

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) Cremorne Point 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. The matter is 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	1	Soft Plastics Recycling Program - In partnership with Curby, Mosman Council is doing 12-month trial allows recycling plastic bags, food wrappers via a provided tag, and the yellow recycling bin. Curby processes materials into fence posts for farms on the NSW mid-north coast. Up to 3,000 Mosman residents can join via the Curby app at curbyit.com/softplastics . Can we replicate this initiative in North Sydney Council for community and environmental benefit?	Council Manager Environmental Services has advised that Council's waste and recycling contractor, URM has an agreement in place with the recycling processor, Visy. Under the agreement, Visy cannot sort the Curby bags from the rest of the commingled recycling stream. However, North Sydney residents can take up the RecycleSmart program which includes the collection of soft plastics for recycling. Mosman Council delivers its materials to the Kimbriki Recycling and Resource Centre owned by Mosman and the Northern Beaches Councils which can accept the Curby bags.	Closed for Council
	2	Preparing for NYE - The CP Precinct expressed appreciation for council's efforts on rubbish and alcohol management during NYE celebration. Past	Council's A/Team Leader Events has advised that Council had upped the number of bins across the Local Government during this period including all available	Closed for Council

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		observations note plastic bottles reaching the harbour. Is it possible to distribute bins along the foreshore to prevent litter from entering the harbor during celebrations?	council stock. Guests are also encouraged to take their landfill and recycling waste with them to dispose of at home.	
	3	Picnic commercial operators and late-night noise - From MacCallum Pool towards the point, a popular picnic area, two recent issues have been observed: 1) Commercial picnic operators, 2) Late-night excessive noise. Seeking council support to address noise concerns and review compliance of any commercial businesses in the area.	Council's Team Leader Environmental Health has advised that the Precinct Committee provide further information about these occurrences: e.g. What are the commercial picnic operators doing at the site, and how are they operating? Are they offering picnics for sale at that location? What type of excessive noise is being experienced - is it every day or just on weekends; is it alcohol-related? - what time of day/night is it occurring? Is it isolated incidents or ongoing?	Open/Ongoing
	4	Signage Required - Cyclists have been observed on reserve pathways. Requesting clear signage prohibiting cyclists from using reserve pathways.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that there is already signage around the reserve pathways stating cyclists are prohibited in that area. Some examples of signage will be sent via email to the Precinct Committee.	Closed for Council
	5	Pipe Leakage on SW side of reserve - Inquiring about updates regarding the reported sewer leakage causing slippery spots along the southwest side of the reserve.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that they have not been advised of any sewer leakage, in the reserve, and asks the Precinct Committee to provide further information about the exact location of the leakage. That will help Council to identify the correct location and advise compliance to investigate. Slippery spots found along the southwest side of the reserve areas are likely to be due to seepage from the	Open/Ongoing

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			natural water course or possibly damaged or blocked drain pipes. Any blocked drains will be attended to by Council's Works team.	
	6	Roof of Ferry terminal - Does Council have any input or updates regarding the roof of the ferry terminal?	Council's Public Projects Interface Manager has advised that the ferry wharf at Kurraba Point has been closed for maintenance for some weeks. TfNSW has advised that the maintenance works will be extended until the end of February 2024	Closed for Council
	7	Pathway wear and tear - Requesting repairs for path holes from Green St to Hunts Lookout, marked with pink paint to highlight the problem.	Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that holes on the pathway have been temporarily repaired. Council's Asset Team will investigate if the footpath requires extensive work in the future. If so, this will be weighed up against other priority works and the availability of funding	Closed for Council
	8	Traffic hazards a) Seeking adjustment of signage along Hodgson Avenue to Murdoch to alleviate road pinch points caused by cars parking at road elbow.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that continuous centre line markings are provided on the bends of Richmond Avenue. This prevents drivers from travelling in the opposing lane of traffic on a bend with poor visibility. The NSW Road Rules 208(6) prohibits parking in a location that provides less than 3 metres travel lane between a continuous dividing line and the parked vehicle. Parking adjacent to a continuous line in a manner that prevents another vehicle from passing without crossing the continuous line is illegal and liable to be infringed by Rangers.	Open/Ongoing

