

MINUTES OF ANZAC PARK PRECINCT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2024

ROS CRICHTON PAVILION

ATTENDEES 13 : SW, MW, MDS, NF, JD, DD, AG, GG, RN, VN, MT, SF, NC
APOLOGIES: JB, SOC, SR, TC, PB, CB, JO

GENERAL MEETING:

Minutes of Previous Meeting were ratified. Moved by SW Agreed by JD.

1. Council & CPC Meeting Feedback:

Last Council meeting was partly in a Closed Session.

There is a critical Traffic & parking Survey for West St

Council have approved the exhibition of a Social Media Policy voted down by 5 Councillors.

\$20m loan for pool approved by Council.

2. W/Freeway Upgrade/WHT Issues.

Warringah Freeway Upgrade PDLP is now approved July 2024. SW urged members to go online to look at it - SW did not find it user friendly. There is a 2nd PDLP released for consultation involving the Unfiltered Exhaust Stack near a Primary school with an Atrium. People need to look at this & provide urgent comment on their concerns/input - CLOSING DATE: Midnight on Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Cammeray Avenue proposed Closure: No decision has been made on whether Cammeray Avenue should be permanently closed as they are awaiting feedback from Anzac Park School. Locals remain divided, some resent the difficulty of exiting via Anzac Avenue.

Noise Abatement: MdS told the meeting that there was a new round of noise abatement treatments happening now and if anybody has issues, they should contact the Noise Insulation programme (NIP@transport.nsw.gov.au).

As work progresses CPB Downer contractors will gradually reduce their presence and Acciona will dominate.

3. WEST STREET:

Two key issues at present:

[a]The Survey highlights an ongoing problem there for locals. AG complained that the proposal is that 2 hour parking was going to be reduced to 1 hour parking in West Street - which in her view and many other West Street residents was just ridiculous.

This time frame did not allow for any tradies visiting clients to stay long enough and there seemed to be no logic in reducing the time frame of 2 hours to 1 hour. Visitors are also turned off by the 1 hour time limit which impacts locals' activities.

As TC wrote in: *"It makes it almost impossible for tradesmen, such as plumbers & electricians, to park close while they do maintenance, more frequently required in our apartment blocks. No tradesman is done in an hour and they have heavy tools and replacement parts to carry.*

We need a combination of 2 hour and 4 hour at the very least. The metro station isn't going to attract parkers from up north to a 2 hour parking, as opposed to a 1 hour parking, which I assume is the motivation. I do have a bunch of stickers for Area 21, for friends, but I don't want to have to pay for every tradesman who visits our building of 8 units."

[b] SECOND ISSUE FOR WEST ST LOCALS: GG & AG also explained that the two Parking spaces at the Falcon Street end ie southern end of West Street were causing serious congestion of traffic flows as it impedes the flow. These two Car spots in that location, prevent the traffic going south from dividing into two lanes causing a traffic jam & delay that goes all the way back to Ernest St & beyond in Peak Hour.

AG & CG argue: "What are Council thinking about is the question...It makes no sense and urgent consideration at Council needs to be given to this issue." *Photos attached for Council.*

Precinct expressed solid support for these two issues as locals further away like SF & others acknowledged the difficulty of the 2 car spaces blocking traffic. We all can see the difficulty of having both sides of this street become 1 hour parking!

ACTION ITEM: Motion: That Precinct urges

- Council to please review & remove the offending two car spaces on West St near the Falcon Street Corner that impede traffic turning left or proceeding straight especially in Peak hours; and
- Precinct strongly supports local residents' complaints that the Parking Time limit on the drycleaners side of West Street must remain at 2 hours at least and not be reduced down to 1 hour [like it is on the opposite side,] in order to enable locals to continue with the necessary activities in their daily lives as highlighted by TC in 3[a] above.

Moved: CG Supported Mds

TERMINATION &/OR REDUCTION OF BUS SERVICES FROM MON 5 AUG 2024: TC (unable to attend mtg due to illness) wrote to Precinct to lobby support against the reduction/termination of Bus Services 200, 115 and 320 this was going to coincide with the opening of the Metro, however that has now been delayed and commuters heading to the City from Crows Nest/North Sydney on Mon 5th Aug 2024 will have no direct public transport route which will be a great inconvenience. Precinct is aware of this unfortunate situation with TfNSW. This is not a Council Issue and Precinct recommends that people lobby them and the Minister for Transport, John Graham.

