

**MINUTES OF ANZAC PARK PRECINCT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2024  
ROS CRICHTON PAVILION**

**ATTENDEES** 13: SW, MW, AG, SMW, MA, MDS, DD, JD, TC, JB, GT, VN, SN

**APOLOGIES:** 7: SR, MT KM, CB, NC. LD, PB

**GUEST SPEAKER: COUNCIL'S PUBLIC PROJECTS INTERFACE MANAGER [GM]**

GM explained that he advocates and endeavours to address issues with TfNSW on behalf of the Public and Council.

**Key Issues:**

1. RETURN OF GREEN SPACE TO COMMUNITY- It's Official: TfNSW will be returning the Temporary bus layover in Cammeray Park, northwest of Cammeray Golf Course, to the Public.
2. However, the Second Area that the Buses are also parking in now along the Warringah Freeway corridor will in future be retained & used by TfNSW as a Bus layover. SMW expressed serious concern about this development as it was never recorded, discussed, or anticipated in any documentation or discussions. This will create pollution, noise, etc. for local residents living nearby. For the record, this is quite distinct from the Temporary Parking area near Warringah Rd or the 2019 version of the Bus Layover recorded previously.
3. THE ACOUSTIC SHED- JD asked will the Acoustic Shed be removed. In reality, it is likely that it will, unless they leave it there for a future Beaches Link. GM did not know.
4. THE NORTHERN PARKING LOT currently has a massive amount of hard concrete surfaces, and how it will be reinstated to green space remains to be seen, but it will be surrounded by roads.
5. MULCH: GM confirmed that the mulch that had been used in the area, had been a priority for NSC & testing to the satisfaction of NSC had been done.
6. LOSS OF REVENUE FOR NSC DUE TO THESE SSI PROJECTS: GM did point out that there had been a huge loss of revenue for NSC arising from these Works partly due to TfNSW removing and/or blocking off many high-use parking spots, etc.

7. MORDEN ST RESIDENTS PROBLEMS: SMW spoke of the many daily ongoing issues that Morden Street residents were facing with the nearby Work site and Contractors - particularly loss of parking, noise, dust, and general lack of compliance.

- The variety of Contractors is also confusing - Orange Shirts are WFU Workers, Yellow Shirts are underground WHT Workers, while above Ground Sub Contractors are in Orange but there are not as many of them.
- SMW also complained furiously that it takes 40 mins to one hour for the Hotline to be answered by the TfNSW Contractors!

**ACTION ITEM**: Can GM request TfNSW to address this delay with the Hotline?

8. PARKING PROBLEMS: There is a provision to stop Contractor staff parking in Local streets ie. the Planning permit - but the Department of Planning choose not to use this avenue despite the resultant huge detrimental impact on local residents on a daily basis. MdeS advised that NSC have in fact decided at the last Council meeting:

- - to monitor impacts & liaise with TfNSW & Contractors to address all impacts on locals & compliance with conditions of Consent.
- - to suspend usual parking regime along the WFU/WHT corridor for the construction period & to prioritise Local vehicle access & on-street parking.

**ACTION ITEMS** :

1. Can GM take this issue up with TfNSW?
2. Can NSC consider Timed or Residents ONLY Parking in key areas where parking by TfNSW Contractors is prevalent?

9. PARKING FINES & CONTRACTORS: JD posed the question of whether NSC had issued any parking fines to the Contractors of TfNSW? If so, have they been paid? And who paid them?

**ACTION ITEM**: Could the Mayor please advise the Precinct about this?

10. THE ROADS ACT IMPLICATIONS FOR NSC: GM explained the difficulties of S.175 & S.64 of the Roads Act NSW allowing for resumption of land adjacent to roads. When TfNSW takes over a local road, its priorities far outweigh any other relevant stakeholders. This also led to tussles regarding who is the Regulatory Authority, NSC, or TfNSW for certain areas e.g. verges.

11. LOCATION OF KEY TfNSW PERSONNEL INTERSTATE - JB asked if GM could take resident reps along to his Meetings with TfNSW to effect resolutions. This is a consistently recurring problem for locals.

- GM advised he has a good relationship with a counterpart. However, Precinct learned that this Person is located far away in Queensland & has not visited these sites or the area! For a key Personnel like this to be located so far away and not have visited

the area basically shows what priority TfNSW allocates to this aspect - it shows a complete lack of management or accountability as they will lack proper perspective.

- A similar issue arises with the HelpLine people who are also probably located nowhere near the site. SMW & other locals have complained frequently that when locals have to contact these Helpline people they have to go into such minute detail, it becomes frustrating.
- GM encouraged SMW and anyone else to email him directly with clear dot points and photos so that her complaints can be raised to a higher level.

MdeS thanked GM for his time and attendance.

## **GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of Previous Meeting were ratified. Moved by JB, and agreed by GT.

### **1. CROW'S NEST ISSUES:**

New residents, JO & TO are moving to West Street and wanted a better understanding of the road & area with regard to future development. JB & TC agreed that some areas of West Street fell within the State Government medium density plans being 800m from the new Metro station. TC commented that Traffic on West St seems to get worse with the new Cycle Lane, as noted near the Union Hotel, too narrow for heavy vehicles passing.

### **2. NEUTRAL BAY TOWN PLANNING STUDY:**

MW outlined the position regarding this study and reactions from two local representative bodies, who suggested that members urgently lodge responses on the North Sydney Council website before 5PM Tuesday 2 April. Details will be posted on the Anzac Park Precinct FB page.

### **3. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There has been some confusion with regard to personnel and responsibilities at NSC. Also the identities of the General Manager and CEO had proved confusing. Locals have been raising issues with NSC & Precinct that have revealed a lack of knowledge about who does what at Council and who to contact if there is a particular issue.

**ACTION ITEM:** In the interests of transparency and accessibility, could Precinct please be provided with a copy of an Org chart showing which Directors & Managers are responsible for which functions etc.

- **ACTION ITEM:** Precinct request confirmation that Council's Manager Parks & Reserves will be available to come to our next Precinct Meeting on Wednesday 29 May and talk to us for about 15 minutes on Councils' Tree Management Activities.

**Next Anzac Park Precinct meeting** will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at the Ros Crichton Pavilion.