves has advised that Council's maintenance team will action as necessary.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
		<p>Food Waste - The Mayor will present a Mayoral Minute to Council this month where residents can opt into a food waste service which will collect food waste for composting, as it comprises a large part of red bin waste. A resident raised concern that withdrawal of overseas markets for our recycle waste was causing diversion of some to landfill, although government funding for local projects will hopefully mitigate this in due course.</p>	<p>UPDATE (9 December 2020) Council at its meeting held 30 November 2020 Resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT the Residential Food Scraps Collection and Processing Trial report be received.</i> 2. <i>THAT the Food Waste Collection Trial is progressed in accordance with the budget and methodologies and timeframes proposed in the details outlined in this report.</i> 3. <i>THAT Council seeks three quotations from waste consultancies listed in the Local Government Approved Panel to assist Council in the planning, management and implementation of the trial.</i> 4. <i>THAT a final report is provided to Council on the results of the Food Waste Collection Trial.</i> <p>UPDATE (27 May 2020)</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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			<p>Council's Waste Management Co-Ordinator has advised that this report cannot be developed until meetings with other councils and associated contactors, can be arranged and completed. Delayed until December 2020.</p> <p>UPDATE (February 2020) Council at its meeting held 24 February 2020 considered <i>MM03: Diverting Food Waste from Landfill</i> and resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That staff prepare a report on the options for conducting a food waste diversion trial that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. includes information on costs and likely community interest to participate in a trial; and b. includes details on any smart phone applications that could be used to allow residents to express an interest in food waste collection in their street. 	
	4	<p>Hybrid Turf Trial at Primrose Park - A resident expressed concern at apparent lack of prior public consultation on this turf trial. Precinct will be monitoring and asks Council for a report on the outcome of the turf trial prior to any extension or further implementation</p>	<p>Council's Manager Parks and Reserves has advised that several reports on the Hybrid Turf Trial were presented to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group. At its meeting held 19 August 2019 the Group resolved to recommend:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report in relation to Synthetic Surfaces - New Technologies be received. 2. That the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with a trial of hybrid turf in Primrose Park within the goal mouth (a 100m² area). 3. That the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with the (5%) hybrid turf and (95%) natural grass as soon as possible, and that the hybrid turf be "ready for use" to play on. 4. That Council conduct community consultation. 	Closed for Council

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			<p>5. That Council share results with the NSROC Committee.</p> <p>These recommendations were then adopted by Council at its meeting held 23 September 2019 was an approved project that went through the Sport and Recreation Reference Group and subsequently Council.</p> <p>Posters were displayed on site for 3-4 weeks prior to the project being undertaken. Reports on the progress and findings of this trial will be provided to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group over the next 12 months.</p> <p>Council's Community Engagement Coordinator advises that notification was sent to Precinct Committees adjacent to Primrose Park (Brightmore, Bay and Park Precinct Committee). Willoughby Bay Precinct Committee will be included in future correspondence.</p>	
	6	<p>Rate Instalment Notices - A Precinct member has suggested that instead of rate instalment reminder notices being mailed out each quarter, the one initial notice simply have four tear-off slips. Precinct suggests this may possibly save Council a six or seven figure sum annually and asks Council to consider review and implementation.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Revenue Services has advised that the Precinct Committee's suggestion is not possible due to legislative requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> - section 562 (refer to part 4 and 5):</p> <p>Payment of rates and annual charges</p> <p>(1) Annual rates and charges may be paid in a single instalment or by quarterly instalments.</p> <p>(2) If payment is made by quarterly instalments, each instalment is to be a quarter of the rates or charges, disregarding any remainder, together, in the case of the first instalment, with the</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p><i>remainder. However, if the amount of an instalment, other than the first instalment, is not a multiple of 10 cents, the amount of each instalment in excess of a multiple of 10 cents is to be subtracted from that instalment and added to the first instalment.</i></p> <p><i>(3) Except as provided by subsection (4) -</i></p> <p><i>(a) if payment is made in a single instalment, the instalment is payable by 31 August, and</i></p> <p><i>(b) if payment is made by quarterly instalments, the instalments are payable by 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May.</i></p> <p><i>(4) If the rates and charges notice is not served by 1 August -</i></p> <p><i>(a) the single instalment (if payment is made in a single instalment), or</i></p> <p><i>(b) the first 2 instalments (if payment is made by quarterly instalments), is or are payable by 30 November, or by the day that is 30 days after service of the notice, whichever is the later.</i></p> <p><i>(5) On or before 31 October, 31 January and 30 April, a council must send reminder notices (to be sent separately from the rates and charges notice) to each person whose rates and charges are being paid by quarterly instalments.</i></p>	
January	No meeting			