

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) Bay Precinct 2023

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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November	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
August	2	Bushwalking in our Precinct - Discussion about enhancing the bushland walks in Bay Precinct and neighbouring ones. a) Tunks Park can be connected to Cammeray Park and Primrose Park.	Council's A/Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that Tunks Park, Cammeray Park and Primrose Park are separated by extensive areas of residential housing. There are no opportunities to create a link between these three parks through Council's bushland reserves. However, it may be possible to designate a linkage by combining various existing footpath routes and installing signposting. This kind of project is beyond the scope of Council's Bushland Management Team.	Open/Ongoing
		b) The WFH has severed one of two walking paths through Cammeray Park, which need to be reinstated.	The Precinct Committee is requested to provide further explanation for allocation to the appropriate team for investigation.	

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		c) A desire line from Cammeray Park to the Falcon St underpass has been severed.	The Precinct Committee is requested to provide further explanation for allocation to the appropriate team for investigation.	
		d) Council owned land could be used to create a bush track connecting Cowdroy Ave to Tunks Park.	Council's A/Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that there is a parcel of Council-owned land adjoining No. 2 Cowdroy Ave that could potentially provide a future linkage to Tunks Park. However, this would require a detailed feasibility assessment as the connecting topography is steep, rocky and very close to other potential constraints including remnant bushland and recorded Aboriginal heritage sites.	
		e) Stairs down to the park on the southern side should be built.	The Precinct Committee is requested to provide further explanation for allocation to the appropriate team for investigation e.g. exact location.	
		f) The Northbridge Stairs should be reinstated, improving pedestrian access to Tunks Park.	Council's A/Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that this area belongs to Willoughby City Council.	
		g) Bush Track could be created in the southern arm of Flat Rock Gully connecting Tunks Park to Crows Nest.	Council's A/Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that bushland in Tunks Park supports the highest diversity of native species recorded in the North Sydney LGA, including native wildlife that are found nowhere else in the area. One of the reasons for this diversity is the lack of public access points through much of the bushland reserve, particularly on the western side of the Strathallan Bridge. Council's Bushland Management Team strongly advise against any track incursions into the remaining bushland areas of Tunks Park for the	

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			reasons outlined in the <i>Tunks Park Masterplan</i> - Section 2.7.1 - PEDESTRIAN ACCESS. Walking tracks through the Bushland areas of Tunks Park are naturally limited due to the difficult terrain, as well as the need to protect existing habitats from the impacts of track systems. This safeguard would extend to the concept of the circuit track should it affect remnant bushland and or the buffer plantings that protect them.	
		h) There is a desire line between St Leonards Park and Jeaffreson Jackson Reserve.	The Precinct Committee is requested to provide further information on this request/comment.	
		i) West St Nth Sydney provides an easily accessible and beautiful route to Flat Rock Gully and Tunks Park.	Council's A/Bushland Management Co-ordinator has advised that the existing suburban footpaths provide adequate linkages from West St to Tunks Park and Flat Rock Gully.	
		Tunks Park is Crown Land and must be accessible to the public. Are we getting back the 2.7 hectares of construction zone land at Cammeray Park?	<p>Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised that the Crown Land that forms the road project construction site (west of the new pathway In Cammeray Park) has been resumed under the <i>Roads Act</i> by Transport for NSW. This has been carried out in conjunction with Crown Lands NSW. Most of this construction site has been removed from Council care and control permanently.</p> <p>TfNSW have repeatedly stated that the area to the north occupied by a 'temporary' bus layover will be returned to the community. It is unclear what the medium and long term status of this land will be.</p>	

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			Council continues to lobby Transport for NSW to comply with the planning approval requirement that there be 'no net loss' of open space.	
	3	<p>Further Enhancements of Tunks Park - Tunks Park is the beating heart of our Precinct. AC presented concepts for further enhancements, many of which are within the Tunks Park Master Plan (2018). The visuals AC used at the meeting were incorporated into Bay's submission to the Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan. This was submitted to NSC following this meeting. It is also attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing walkway on the southern side is a cul-de-sac. Recommend this be extended along the northern perimeter creating a walking circuit. • More seating and low shade trees, like the plantings on the foreshore in Mortlock Reserve, should be added on the southern side. • Circuit pathway could be beautified with selected plantings and inlets for picnic tables. Native plants would provide shelter for small animals, reptiles, insects, and birds. • Storm water is discharged onto the northern side of the park, making the northern track unusable after rain. Recommend increasing pit capacity and connecting the storm water outlets into the culvert. • For similar reasons, increase pit capacity at the Flat Rock Gully end. • New seating could be in the form of attractive sandstone bollards. 	Council's Landscape Planner/Architect has noted the Precinct Committee's submission and will be responded as part of the report to the Council, where all submissions on the draft Foreshore Parks & Reserves PoM are considered. Anticipated timing is late Nov/Dec 2023.	Closed for Council

