

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2023 Milson 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 a 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	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
November		DA 296/2023, 145 Carabella St, Kirribilli - Excavation and construction of a basement below an existing residential dwelling" ... this is currently a fully demolished terrace site. Maybe NSC should review this DA for accuracy of details.	Comment is noted by Council's Senior Assessment Officer. The application is currently under assessment, which includes a review of all submitted information.	Closed for Council
		Garbage in Fitzroy St - This is too close to the new operator "Pasture" - garbage should be greater than 5m away from a restaurant. Could NSC please ensure that this neighbouring properties' garbage does not impact upon this new business?	Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that placement of residential bins needs to be accessible to our waste contractor for collection and must be presented a few meters from the street alignment. Council staff cannot enforce the location of where commercial bins are placed as Council does not provide	Open/Ongoing

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			<p>a commercial waste collection service (except for designate areas).</p> <p>The Precinct Committee is asked to provide more details e.g. is it a permanent bin placement? Is it just when bin is out for collection? Is it near the front entrance to the food shop? Is it a commercial bin? (advise bin colour and company name on bin)</p>	
		<p>Homeless person living in Fitzroy St tunnel - There was aggressive towards residents and customers - with bad language, which was impacted by alcohol. Is this an alcohol free zone? Could NSC address this situation into the future.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Community Development has advised that Council staff are aware of this matter and have been attending the location at regular intervals to monitor the situation and ascertain if the individuals are willing to accept assistance. The men are not always present. The men have not shown aggression towards Council staff but have rejected assistance they have stated they are already on priority housing waiting lists which have extended delays.</p> <p>Community Development staff have accompanied the Street Cleansing team to clean the area more often in an attempt to remove rubbish.</p> <p>Staff have referred the matter to the Lower North Shore Network of Homeless Services, including the North Sydney Police Vulnerable Persons Officer and Mission Australia, who visited the site but the gentlemen were not present. They will continue to attempt to establish contact and provide appropriate support if accepted.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<p>Homeless Concerns - Concerns were raised by many, with the number of people living rough, with so much funding being currently spent on both state and local development within the lower north shore - we ask what is NSC doing to address the homelessness problems.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Community Development noted the Precinct Committee's feedback and has advised that the Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places assists and guides government, non-government organisations, and private businesses as to how to interact and engage with people experiencing homelessness, so they are treated respectfully, with dignity, and do not face discrimination. The Mental Health Act and Police powers underpin Council's authority and ability to act in this area. It is important for the Precinct Committee to be aware of the limits of Council's powers as described above.</p> <p>More information regarding Council's support of the homeless is available from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/communitydirecto ry • Homeless Strategy (2013) 	Closed for Council
		<p>Season decorations - Some of the business operators in Kirribilli are not happy with the NSC Christmas decorations for the village area - which are very low key, not bringing much joy for the festive season. This has been mentioned over several years. Could NSC look at a review of the Christmas decorations for the village?</p>	<p>Council's Manager Communications & Events has advised that the Precinct Committee's feedback is appreciated. Council have stayed with wreaths in the Kirribilli village because there has not been an open central area to place other decorations. When the permanent Burton St plaza is complete in 2024, Council will look at whether a different type of decoration can be incorporated for next year.</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>Bush Turkeys - Could the Brush Turkeys be dealt with by TfNSW - as they are a concern for the traffic throughout the village?</p>	<p>Council's A/Manager Environmental Services has advised that staff have met with residents to assist where possible with alleviating negative impacts caused by Brush Turkeys in the Broughton/Winslow Street area.</p> <p>Brush Turkeys are a protected native animal under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act and consequently, Council does not have authority to relocate or cull Brush Turkeys in order to reduce this localised population.</p> <p>Residents suffering particular health-related or property damage issues have been advised to contact the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the agency responsible for regulating native wildlife.</p> <p>One of the main drivers of Brush Turkey population density in the Milson Precinct is thought to be habitual feeding by certain local residents. On two separate occasions, Council has delivered educational letters to street blocks where regular feeding has been reported as occurring. Further engagement on this issue in partnership with the Precinct Committee would be welcomed by the Council.</p> <p>With respect to TfNSW, local roads such as those around Kirribilli are under Council's management; TfNSW are unlikely to take responsibility for wildlife traffic hazards.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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October		Kirribilli Streetscape Committee update - Bligh Street work is proceeding; paving will be extended until the intersection of Burton and Broughton Street. Community was asked, what next?	Council's Project Manager has advised that the Kirribilli works along Bligh Street are on track to be completed by the end of October 2023, ensuring enhanced streetscape for the community. Following this, the paving upgrades on Broughton Street will progress and are anticipated to be finalised by the end of November 2023. The construction of Burton Street's permanent plaza is scheduled to commence in March/April 2024.	Closed for Council
		Elamang Street - Nature strip in front of Loreto on Elamang is in a terrible state, Milson Precinct asks that attention is given to this strip and it is kept in a tidy state.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that the verge was damaged during the nearby construction works and once completed the contractor fixed the verge with quite small plants that didn't fill the bed. Council is looking at the possibility of installing tiers (sleepers or stonework) then fill planting with something to cover the area, but such is pending budget approval in the 2024/25 FY. In the meantime, this area is attended to on a monthly basis for regular maintenance.	Closed for Council
		Trip Hazard - Upper McDougall Street brush turkeys have created a trip hazard when making mounds (debris on the street. This is a public health issue, could Council please look at this and address it?	Council Supervisor Street Cleaning has requested for further information as the exact location of these mounds. UPDATE (24 October 2023) Precinct Committee has advised that hazards have been removed.	Closed for Council
		Third Party Event - Sydney Marathon has left cable ties, sand bags along Alfred Street. Milson Precinct asks that	Council's Events Officer has advised that after a site visit no items were found left behind by marathon organisers.	Closed for Council

