

## Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) Euroka 2024

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response.

To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
- **Closed for Council** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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October	3.	<p><b>DA 101/2021/5 206 Blues Point Road</b></p> <p>Precinct objects to this modification and all of the earlier forms of this DA. This is effectively a demolition and rebuild rather than a modification, and will result in an expanded venue, with live music, extended operation hours and gambling/gaming facilities. The impacts of this on the adjoining residential community will be more extensive than the previous operation. Vote was 11 for and 1 abstention.</p>	Noted	Closed for Council
	7 (c.)	<p><b>Union St parking metres</b></p> <p>There is trouble locating the metres in Union St where credit/debit cards can be used.</p>	<p>Reported to the Service Unit Manager Traffic &amp; Transport Operations</p> <p>You can find a map of our parking meter and Touch N Go locations here: <a href="#">Parking meter and Touch N Go locations</a></p>	Open/Ongoing

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			<p>– <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au">North Sydney Council (nsw.gov.au)</a> Council has also addressed additional concerns and queries about the new meter system by providing an FAQ's on the website which can be accessed at the following hyperlink: <a href="#">Parking meters frequently asked questions and answers – North Sydney Council</a>. Council teams are here to support all community members with the new technology and our Customer Service team is available on 02 9939 8100. You can also contact Orikan directly on 1300 322 111.</p>	
	7 (d.)	<p><b>Council parking officers booking cars with disabled parking stickers.</b></p> <p>Could the parking officers have appropriate information to avoid this.</p>	Reported to Manager Ranger & Parking Services	Open/Ongoing
September	7.a	<p><b>New parking meters</b></p> <p>Concerns regarding Credit Card payment Options</p>	<p>Customers can avoid the surcharge by using the standing 'traditional' parking meters and refraining from paying using the PayStay App and Touch N Go boxes. Whilst the network is cashless, the meters accept card payment via the black payWave box on the stem of the meter underneath the screen. Both debit and credit are accepted as well as prepaid cards and payment via smart devices. You can find a map of our parking meter and Touch N Go locations here: <a href="#">Parking meter and Touch N Go locations – North Sydney Council (nsw.gov.au)</a></p>	Closed for Council
	7.b	<p><b>Contractors appointed by Noakes excavated in John St looking for a pipe to give them water access. The</b></p>	<p>LR wrote to the Director Open Space and Environment seeking information on authorisation / approval of</p>	Open/Ongoing

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		<p><b>excavation was still in place and appeared unsafe and a road hazard on 30 August.</b></p> <p>Could Council advise on any action associated with this activity.</p>	<p>these works by Council and information as to when the street will be restored.</p> <p>Compliance to investigate and have contacted the Contacted Director Open Space and Environment</p>	
	7.c	<p><b>Spray painting the mast of the Young Endeavour under DA 1164/90.</b> Council is asked if it is able to enforce the stop work order.</p>	<p>Contacted Director Open Space and Environment</p>	<p>Awaiting response</p>
	7.d.	<p><b>Dolphin Wharf at Berrys Bay – barge boat fire</b></p> <p>Could Council advise on the outcomes of the fire, when the clean-up will occur, and who is responsible for it.</p>	<p>The Executive Compliance Officer reported that Council is aware of the fire that occurred on a barge during the evening of 19 August 2024. The barge was located on the water and the fire did not spread to the land.</p> <p>It is understood a Port Authority of NSW fire-fighting vessel attended and extinguished the fire, with the support of Fire and Rescue NSW. Media reports indicate a crime scene was established, and specialist police are investigating the incident.</p> <p>Enquiries about cleanup activities in Sydney Harbour following the vessel fire, should be directed to NSW Maritime (13 12 36) or the Port Authority of NSW (9296 4962).</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
<b>August</b>		<p><b>FOGO Status</b></p> <p>The meeting asks Council when do the contracts end and what will be implemented with new contracts?</p>	<p>Council's Waste Operations and Education Officer advised Councils collection and disposal contracts expire 30 June 2029. The new contract will start 1 July 2029 and will incorporate organics, the Waste Team have yet to tender for it.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		<p><b>Fire Safety and carbon filtration system at Noakes boatyard site.</b></p> <p>The meeting asked if Council could provide the timetable for this plan.</p>	Contacted Director Open Space and Environment	Awaiting response
July		<i>Meeting cancelled</i>		
June	6	<p><b>FOGO Status</b> - Questions arose as to whether Council has considered (the recommendation of the Environment Reference Group Meeting held on 19 July 2022 to investigate) the possibility of Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) in North Sydney. Precinct understands that the NSW Government has mandated all councils to implement FOGO waste collection services by 2030. Could Council advise on FOGO status for North Sydney?</p>	<p>Council's Waste Operations and Education Officer has advised that Council completed a six-month food scraps collection trial in December 2022 of 410 apartments. The results of the trial were reported to Council in July 2023. <a href="https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings/212/24-07-2023-council-reports">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings/212/24-07-2023-council-reports</a></p> <p>The food waste trial was for food waste only as North Sydney does not produce enough garden organics to support a FOGO service. Council currently has several long-term waste contracts in place and these will need to be completed before any new contracts incorporating food waste collection can commence. The EPA has targeted 2030 for all Councils to collect food organics and Council is working with EPA to ensure we are on target.</p>	Closed for Council
	7	<p><b>McMahons Point Village Masterplan</b> - Precinct asks for more accurate reporting on the implementation of the McMahons Point Village Masterplan as a whole and asks for the report to Council to be updated with the correct facts. This needs to include the fact that Masterplan implementation is not on track and that five of the six stages are yet to be completed and are unfunded. The</p>	<p>Council's Project Manager has advised that in April 2021 Council <i>adopted McMahons Point - Blues Point Road Village Centre Master Plan</i>, a guiding document for the upgrade of public domain of Blues Point Road - McMahons Point Village Centre area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the adoption of the Master Plan, Council was successful in securing external</li> </ul>	Closed for Council

