

**North Sydney Combined Precincts Committee (CPC)**  
**Tuesday 20 February 2024**  
**6.00pm start, Ros Crichton Pavilion**

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**General Meeting Minutes**

**Voting Participants**<sup>1</sup>: SW (Anzac Park); JB (Anzac Park); PE (Brightmore); KH (Euroka); CC (Harrison-Bennett); MdS (Harrison-Bennett); GC (Neutral); EC (Neutral); SM (Parks); IG (Waverton); PM (Willoughby Bay).

**Also present:** Council staff -; Sam Clark Community Engagement Specialist/Minute Taker (SC NSC); Councillor Zoe Baker Mayor of North Sydney (ZB NSC)

**In attendance (Observers):** n/a

**Apologies:** DM (Hayberry)

**Co-convenor presiding:** SM (CPC Co-Convenor/Parks)

The meeting started at 6.00pm

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

SM (Parks) opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was held and welcoming all attendees to the meeting.

**2. Guest Speaker – Councillor Zoe Baker, Mayor of North Sydney – NSW Government Housing Reform**

Presentation Focus: NSW Government Housing Reform

ZB (NSC) spoke to the NSW Government's proposed Housing Reforms and how they will impact on the North Sydney LGA.

- Announced in November by The Hon. Paul Scully Minister for Planning and Public Space
- Discussed two parts impact North Sydney
  - Part 1 – Transport orientated Development: prioritizing development around Transport Hubs
  - Part 2 – Low to mid rise Housing reform

For more information on the proposed Housing Reforms and Council's position you can view the Public Information Session held 14 February 2024:

- Video recording: <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/news/article/172/state-government-housing-reforms---community-information-evening-recording>
- Presentation: [https://ehq-production-australia.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/58b1ec8922142c3e013def21056d58bb8388b155/original/1708583683/c565f659d8acf0081931faff0b879489\\_20240214\\_Planning\\_Reforms\\_-\\_Public\\_Information\\_Session.pdf?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIA4KKNQAKIOR7VAOP4%2F20240327%2Fap-southeast-2%2Fs3%2Faws4\\_request&X-Amz-Date=20240327T032503Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Signature=f52d5865832bde9dac970b435486a04646aae364b68893fdec61cf17e688b7dd](https://ehq-production-australia.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/58b1ec8922142c3e013def21056d58bb8388b155/original/1708583683/c565f659d8acf0081931faff0b879489_20240214_Planning_Reforms_-_Public_Information_Session.pdf?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIA4KKNQAKIOR7VAOP4%2F20240327%2Fap-southeast-2%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20240327T032503Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Signature=f52d5865832bde9dac970b435486a04646aae364b68893fdec61cf17e688b7dd)

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<sup>1</sup> Limited to two voting representatives per active Precinct Committee.

ZB (NSC) also spoke to the North Sydney Olympic Pool (NSOP) providing an update on the project.

- At the first Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Mayoral Minute talked about the history of the project and how we got here, but particularly about the failure of external guardrails.
- Want to strengthen the organisation to make sure there is no future council that would walk to a poor set of decision-making. 8 to 2 voted to do a Government and Decision-making framework.
- IPART doing a review of financial model for council's in NSW
- OLG have put in new Audit and Risk Management guidelines that have to be implemented by all Councils by July 2024.
- Wrote to OLG last term of Council raising concerns that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee which had external members met 16 times during the peak period and didn't once raise an issue.
- Confidential report that came to Council with extensive legal advice
- Public resolution that the Council has resolved to increase the budget by an additional 20 million to delegate to the General Manager to obtain a loan for that amount to
- Budget from \$85 million to \$105 million.
- Getting a proper accounting of the real budget, the original budget didn't include a whole lot of things that are now included; like the cost of insurance, project management, fit-out, eastern stairwell, maintenance to aqua dining place etc. The new figure is terrible but is now an accurate and transparent account.
- Resolved: delegated to the General Manager to enter into a deed of settlement and amended contract with ICON to address proposed financial arrangements under the contract.
  - Effectively deal with variations and costs under contract that stretches back to March 2021 and will now be resolved by the deed of settlement
- Issue with the structural steel over the 25m pool. Identified in September when ICON put it up and it buckled. Architect and builder working with the Council to resolve that. Separate issue as to who is responsible, but it is not the Council.
- None of the structural steel could be reused so it needed to be re-ordered which is part of the cause of the most recent delay