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		NSC contact the marathon organisers and ask that they please clean the mess?	UPDATE (24 October 2023) Precinct Committee has advised that hazards have been removed.	
		Jacaranda Season - Can Milson Precinct please have the adopted plans for traffic management?	Refer to memorandum provided to Milson Precinct on 16 October 2023.	Closed for Council
		DA 371/17 - Did Loreto pay a fee to have the road fixed up on Elamang Avenue after their renovations? If not, will council fix the road?	Council's Development Engineer has advised that the development works at Loreto were approved by the Minister for Planning as a State Significant Development (SSD 7919). Council's reference is D371/17. The Minister approved Consent does not condition any bonds to be paid and a search of Council records revealed that no bonds were paid. Therefore, Council will be required to repair the road. The section of Elamang Ave in question was subject to a Work Zone and Stand Plant approvals. Council's Assets Engineering Officer advised that this section of Elamang Ave is planned to be re-sheeted in FY26, but may be brought forward were practical.	Closed for Council
September	GB	Speed in the village - Milson Precinct would like to suggest the investigation of a 30km p/h speed limit introduced throughout the whole peninsula.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Council would support a 30km/h speed limit wherever practical. TfNSW sets speed limits on all roads throughout New South Wales. 30km speed limits require extensive community support, community members should submit a request to TfNSW to have the speed	Closed for Council

