

EUROKA PRECINCT

MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday 5 July 2023.

HYBRID: FACE-TO-FACE at McMahons Point Community Centre and Online via ZOOM Link supplied by request from eurokaprecinct@gmail.com

Meeting Chair GM. Minutes KR. Zoom MC.

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

1. Attendance live 10. Zoom 2. Apologies 3.

Acceptance of minutes with minor amendments - unanimous.

Standing items & Summary of Actions.

- In response to traffic issues and trailer parking Council reiterated its offer to provide someone from Ranger and Parking Services to talk to August meeting. KR to accept offer and contact Council.
- In response to our request for presentation on strategic matters Council indicated it will organise a webinar or similar for all precincts and members. Timing to be determined.

2. DAs NEW APPLICATIONS:

- (a) [DA 296/22/3](#) 50 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point (Lodged 29 May) Lavender precinct but also sent to Euroka. Modification for removal of condition C1 and design changes to a rear wall. **Noted.**
- (b) [DA 178/23](#) 3 Commodore Cres, McMahons Point (Lodged 6 June). Alterations and additions to a heritage listed dwelling including partial demolition, addition of garden pavilion and reconstruction of double height southern verandah. Closes 7 July 2023. **Noted. Precinct asks that the heritage values of the existing building and its location be given careful consideration.**
- (c) [DA 357/22](#) 63 Victoria St McMahons Point. Alterations and additions to semi-detached dwelling including new roof terrace. Amended plans exhibited. Our previous objections on behalf of neighbours to the proposal were noted. The property owners were present at the meeting and indicated that the amended drawings and renders have addressed issues raised by Council. Of note was the question of view loss. **Precinct asks Council to consider our previous objections and ensure that the issues raised by neighbours are adequately addressed in the amended plans.**
- (d) [DA 359/17/3](#). 25 Rocklands Rd Wollstonecraft. Hospital development works. Modification to remove trees to allow access to approved car park. **Noted with concern that the tree removal question was not considered as part of the original application which approved the car park.**

DA Updates.

- [DA 107/23](#) 8 Victoria St, McMahons Point (Delegated approval)
- [DA 133/23](#) 5 Bank Lane McMahons Point (Delegated approval).
- [DA 98/23](#). Mount St North Sydney. Advertising structure. Application withdrawn.

3. State Government items

- (a) **Draft Warringah Freeway upgrade place, design and landscape plan** - <https://caportal.com.au/rms/wfu/place-design-and-landscape-plan> - submissions close 11 July

(b) **Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp** - Heritage Council response was to allow the development, with conditions. Final State government approval will follow soon and construction will begin. Anticipated to take 18 months.

(c) **Ways to improve Cycling and walking in North Sydney and beyond** - Transport for NSW [survey](#) closes 11 July.

4. Council Items

(a) **North Sydney Council Garden Competition** entries close 30 August. Judging will occur 11-22 September. Categories are outlined on Council website.

(b) **Installation and operation of multiple freestanding advertisements.** In response to our concerns over DA 98/23 Advertising structure in Mount Street and similar proposals in other parts of the LGA, Council advised that an independent consultant is being contracted to undertake the assessment for all, and the NSLPP will be the determining authority for the projects. The Precinct will have the opportunity to address the planning panel at the appropriate time.

5. Community Items

(a) **Woolcott Street Community Garden** – part of the Streets Alive project. As per May and June Precinct meetings, local residents have undertaken clean-up and weeding work at the site with more than 70 hours spent on the park during May and June. Acknowledging the work that has been done to date in establishing the garden, and the recent maintenance and clean up – local residents are working on a plan that will see the existing garden upgraded and are seeking neighbourhood feedback via a survey.

Local businesses have volunteered resources so once feedback is provided, a landscape plan will be drawn up by Village Avenue Landscape Designs to provide to Council for approval. Once approved, the plan will be implemented by local residents and Stanuga Build over the next 12-18 months. Survey can be accessed here [-https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/woolcottstreetgarden](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/woolcottstreetgarden)

(b) **Road works at Woolcott & Euroka Streets.** Pedestrian refuge works are nearly completed. There initially seemed to be a few issues with buses turning from Woolcott right into Euroka and having difficulty avoiding parked cars and the pedestrian island. This seems to have been resolved with the removal of the work bollards. Precinct asks, however, **if Council could provide information to bus operators to ensure they are aware of the changed conditions.**

It is noted that line markings are still required on Euroka St as it approaches the corner of Woolcott, and better safety signage and markings at Commodore Crescent as agreed at Council's Traffic Committee on Friday 21 April, 2023. Could Council please provide an update on these?

