

# NORTH SYDNEY PRECINCTS

## your voice to Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 September August 2024  
at Hayes Street Studio commencing at 7.00pm**

<b>01</b>	<b>Attendees:</b>	9 Attendees, not including Council employee/s and guest speakers in attendance. 5 Apologies						
<b>02</b>	<b>Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<u>Outstanding:</u> The minutes from 17 July 2024 were not yet available. <u>Outstanding:</u> The minutes from 21 August 2024 were not yet available.						
<b>03</b>	<b>Council Summary of Actions (SOA) and actions from Previous Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The North Sydney Garden Competition closes this week. All residents are encouraged to participate.</li> <li>• Many would already be informed, but the Neutral Bay Wharf will be closed next week from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, inclusive.</li> </ul>						
<b>04</b>	<b>Guest speaker/s</b>	<p>The new owner of the Kurraba Wharf Store Café was scheduled to attend but was unable to make it, however provided an update that the café will be named in recognition of the local area. It will be opening soon, though no specific date is available. Follow them on Instagram at @piperandthrupps.</p> <p>Chair of Nutcote Trust Pty Ltd, attended and gave an overview of what the May Gibbs' venue offers to residents, including historical tours and venue hire. She encouraged residents to visit if they haven't already, and to return for a coffee if they have before, noting the café has a new coffee machine. She urged attendees to think about and support local business. Follow them on social media at @maygibbsofficial.</p>						
<b>05</b>	<b>General Business</b>	<p>TB introduced the committee members in attendance and called for volunteers to serve as Co-Secretary.</p> <p>Hayes and Kurraba Precinct residents and business owners are also invited to become Office Bearers. Please get in touch if you'd like to be involved.</p>						
		<p><b>Kurraba Wharf Stairs Concerns:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The stairs leading to Kurraba Wharf are in a dangerous state. The State Government has stopped maintenance, and the Council can only address fallen branches, not the overall condition.</li> <li>• The area is owned by the Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE), which does not maintain it. There is no arrangement with the Council for upkeep.</li> <li>• SL suggested the precinct formally raise the issue with the Council, asking them to advocate with the State Government, which is responsible for the land.</li> <li>• The stairs are a pedestrian hazard, and it was proposed that the Council either act as an advocate or the precinct could liaise directly with the local member.</li> <li>• TB is willing to write a letter to both Felicity Wilson and TAHE, highlighting the safety concerns and potential liability.</li> <li>• The issue is compounded by debris, slippery conditions, and brush turkey mess, especially when it rains. There are concerns about future injuries.</li> <li>• It was agreed the precinct would raise the matter with the Council, urging them to address the safety hazard and consult with the relevant State authorities.</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Motion:</td> <td>It was resolved that the precinct should actively work with the Council to urge TAHE to address the Kurraba Wharf safety issue.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moved by:</td> <td>SL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seconded by:</td> <td>TB</td> </tr> </table>	Motion:	It was resolved that the precinct should actively work with the Council to urge TAHE to address the Kurraba Wharf safety issue.	Moved by:	SL	Seconded by:	TB
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		Voting: All in favour.
06	<b>Development Applications</b>	None were discussed due to a lack of awareness. It is understood that there have been some administrative challenges, and while DAs were occasionally shared via email inbox, there is an expectation that this will improve. Moving forward, the Precinct will proactively share active DAs ahead of meetings with everyone on the email list, so they can come prepared for future discussions.
07	<b>Other business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a desire to increase awareness of the reactivated meetings. Prior to next meeting, committee to consider a letterbox drop, engage with the community-led Facebook pages, and refresh the Precinct landing page on the Council website: <a href="https://northsydney.nsw.gov.au/homepage/187/hayes-kurraba-precinct">northsydney.nsw.gov.au/homepage/187/hayes-kurraba-precinct</a></li> <li>• The possibility of allowing residents to join meetings online was discussed, but it was agreed that in-person community engagement is more effective and given the limited resources this will not be explored further at present.</li> <li>• It was raised to change the meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM to accommodate more attendees. The new time will be adapted at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Discussed potential future guest speakers, with suggestions including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sydney Water</li> <li>○ Kurraba Point Community Garden organisers</li> <li>○ Roy McElroy (?) Professor of History at Sydney University</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggestion for organising a social community cleanup day for Hayes Beach, like the Clean Up Australia campaign, to gather people for a beach cleanup.</li> <li>• Everyone is encouraged to use the <a href="mailto:hayeskurrabaprecinct@gmail.com">hayeskurrabaprecinct@gmail.com</a> email address for any Precinct related correspondence.</li> </ul> <p><u>Items carried over to the next meeting for further discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bins Relocated at Hayes Street Beach:</b> The bins on Hayes Street Beach were moved to the footpath, but concern about glass and debris washing up on the beach. As garbage collectors can no longer access the area, which poses health and safety risks. This issue will be raised at the next meeting for further discussion and to gather more information.</li> <li>• <b>Fishing Bins for Kurraba Point Reserve:</b> Concerns were raised about the number of fishhooks and fishing knives left on the grass at Kurraba Point Reserve, posing a hazard to people and animals. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting to gather more information and explore potential solutions.</li> </ul>
08	<b>Meeting close</b>	The meeting concluded at approximately 8:15 PM.
09	<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 at 06:00 pm at Hayes Street Studio (Address: 11 Hayes St, Neutral Bay NSW 2089)