

**NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL**  
**KIRRIBILLI SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE 84th MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 5.30PM**  
**IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Present:** The Deputy Mayor in the Chair. Councillor Gibson

Fran Hernon, Resident  
Michael Bracka, Resident  
Jillian Christie, Resident  
Tom Kelly, Resident  
Martin Williams, Resident  
Louise Tang, Resident  
Ted Wziontek, Resident  
Elaine Wziontek, Resident  
Tony Morgan, Resident  
James Been, Resident  
Joe El-Khoury, St Aloysius College (remote)  
Vilma Bowers, Resident (remote)

Council staff:

Gary Parsons, Director Open Space and Infrastructure  
Paul Yang, Engineering Project Manager  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

**1. Meeting opened** at 5.30 pm, with The Deputy Mayor Councillor Santer in the chair.  
Councillor Gibson

**2. Apologies:**

Apologies were received from the Mayor, Michel Reymond- Resident and Eric Varnhed - Oski Café.

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 83rd meeting held on 18 April 2023.**

Moved by Michael Bracka and seconded by Fran Hernon.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

It was stated that there are typographical errors in the previous minutes that needed to be amended as well as the last sentence on page 3 replaced to read as follows:

*“the proposed location for the bike rack be relocated to an area that does not impact on pedestrians”.*

Councillor Gibson advised she had two issues she would like to raise on behalf of the residents and small businesses of Kirribilli.

#### **Parking Restrictions outside Bloomingales – Broughton Street Kirribilli**

Councillor Gibson stated that Vanetta from Bloomingales is having increased problems with customers being unable to park on the weekends outside her shop on Broughton Street in Kirribilli as there are restrictions in place during the week but not on the weekends. She advised that people often park there for an entire weekend. She has requested that the Traffic Committee look at conducting a survey to see if all the small businesses and the residents think it's a good idea to have the restrictions that apply during the week go through the weekend as well, so that there are more car spaces available.

It was also stated that outside Bloomingales in Broughton Street there are two parking spaces but no line markings to show this.

#### **Removal of Single Car Parking Space outside Coco's Chocolates and Oski Cafe**

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised that when they went out to consultation it was on the basis of no loss of parking in Kirribilli. Council has gone out with a commitment saying there will be no loss of parking and can't turn around during construction and change tack. This area does not have bollards, it is a very flexible flat space and it's a shared space, so there's nothing stopping a future consultation and a change, but in terms of the contract as is, we need to keep it going as we can't stop and change the design.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Fran Herson, that this committee acknowledges the traffic issues raised by the Kirribilli small businesses and residents, and that this committee requests the following items be looked at by the Traffic and Transport Operations Department for prompt investigation.

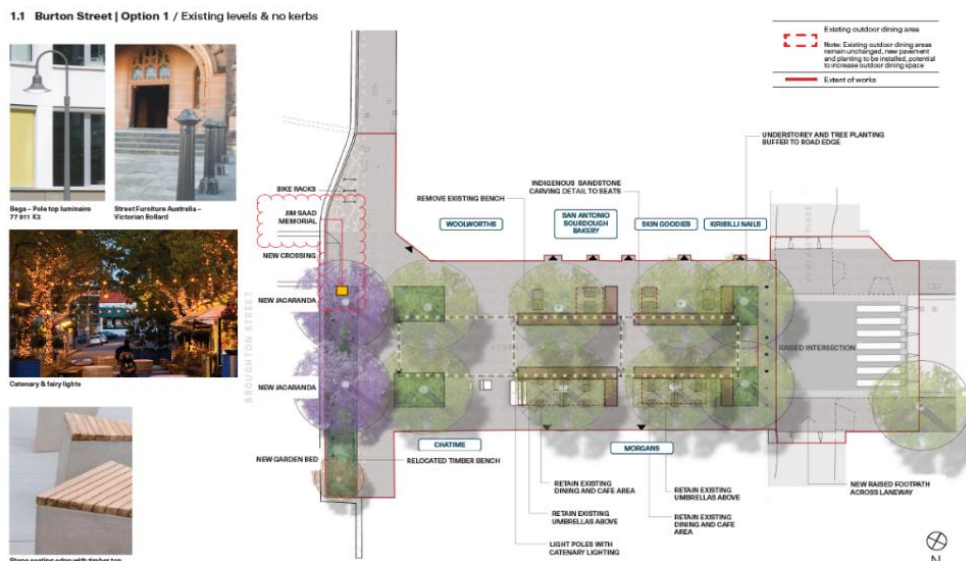
- The removal of the single carparking space outside Coco's Chocolates in Bligh Street.
- Consultation be carried out on Broughton Street with the small business owners and local residents in regard to the parking restrictions on the weekends, so as to align with that of weekdays, and the two car parking spaces outside Bloomingales be marked accordingly.