Concern was raised at the meeting about the GIVE WAY sign on Euroka St / Carr St corner. **Is it possible to make that sign more obvious as many drivers do not appear to be aware of it?** Concern was also raised for better signage of Woolcott Street on the railway side of the road (current signage is hidden by electricity pole). **Could Council please advise status of this as it has been raised previously?**

Concern was also raised at the meeting about the railway works which use the entrance to the rail corridor at Union St near Euroka St. Trucks and other heavy vehicles have been noted turning in the area of Union / Euroka without any safety requirements being considered. For example on Friday 23rd June a large semi trailer was filmed by a local resident reversing up Woolcott Street, reversing back up Euroka and into the tunnel, obstructing oncoming traffic coming up Woolcott St and Euroka Street – all without traffic management.

Another incident took place on Tuesday 4th July where a semi-trailer was picking up equipment that was parked on Woolcott Street. The truck driver turned into Euroka Street where it double parked across the Woolcott Street intersection while it further secured the fastenings. Again without traffic management. **Precinct asks Council if there is any way our safety concerns and requests for traffic management can be raised with the Rail Authority**

6. General Business

(a) **West Harbour Tunnel.** KR and ID attended Waverton Precinct meeting where TfNSW provided an update on changes to the West Harbour Tunnel Project. The presentation confirmed that the harbour crossing will be constructed via Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) and immersed tubes will not be used. Therefore, the Berrys Bay retrieval site and the coffer dam at the coal loader will no longer be required. The tunnel under the harbour and up to Cammeray will be deeper than originally considered, but the alignment will be more or less the same. The extensive drilling occurring in Waverton Park is a factor in this change of depth. A modified EIS is being prepared and will be displayed by the Department of Planning for four weeks, probably beginning in August. Precinct will review the documentation when available and decide if it is appropriate to make a submission. It is anticipated that approval of the modified proposal will occur after October. Tunnelling using road headers will begin from the north later this year. The TBM will not begin work from the south across the harbour until 2026.

There were no changes considered for the tunnel design and exit/entrance points in the North Sydney CBD area, meaning that the traffic chaos which will follow once the tunnel is operational will be unchanged. The missed opportunity to rectify this disastrous situation is unfortunate.

No information was available at the meeting about progress on design of the Berrys Bay Landscape Master Plan.

(b) **Princes St and Blues Point Rd.** CB indicated concern over the frequency of motorists doing U-turns or three-point-turns for traffic driving south and then needing to go north at this intersection. He has noticed a number of near misses for pedestrians. **Precinct asks Council if there is some opportunity to restrict this unsafe practice?**

In this context is **Council able to provide an update on the status of the Blues Point Road Master plan and its implementation?**

(c) **Vacancy in Precinct Executive.** Unfortunately, our secretary CT has had to resign from the committee due to other commitments. We thank her for her efforts and commitment to both Union and Euroka precincts over the past 18 months, and wish her well in her new job.

Needless to say, we are looking for a new Committee member to take on some or most of the secretarial duties. If you feel like having a go, please let us know via the email address.

(d) KH advised that the **next CPC meeting** is on 15 August. Also pointed out that this is NAIDOC week and there are many relevant events on offer.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting scheduled for 2 August. Please send any suggestions for agenda items to the precinct email address. Also if you have any requests for specific speakers.

Good to Know

Upcoming Council meetings: 10 July, 24 July, 14 August

Upcoming Traffic Committee meetings: 21 July, 1 September

Current Policies on Exhibition

- *Blues Point Reserve Lighting Upgrade* feedback closes 5pm 19 July.
- *Draft Memorial Plaques in Open Space Policy* feedback closes 11.59pm 16 July
- *Draft Plan of Management for Foreshore Parks and Reserves*, closes 18 August

Online <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/policies-on-exhibition> Email yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

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