



WOLLSTONECRAFT PRECINCT MEETING

14 August 2024

1. **Open meeting. Acknowledgement of Country:** RB (Chair) read the acknowledgement
2. **Apologies:** RS, JH, AF, BD, AMc, SW, WB.
3. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on **12 June 2024:**
Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday **12 June 2024**, having been circulated were taken as read and are hereby confirmed.

Proposer: JH Seconder: AF

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

4. **Guest Speaker - Tony Irwin.**
Tony delivered an extensive presentation on Small Modular (Nuclear) Reactors for baseload power.

It was titled: **Is Nuclear Power a Realistic Option for Australia?**

It was not a promotion for Nuclear nor one for renewables.
It identified issues and comprised essentially of known factual evidence related to:

CO2 mission intensity; Comparison with other countries and within Australia on emission intensity and use of nuclear power; Capacity factors of renewables; Relative whole of life capital and maintenance costs of Nuclear, Hydro, Wind and Solar; Waste management and Delivery Time.

A copy of Tony Irwin's presentation is being circulated. The audience raised many questions, most of which were answered.

5. **Councillor and Mayor**, provided updates about several major projects:
 - a. Warringah Freeway and West Harbour Tunnel – council is attempting to mitigate what could be another Rozelle Intersection disaster.
Abandoning the Beaches Link project should have required a new EIS



to properly identify the impacts of traffic on intersection that connect to/from Mosman and Spit Road.

- b. Cammeray Park – 5.3 hectares permanently lost due to construction work. Council negotiating recompense with state government who have made a very derisory offer of \$1:00/sqm
- c. Cammeray Golf Club – council trying to ensure it is the landlord for the new lease whereas Department of Transport is proposing they will be the lessor on behalf of Crown Lands
- d. DA 66/23 a revised gross proposal for 52 three bedroom apartments an even larger version of which was previously refused by Council. It has been appealed through the Land and Environment Court.
- e. Fiveways site – SSD applicant proposing 30% uplift of Gross Floor Space with 15% being for affordable housing. This has been the subject of public exhibition and is under review by the Dept of Planning. The Transport Oriented Accelerated Development program (TOD) has made no recommendation about the outcome of this review.
- f. Open Space in Crows Nest St Leonards. The TOD proposal as explained by the Explanation of Intended Effects (EIE) identifies no new space save one private carpark and makes zero provisions for funding. Council is identifying new space as being desperately needed and including that within the submission on the TOD due to be lodged on 30 August. Negotiations with State Government is met with claims that there are greater needs for funding elsewhere in the State/Greater Sydney.
- g. Crows Nest Accelerated Transport Oriented Development (TOD) plan is proposing up to 3,255 new homes above the approved 6,680 homes in the 2036 Plan. The EIE outcome if approved would result in an alarming fall in employment opportunities for Crows Nest St Leonards compared with the approved 2036 Plan
- h. Noise Levels during construction – council lobbying the EPA for compliance with the EIS controls given the number of ongoing projects.
- i. Bicycle Lane on Sydney Harbour Bridge – work has commenced.

6. Matters Arising – Updates to be circulated by email.

- a. Murals in laneways and plazas: Suggested locations



- b. Boronia Street Intersection: Meeting with Council
- c. Willoughby Road – Meeting with Council

7. New Business

- a. C G (via JH) raised issue of Chinese Celtis again getting out of control in Smoothery Park on both sides of Berrys Creek. Cr Baker will refer it to the Director Public Places and Infrastructure
- b. The meeting applauded David Van Kool who is an active member of the Precinct turned 95 recently.
- c, A vote of appreciation was proposed and supported for John Henry from Greenway House who delivers the agendas for the Precinct meetings and has done so without fail for at least 8 years.

8. Close and Refreshments

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm followed by refreshments. There were 43 attendees. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 9 October 2024 at 7.30pm.