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pedestrian crossing on Brothers Av is required for safety. <p>Other comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Sydney Council has received a share in a \$500k environmental grant. These funds could be used to rectify problems in Tunks Park. Pedestrian access to the park is poor. NSC should investigate creating a walking track along the cliff face. There is no clear plan for public transport access to the park, or to reduce traffic. Bush tracks from bus stops could be part of the solution. aware of indigenous heritage sites. <p>Recommendations submitted to Council by the Precinct.</p>		
May	GB3	<p>Tunks Park - NO advised that the foreshore water at Tunks Park smells foul. She recommends dredging along the foreshore. Council requested to authorise dredging. Secretary will write to Council.</p>	<p>Noted by Council's A/Director Open Space & Infrastructure and Manager Parks & Reserves. Further information is requested from the Precinct Committee to investigate - correspondence indicated not yet received.</p>	Open/Ongoing
February		<p>Plateau Precinct - 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. 	<p>Noted by Council's Manager Corporate Planning & Engagement. Council can assist with determining community interest in reactivating a Precinct area. A recent example is Cremorne Point Precinct - Council prepare a flyer which was letterboxed within the Precinct area, advising a community meeting to be held to discuss the reactivation proposal. Council staff facilitate the meeting, explain what's involved in running a Precinct Committee, field questions and discussion to</p>	Closed for Council

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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. The meeting agreed to keep both options open.</p>	<p>determine community sentiment. If there is majority interest in reactivating the Committee, then Council seeks expressions of interest from community members willing to act as the interim office bearers. Council staff help the office beaters to convene the first few meetings.</p> <p>Alternatively, should Bay Precinct wish to further explore a merger with the inactive Bay Precinct area, then the following procedure applies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial discussion with Council staff. 2. List proposal for discussion on next Precinct meeting agenda. 3. Cr Bulletin item (for information). 4. Consult with the inactive Precinct are to gauge community interest/support for the proposed change (min. 42 days) 5. Discuss new name options with Council's Historian (allow 2 to 4 weeks for research) 6. If there IS community interest for the amalgamation - list proposal on the active Precinct Committee's next meeting agenda with a proposed motion to proceed (and the suggested new name). Prepare Statement of Income and Expenditure (to be resolved within a motion to proceed with the merger, if carried). Interim office bearers appointed. 7. Flyers distributed in both Precinct areas advising of the first meeting of the new Precinct, at which office bearers will be elected. 8. Council report advising of the merger (or other change). 9. Administrative tasks undertaken by Council. 	

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	GB1	Tunks Park Access - Development of safer walking access to Tunks Park.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that more specific information is required regarding which area of Tunks Park e.g. in the bushland, or which entrance of the park then staff can be allocated to investigate. Please provide further information.	Open/Ongoing
	GB2A	Parking and speeding - Advocating parking restrictions and reduced driving speed. Bay residents are concerned about the safety of pedestrians walking from Miller St to Tunks Park via The Boulevarde, Rowlison Pde and Brothers Ave. There is no continuous pedestrian access. This forces walkers to cross busy, narrow streets, where vehicles towing boats often move along the access streets at speed. As well, the footpaths are uneven. Speed limits along the access streets are needed urgently. <i>Related email received post receipt of the minutes. (ECM 9328762)</i>	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that the natural steep environment with the road cut into the grade of the hill and driveways, creates uneven footpaths. There have not been any crashes in the previous five years. Council is unlikely to be able to achieve a compliant footpath at these locations. Council will investigate improvements such as wider footpaths at these locations, however they would be conditional on constructability and prioritised in accordance with safety data including crash history.	Closed for Council
	GB2B	Residents of The Boulevarde, between Nos. 22 to 28 - are also concerned about their safety when exiting these properties in their motor vehicles. There is no visibility when exiting these driveways. As well as reduced speed, please consider parking restrictions by declaring a "no parking" zone opposite Nos. 22 to 28.	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that the driveways are consistent with all other driveways throughout LGA. The default speed limit is 50km/h which does not require signposting - Members of the community can request TfNSW to install signs or change speed limits through the Safer Roads NSW website - www.saferroadsnsw.com.au	Closed for Council
	GB3	Pine St - 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	Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that Street Cleaning do not carry out high pressure cleaning. Street Cleaning are restricted in the quality of manual	Closed for Council

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		parked on the street. BE agreed to include this in the letter to Council.	cleaning in streets that are parked out. This is an issue on many streets.	