4. LYTTON STREET:

Lytton Street residents are still severely struggling with the impact of uninhabitable homes and residents in Lytton Street are very concerned about the future of their Street. Council does not have any solutions. The best option seems to be to rezone the street but this would take too long for impacted residents. An attendee, a retired judge suggested that a claim of Malfeasance may be available. This will be referred to the residents to follow up.

- Secondly residents are still waiting for the Council' Director Open Spaces to forward the names of some Hydraulic Engineers who would do work for residential situations as promised at the June 2024 Meeting. Residents efforts to find any have surprisingly proved unsuccessful.

5. WILLOUGHBY ROAD:

NC asked how long were the works in Willoughby Road going to continue? The pavements were dangerously uneven and walking around the area was very unpleasant. Work starts in one area and then stops before recommencing again. It seems that there is very poor contract management on these Works. Precinct last heard that the Works will not finish until October 2024.

5. APP SCHOOL - Prevailing Safety Issues:

NC reported that road safety in Rosalind Street East/Miller Street junction is particularly dangerous. So is the Slip Lane on Miller Street turning left into Ernest Street. The Ernest/Miller Streets Crossing is another hot spot with no Give Way signal to drivers. The Exit Ramp from the Freeway (to Miller Street) changes are seriously heightening driver stress & frustrations which in turn leads to faster driving.

On behalf of APP P&C, NC did a walk around with the local Member, Tim James who acknowledged the problems - it does not even meet the code!

Tim James favoured a Wombat Crossing further down Rosalind St West before the Hill down to Anzac Ave to force traffic to slow down which would work but would cost \$100,000 to install and the advice was that the cost cannot be justified by Council at this stage, as there had been no serious accidents.

One really dangerous area is the Slip road/Pedestrian Crossing from Miller Street into Ernest Street. Traffic is often flying fast coming off the Warringah Freeway and drivers are frustrated with all the works on the Freeway and having been slowed down already by the Construction Works, they then speed off the Freeway into Miller and Ernest Streets, causing real danger to children crossing roads especially on the Slip Road into Ernest Street and other roads in the area. Mr James observed, as kids were walking past, that they are the same height as the SUVs driving by.

Other points to note are:

- There is a TFNSW review of Road Infrastructure around the Western Harbour Tunnel/Warringah Freeway Project. NC hopes to feed into this even though it is a long way off.

- NC reported that there have been 4 breaches of trucks in Rosalind Street over the last few months.
- NC said that traffic infrastructure is basically unchanged since before Anzac Park School was built, except for one Pedestrian Crossing opposite the school entrance.
- NC will be speaking at the next Council Traffic Management meeting.
- APPS P&C are concerned that the Council & TfNSW are not taking their very real on the ground concerns seriously. They keep putting off any action saying they will wait until the end of the Western Harbour Tunnels Project some 4 years away! There is no indication at this stage that a review of the road infrastructure around the Project site will result in any improvements to road safety around the APP School. The whole matter is a bureaucratic nightmare.

6. OTHER ISSUES:

MW passed around the DA for the new Hari Krishna Temple on the corner of Miller and Falcon Streets.

SW reported the graffiti on the place sign in Jeafferson Jackson Reserve to Council and this has been acknowledged. (Has now been cleaned).

ACTION ITEM: MOTION: Cammeraygal Place: This is still open for Precinct- Precinct requests that Council please stop ignoring this pressing issue in a high traffic area & Update Cammeraygal Place. It is a grungy community space area. It needs to be brought into line with Council' Neutral Bay & Kirribilli updated Plazas & laneways

Moved: MdS Seconded: MT

Precinct supported the locals ongoing proposal to have this High traffic Laneway off Cammeray Village, improved and cleaned up. Hundreds of Cammeray Public school kids & parents flood the area several times daily & it is a linkway for residents to get to their homes from the buses in Miller Street.

It requires more than just a long overdue good clean! For a start, freshly painted seats and table is urgently needed - it is so grungy, how can kids sit & eat at that table? Containers of flowers could be added. The area needs a good update. As locals have said repeatedly to Council " *What is there against stringing up some fairy lights in the trees?*" Kirribilli & Neutral Bay have been getting spruced up and they were not in such a long overdue dirty state as Cammeraygal Place!

Cammeray has received very little attention from Council for years now and locals have not been happy about this and this issue has been festering and growing both on fb and on the local Cammeray Village streets.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Next Anzac Park Precinct meeting will be held on Zoom at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28 August due to need for input to the impending TOD & PDLP consultations [& given their deadlines] and the Council Election.

The following Meeting will be face to face on 25 Sept 2024 at the Ros Crichton Pavilion.