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			Council can investigate parking signs to reinforce the existing road rules should there be any locations where this is unclear. Council requests the Precinct Committee to provide specific information e.g. exact location and times where this occurs.	
		b) Motorists have been observed driving at speed from the Ferry terminal up Milson Road. Does council have any guidance on how to mitigate speeding? Are speed bumps an option?	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised the enforcement of speed limits is the responsibility of the NSW Police Service. Council staff have raised the issue with NSW Police who have highlighted the issue to their Highway Patrol Division requesting they increase enforcement in the area. Precinct Committee can also request enforcement directly from North Sydney Traffic Police by contacting them on 02 9956 3199. Council would consider the installation of speed bumps to physically reduce vehicle speeds, where recorded data identifies speeding as a prevalent concern and the proposal is supported by the community. Community members can request speed humps in a specific location for Council consideration.	Closed for Council
		c) Requesting signage along Milson Road to indicate the parking containment area and prevent pedestrians from entering for safety reasons due to frequent use by runners and passersby.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Council cannot restrict access to certain types of pedestrians such as passers-by within a public road. Council requests the Precinct Committee provide further information in relation to "parking containment area" specific location and pedestrian safety implications. Should this information be provided Council can consider appropriate action.	Open/Ongoing

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	9	49 Kareela Rd - Wire fencing along the sandstone wall on the reserve side is encroaching on the pathway. Can it be repositioned closer to the wall or substituted with a more compact structure?	Allocated to Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services.	Awaiting Response
	10	Abandoned van on private property at 120 Milson Road - Requesting Council assistance in removing an abandoned van on private property at 120 Milson Road, which has been present for at least six years, as per Google Street View. The vehicle is now attracting vermin.	Council's Manager Ranger and Parking has advised that requests for action on private property will be considered by Council if these are from the land-owner or Strata Management.	Closed for Council
May	2	Bins for Kitchen Waste - It was noted that North Sydney Council does not have a specific bin for Kitchen Waste (i.e. compost) that has been sighted in other fringe city areas. Does Council have plans for bins of this nature?	Council's Waste Management Coordinator has advised that Council is exploring viable options for future Food Waste Recycling. Residents can now take up home composting by registering with an online learning platform called Compost Revolution to receive a 50% discounted worm farm or compost bin with free delivery.	Closed for Council
	3	The ins and outs of waste - The discussion on waste/bins expanded to encompass ideas on how 'we can manage our waste better'. To continue a discussion on this matter, the CP Precinct would like to invite a 'Waste Advisor' to a future meeting. Would this be possible?	Council's Waste Management Coordinator has advised that ideas on how residents can manage waste better are provided on the Council website and social media platforms and are kept updated with new waste and recycling information including information on waste avoidance and resource recovery tips. Staff from Council's Environmental Services Department could potentially attend an FAQ session run by the Precinct Committee.	Closed for Council

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	4	<p>When the party is just a bit too messy - An issue was raised regarding litter at private properties during and after major events (e.g., NYE/Australia Day). Does Council have any guidance on the removal of rubbish that may spill into private property during such events? Also, how do we avoid trespassers on private property during such occasions? 4 Milson Road was highlighted as case in point from NYE22... with extensive litter was observed.</p>	<p>Council's Waste Management Coordinator has advised that a review of the number of public place litter bins provided during large-scale foreshore events will be recommended.</p> <p>Council's Team Leader Events has advised that Council allocate additional bins for NYE around Cremorne Point Whard and reserve. Council will review the plan for this year with the view to add more bins based on the waste collected from last year. No additional budget has been set in the 2023/24 budget for NYE, however these comments will be noted and considered in the proposed 2024/25 budget.</p>	Closed for Council
	5	<p>High speed cyclists - At the corner of Rialto Ave and Cremorne Road, residents have noted that cyclists often come down the hill at a blistering speed. This is a major safety hazard for both cyclists and residents. Does council have any advice on how to a) encourage cyclists to slow down; and b) ensure blind spot intersections have necessary precautions to avoid collision?</p>	<p>Council's Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator has provided the following feedback on the points raised.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage cyclists to slow down - cyclists are entitled to use the road in much the same way as any road user. The marked speed limit on Cremorne Road is 50km/hr, and it is unlikely cyclists would exceed existing car travel speeds at this location. Speed cushions can be used to slow traffic generally, however, speed cushions in residential communities often result in significant concerns related to noise and vibrations. A speed cushion was recently removed from Broughton Street, Kirribilli for this reason. 2. Ensure blind spot intersections have necessary precautions to avoid collision - Council staff have conducted a site visit to assess the Rialto Avenue and Cremorne Road intersection. There is potential to 	Closed for Council