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		<p>precinct is also disappointed that the implementation of the Masterplan does not appear to be on schedule and is clearly not funded. Could we please have an update on the true picture of funding and expected timeframes?</p>	<p>funding \$250,000 for the completion of works identified as Stage 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further to external funding, Council has allocated \$250,000 to complete works associated with East Crescent pocket park - this stage included raised continuous footpath to increase pedestrian safety and reduce traffic speed while entering East Crescent Street; turfed area; public seating; street lighting; a new community garden; and greenery and new planting.</li> <li>• In 2024/25 Capital Works Council has allocated \$450,000 from the Council's adopted Special Rate Variation towards the delivery of works identified as Stage 5, including the public domain upgrade on the Western side of Blues Point Road (McMahons Point) between properties numbered 188 and 162 Blues Point Road. The proposed enhancements consist of new precast concrete paving, street furniture, parking signage, drainage improvements, the addition of new trees and landscaping, the installation of new signage, and the construction of two continuous footpath treatments. Construction works are scheduled to begin in July 2024 and will take 4 weeks to complete. Council project manager will engage with local community and business owners to discuss the proposal.</li> </ul> <p>Further improvements identified in the <i>McMahons Point - Blues Point Road Village Centre Master Plan</i> will be</p>	

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			delivered as funds become available. The Master Plan will continue to inform Council planning for streetscape upgrades and capital works budgets.	
May	7.a	<p><b>Noakes Boatyard.</b> It was reported that the carbon filtration system had been installed, but it was unclear whether this had approval. Could Council provide another update on the status of the fire safety audit and other issues at the site.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (5 June 2024)</b> Precinct Committee ask that Council advise us of ongoing progress rather than just a conclusion.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Environment &amp; Building Compliance has advised via a memo sent on 23 May 2024 that the consultant HWL Ebsworth Lawyers, is currently undertaking their review and will prepare a report detailing their findings. The information is currently being obtained and it is estimated the report will be received by mid-June 2024. Upon receipt and review of the consultant's report, it is anticipated a meeting will be arranged between Council staff, Council's legal representatives, and the owners/ operators of the Boatyard.</p> <p>Council will provide the community with a more detailed update as soon as the above steps have concluded.</p> <p><b>Update August 2024</b> A memo was sent to the Precinct on 2 August regarding Noakes Boatyard (resent 7 August) Councils Manager Environment &amp; Building Compliance has advised the Boatyard is subject to an Environmental Protection License No 10893 (as varied) issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). The EPA required Noakes to complete certain air quality mitigation works as detailed in U1.1 of the License. This included the installation of a carbon filtration system serving shed 4 and the associated stack and ductwork.</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>The carbon filtration system has been partially installed; however, development consent was not obtained for the building work in accordance with Section 4.2(1)(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.</p> <p>Noakes has stop work and advised Council they intend to lodge a Development Application for use of the carbon filtration system or to rebuild the carbon filtration system. Noakes has provide a written undertaking that no activities that requires the use of a filtration system will be undertaken within the boatshed until the system has been approved and commissioned.</p> <p>The Development Application will be notified upon lodgment in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.</p>	
	7.c	<p><b>Council Finances</b> - Concerns were raised about the financial issues of the Council, especially reduced revenue and effects on the provision of services. Council is asked what is the impact on services of reduced revenue reported from various sources and increased costs associated with the pool.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (5 June 2024)</b> Precinct rephrases the question to now ask what services are impacted by the budget overrun in the pool? Is it, for example, impacting the completion of the McMahons Point Master plan?</p>	<p>Council's Director of Corporate Services has advised that based upon the 2024-25 budget, when the pool is opened we expect to be funding it by approximately \$4m/year. This is anticipated to decrease over time as the pool attracts greater usage and increased revenue.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (25 June 2024)</b> The pool project is funded from internal reserves, developer contributions, Federal and State government grants and loan borrowings.</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>Last night the 2024/25 budget was approved by Council and includes details of the capital works to be delivered in the financial year, and our other services and expenses.</p> <p>Capital works are outlined in the 4-year delivery program and include paving works in McMahons Point under the McMahons Point master plan. There is currently no plan to defer this due to the pool funding.</p> <p>We review our capital works program each year and communicate any changes to the community through the Operational Plan updates delivered to Council each quarter.</p>	
April	4.a	<p><b>NSW Government Housing Reforms</b> - The Precinct Committee is awaiting further revelations from the NSW Government. Could Council provide updates on any negotiations being undertaken?</p>	<p>Council's Service Unit Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the first stage of the NSW Government's Transport Oriented Development (TOD) planning reforms have been implemented through an amendment to the Housing SEPP. These recent amendments, some effective from 13 May, do not apply to the North Sydney Council area.</p> <p>More information (including affected station precincts) can be viewed at;  <a href="https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/transport-oriented-development-program/transport-oriented-development">https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/transport-oriented-development-program/transport-oriented-development</a></p> <p>Concerning the wider 'low and mid-rise' housing reforms, Council staff have not yet had the opportunity to meet with Departmental staff to discuss Council's concerns</p>	Closed for Council