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			limited reviewed via the safer roads website: https://www.saferroadsnsw.com.au/	
August	1	St. Aloysius Communications Director re Development - Milson Precinct encourages the Mayor to write a letter to the local Catholic and Independent schools to encourage them to pay a voluntary contribution that is comparable to rates on any properties that they currently own or purchase in the future.	Noted by Council's EA to the Mayor.	Closed for Council
	GB1	General Business and Information - Three dead possums in Hipwood Street over a 2.5-week time frame - possibly from WHT/WFU displacement marsupials looking for new homes. Could NSC look at installing more possum houses?	<p>Council's Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that the Bushland Team will meet with the Tree Management Officer to evaluate potential opportunities for nestbox installations in/around Hipwood St. However, most street trees on Hipwood St are smaller-growing Chinese Tallowoods, not especially suited to hosting a successful nestbox. The majority of larger, more suitable trees are on private land. The Precinct Committee could encourage concerned locals with large trees on their property to install a nest box. Council sells nest boxes through our Customer Service Centre (200 Miller St) at below cost price.</p> <p>Whilst tree removals associated with the WFU/WHT project may be a contributing factor in these possum deaths, it should also be noted that young / sub-adult possums do become more active in spring and are vulnerable to vehicle strike and cat/dog attacks, so the recent spate of deaths could be a result of the early start</p>	Closed for Council

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			to spring weather conditions prompting dispersal of young possums.	
	GB2	General Business and Information - Request that Council do a 'street lighting' audit, especially for Bligh St, Crescent Place, and Carabella Street as there are many dark zones, with many trip hazards on footpaths that are not seen in the darkness.	<p>Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that the streetlights in this area are under the control of Ausgrid. Ausgrid are currently undertaking an LGA-wide upgrade and audit of their streetlights. However, if there are any faults or issues with specific lights, we can refer the street light number or the area where a number of faults are occurring to Ausgrid requesting that they repair the light.</p> <p>Ausgrid in partnership with close to 33 councils, North Sydney LGA has just had stage one of the local road streetlights upgraded with LED luminaire, bringing lighting in line with the Public Lighting Code.</p> <p>Community members can also refer the issue directly to Ausgrid requesting repair https://www.ausgrid.com.au/In-your-community/Our-services/Streetlights#!/map</p>	Closed for Council
May	2	DA 100/23 Installation of freestanding Advertising Sign in Broughton Street at Burton Street - Advertising on one side and interactive NSC information to be available on the other side; placement shown to be on the bridge side of Broughton St at Burton St. where the extended pedXing should be ... wrong place ... Submissions by 19 May 2023. Motion: Milson Precinct objects to this proposed signage	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that Council has engaged external independent planning consultants to undertake an assessment of the proposed advertising panel in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policies.	Closed for Council

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		and its proposed placement; but appreciate the need for communication for council events; any method of communication envisaged needs to be consistent and in accord with the Kirribilli Masterplan; should be tasteful and in keeping with the proposed upgrade to Kirribilli area; public amenity should not be compromised by association of commercial operations; could suggest the use of the outside of the Telcom box on Burton Street for the electronic information board for NSC.	The signage proposals have been prepared following a Council tender process for Advertising on Selected Council Infrastructure, which concluded in February 2022. The assessment of advertising structures against planning controls, including consideration of submissions, will be addressed at a later date by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel, who operates independent of North Sydney Council. The concerns expressed in the submissions received in response to the formal public consultation process will be considered both by the independent planning consultant and the Planning Panel at that time. Those submitters to the proposal(s) will also be able to address the Local Planning Panel before they are determined.	
	3	Electric Vehicle Charging Points: Have your Say by 5 June 2023 and drop a pin in the places on the map - Potential locations: Go-Get car spaces: At light power poles - like UK; parking meters - like Paris; trench under footpaths to gutter - for power from own house if no off-street parking available; specific spaces - Hipwood Car Park; Ennis Road far end.	Council's Senior Sustainability Program Coordinator notes the Precinct Committee's comments, which will be considered as a submission.	Closed for Council
April	16	Elamang Avenue works - will be taken on notice, the Mayor will be asking the Council to give an update as to whether it's possible to stagger works in future.	Council's Acting Director Engineering and Property Services has advised that the works in both Elamang Ave and Willoughby St relate to a large upgrade of the existing Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) which required the stormwater drainage connecting to this GPT to be	Closed for Council