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			implement a kerb build out on the southeastern side of Rialto Avenue and move the 'Give Way' sign and line marking forward to improve site lines. This would likely result in the loss of at least one parking space. There is also the possibility of removing parking on Cremorne Road, north of the intersection, to improve site lines for car turning out of Rialto Avenue. There have not been any crashes at this intersection from our records, but Council staff continue to monitor the location and implement safety measures if required.	
	6	Reserve Walk slippery spots - It was observed that there are two spots on the Cremorne Point Walk reserve that have drainage issues creating sludgy, slippery spots. The locations are (Reserve side near The Ritz and 7 metres north of Old Cremorne Wharf). Can Council investigate to see if there are any drainage issues?	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves/Council's Acting Assets Manager Team has inspected and there are a couple of wet areas we are aware of, one being due (we think) to seepage from natural water course and the other possibly damaged or blocked drainpipes. We have already discussed possible actions to resolve, if not decrease, the issues and once funds become available again will begin the process through contractors etc.	Closed for Council
	7	The visual tyranny of white pipes - Whilst on the topic of the Cremorne Point Reserve, it was mentioned that all plumbing issues are replaced with 'white pipes. The white stands out as a visual distraction; hence the CP precinct was wondering if the pipes could be painted (brown/black)? And perhaps all future pipework could use darker colours?	Council's Supervisor Parks and Gardens has advised that the pipes have been inspected and there are a couple of wet areas staff are aware of, one being due to seepage from the natural water course and the other possibly damaged or blocked drain pipes. Staff have discussed possible actions to resolve, if not decrease, the issues and once funds are available will begin the process through contractors etc.	Closed for Council

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			Council's Assets Engineering Officer has asked if there is any specific area within Cremorne Reserve so that can be investigated. It is noted that in future when Council carries out any drainage repairs that pipes on the surface are to be a darker colour.	
	8	Sandstone Wall at 49 Kareela Street, DA 127/23 - The committee discussed concerns over the proposed height of the retaining wall at 49 Kareela St. Can the Council please confirm it is within applicable parameters?	Council's Assessment Planner has advised that comment will be taken into consideration and application is still under assessment. UPDATE (8 January 2024) Council's Assessment Planner has advised that the development application was withdrawn by the applicant on 4 December 2023, and is no longer under assessment.	Closed for Council
	9	Poor lighting on Green Street - The level of light on Green Street near the SASC was observed as low. Can Council please investigate the lighting in this area to ensure safe pathway for residents?	Council's Traffic Operations Officer has advised that the lights in this street are Ausgrid Assets. They have been reported to Ausgrid to attend to via their online portal .	Closed for Council
March	1	Hodgson Avenue/Karela Road/Iredale Lane - dangerous four-way intersection. The silent cop was removed a long time ago. Creates parking hazards. Can the parking signage be moved by three cars.	Council staff have investigated the concerns. There is high demand for parking in the area and Council tries to retain parking wherever safe and legal to do so. The removal of parking will reduce the parking amenity in the community, it can also result in increased speeds. Parking is being used to narrow streets and reduce speeds.	Closed for Council
	2	Cremorne Point Reserve - there are three seats/park benches that need repainting on the Sydney Harbourside of Cremorne Point Reserve.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that the seats will be painted as per ongoing maintenance	Closed for Council