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			further, however have been advised that an opportunity will be provided in the coming weeks. Council will provide updated information to the community via its website in due course.	
	5.b	<b>Councillors</b> - A proposal for a referendum for a directly elected Mayor and eleventh Councillor was put forward at Council meeting. It was defeated. The precinct meeting discussed the merits of a directly elected Mayor, the numbers of Wards, and the number of Councillors. The meeting concluded there should be 3 wards, and 9 Councillors, not 10 (or 11). Council is asked if it is possible to return to 3 wards and 9 Councillors.	<p>Council's Manager Council &amp; Committee Services has advised that a constitutional referendum is a poll initiated by a council to give effect to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dividing an area into wards or abolishing all wards</li> <li>• Changing the method for electing the Mayor</li> <li>• Increasing or decreasing the number of councillors</li> <li>• Changing the method of election of councillors for an area divided into wards</li> </ul> <p>Voting at a constitutional referendum is compulsory. Any referendum question would need to be passed by a resolution of Council. Should a referendum on any of the above matters be passed, it would not take effect until the following election.</p>	Closed for Council
	5.d	<b>North Sydney pool-</b> A local resident raised concerns about lack of activity on the site recently and Precinct would like an update on current progress on the Pool project.	<p>Council Director Open Space and Infrastructure has advised that an update was presented to Council at its 22 April meeting.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/north-sydney-olympic-pool-redevelopment-project-update">North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update (nsw.gov.au)</a></p>	Closed for Council

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	7.b	<b>Management of derelict vessels and infrastructure in Sydney Harbour</b> - The problem of derelict vessels (eg Flanagans Afloat in Berrys Bay) and infrastructure in Sydney Harbour was raised by MC. The Precinct was asked to support an ePetition to the NSW Parliament, requesting the Legislative Assembly to take action to keep the harbour clear of such vessels. The meeting agreed to circulate the proposed petition and a draft is attached to the minutes. It also agreed to provide funds to assist in this. The meeting was unanimous in allocating \$500 for assistance in producing the petition.	<p>Council's Director Corporate Service has advised that such expenditure is not permitted under the operational funding, which is provided by Council to support committee administration.</p> <p>The Precinct Committee has been advised via email on 22 April 2024</p>	Closed for Council
	7.c	<b>Noise pollution (from performance cars) on Blues Point Rd and across the Precinct.</b> - Concern was expressed at the meeting about the level of traffic noise on Blues Point Road, primarily at night and in the form of vehicles with apparent muffler and engine modifications, exacerbated by speeding. The meeting also noted that similar noise/speed issues occur in other parts of the precinct and in Lavender Bay and Waverton Precincts. Members reported the cars run a "race track" starting off the Pacific Highway, especially in Larkin St, Woolcott St. It is understood that this issue has been raised by Lavender Precinct in the past, and their advice from the Police was that any offenders would need to be caught in the act. Nevertheless, could Council advise what if anything can be done. The use of CCTV was suggested as a possible deterrent.	<p>Council's Manager Traffic &amp; Transport Operations has advised that the regulation of excessive noise from motor vehicles is the responsibility of the NSW Police and NSW Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Council supports any viable actions by NSW Police or EPA to reduce the impact of noise on residential communities. Council staff will contact the EPA to seek opportunities for considering noise cameras in this area in the future. Precinct Committee can also report noisy vehicles directly to EPA <a href="https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/vehicle-noise/reporting-noisy-vehicle-exhaust">https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/vehicle-noise/reporting-noisy-vehicle-exhaust</a></p>	Closed for Council

