

## WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### MINUTES

#### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The meeting commenced at 7.35

Chair: KA

Minutes: JB

Attendance : 28

Apologies: IG, DL, IB, JD

#### **2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The confirmation of the previously circulate draft minutes was moved by MS and seconded by VY "That the June 2024 minutes be accepted".

Carried unanimously.

#### **3. EXISTING BUSINESS**

##### **Maintenance – Carradah Pk and Balls Head**

An inspection of Carradah Pk and Balls Head is scheduled with Gary Parsons NSC to once again look at the issues of trails being grown over in Balls Head and trees growing into the viewing areas at Carradah Park.

##### **Merrett Playground**

Delays have occurred in completing work on the children's playground as delay has occurred in delivery of some of the equipment.

##### **Save Our Sydney Harbour Campaign**

This petition is widely supported but requires 20,000 signatures before it can be presented to the State Government. Attendees at the Precinct are encouraged to sign and also to get their friends and relatives involved.

##### **West Harbour Tunnel**

The headers continue boring toward Waverton and are expected to reach to a point under the Pacific Hwy by December. Additional information on the project can be obtained at Level 9, 60 Miller St or at the information session 9am to 3pm at the Coal Loader.

Woodley's Shed will be reimagined and developed as a community facility as part of the WHT project. Its adaptive reuse and redevelopment are now under consideration by NSC and the tunnel contractor.

##### **Noakes Issues**

There are various issues here. Air pollution from the site is to be monitored by the State EPA. A carbon filter system is to be installed with Council approval. An unauthorized structure on site was required to be demolished and a fire safety order has been issued to bring these systems up to standard.

### **Possible NSC funding new Precinct website**

Precinct is seeking additional funds (\$1500) from Council to upgrade its web site. The new web site could be model for other Precincts to adopt.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Last Mile Depot Trial**

A proposal has been advertised by the Transport Asset Holding Authority (TAHE) for a trial of an urban distribution hub on land adjacent to Waverton Station at the rear of shops, on the northern side of the rail line. It is understood small environmentally friendly vehicles will deliver to residential and commercial buildings within 5km. It was noted that there has been no communication on this matter with local residents and major concerns have been raised about the proposal. To try and learn more about what is under consideration the Precinct has initiated a meeting with TAHE. (Report back to be placed on Pct web site)

Considerable discussion occurred regarding the inappropriateness of the proposal. Some of the concerns raised were as follows:

- While the concept is acceptable the location proposed is not appropriate.
- This use should be in an industrial area not a residential village.
- The site is too small for larger vehicles resulting in trucks parking on the street.
- The access to the rear of the shops has poor sight lines.
- Traffic issues, particularly the increase in traffic on Bay Road past the school.
- Impact on small business
- Loss of village feel
- Pedestrian movement to and from the station and to shops will be unsafe.
- Noise. Will the development meet NSW Industrial Noise Policy given closeness of residential buildings.

### **MOTION**

- The Precinct totally rejects the trial proposal and asks Council to use all means available to ensure it is not approved.
  - The mayor be asked to raise this issue with the Head of Transport, Josh Murray, to relay community concerns.
  - It was also agreed a subcommittee be established to follow this matter – Adam Pirri, Alistair Gunn, Raj Mendes.
  - The petition currently being circulated be placed on the web site.
- Moved: AP Seconded: RM Carried unanimously

### **Larkin St Traffic Issues**

Concern was raised about motor bikes and cars, usually in the late evening in the Thursday to Sunday period gathering at the turning circle at the southern end of the street. Many arrive and leave with excessive speed and noise.

### **MOTION**

- In the first instance this matter, be raised with the Police.
- It also be referred to Councils Traffic Committee for advice on what could be done. Such suggestions should be put to the Precinct for its consideration.

Moved: RC Seconded: KA Carried

### **Lack of opportunities for Youth in the Precinct**

- It was recognized that there is a lack of activities and places for youth in the area.
- It was requested over 40 years ago that some basketball/netball hoops be installed in an appropriate place. The same need exists today. The closest hoops are in St Leonards Park.

### **MOTION**

- It is requested that the Council install some basketball/netball hoops in a suitable location at the Coal Loader.

Moved: JB    Seconded: AP Carried unanimously

## **5. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES**

No new activities

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at the **Coal Loader Meeting Room**  
**7.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.**

This will be followed by the AGM

Bring a plate and a bottle for after the meeting