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**Minutes of the General Meeting held on Monday, 20 February 2023 at 6.30pm
at Northbridge Golf Club**

Present	18 people attended as per the attendance sheet – 12 from Bay Precinct, 2 from Plateau, and 4 from other Precincts.
Chair:	PW declared the meeting declared open 6.30 pm with the Three Pillars Acknowledgement. He advised the wording is his own, developed from the work of Noel Pearson. He requested feedback from residents of this Acknowledgement. It is attached to these minutes.
Apologies:	Apologies received from Tim James (MP), KD, LR & AS.
Minutes of August GM	Minutes of the General Meeting held on August 15, 2022, were adopted.
Correspondence Sent and Received	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE SENT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bay residents Minutes of Nov AGM. • LS Thank you for donation of a data projector. • NSC Tree removal, 38 Cowdroy Av. <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSC Various DA's. • NSC Planning proposal – 601 Pacific Highway, St Leonards. • NSC Neutral Bay Town Centre Planning Study. • LR Recommending actions regarding footpath access to Tunks Park, and highlighting problems about traffic and driving speed in The Boulevarde. • NSC Guidance concerning merging of Precincts.
Address – Goal & Objectives for 2023	PW led a discussion to encourage community engagement with our ecological systems. He advised that the Committee set this goal and objectives for 2023:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal for 2023 Replace and increase ecologically sustainable greenspace in our precinct and surrounds. • Objectives for 2023 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve community access to and through our green spaces in our precinct and surrounds. 2. That the control buildings, six stories high, planned for construction in Cammeray Park bordering Ernest St be built underground with green space above, linking Cammeray Park with Anzac Park. <p>In support of the first objective, PW displayed a map, showing how a walk could be constructed, linking Cammeray village to Neutral Bay. Ease of walking access between these suburbs has been lost by the destruction of Cammeray Park.</p> <p>He also advocated Bay's continuing focus that the Control Centres (six storeys high) be built underground, enabling green space to be developed above them on a bridge linking Cammeray Park and Anzac Park. This continuing campaign will support the second objective.</p> <p>Bay will lobby decision makers and interact with the media in support of our goal and objectives, while seeking support from Council.</p> <p>BE added that there are 2,000 residences in Bay & Plateau Precincts. He urged attendees to spread the word through their own neighbourhoods, encouraging more people to attend future Bay General Meetings.</p> <p>During this discussion, Sarah Griffin, the ALP candidate for the Electorate of Willoughby, announced her presence at the meeting and contributed to this and subsequent discussions. She was welcomed to the meeting.</p>
<p>Election of Secretary</p>	<p>Nominations were called to fill the position of Secretary. PM was nominated by JB. JB was nominated by MD, but declined, advising he was already an office bearer. PM was elected and was thanked for his continuing service to Bay.</p>
<p>Plateau Precinct</p>	<p>BE reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on the tunnel projects will continue for at least the next 5 years. • Bay's position has always been to obtain the best possible outcome for the community. • Cammeray Park is in Plateau Precinct, which has been inactive since 2010.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is critically important that Plateau residents have a voice continuing through the tunnel construction phase. • At Bay's AGM in Nov, a motion was passed to take the next steps to merge Plateau and Bay Precincts. • Council has now advised Bay of the process to follow for this to occur. This process will take several months to implement. • The first step is to convene a meeting of Plateau residents. This meeting to be chaired by the Mayor of NSC, or her delegate. • At this meeting of Plateau residents, it may be preferable for Plateau to decide themselves to reactive as a Precinct in their own right – another viable option for the future. <p>JB expressed his view that the interests of the community would be best served if Plateau Precinct was reactivated, working together with Bay and other Precincts on common concerns.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to keep both options open.</p>
<p>NSW State Election</p>	<p>BE advised these people declared their candidacy for the Electorate of Willoughby at the NSW State Election on March 25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim James Liberal (Current Member) • Sarah Griffin ALP • Larissa Penn Independent • Edmund McGrath Greens • Michael Want Sustainable Aust <p>Conducting a “Meet the Candidates” meeting will be considered at the Combined Precincts Meeting the following night. Residents will be advised.</p>



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General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• BE referred to the content of the email from Bay resident LR requesting discussion of these matters:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Development of safer walking access to Tunks Park.2. Advocating parking restrictions and reduced driving speed along The Boulevarde, Cammeray.3. Desirability of meeting with the State ALP Leader and Shadow Minister for Roads.• Attendees supported each matter. BE advised he will write to Council regarding matters (1) and (2); and that attempts to meet with the ALP Leaders have been unsuccessful to date.• MR said that Pine St also needs attention. There are large areas of green slime on the footpath at 28 Pine Street, and holes in the gutters elsewhere. Gutters can't be cleared and cleaned because cars are continually parked on the street. BE agreed to include this in the letter to Council.
Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.



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Three Pillars Acknowledgment

Welcome to the Bay Precinct Meeting at Northbridge Golf Club. I would like to open this evening's event, by acknowledging the three pillars of our Australian society.

“Our ancient heritage, our British inheritance, and our multicultural triumph”

By saying we are of Cammeraygal Country, we carry forward an ancient idea, the sandstone place where we live is sacred. We belong to this place - *not the other way around!*

The British part is in our language. It's in the dignity, we see in each other as individuals. It is in our freedom to organise ourselves into little secular platoons - *like this committee!*

The multicultural part speaks to the point that we have become a beacon to the world, and we are making a society of people from its four corners - *our society is a work in progress!*

That's why we are here tonight. To get on with that work.