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	7.h	<b>Public art</b> - It was noted that the public art work: The Rotunda -Reflective encounters, opposite St Peters Church in Blues Point Road has smashed panels. Could Council attend to it?	Council's Arts and Culture Officer has advised that Council has communicated with the artist. The replacement panels need to be specially fabricated and then installed, and this will happen in due course.	Closed for Council
March	4.2	<b>DA 21/2024, 34 Euroka St Waverton</b> -. The meeting resolved to make a submission to Council asking them to consider the heritage impacts of the new works and to indicate the need to comply with the side boundary setbacks as specified in the DCP.	Submission received.	Closed for Council
	4.3	<b>DA 429/2021, 11A Hazelbank Rd Wollstonecraft</b> - Precinct supported this objection due to change in bin locations, changes in window dimensions, increased size of BBQ area and deck and lack of privacy screens, reduction in landscape and increased hardstand area, relocation of plant room and possible noise from this.	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that the Precinct Committee comments have been taken as another submission and will be considered in the determination of the application	Closed for Council
February	7(a)	<b>Traffic Holt Street</b> - The meeting was asked to follow up with Council 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,	<b>UPDATE (12 March 2024)</b> Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that there are no updates on this item.	Closed for Council

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		<p>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 &amp; 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."</p> <p>Could Council provide an update to this?</p>		
	7(b)	<p><b>New Year's Eve arrangements</b> - Could Council advise if there will be a report on the overall performance of New Year's 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?</p>	<p>Council's Acting Team Leader Events has advised that Council is not aware of any road closures that did not adhere to their schedules and asks the Precinct Committee to provide specific information e.g. locations and times, to investigate further.</p>	Closed for Council
	7(d)	<p><b>Blues Point Road Masterplan</b> - A request for an update on the Masterplan for Blues Point Road was made. Could Council update on progress.</p>	<p>Council's Project Manager has advised that works on stage 1 of the masterplan are scheduled to be completed during June and July 2024. These include the public</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p><b>UPDATE (10 April 2024)</b> Blues Point Road Masterplan. We noted Council's response and the identification of some works to be done. It was claimed it was two years late with the pocket park being the only discernible action to date. Council is asked for a timetable for the works to be provided. Also, is it possible to know when the proposed 40 kph zones would be implemented?</p>	<p>domain upgrades on the Western side of Blues Point Road in McMahons Point, between properties numbered 188 and 162 Blues Point Road. The proposed enhancements consist of new precast concrete paving, street furniture, parking signage, drainage improvements, the addition of new trees and landscaping, the installation of new signage, and the construction of two continuous footpath treatments. Council staff will engage with local businesses to coordinate efforts and minimise disruptions.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (16 April 2024)</b> Council's Project Manager has advised that despite the masterplan being adopted in 2022, currently there is no further budget allocated to additional works. Funding allocation and schedule work will be advised in due course.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (22 April 2024)</b> Council's Manager Traffic &amp; Transport has advised that TfNSW is responsible for setting all speed limits on public roads throughout NSW. In 2021, Council investigated the installation of speed humps along Blues Point Road to generally reduce vehicle speeds in line with a 40km/h speed limit. The proposal was not supported by local residents over concerns about noise generation. It is unlikely that Council would consider this infrastructure again, given the community opposition to it. Council will continue to implement improvements in McMahons Point. Community members can support</p>	

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			Councils push for reduced speed limits by directly requesting that TfNSW reduce the speed limit on their street through the Saferroads website. <a href="http://www.saferoadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx">www.saferoadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx</a>	
	7(e)	<b>NSOP</b> - A request for an update on the North Sydney pool construction was made. 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.	Noted	Noted for Council
	9aAGM	<b>Vacancy as Secretary</b> - The meeting heard that following the resignation of the Secretary in June 2023 the activities were shared. KR undertook the role of agenda and minutes preparation and will continue with these activities until a new Secretary can be found. MC maintained and operated the email data base, and system and the Zoom operations and will continue with these duties as Assistant Secretary.	Noted	Noted for Council
	9bAGM	<b>Expenses of executive</b> - The meeting heard that some expenses regarding printing, photocopying and zoom usage have been incurred during the year. No claims were made. This matter should be addressed at the committee meeting to provide honoraria for relevant members of the executive.	Noted	Noted for Council