

# Milson Precinct Meeting Minutes 2nd November 2023

**Chair:** Jillian Christie  
**Venue:** Church By The Bridge  
**Time:** 7:30PM  
**Attendees:** 16 and **Apologies:** 3

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

## Confirmation of Minutes

**Motion:** The minutes of the meeting dated 5 October 2023 are adopted

**Moved:** DB.    **Seconded:** P                      **Unanimous**

## North Sydney Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations Discussion Points:

- Bligh St works looking good for completion – waiting for sign off by TfNSW before the roadway can be opened up again.
- Concerns raised about the impact of the closed road to the small businesses on Bligh St, as it was extended by more than double the time expected. The loss of income was about \$3K per week for one business, as residents / customers were not aware they were still operating or could easily access the business.
- Business operator was also fined upto \$900 for having an A-frame out advertising being open for business.
- This seems unfair to these small operators, trying to stay viable – could NSC consider reversing these fines.
- Requests for removing the parking space in the Bligh St area, but there was a commitment by NSC throughout the consultation periods, that there would be NO LOSS of parking in Kirribilli.
- Buses (Out of Service – about 80 in 3 hours) through Kirribilli, sit under the bridge on Olympic Drive, add to the traffic on Broughton St. And the safety of pedestrians – residents, students and tourists.
- Could NSC try to influence State Buses to not use Broughton St as their route for Out of Service Buses daily.
- Buses need places for drivers to rest, use bathroom facilities; often a change to the routes, will cost state govt. into future.
- Large trucks find it difficult to negotiate through Kirribilli Streets, roundabouts etc, can they be limited?
- Any vehicle less than 19 metres are allowed on roads, a coach is 14m and we try to limit construction sites to 12.5m vehicles.
- Narrower roads tends to slow down vehicles speeds.
- Parking lengths limits – need to allow 6m per car space if roads are marked for timed metered parking, with 5.4m at the two ends of the marked areas
- Broughton Street's western side between Greenway Drive and McDougall Street, has both AM and PM Peak Hour clearway signage. Generally, you will fit more vehicles on an 'unmarked' parking spaces.
- Clearways on roads, should be limited to State Roads, and not local roads.
- Clearways are to allow "through traffic" at peak hours; – but there is no through traffic out of Kirribilli that warrants this clearway signage, for either AM or PM times. Even the Out of Service buses do not leave Kirribilli via Broughton St. But via Alfred Street.
- Parking on both sides of Broughton Street at all times, vs peak hour clearway, will slow the traffic down.
- Request for reduced speed limits around the whole peninsular of Kirribilli – to 40 kph
- TfNSW is now suggesting lower rates of 30 kph around school zones.

- Suggest the community - both individually and as precinct, make a submission to “Safer Roads”
- Jacaranda Time – road closures are working well on the weekends.
- Community would suggest that it be extended to 7 days a week, as all the tourists are back and there are bus loads being driven down the street.
- Community requests NSC look at the jacaranda time be organised as an ‘event’ and promote it throughout the community as such. Currently costs are out of ‘traffic management budget’ vs events budget .
- We request that NSC advise via social media and the tourist operators, that there is ‘parking’ at Platypus Subbase on High Street, and walk down Hipwood street to the park, rather than trying to park on McDougall Street etc.
- Traffic Meeting – is hosted by the council, but are meeting of police, state members, transport and buses - any resident can address the traffic meeting on any item on the agenda.
- Residents can write to NSC to request that a matter get onto the Traffic agenda – via General Business, then a report can be written for the future traffic meeting – to which residents can address the matters of concern.
- Community asked if there could be equity with rangers on market days in Kirribilli, to be in balance with the ‘free’ parking for NS markets, on market days.
- Email from MB was read to EC and the community present. A lot of the issues raised had been discussed.

**Milson Precinct** thanked EC & BB for coming to the meeting.

**DA – 296/2023 - 145 Carabella St. Kirribilli** – “excavation and construction of a basement below an existing residential dwelling” ... this is currently a fully demolished terrace site. Maybe NSC should review this DA for accuracy of details.

### **General Business and Information**

- Garbage in Fitzroy St is too close to the new operator “Pasture” -garbage should be greater than 5m away from a restaurant. Could NSC please ensure that this neighbouring properties’ garbage does not impact upon this new business?
- Also a homeless person living in Fitzroy St tunnel, was aggressive towards residents and customers - with bad language, which was impacted by alcohol. Is this an alcohol-free zone? Could NSC address this situation in the future.
- Concerns were raised by many, with the number of people living rough, with so much funding being currently spent on both state and local development within the lower north shore – we ask what is NSC doing to address the homelessness problems.
- Some of the business operators in Kirribilli are not happy with the NSC Christmas decorations for the village area – which are very low key, not bringing much joy for the festive season. This has been mentioned over several years. Could NSC look at a review of the Christmas decorations for the village?
- Could the Brush Turkeys be dealt with by TfNSW – as they are a concern for the traffic throughout the village?
- Would the community enjoy having a Precinct Xmas party – to help build community ties.

**Meeting Closed** 9:00PM

**Next Meeting** 7th December, 2023