

# EUROKA PRECINCT

## GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 7:50pm**

**McMahons Point Community Centre, 165 Blues Point Road**

- 1. Meeting Chair GM, Minutes KR.**
- 2. 14 in attendance. 10 Apologies. Acceptance of Minutes from December 2023 moved by KH. All voted in favour.**
- 3. Standing items & Summary of Actions from December 2023 minutes.**

**Fire Safety at Noakes boatyard, Berrys Bay.** No update has been provided since 30 November 2023.

**Jetty near Noakes boatyard, Berrys Bay.** No update has been provided since 30 November 2023.

**Dogs in Merrett Playground area.** Council's Landscape Architect/Project Coordinator has advised that under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, dogs are prohibited from being in or within 10m of the apparatus in any children's play areas. Council's playgrounds have signs at or near main playground entrances that state this. Additionally, all dogs in public places must be under the control of a competent person. Council is required by the State Government to enforce the laws concerning dogs, and Council Rangers may issue on-the-spot fines for infringements. Currently, this park is an off-lead park as approved by Council. A resolution of Council is required to change that designation.

**Trees removed 47-51 Union St.** Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that the 3 Plane Trees were deceased, and notification was placed on the trees themselves. As these trees were dead Council didn't notify individual residents but removed them promptly to protect public safety. It has been confirmed that three trees were planted as replacements.

**Excessive water flow near Commodore Hotel** Council's Engineering & Infrastructure Manager has advised that the water flowing around the corner is from a Sydney Water leak. Sydney Water has advised that repairs have been scheduled. The drainage pit is blocked due to suspected damage caused when the electrical conduits were installed along Union Street. Rebuilding the drainage line is on Council's program of projects and will be undertaken in due course.

**Advertising posters on railway bridge at Woolcott St.** Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the railway bridge is the responsibility of TfNSW. Council cannot implement changes on the bridge. The item has been referred to TfNSW requesting they respond to the precinct email address for a response.

**Un-safe U turns at Princes St and Blues Point Rd (update).** Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Council is concerned about the proliferation of road signs. Providing signage to reinforce existing road rules and advisory signs not recommended in general guidelines contribute to a cluttered road environment and results in a less legible road environment. Redundant signage can also create a hazard for pedestrians. Before installing a sign, Council considers whether the signage will impact driver behaviour, particularly where the sign is to request an existing Road Rule. Given that traffic movements were observed to be at slow speeds with drivers giving way to other pedestrian and vehicle movements with adequate visibility on site and there have been no recorded crashes at this intersection the installation of No U-Turn signage is not supported at this time.

**Safety signage at Woolcott, Union, Commonwealth, Euroka Sts.** Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Australian Standards recommend the provision of a single Street Name sign at an intersection. Council is concerned about the proliferation of street signs that needlessly create obstructions on the footpath, create a more cluttered and less legible road environment, and as such minimise the duplication of street signs. Street Name signs have not been provided on the western side of the intersection as they would not be visible for eastbound drivers on Euroka Street as a result of visual obstruction of the railway bridge.

#### **4. Planning approvals - Relevant DAs**

[DA 6/2024](#) 63 Victoria St McMahons Point. Alterations and additions to an existing semi-detached dwelling. Closes 16 Feb. Noted.

[DA 336/2023](#) 120 Pacific Highway NORTH SYDNEY. Change of use to educational facilities and associated fit-out works for level 2 of this property. Maximum capacity 90 students. Closes 26 Jan. Noted.

[DA 341/2023](#) 40 Mount St. NORTH SYDNEY. Installation of 2 x rooftop antennae. Closes 26 Jan. Noted.

[DA 188/22](#). Class 1 L&EC Proceedings No 2023/214701 39 Union St McMahons Point. Amended plans have been provided. Conciliation conference 22,23 January 2024. Noted.

#### **4. State Government items**

(a) NSW Government Heritage Strategy. Heritage NSW is seeking feedback to shape the direction of the strategy. Comments are to be provided by 31 March.

(b) NSW Government Housing Reform. Comments on NSW government planning documents by 23 February. Meeting discussed general issues associated with proposals for density increases in North Sydney Council area. GM to advise whether we can get Mayor, Councillors, planners from Council to address precinct meeting. Council will host a community information evening on 14 February at the Independent Theatre from 6pm. Need to book.

(c) TfNSW advised that approval for the tunnel boring operation under the harbour to Balls Head has been approved.

#### **5. Council Items**

(a) Open Space and Recreation Needs Study is underway. Currently assessing feedback from community as to what is wanted. A Discussion Paper will be on public exhibition in March. This will include drop-in sessions and workshops and will inform the preparation of the Needs Study later in the year.

## 6. Community Items

(a) Coal Loader Café and Waverton Bowling Club. No news.

## 7. General Business

(a) From the floor – Union/Edward meeting on November 2022 recommended the improvement of pedestrian safety at Holt St McMahons Point by demarcation of the northern side of the street. The meeting was asked to follow up with Council on whether there was a response to the Holt Street pedestrian safety issue. Response from Council was in Summary of Actions Arising 2022: “As part of the North Sydney Integrated Traffic and Parking Strategy, Council has adopted Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans (formerly known as TAPAS). The LATM implementation procedure adopts a methodology that takes into consideration an area-wide traffic management scheme and allows the community’s high-priority traffic projects to be ranked according to a number of criteria, including safety, traffic volume, speeds, pedestrian and cycling volumes, surrounding land uses, and alignment with the Community Strategic Plan. The Action Plans form the basis of a works program to be implemented by Council going forward. The Action Plans are also updated and reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure they are relevant and up to date. “Lavender Bay to Berry Bay” is listed in the LATM Action Plan Zone 3, Item Ped.1 with the suggested action to “Prepare a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Study (PAMPS)”. Projects are planned on an annual basis subject to the priorities within the Action Plans, availability of funding, and community consultation. By maintaining the North Sydney Integrated Traffic & Parking Strategy process, especially with the constant review and updating of the Action Plans, Council is confident that, over time, most traffic-related issues can be equitably addressed.”

Could Council provide an update on this?

(b). From the floor – Could Council advise if there will be a report on the overall performance of New Years Eve arrangements in the LGA? In particular, it was noted that closure/access times for some areas were not adhered to, causing inconvenience to residents attempting to drive home inside the cordon. Could Council advise contact details for a Council officer able to discuss this with affected residents?

(c). Clean Up Australia Day will be on Sunday 3 March. A number of sites will be in action that day, including Waverton Oval if anyone wishes to volunteer.

(d) A request for an update on the Masterplan for Blues Point Road was made. Could Council update on progress.

(e). A request for an update on the North Sydney pool construction was made. The meeting was advised that the Council meeting on 19 February indicated that current expenditure was at \$63 million. Still, outstanding claims to be resolved. Council sought approval for the CEO to organise to borrow a further \$20 million. The timing looks like 2025.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

**Next Euroka Precinct meeting:** 6 March 2024. **Next CPC meeting:** 20 February.

**Next Council meeting:** 26 February, 11 March, 25 March 2024.

**Traffic Committee meeting:** 15 March 2024.

**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.