### **5. Kirribilli Village Centre Public Domain Master Plan – Projects Update**

#### **a) Burton Street plaza and Memorial for Jim Saad**

Council's Engineering Project Manager provided a brief update to the committee on the works in the Kirribilli Village Centre.

It was advised the works on Burton Street have been pushed back until April 2024 to coincide with the St Aloysius Junior school holidays. Council will be installing drainage out the front of the school and as there will be open excavations, and it would be appropriate to do it during the school holidays.

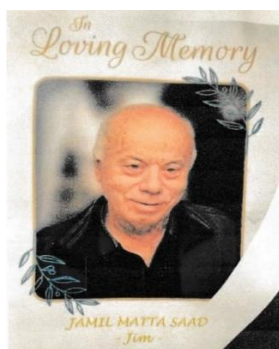


Construction commencing in Autumn School Holidays 2024 (April 2024)

## b) Memorial for Jim Saad – Burton Street Kirribilli

### Update- Klarfeld Bronzes

The Jim Saad memorial is on track for completion by March 2024. Lametta Saad has donated photos, tools and boots (pictured below), which have been considered in the design of the sculpture. Council is awaiting the final bronze markup which is called “an ensemble” from our artist Linda Klarfeld. Linda is a well-known local artist who has commissioned works such as those at Wenona School, Shore School and also in Mosman.



Art Artist Linda Klarfeld



**Proposed Memorial Location – Burton Street**

**Next steps**

ACTIVITY	DATE
Jim Saad Memorial Design	Late 2023
Wording of Memorial plaques	Late 2023
Jim Saad Memorial Complete	March 2024
Burton Street plaza commences	April 2024

**c) Bligh Street Shared Zone – Construction Update**

Council’s Engineering Project Manager advised the works started earlier this month and plans are to have them finished by late October.

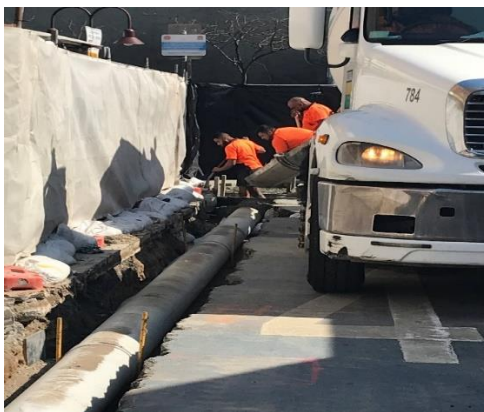
The stormwater drainage has been installed which will alleviate some of the water ponding in Bligh Street which has now been completed. The base slab for the level area has now been poured at the bridge next to the church where we have the slab with reinforcement ready for the shared zone there which will be an alfresco area. The works are 40% completed at present and we are 2.5 weeks into our 6-week program. It is looking to be finished by the end of October 2023 and that will be for the whole of Bligh Street.





