

**WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT**  
**PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT**  
**SYSTEM**



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**  
**THURSDAY 9th March 2023**  
**COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** 14 people attended the meeting  
**APOLOGIES:** 6 were recorded

**COVID-19 MEETING SAFETY PROCEDURES**

In accordance with COVID-19 meeting safety procedures, all attendees used the hand sanitiser, which was supplied and tables were wiped down before and after the meeting with the sanitiser. The COVID-19 signage was displayed. Social distancing was observed and no one reported feeling unwell. No unregistered persons attended the meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes for the 9th February 2023 meeting were adopted

***Motion carried: 11 in favour, 3 abstentions, 0 against***

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Sink Hole / Abandoned cars** – Precinct members have reported that the sink hole in front of 45 Wonga Road is now repaired and that the abandoned cars at 139 Young Street and Fifth Avenue have been removed.

**Woolworths Rangers Road Planning Proposal PP 1/23**

Precinct Chair and Correspondence Secretary made a submission to Council, setting out concerns, relating to excessive height, traffic and lack of pedestrian connectivity to the public plaza and requesting Council seek improvements including:

- Minimisation of the maximum building heights and appropriate setbacks to address concerns, about over shadowing, scale and bulk
- improvements to the public plaza with dedication to Council and
- deletion of 88 public car spaces.

Council's Director City Strategy has advised Precinct Chair that Woolworths' proposal is likely to be considered by the Local Planning Panel in April and by Council in May.

**Brothers Park**

Precinct Chair and Correspondence Secretary made a submission to Council seeking pruning of the cypress pine and planting of a native garden.

Council's Supervisor Parks and Gardens has advised Parks and Gardens do not have the resources for establishing and maintaining a native garden. Regarding concerns of water runoff, he said he has not seen evidence of erosion of the embankment but perhaps the drainage channel at the bottom of the embankment needs cleaning out. A meeting on site will be held next week. RL has spoken with

Bushcare and they have suggested, and RL also likes, Myoporum parviflorum which gives good ground cover and is maintenance free.

RL is proposing another gardening bee (the last 3 called off due to bad weather) for 9am Tuesday 14 March.

### **Memorial Refurbishment – possible reduction in memorial height**

Council's Streets Alive Coordinator has provided a mock-up of a possible reduction in height of the memorial as part of a refurbishment. This could provide seating and enhance views. The planter box could be converted to a seat / bench. Precinct Chair noted that a Precinct member who is an apology tonight had advised he would prefer the memorial to be somewhat higher than the mock-up. A show of hands indicated that attendees supported the height shown in the mock-up without dissension.

A Precinct resident has raised the issue of bequeathing a memorial bench to the Park after her death. **She asked could Council please advise what its policy would be in this situation.** PM advised Precinct's prior experience has been that Council will consider a memorial bench but will not make prior arrangements.

### **Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place Upgrades – Revised Concept Designs**

Correspondence Secretary made a presentation regarding the Site Walkthrough 8 March 2023.

**Motion 1: THAT Precinct fully supports Langley Place Upgrade - Option 2 at the Siborg (Parraween Street) end and Option 1 at the Military Road end.**

**Motion carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against**

**Motion 2: 1. THAT Precinct has a slight preference with the Cremorne Plaza Upgrade for Option 2.**

**2. THAT Precinct is concerned that the temporary shade structures with wind/rain blinds ("tents") erected by business lessees will seriously detract from the proposed upgrade and urges Council to approach the relevant businesses to seek a contribution towards replacing the tents with permanent structures designed to complement the upgrade.**

**Motion carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against**

Note: A photograph of permanent structures at Lane Cove Plaza was circulated as an example. A resident commented that all plants should be low maintenance.

**Motion 3: THAT Precinct thanks Council for the excellent community engagement on this project.**

**Motion carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against**

Council is holding a Design Workshop on 22 March 2023 (registration essential) and there is a drop-in Information Stall on 27 March 2023 from 4pm to 6pm. Submissions close 3 April 2023.

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Council's Response to Precinct's February 2023 Minutes

**Woolworths Rangers Road Planning Proposal – Council's Senior Strategic Planner notes the Precinct Committee's preliminary feedback on recently lodged PP 1/23.**

**Brothers Park** – Council’s Supervisor Parks & Gardens will contact the Precinct Chair to arrange a site visit to discuss.

**Primrose Park Reconfiguration (Item 10.05, Council Meeting 30 January 2023)** – Council at its meeting of 30 January 2023 considered Item 10.05 and resolved:

1. *THAT the Primrose Park Reconfiguration Project be endorsed for public exhibition for a minimum period of 42 days.*
2. *THAT a further report be provided to Council following the conclusion of the public exhibition period for the purpose of considering any submissions received and adopting the project.*

The public exhibition period is expected to start in early March. Further information will be provided to the Precinct Committee in due course.

**CPC Meeting Agenda 21 February 2023 (motion proposed for “Neutral Bay Alive”)** – Included on the Combined Precinct Committee (CPC) agenda for 21 February 2023.

**DA 409/22 at 40 Brightmore Street, Cremorne** – Council’s Senior Assessment Officer has advised that feedback closed on 3 February 2023 and the application is currently being assessed.

**Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place Upgrades** – Council’s Project Manager has advised that the Precinct Committee’s preliminary feedback is noted. All preliminary feedback received was used to inform the revised concept designs which are on public exhibition from 20 February to 3 April 2023.

