

# EUROKA PRECINCT

## MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday 2 August 2023.

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

Meeting Chair GM. Minutes KR. Zoom MC. Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

### **Guest speakers: MR and MO, from Council's Ranger and Parking Services**

The department undertakes all services associated with Rangers and Parking Officers. The speakers outlined the range of services undertaken. These include opening and locking up of booked properties, control of unattended properties, patrols in parks and parking patrols, dog management, dumped rubbish, building site compliance, littering, smoking exclusion areas, graffiti and alarms. Areas of particular focus at the moment include:

- The presence of unattended vehicles in public spaces, including cars, trailers, kayaks. A new Act dealing with unattended properties in public places allows such properties to be reported to Council, and once the appropriate time has elapsed the owners are notified and given time to remove them before they are impounded.
- Various matters of dog ownership, especially ensuring registrations are in place and, subject to reporting, all dog complaints, including attacks, are followed up with the relevant owners.
- The unlawful use of mobility parking scheme permits.

M and M were thanked for taking the time to come and talk to us.

### **1. Attendance: Live 15. Zoom 3. Apologies 3. Acceptance of minutes - unanimous.**

#### **Standing items & Summary of Actions.**

- Fire order for Noakes Boatyard.** It was noted that the timing for completion of the Fire Order was 27 July. Could Council therefore advise whether the order has been implemented?
- Jetty construction at Noakes Boatyard.** Could Council advise of progress on the implementation of this condition from the 1991 development approval?
- The problem of U turners at Princes St and Blues Point Rd.** This has been referred to Council's manager of Traffic and Transport. A response is awaited.
- Road works at Euroka St / Woolcott St.** Council advises that the works have been completed except for some signage instruction and line marking. These will be completed within the next few weeks.
- Traffic management for State Rail works in the vicinity of Union and Euroka Streets.** Council notified Sydney Trains of this issue. An email was received from Sydney Trains apologising for the "distress" caused by lack of traffic management and indicating that the relevant Project Manager has been informed.

## 2. DAs New applications

- (a) [DA 201/23](#). **28 Victoria St McMahons Point**. Alterations and additions to house. Closes 4 August. Meeting addressed by residents of 1Webb St. Expressed concern that proposed studio will be located on rear boundary of property adjacent to their kitchen, taking significant light and reducing amenity. It was suggested that as the proposed studio was located on the side boundary of 1 Webb it should be at least 900 mm off the boundary. It was also noted that the height due to pitched roof was not necessary and that a flat or skillion roof would be better for the amenity of the Webb St property. The meeting agreed with the comments and asks Council's assessment officers to consider this in their deliberations.
- (b) [DA230/23](#) 2-10 Mount Street, North Sydney. Strata subdivision of existing strata lots into two (2) lots to reallocate car and storage spaces. This has yet to be notified and will be considered at our next meeting.
- (c) [DA 214/23](#) 69 Bank Street, North Sydney. Alterations and additions to existing dwelling house. Noted.
- (d) [DA 205/23](#) 115 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point. Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including new lift, alteration to vehicular access from lane, and new landscaping. Noted.

### Updates

- [DA 53/23](#) Unit 3, 4 Queens Ave McMahons Point. Delegated Approved.
- [DA 357/22](#) 63 Victoria St McMahons Point. Refused by NSLPP Meeting 2 August.
- [DA 133/23](#) 5 Bank Lane. Delegated Approved.

## 3. State Government items

- (a) **The Western Harbour Tunnel Stage 2 Modification Report is on exhibition until August 15.** This is the proposed change to use tunnel boring machine to cross the harbour, and the report assesses the environmental impacts of this modification. The meeting noted that, at its meeting on 24 July, Council approved a motion to prepare a submission to the Department of Planning and Environment to address the impacts on North Sydney LGA and to advocate for further amendments and/or conditions of consent to ameliorate impacts of the project on open space, local roads and the environment. The meeting agreed that **Euroka Precinct will also make a submission**. KR to prepare and submit and a draft to be circulated to any members who may wish to make individual submissions.
- (b) **Warringah Expressway Upgrade tree replacement strategy** has been updated. Two trees will be planted in the project areas for every tree removed, as required by planning approvals. This has previously been discussed and the **precinct's disgust at how this tree loss has occurred** was again noted.

## 4. Council Items

- (a) **Update on Council Precinct review.** Precinct logo options were considered and the responses of the meeting will be collated and forwarded to Precinct group at Council. Response by 11 August.
- (b) It was noted - [Invitation from Mayor Zoe Baker to the Voice to Parliament: Listen, Act & Understand](#). Is to be held on Thursday 10 August at Independent Theatre in North Sydney.

## 5. Community Items

(a) **Woolcott Street Community Garden (Streets Alive program).** The meeting was advised that Council has set a three-month trial period for the previous coordinator (LS) to take control back over the site, after LS requested she maintain control. This is following the three-month trial period under the auspices of Precinct and the precinct nominated coordinator (MC) after the site fell into disarray and Precinct received numerous complaints as to its upkeep. Council's Streets Alive team will again review the arrangement at the conclusion of the trial. The meeting noted the much-improved condition of the garden and thanked the precinct nominated coordinator (MC) and the team that worked with her for their very successful efforts to date. The Precinct wanted to especially acknowledge the efforts of the elderly neighbour (DM) who has been integral in the park's upkeep. It also noted the encouraging response from the community to the survey undertaken to assist in developing a plan for the management of the site. MC advised that if people would like to volunteer in the garden, to contact LS via the information on the Council website.

## 6. General Business

(a) CB noted that the exhibited **draft Foreshore Parks & Reserves Plan of Management** included Sawmillers Reserve in McMahons Point. It did not, however, address the on-going problem of **lack of toilet facilities** at the reserve. Instances of the definite need for a toilet at the site were noted by attendees at the meeting. The meeting agreed that **Council be asked again to consider the installation of toilet facilities in the park.** It was disappointing that this was not addressed as part of the draft plan of management.

(b) The recent appearance of State Government authorised (apparently) **advertising material on the railway bridge supports** at Woolcott Street was discussed. The posters and their locations are very intrusive and distracting, and are clearly out of character with the bridge and its historic significance as part of the 1890s rail line. The question was asked as to why the bridge is not listed as a local heritage item like other bridges on that line. Council is asked **to liaise with State Rail and seek the removal of these posters.**

Meeting closed at 9.15.

## 7. Meetings

**Next Euroka Precinct meeting: 6 September**

Next Combined Precincts Meeting: 15 August. KH to attend.

Upcoming Council meetings: 14 August, 28 August, 11 September

Upcoming Traffic Committee meetings: 1 September

## 8. Current Policies on Exhibition:

- *Draft Foreshore Parks and Reserves Plan of Management. Feedback closes 18 August.*

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