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			schedules throughout the North Sydney local government area.	
	3	Lighting - advise feasibility of additional lighting, there are dark points on Cremorne Point.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that all lighting in Cremorne Point Reserve is Ausgrid owned and maintained. Council doesn't have any lighting within this Park. Council has no plans or budget allocation to upgrade or add any new lighting in the Cremorne Point Reserve.	Closed for Council
	4	Hunts Lookout (Cremorne Reserve) Footbridge Repairs - when will the works be complete reinstating pedestrian access between Cremorne Point and Mosman Bay.	<p>The Cremorne Reserve (Cremorne Point) provides an important pedestrian link between Cremorne Reserve in North Sydney LGA and Harnett Park in Mosman LGA. The footbridge is also used by commuters accessing the Old Cremorne Ferry Wharf from Mosman LGA.</p> <p>The original timber 12m-long footbridge was partially destroyed by a large Coral Tree, which failed around the middle of December 2022, smashing through a 5m-long section of the raised footbridge on the Mosman Council side of the LGA boundary (see image below). As the tree fell from privately owned land into both Harnett Park and Cremorne Reserve, Mosman Council facilitated the landowners cooperation in arranging removal of the failed tree. With several branches of the failed Coral Tree also 'hung up' in adjacent canopy and an unknown extent of damage caused to close-by standing trees, assessment and removal of this material by arborists was necessary in order to provide safe access for Council staff to evaluate the extent of the damage and determine options going forward.</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>Full removal of the fallen tree and associated debris was completed in late January 2023, at which point North Sydney Council arranged for a structural engineer to assess the remaining intact section of footbridge to determine whether repair was an option or full replacement would be required. Based on the aged condition of the existing timber structure and the level of decay evident in the old hardwood timber subframe, it was determined that full replacement was the only viable option.</p> <p>Due to the steep-sided gully environment and distance from nearby streets, access to the footbridge location is very difficult and effectively only possible on foot. This being the case, North Sydney Council arranged for the demolition and removal of the remaining footbridge structure by a specialist bushland track construction contractor, experienced in removing track infrastructure in especially difficult-to-access areas. Removal of the old, damaged footbridge was completed by the beginning of February 2023.</p> <p>In early February 2023, North Sydney Council appointed a structural engineer to design a replacement footbridge for Hunts Lookout that complies with current Australian Standards, compliments the natural environment of Hunts Lookout, and Due to access constraints, uses construction materials that can be transported to the site largely by-hand. Following the refinement of several design options,</p>	

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			<p>a final draft design for the replacement footbridge was completed in early March 2023. This design was reviewed by both North Sydney and Mosman Council engineering teams before being finalised and accepted.</p> <p>The new footbridge will feature a (black-painted) galvanised steel sub-frame instead of the hardwood timber used in the original structure. This change provides greater longevity and shortens construction timeframes. Similarly, the treated pine timber deck has been replaced with grippy fiber-reinforced-plastic mesh panels commonly used in bushland track construction. These panels provide a long service life and high grip levels suited to the site. A reference to the previous timber footbridge has been integrated with the design by retaining timber for the posts and handrails - albeit with a stainless-steel mesh insert, like what is used at the Coal Loader, in order to comply with non-climbable fall prevention standards.</p> <p>In early April 2023, North Sydney Council prepared a request for quotations from suitably experienced contractors to construct the new footbridge. Submissions closed on 21 April 2023 and the successful contractor has been appointed with 50/50 shared funding from both councils. At this stage, it is expected that construction of the replacement footbridge will be completed by July 2023.</p>	

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			<p>Both North Sydney and Mosman Councils are acutely aware of the important link this footbridge provides to the community and are working to complete its (unplanned) replacement as soon as possible. Site signage and a page on Council's website is providing the North Sydney and Mosman communities with updated information on the progress of this project.</p>	