



WOLLSTONECRAFT PRECINCT
Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 7.30 p.m.
MINUTES OF MEETING

1. **Attendance:** 49 members attended: 26 pre-registered and 23 walked-in
Apologies: Cr. Zoe Baker; CH; JH; JH; MS (LCC) and Cr. Godfrey Santer.
2. **Kylea Tink MP Member for North Sydney:** Unfortunately, Ms T had to apologise for personal reasons. An alternative date will be advised.
3. **Presentation: Will the Lights stay on in NSW? TI**
An excellent and well researched presentation highlighted some of the issues with reliance on renewables and advantages/disadvantages of small nuclear reactors:
 - remote locations due to huge acreage requirements
 - high transmission cost due to remote location
 - low generation output compared to installed capacity.
 - reliance on sun and wind = larger and more installations
 - batteries low storage capacity of a few hours maximum
 - short life compared to base load generators that we are used to.
 - few applications in Australia for pumped hydro.
 - SMR's have extremely long life and high reliability -excellent replacement for coal and gas.
 - SMR's can be located at existing power station sites to utilise existing equipment.
 - SMR's have an image problem about waste storage and disposal.
 - Nuclear Fission generation needs a change in governments' legislation before it can proceed

Copy of the presentation is attached.
4. **Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 8 February 2023: Draft motion:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2023, having been circulated be taken as read and are hereby confirmed. Moved RB Seconded BDG. Voting was: For 49; Against 0.
5. **Matters Arising: Development Proposals within the 2036 Plan Area:**
 - **PP 1/21 – 270-272 Pacific Highway Crows Nest – Finalisation of Gateway**
Determination: The meeting noted that the letter previously sent to the then Planning Minister Anthony Roberts requesting intervention to change the Gateway Determination from 13 to 8 storeys should be sent to the new government Minister for Planning, Paul Scully.

- **PP 7/21 – 378-390 Pacific Highway Crows Nest (24 storeys Opp. Metro Site A):**
Public exhibition of the Planning Proposal as amended closed on 10 March. Precinct lodged a strong language submission by the deadline. Several residents also made submissions. Precinct requested that the meeting of the SNPP which will deliberate on this PP, be open to the public and that submitters be invited to address the Panel. No response received.
- **PP 9/21 – 360 Pacific Highway Crows Nest (18 storeys opp Metro Site B):**
Waiting on public exhibition.
- **PP 3/22 – Fiveways “Triangle” Site Crows Nest:** Waiting on public exhibition.
- **PP 9/22 at 17-25 Falcon Street and 17 Alexander Street:** Under Assessment by Council but nearing completion. Will possibly be reported for the Council meeting on 27 April.

6. Other Matters Arising

- **Crows Nest Post Office Update:**
Australia Post has reconfirmed that relocation of the post office to Crows Nest is not intended whilst ever they have tenancy at the existing site at 460 Pacific Highway. In the unlikely event that the site is redeveloped their lease requires 12 months’ notice. An express post box has been installed in Burlington Street. North Sydney Council has agreed to follow up on the matter of an unmanned parcel facility.
- **Willoughby Road Street Upgrade Stage 2:** A revised proposal incorporating a consistent theme and materials was approved by Council and work is proceeding on Early Works (street drainage and undergrounding of power lines).
- **PP 253-267 Pacific Highway North Sydney:**
Public consultation closed on Friday 3rd February. Precinct lodged a submission objecting to the proposal. Waiting for the Dept of Planning to advise further progress.
- **Hume Street Park Stage 2 Upgrade:**
This project now appears to be on the low priority list with forecast completion in 2024/25. Relocation of Kelly’s Place which is a pre-condition to commencement of major work on the park has not progressed. Sydney Metro is proceeding on the station precinct work in Clarke and Hume Streets with path work on the triangular piece of land in front of Kelly’s place almost completed. The project is 12 months behind completion of other works around the station precinct.

7. New Business:

- **DA 66/2023: 290 Pacific Highway Crows Nest:** Formerly known as DA 294/22 which was refused by Council last year has re-emerged with similar features but including

an expensive pitch to request a variation in height to 14 storeys as compared to the approved height of 8 storeys in the 2036 Plan.

Proposed Motion:

That the draft “Wollstonecraft Precinct Submission DA 66/2023 – 290 Pacific Highway Crows Nest” be approved and sent to North Sydney Council on the Council’s standard submission form showing the number of votes For and Against as recorded at the meeting and shown in the minutes.

Proposed by JH Seconded by KT

The Motion was put and passed. Voting For 48 Against 1 Abstained

8. Council responses to Action Items: Local Area Traffic Management Plan:

A roundabout at the junction of Shirley Road, Belmont Road and Milner Crescent is NOT INCLUDED in the Plan. This is disappointing news.

Precinct intends to extend an invitation to the Traffic Management Dept for June or August

9. General Business:

- **Willoughby Road Upgrade:** Road closure? A recent article in the Daily Telegraph written by David Barwell suggests that at least 10 restaurant owners would like the North Sydney Council (and Transport for NSW) to consider again, partial closure of Willoughby Road. The Chair wrote to Holtermann and Hayberry Precincts, the proprietor of Small Bar mentioned in the article and the Crows Nest Streetscape Committee to gauge interest.

By a show of hands 44:4 the meeting was in favour of Precinct progressing the idea

10. Meeting Close: 9:31 PM. The next meeting will be on 14 June 2023 preceded by the AGM and election of officers.

11. Attachments:

1. Copy presentation Will the lights say on in NSW?
2. DA66/2023 – Final Submission