



Minutes of Euroka Precinct meeting

Wednesday 6 December at 7:30pm

McMahons Point Community Centre, 165 Blues Point Road

Chair: GM; Minutes: KR; Zoom: MC.

1. Attendance 21 live, 3 zoom; Apologies 3. November minutes accepted as read.

2. Standing items & Summary of Actions

- Woolcott St 'Streets Alive' garden has reverted to Council for maintenance.
- Council noted that preventing access of oversized vehicles to the Noakes site cannot be enforced. No mention was made, however, of the need for the vehicle to enter the park near the site entrance and the possible damage inflicted by this. Parking of the vehicles in Woolcott St without a relevant permit is not possible and Council parking officers would need to witness the event to be able to issue a fine.
- A jetty adjacent to the Noakes site was imposed as a condition of the original consent. Council continues to advise that it is unlikely the condition requiring the jetty can be enforced.
- Council is still seeking to finalise the Fire Control Order at Noakes. Fines have been issued and the matter has been referred to legal.

3. Planning approvals

Relevant DAs and Planning Proposals

[DA 320/2023](#) 9 Oak St North Sydney. Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house and associated works. Closes 1 December. Noted.

4. State Government items

(a) The Submission Report on the tunnelling modification to West Harbour Tunnel is available and is yet to be signed off by NSW Department of Planning. The already approved tunnelling has commenced from northern end (Ridge St access). The meeting noted the problems occurring at the Rozelle Interchange. Precinct was asked to seek assurances from Council and State Government that the traffic chaos at Rozelle/Balmain will not be repeated at North Sydney when the WHT construction is completed.

(b) Warringah Freeway Upgrade – Construction work update available from TfNSW website.

(c) Noakes EPA licence modifications were raised at the meeting. We are advised by Council's Manager Environment and Building Compliance that the construction of a carbon filtration system in the relocatable shed was required in 2023 as part of DA 456/21, but the relocatable shed has been demolished and the approved works will not proceed. As part of the Pollution Reduction Program for the site, however, a carbon filtration system will be installed in shed 4 by April 2024 and the EPL has been changed to reflect this.

5. Council Items

(a) Request for comment on proposal to lease café at Coal Loader. Closes 18 December. Council has indicated that a tender has been selected and the café is likely to be open in early February next year.

(b) Open Space & Recreation Needs Study is being undertaken to identify strategic directions and priorities to inform the preparation of a new Open Space & Recreation Strategy. The online survey wants to ask how you use North Sydney's open spaces, what you like about them and how they can be improved. The survey closed 3 December. Despite the closure precinct members are encouraged to make their open space suggestions available to Council.

(c) Development Assessment online information session recording is not yet available. Precinct to follow up when it can be accessed.

6. Community Items

(a) New Year's Eve 2023. Bradfield Park/Mary Booth Reserve, Lavender Bay Parklands and Blues Point Reserve will not be ticketed this year. Details on road closures and access are available on Council's website.

7. General Business

(a) Timing for Euroka AGM is 7 February 2024. Information will be sent out in late January and a request made for nominations for office holders. Volunteers are needed to keep the Precinct System going.

(b) Merrett Playground - We are awaiting a response to last month's comment on interaction between dogs and children. We understand the playground is to be renewed or upgraded. Could this issue be considered in the context of that new work?

(c) Combined Precinct Committee AGM was held on 28 November.

(d) It was noted that 3 plane trees have been removed from in front of 47-51 Union Street. Residents stated they were not notified of this. These have been replaced by 2 trees and the question was asked if any more will be planted.

(e) Excessive water flow was reported in the gutter on the southern side of Union St near the Commodore Hotel, flowing around the corner into Blues Point Rd. This has been reported to Council.

(f) The recent installation of advertising posters on the railway bridge at Woolcott St was noted in previous meetings when Council was asked if it could contact City Trains to complain about this eyesore (aesthetic issue) and distraction to drivers (safety issue). Could Council confirm whether this has been done and whether Council itself is able to do something about this?

(g) The question of safety as it relates to Shore school students driving dangerously while looking for parking in Bank St., Euroka and Ancrum Sts. was raised again. A precinct member has previously contacted the deputy principal of the school to ask if students can be prevented from driving to school, given the public transport available. The answer given was that such a rule would be

impossible because the parents would not agree to it. The precinct will find out what rules apply at other schools in the area over students driving to school and will contact Shore school again in the new year.

(h) Report on Combined Precincts Committee meeting 28 November by KH. Details below.

Meeting closed 8.20pm.

Christmas drinks.

Next Euroka Precinct meeting: 7 February 2024 (AGM).

Next Council meeting: 11 December 2023.

Current Policies on Exhibition: Visit Council's 'Your Say North Sydney' website at: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au> to make comments and see background information about documents and processes.

CPC meeting of the 28/11/23.

Presentation on the NSLGA "Open Spaces and Recreation needs Study and Survey" being conducted by NSC. Some of the points raised Included:

10 year review and planning process

Ross Planning consultants assisting in the review process

Stakeholder engagement process involvement with information and Surveys

User groups consultations eg. Waverton Hub, Sports and Recreation groups

Focus to include Kids playgrounds, demographic needs and interests.

Heritage Spaces , Flora and Fauna considerations.

E News information, Indigenous sites, heritage and cultural activities.

Challenges with Topography and accessibility parks and consideration of Fishing, Personal training and recreation of dogs.

Water elements such as NS Swimming pool, access to the water and water storage.

CPC Meeting points:

Aboriginal Land Council - Difficulty experienced with dialogue relating to the Waverton Bowling Club considerations.

WHT (Western Harbour Tunnel) developments and impacts. Grave concerns about "Tunnel Vision" and extended concerns about the cost benefit analysis with various predictions of the costs being \$7.4b.

NSC recent Precinct Survey report 80 - 90% satisfaction with the service level support.

NSC web site has been a work on progress during 2023.

E News - is a major means of Communication with Precincts

Residents Survey reflected a decline in awareness about Precinct matters - 2006 - 64% Awareness; 2010 - 71%; 2023 - 45% Awareness.

The Future of Precincts in the NSLGA is strongly supported as a validation and voice to Council and ongoing community development.

WHT - JB presented a report and resolution to the meeting ... calling for a reassessment of the WHT project with consideration of the Financial Cost, Environment impacts and Traffic Impacts. Concerns were raised about the Heritage Listing process and support processes.

AGM for the CPC was conducted: Reports, Minutes and Finances were provided. SM was nominated and supported as one of the co-chairs for the CPC for the coming year. IG stood down are having served for 4 years as a co-chair of the CPC. The CPC will canvass for a second chair to support SM with the conducting of the CPC meeting for the coming year.

Minutes from the CPC meeting will be made available in the near future on the NSC website.