Questions asked of guest speaker –

On proposed Housing Reforms:

- Are they offering to have a better process for populations with greater needs?
  - No funds being made available for things like schools or open space in LGA
- Are petitions worthwhile pursuing for the Housing Reforms?
  - Would need to move at Council Meeting but time is of the essence (submissions close Friday 23 February)
- Does the Council have pricing for impact? What is the increased density proposed compared to current zoning?
  - No numbers have been released
  - Would be great to see what Greater Sydney Studies have done.
- What are we doing about the livability (entertainment etc.) of Council?
  - A series of strategies to guide the next 10 years will be developed this year
    - Guest speakers will be sought to discuss this topic in the next meeting

On NSOP update:

- Is there an ongoing cost to the Council's budget?
  - Of course there is. There are no changes to service levels this financial year
  - Robust conversations around financial implications
- Is the right external advice being followed?
  - As confident as can be about internal and external expertise
  - All of the things that didn't happen up front are in place now

On other issues:

- Why West St Cycleway is going ahead when the full implications of the changed traffic flows from the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and everything else is happening is unknown.
  - Taken as a comment to take back to the organisation
  - The reason is it is under the Bike Strategy and the Council's way of capturing NSW active and sustainable transport funding is to have things that are ready to go which means they need to have been community consulted
- Neutral Bay Junction of Young St & Grosvenor intersection changes which is going to be torn to pieces during the construction period of nearby development with trucks not getting around it and questioning how much usage it will get
  - About the timing of Council's works and construction
  - Taken as a comment to take back to the organisation

### 3. Previous Minutes of 28 November 2023

**MOTION:** *The minutes of the general meeting held on 28 November 2023 were confirmed as read and correct.*

**MOVED BY:** JB (Anzac Park), **SECONDED BY:** KH (Euroka)

**CARRIED**

For	Against	Abstain
Anzac Park x 2 Brightmore x 1 Euroka x 1 Neutral x 2 Parks x1 Waverton x1 Willoughby Bay x 1		Harrison-Bennett x 1
Total: 9	Total: 0	Total: 1

### 4. Council's Reply to Previous Minutes (Summary of Actions)

Taken as read. No discussion

### 5. Co-convenors Report

SM (Parks) consideration for next CPC meeting were Council Service levels but might be better off talking about, and preparing for, the 10-year plan (Community Strategic Plan)

Acoustic shed being build on the WFU site in 13 meters high, final shed to be 20 meters high.

No nominations for vacant Co-convenor role, encourage nominations.

One or two people more than welcome to nominate

### 6. Council Update (JG, NSC)

ATTACHMENT B - slides

SC (NSC) advised:

**a. Guest Speaker opportunities**

For precincts looking for guest speakers there are a few options:

- The Council’s Graffiti management team: free graffiti removal service for private property owners in the North Sydney Council area.
- Sydney Water: large project in the Cremorne area and continued work occurring in the LGA
- Council’s Community Engagement Specialist
- Communication Managers for Warringah Freeway Upgrade and Western Harbour Tunnel projects

Please give as much notice as possible for best chance at getting your preferred speaker.

**ACTION:** Please send all Council staff guest speaker requests to [precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

**b. Precinct System Review recommendations – Boundaries/Name Changes**

- Will continue to be rolled out
- Consultation will be made if any changes proposed

Question:

Has there been any inflation in the last 10 years because the Precinct budgets haven’t changed in the last 10 years?