### Works Completed

1. Bulk demolition.
2. Stormwater drainage works.
3. Main concrete slab.



Drainage pipe installation at Bligh Street    Main concrete slab poured



Main concrete slab and drainage in progress

ACTIONS	DATE
Bligh Street works started	4 September 2023
Temporary detour at Bligh Street	13 September 2023
Bligh Street 40% complete	19 September 2023

### Next Steps

ACTIVITY	DATE
Bligh Street footpath paving	Late September 2023
Bligh Street shared zone paving	October 2023
Finish Construction – Bligh Street	Late October 2023
Broughton Street paving	November 2023

#### d) Masterplan Implementation – Future projects



Source: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/kirribilli-public-domain>



### **Broughton Street – Future paving in October 2023**

It was advised that there are some funds available from this grant which could be used to improve other areas of Kirribilli and what is being proposed is that the footpath paving be continued around the corner in front of the Bridge Church up Broughton Street, and that would be the missing link up to Burton Street.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Ted Wziontek that as part of the consultation along Broughton Street council consider compensating affected business owners with some relief for the outdoor dining area for an appropriate period.

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised that Council was looking to the future and have looked through the plan priorities in the Master Plan, and that this is an opportunity for the committee to put forward their thoughts on what would be the next areas to upgrade in Kirribilli.

Fran Hernon advised that there was consultation circa 2020 that went into the Master Plan and that was developed by the consultancy company by the name of Turf Studio.

It was the understanding that Council did a whole lot of work for Burton and Bligh Street in terms of the colours, the lights, the benches, the pavers with the understanding that would be the streetscape that roles out as the Master Plan goes forward.

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised he would take this question on notice.

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised that the outcome from today's discussion is that Council should revisit the Master Plan and relook at it wholistically.

Jillian Christie suggested that Council activate the tunnel in Burton Street for 'live' events, get schools involved.

### **Jacaranda Season October – November 2023**

The Jacaranda Festival is being held from October through to November and the lessons learnt from last year will continue this year, as in the traffic control and the traffic control plan in McDougall and Hipwood. There will be traffic control and the road will be closed.

### **Recent upgrades in Kirribilli**



**Willoughby St drainage- before**



**Willoughby St drainage – After**



**Wrixton Park Pontoon – Before**

**Wrixton Park Pontoon – After**

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised the Wrixton Park Pontoon was recently upgraded by Council, and the council drainage works in Willoughby Street and Elamang Avenue Kirribilli are now complete. There is a garbage reducing gross pollutant trap installed which is cleaning the harbour and having good environmental benefits.

### **Pest Control Update**

Council's Engineering Project Manager advised the pest alert problem has been identified, and our contractor has replenished the baiting stations and will continue to do so on a monthly basis. The bait stations are located in Burton Street and Kirribilli Plaza, Broughton Street, Fitzroy Street and Humphrey Place between Crescent Place and Bligh Street which are the real hot spots with the garbage generated by restaurants. Council Rangers will continue to monitor garbage that is not binned to really try to get onto food sources and keep the rat population under control.

### **6. General Business**

Councillor Gibson advised that she has been inundated with feedback by the small businesses on how much focus there seems to have been on the Kirribilli village by Rangers. The complaints seem to be anonymous, and that council shouldn't respond to anonymous complaints. She stated focusing on Kirribilli causes a lot of bad will with small businesses, especially in Bligh Street. In particular in this period when the work is going on they should be a little bit more tolerant as the businesses are suffering and the Rangers are constantly down there.

She also mentioned there was an A-frame outside Oski Café and that someone had complained and said it was a trip hazard.

It was stated that the A frame is state legislation and not a council one.

A motion was moved by Ted Wziontek and seconded by Michael Bracka that Council review Ranger activity especially associated with businesses around the broader North Sydney area to show some consideration, specifically small businesses during this challenging economic time and the construction period.



### **Traffic Safety**

Michael Bracka advised that there is a traffic matter regarding speeding along Broughton Street up to the village and down from the village and that he had written to council in this matter.

The committee suggested another meeting be held before the end of the year being either the end of November or early December.

**Next meeting - TBA**

### **7. Close of Meeting**

The meeting concluded at 7.00pm.