Interested Precinct/community members can register for the workshop at:

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

**Abandoned Car in Fifth Avenue** – Council’s Impounding Support Officer has advised staff attended on 19 February 2023 and the vehicle was gone.

**Interim Heritage Order 115-119 Holt Avenue** – the Minister has issued an Interim Heritage Order for another 12 months.

- **Traffic Committee Meeting (10/2)**

- ❖ **Item 6.1** – Pedestrian Safety – Gerard Street/Macpherson Street Intersection  
Correspondence Secretary reports he was almost hit by a car on this crossing 2 days ago.

- **Traffic Committee Meeting (17/3)**

- ❖ Agenda & Papers yet to be issued.

- **Council Meeting (27/2)**

- ❖ **Item 8.1** – Welcome to new Councillor John Lepouris. Precinct Chair to invite Cr Lepouris to be Precinct’s guest at a future meeting.
- ❖ **Item 8.2** – 115-119 Holt Ave Extension of Interim Heritage Order
- ❖ **Item 10.6** – Edward & Union Precinct Merger – Euroka Precinct
- ❖ **Item 10.14** – Bradfield Park Legal Advice

- **Council Meeting (28/2)**
- ❖ Item 7.1 – Bradfield Park Legal Advice
- **Council Meeting (1/3)**
- ❖ Item 5.1 – Rescission Motion – Bradfield Park Legal Advice
- **Council Meeting (13/3)**
- ❖ Item 10.2 – Planning Proposal 4/22 Prohibition of Residential Flat Buildings in the R3 Medium Density Residential Zone
- ❖ Item 10.5 – North Sydney Council Bi Monthly Waste Clean up

**Precinct Chair to write to Councillors in time for Council Meeting (13/3) affirming the following:**

***Motion:* THAT Precinct supports both Planning Proposal 4/22 and the continuation of the Bi - Monthly Waste Clean up.**

***Motion carried: 14 in favour, 0 abstentions, 0 against***

- **CPC Meeting (21/2)**
- ❖ CPC Meeting Draft Minutes
- **Council Memoranda**
- ❖ 14 Feb – Precinct Admin & Staffing Update
- ❖ 14 Feb – Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study early engagement – drop-in information sessions on 23 and 25 February – **a Precinct member has reported that there was no one there at 12 noon on Saturday 25 February. The session was advertised as being open until 1.00pm.**
- ❖ 22 Feb – Planning Proposal 12-14 Waters Road, Neutral Bay – DPE led public exhibition closes 22 March 2023
- ❖ 23 Feb – Memo – Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place public domain upgrades
- ❖ 24 Feb – RecycleSmart Flyer **Precinct Chair to send out information on this.**
- ❖ 3 Mar – Ridge Street shared user bridge access & Alfred Street North road layout options
- ❖ 3 Mar – Draft CPC Minutes – 21 Feb 2023
- ❖ 6 Mar – Public Exhibition of Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement for 12-14 Waters Road, Neutral Bay
- ❖ 6 Mar – Brothers Memorial Park Email from Simon Ward Supervisor Parks & Gardens
- ❖ 7 Mar – Memo – Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place public domain upgrades
- ❖ 8 Mar – Public Exhibition of the Primrose Park Sports Field Reconfiguration concept designs feedback closes Tuesday 18 April 2023
- ❖ 8 Mar – Australasian Management Challenge Community Interviews – call for volunteers to be interviewed (EOI closes 15 March)
- ❖ 9 Mar – New Precinct System Logo – preliminary input due by 6 April. The new logo will launch in late May 2023 at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration event.

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

There were no Development Applications.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Boat Trailers / Graffiti / Dangerous steps**

A Precinct member has reported 2 boat trailers sitting at the corner of Wonga & Lodge Roads which have been there for several months.

Graffiti has reappeared on 2 rock faces on the path leading down from Grafton Street to the tennis courts. The Precinct member has emailed Council complete with photographs. There were originally 3 pieces of graffiti. One has been removed but the other 2 remain.

Steps adjacent to 149 Young Street are crumbling. Pieces are falling off which create hazardous walking conditions.

### **Request for Handrails**

A Precinct member has requested a handrail from Tobruk Avenue down the path to Brightmore Reserve. Council has put steps in but the terrain is fairly rugged.

The Precinct member has also requested if possible a handrail on the path leading down from Lambert Street Cammeray to Primrose Park.

### **Tree Disputes Between Neighbours – issue raised by Precinct member**

Precinct Chair advised tree disputes in NSW are governed by legislation. Any resident in this situation should refer to the *Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Act 2006* which sets out how disputes can be resolved by the court. The Act also applies to high hedges. It is best to try and reach a cooperative solution. You must make a reasonable effort to resolve the dispute before going to court. Also, the Community Justice Centre offers a free mediation service which has great success in resolving disputes. Tree disputes are not a Council matter and Council does not mediate. The Act does not apply to trees on Council land. There is no right to prune a tree that intrudes onto your property. Hedges can be trimmed but, with some exemptions, you will need a Council permit for pruning or removing a tree.

### **Lack of Illumination in St Leonards Park**

A Precinct member has raised concerns over inadequate lighting in St Leonards Park on the path between Ridge Street and Falcon Street.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 13 April 2023

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