

**NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL**  
**CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE 103rd MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2023 AT 5.30PM**  
**IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, 200 MILER STREET, NORTH SYDNEY**

**Present:**

Councillor Santer in the chair  
Councillor Baker (Mayor)

Anthony Melinz, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
JoEllen Henderson, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
Ross Gugliotta, Bravo Trattoria/Crows Nest Mainstreet (remote)  
Denise Ward, Crows Nest Centre  
Katy Ballard, Holtermann Precinct  
Laura Tilsed, Holtermann Precinct  
John Hancox, Wollstonecraft Precinct (remote)  
James Mullin, Colliers  
David French, Crows Nest Mainstreet (remote)  
Sean St Clair, Resident  
John Meadows, Resident  
Dan. C  
Beck. A

Council Staff:  
Gary Parsons, Director Open Space and Infrastructure  
Paul Yang, Project Manager Engineering Infrastructure  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

- 1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm**
- 2. Apologies:**  
  
Nil.
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes of 102nd Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 February 2023.**  
  
Moved by John Hancox and seconded by Anthony Melinz
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
  
Nil.
- 5. Projects Update**  
  
**5.1. Holtermann Street Carpark Re-development**

The Holtermann Street Carpark will go to Council for a detailed business plan report, and this will be in late 2023 once the DBC and final design plans are completed. The DA design is underway and it's now the decision of Council on how to progress that.

Council has appointed a consultant team for the project design.

The appointed consultant team will prepare:

- Detailed design to DA stage based on the preferred community consultation Option 1 (Adopted by Council on 26 April 2022)
- Development Application (DA) Documentation
- Detailed Business Case (DBC)

## **5.2. Willoughby Road Streetscape Upgrade**

- a) Construction timeline
- b) Consultation outcome on Willoughby Road Shade structures
- c) Coordination with Crows Nest Festival 15 October 2023

At the Council meeting of 28 August 2023, the successful tenderer was endorsed by Council for the early works for Willoughby Road. It will allow works to commence in September 2023, and this is for the undergrounding of the power lines and also the lighting upgrade which will be in the footpath.

Our tenderer has allowed for night works, and they have been agreeable to working closely with businesses, they will have a community liaison officer who will be working with things like delivery times and opening hours. The company is Guard Services, and they are familiar with the Crows Nest area. They have done the Mosman to Artarmon sub-station and cable upgrade, which was the replacement of the old cables there which ran through Albany Street and then through the St Leonards hospital site.

The contractor will be doing trenching in the footpath and in the road which is called “road crossings”, they will generally do 20 metres a shift during the night, and they will also be doing a temporary restoration.



**Typical electrical trenching**

Below is a picture of what happened out the front of Coles in 2022 which is quiet similar works. They will be doing temporary asphalt restoration as well as making the footpaths safe for the October festival. They will be opening it up at the beginning of the shift and at the end of the shift they will backfill which will be closed with temporary asphalt.



**Temporary restoration**

The early works will run till December 2023 and it is likely that there will be a continuation up till the 30 June 2024.

There will also be a stormwater drain in the road which is a once in a 30 year opportunity to upgrade the drainage while the outdoor dinning areas are being demolished.

After the early works there will be a shut down period so there is no impact on Christmas trade which will be in December 2023, and recommencing work in January 2024. Council is mindful that December is the most profitable time that the businesses rely on in the area, and that shut down period is in the contractor’s program. From January 2024 to June 2024 the commencement of the Streetscape works will begin and that will be paving and landscaping.

**Construction – Key Dates**



- Willoughby Road Shade Structure

Council's Project Manager advised that a consultation report will go to the Council meeting on 25 September 2023 and that there was 85% support for the proposal. The staff recommendation is that it proceeds, and it will be the same alfresco shade structure that already is in Plan B which is white.



*Council's Project Manager asked how do these works coordinate with the Crows Nest Festival on the 15 October 2023.?*

It was advised that as long as there is a fairly even pavement it should work alright. They might have to coordinate with the Event Manager about the compound if that's going to take away any space as we are already at full capacity, and it will be difficult to reshuffle things.

Council's Project Manager advised that the contractors are very open to working with Council and perhaps they could demobilise the compound for the weekend of the festival and free up the footpath space.

*It was asked with the light removal will there be temporary lighting while the permanent lighting is being upgraded.*

Council's Project Manager advised the lighting replacement will be at the very end and the provision of the works is that temporary lighting needs to be provided whilst they are changing over. They will need to provide temporary poles for lighting as you can't have a dark road, as it is not safe. The lighting is direct wired into Council's power supply.

**6. Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) Update**

The Crows Nest Mainstreet advised that the festival is at full capacity, and that they had to turn away 80 stalls. They are now receiving a number of enquiries to which they are taking peoples details and putting them on their data base and letting them know they will be informed when the next expression of interest comes out.

The 2022 festival was a success with everyone happy with the way it ran but the Mainstreet didn't make any money they lost a lot of money. It was advised that they aren't making money this year, they are breaking even and there might be a \$2,000 surplus if that.

The posters will go up in a week's time for the Crows Nest Festival followed by the pole banners and street banners.

The Mainstreet did look at expanding the footprint, but they did an assessment commercially, and it was sort of a break even if they extend it down to Coles, but it's much more convenient for people to traverse around Crows Nest.

It was advised that there will be one stage in Holtermann Street for the festival, and there will be two bands performing and a dance academy.

**7. General Business**

Nil.

**8. Next Meeting: TBA.**

**9. Meeting closed at 6pm**