

ANZAC PARK PRECINCT MEETING

Wednesday 31 January 2024

ATTENDEES (14): SW, MW, TC, MT, CB, JB, SR, JD, DD, AG, NC, LD, MdeS, MA, KB,
APOLOGIES (7): GG, PB, IC, IH, GT, JO, TO

The previous Minutes of November 2023 were ratified – proposed by SW; seconded by NC. Precinct awaits Council response to our item regarding the Rosalind St East/Miller St junction safety issues.

COUNCIL FEEDBACK

Precinct were in support of and commended the Mayor's letter to Minister requesting a pause on the Western Harbour Tunnel and her letter requesting signage to Cammeray.

WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL [WHT] & WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE [WFU]

- KB [ex Plateau Precinct], who had been invited, briefed the Meeting on the developments impacting Morden St in particular these past months. The ongoing noisy disruptive construction facing Morden St centres around the new bus interchange as well as the very major bus overpass that will now be 7–9m above the road level - this is a very significant change from what residents had been advised in previous years. Four houses will be severely impacted. The bus interchange will require buses to drive below or at the road level, then to drive up for a short section and then level again.
- KB has been meeting or talking to engineers to obtain information on what is happening and why. This is a good development as others have not been able to obtain such detail.
- It does NOT look like the residents in Morden St will have the benefit of a Noise Wall down the track; the height of the new road construction may obviate that completely.
- Locals are deeply worried about the visual impact at the end of the project; the timeline; and the noise they face and its duration.
- KB advised that she was emphatically in favour of a return of green space to local residents, and not in favour of playing fields.
- SW briefed the Meeting on the Noise Wall in Cammeray Ave being removed soon and replaced with a temporary wall. She has also been asking TfNSW to change the garish Blue TFNSW netted hoardings around Anzac Park and they have indicated they will address this.
- MW informed the meeting that today TFNSW released a notice advising that the modifications to use a Tunnel-Boring Machine to create the WHT have been ratified formally and will proceed.
- The CPC-initiated meeting with Acciona, CPB Downer & TfNSW is on hold as TFNSW & their Contractors, Acciona & CPBD, refuse to meet more than 2 people and the PR/Comms people are the only ones they will give us access to...both of which we regard as unproductive.

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

- Council Tree Representative – MW would like more information on the Tree Replacement Strategy. **ACTION ITEM:** Precinct would therefore like a Council Tree Representative to brief Precinct at our 27th March Meeting on Council's liaison with TfNSW and future plans for tree plantings.
- Gavin Mc Connell - **ACTION ITEM:** Precinct request that Gavin McConnell be booked to please brief Precinct on current developments with TfNSW's WHT & WFU Projects for 15 mins at our March 27th, May 29th, July 31st, Sept 25th & Nov 27th Meetings.
- Mark Russell - Snr Environmental Mgr, TfNSW- Precinct will invite Mr Russell to address it at a future date
- Ian Hoskins - Local Historian: will be invited to brief Precinct on the local history of Cammeray & Crows Nest.

FUTURE POTENTIAL SOCIAL PROJECTS TO SUPPORT

1. Beginning a new year raises potential for new ideas. Social initiatives like Mosman's Chatty Chair were highly favoured by attendees. The Mosman Chatty Chair has been very well received by community there. North Sydney Council's Project along these lines could for instance be called "Buddy Bench" or whatever, and be located in North Sydney, Crows Nest, Cammeray etc.

MOTION: That North Sydney Council please provide serious consideration to adopting a Buddy Bench Program in various parts of the Council area eg North Sydney, Crows Nest, Cammeray. Moved by JB, Seconded TC

2. The shabby state of Cammeragal Place requires serious attention by Council. This is arguably overdue especially given the high volume of through traffic there with it being a route to Cammeray Public school as well as three well-patronised eateries [Maggios, Laneway Cafe & Nem Viet] being located there. There need to be some public toilets nearby if that can be managed. At the very least a regular clean, tubs of annual flowers, fairy lights and new Council benches would really help.

MOTION: That Council be asked to please clean up Cammeragal Place, instal new benches, tubs of annuals, fairy lights and anything else they think of.

Moved by MdeS, Seconded MT.

TRAFFIC & MANAGEMENT

- The Moodie Street issue goes before the Traffic Committee next week for hopeful decision-making at last – with the northern part becoming one-way northbound and the adjacent pedestrian path widened – but no action will be taken until the end of the WHT Project. Precinct is grateful that Council have finally give this issue due attention, but several members warned that the impact on Lytton Street traffic will need to be addressed.
- Residents complained of trucks idling for hours outside homes; massive trucks rushing down Lytton St (which is banned) – why can't trucks be diverted to Miller St away from local roads?

- TfNSW workers using public car spaces on local roads continues to be a problem. Some are even using visitors car spaces in private unit blocks (eg, 20 Moodie St).
- West St Cycleway - Residents complained about the cycleway on West St causing a hazard for local residents. The extension on the Crows nest side is not popular with some locals who argue that the street is simply not wide enough esp in parts. It is reported that cyclists on West St are not using the designated cycleway but cycling in the middle of the road; food delivery cyclists may be to blame for this. Residents are urged to fill in the Council survey.

MOTION: That Council again reiterate to TfNSW that workers must not usurp parking spaces on local roads. The roads in question are Morden St, Bellevue St, Warringa Rd, Moodie St & Moodie Lane. Moved by JD. Seconded by DD.

CHANGE OF TREASURER

MA is stepping down as Precinct Treasurer. Precinct thanks MA for her service in this role. Nominations were called. TC was nominated & accepted the Nomination. Agreed nem con.

THE NEXT Anzac Park Precinct meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at the Ros Crichton Pavilion.