Merged Precincts can’t afford to mail out with no increase to the budget.

**ACTION:** SC to follow up and report back

**c. Precinct Admin Timeframes 2024**

CPC Meetings

- Reminder sent three weeks before meeting calling for agenda items
- Agenda items close two weeks before the meeting
- Agenda sent out to all office bearers one week before the meeting

Flyers

- Give a minimum of five (5) working days for printing

Minutes

- As soon as available

Attendance lists

- 48 hours after the meeting

Remaining CPC Meetings in 2024

- Was to be Tuesday 21 May, but now proposed to be Tuesday 16 Apr

**MOTION:** That the next CPC meeting be held on 16 April 2023.

**MOVED BY:** SM (Parks), **SECONDED BY:** PM (Willoughby Bay)

**CARRIED**

For	Against	Abstain
Anzac Park x 2		
Brightmore x 1		
Euroka x 1		

Harrison-Bennett x 1 Neutral x 2 Parks x1 Waverton x1 Willoughby Bay x 1		
Total: 10	Total: 0	Total: 0

**d. Actions/Motions in minutes**

- highlight in bold and indicate MOTION: or ACTION:
- include voting numbers for/against and abstain
- be clear/concise with requests for action/investigation or information - where practical provide street address
- submit minutes (and attendance sheets) as soon as practicable after each meeting
- DA submissions - use the online submission form, include the voting numbers

**e. Precinct-led Boundary or Name Changes (Status)**

Neutral Exploring possible merger with the inactive Hayes and Kurraba Precincts or other options e.g. reactivation of inactive Precincts  
Meeting to be held 27 February 2024

**f. AGM Procedure**

Processes in Precinct eNews

**g. Current/upcoming consultations (taken as read)**

- [NSW Government Housing Reform](#) - closes 23 February
- [Draft Administrative Amendment to NSDCP 2013](#) – closes 29 February
- [West Street Cycling, Walking and Streetscape Upgrades \(Stage 2\)](#) – closes 3 March
- [Mapping Queer North Sydney](#) - ongoing
- [Ridge St Window Gallery feedback](#) - ongoing

**h. Current NSW Government Engagements**

- Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to create low and mid-rise housing – closes 23 February
- Setting maximum Opal fares until 2028 – closes 1 March
- West Harbour Tunnel project communications – closes 31 March
- Bus Industry Taskforce – closes 31 March
- A Heritage Strategy for NSW – closes 31 March

**7. General Business**

**a. Proposed Motions - Nil**

**b. Discussion Items**

- Euroka Precinct’s verbal update on their planned event for Clean Up Australia Day at Waverton Oval 8 am to 12 pm on Sunday 3 March 2024
  - Listed on the Clean Up Australia Day website
  - Building a culture of people in community picking up litter as well as good event

- You can register a community event on their website and receive collateral to assist in hosting the event.

**ACTION: That Clean Up Australia website be added to the next Precinct eNews**

- ii. Concern over asbestos in parks
  - ABC have a map showing effected areas and there is nothing in the NS LGA
  - Cr. Shannon Welch posted that there were no concerns in the NS LGA
  - EPA's list has no effected suppliers supplying NS LGA
- iii. Vote of thanks to JG & GN for the great work they have done.
  - GN previously thanked

**MOTION: A note of thanks to JG for the work she has done for the Precincts and at North Sydney Council over the years**

**MOVED BY: KH (Euroka), SECONDED BY: SM (Parks)**

**Passed Unanimously**

For	Against	Abstain
Anzac Park x 2		
Brightmore x 1		
Euroka x 1		
Harrison-Bennett x 1		
Neutral x 2		
Parks x1		
Waverton x1		
Willoughby Bay x 1		
Total: 10	Total: 0	Total: 0

**9. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 16 April**

Meeting closed at 7.30pm