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			upgraded and reconfigured at the same time. In this instance, the works could not be staged.	
February		<p>Stormwater Issues in Kirribilli - Stormwater issues on McDougall Street properties. The responsibilities of Council and residents were discussed - private common lines for old stock houses. Records don't exist - or aren't accessible - of many stormwater plans. Stormwater maps should start to be developed. Motion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council undertake a stormwater awareness campaign, including but not limited to responsibilities of property owners and responsibilities of Council in relation to stormwater management. 2. The Precinct requests that Council enforces the DA conditions of consent regarding stormwater management and does not change conditions without alerting nearby properties and properties downstream and providing a period for submission. 3. The Precinct requests that Council enforces rectification orders in a timely manner. 4. The Precinct requests that Council strongly enforces the conditions of consent under both the DCP and LEP in regard to stormwater management and enforce the compliance issues for exempt and complying developments. 	Council's Manager Environmental & Building Compliance has advised that this motion would require funding to proceed, and it will be unlikely to be raised at this stage. In relation to part 1, this issue is not part of a statutory requirement.	Closed for Council
	GB1	<p>Kirribilli Streetscape update - community members spoke at Council in December and had a unanimous vote that the history and character of Kirribilli be reflected in the</p>	Council considered report Item 10.02 at its meeting 13 February 2023 and resolved:	Closed for Council

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		<p>Burton St Plaza upgrades, and then be reflected in the master plan. The community is hoping that the new plans will be discussed at the next council meeting.</p>	<p>1. THAT Council note the input from the Aboriginal Heritage Office, Council's Strategic Planning team, the Open Space design team and Council's Heritage officer.</p> <p>2. THAT Council adopt Option 1C for Burton Street as the preferred option with the inclusion of modified design elements as outlined in this report.</p> <p>4. THAT Council proceeds with detailed design and construction of the permanent closure of Burton Street – Option 1C.</p> <p>5. THAT Council adopt Option 1C for Bligh Street Shared Zone as the preferred option with the inclusion of modified design elements as outlined in this report.</p> <p>6. THAT Council proceeds with detailed design and construction of the Bligh Street Shared Zone – Option 1C.</p> <p>7. THAT Council note the successful \$950,000 grant funding for the implementation of Bligh Street Shared Zone, and the funding deadline of 2 October 2023 to finish construction.</p> <p>8. THAT Council receive a report detailing future opportunities to incorporate public art within the project area, including a memorial to the late Jim Saad.</p> <p>9. THAT Council promptly progresses the memorial bronze sculpture to the late Jim Saad as shown in the report.</p> <p>10. THAT all materials in the pop-up not to be reused in this project, be repurposed for use elsewhere in the LGA. If unable to be used elsewhere in the LGA, then they be used elsewhere in NSW.</p> <p>The revised concept plans were publicly exhibited for 42 days from 20 February to 3 April 2023. The feedback received will be collated, analysed and reported to Council in due course.</p>	

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	GB2	<p>Except and Complying Development Concerns - Milson Precinct members have observed that residential development works are being undertaken under the umbrella of exempt and complying development, however, the actual works are not always in compliance with the specific conditions applying to these developments under the applicable development codes. Adversely affected residents rely on Council to exercise their statutory responsibilities. Motion: Milson Precinct requests that when notified of concerns from residents regarding exempt and complying development, that Council ensures that works are conducted in compliance with the conditions under the codes set out in the NSW legislation. Moved: MS Seconded: MC Unanimous</p>	<p>Council's Manager Development Services has advised that Council's development engineers are aware of the issues surrounding joint stormwater drains (and sewers). Wherever possible a direct connection is sought to either the street gutter or a council-managed storm water drain. As with all modification application which may impact adjoining owners, stormwater changes are notified wherever appropriate.</p> <p>If the Precinct Committee is aware of any concerns in this regard, they should be raised with the Team Leader - Building Compliance and they will be addressed.</p>	Closed for Council