

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) Parks 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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Month	Item	Actions	Council's Reply	Status
October	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
September	2	Cammeray Oval. Precinct requests installation of dog tidy bags.	Supervisor of Street Cleaning advised that the Dog dispenser is to be installed and awaiting delivery.	Open/Ongoing
	4.a	DA 330/2023. 18 Grasmere Rd, Cremorne The Precinct requests a site meeting on the matter	Noted and sent to Planning Team	Closed for Council
August	1.	Active transport corridors Shared pathways should be widened or divided to provide separate zones for pedestrians and bicyclists. This is a safety issue as high numbers of pedestrians and students will use them and e- bicycles can travel at high speeds.	North Sydney Council recently engaged with the community to develop a 10-year strategy for our transport network. Conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists on share paths was raised in the consultation and addressing this feedback will form part of the actions. The strategy and actions will be publicly exhibited to the community in late 2024 and we encourage residents to provide feedback at this time.	Open/Ongoing

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	2.	<p>Cammeray Oval – Dogs defecating what is the NSC position on this potential health hazard and if this is of concern, what is Council's position on policing this concern?</p>	<p>NSC adheres to the rules outlined in the Companion Animals Act 1998 .</p> <p>Dogs defecating in public place</p> <p>(1) If a dog defecates in a public place—</p> <p>(a) the owner of the dog, or</p> <p>(b) if the owner is not present at the relevant time and another person who is of or above the age of 16 years is in charge of the dog at that time—that other person, must immediately remove the dog's faeces and properly dispose of them.</p> <p>(2) Proper disposal includes disposal in a rubbish receptacle designated for the purpose by the local authority. It is the duty of a local authority for a place that is commonly used for exercising dogs (including an off-leash area) to provide sufficient rubbish receptacles for the proper disposal of the faeces of dogs that defecate in the place.</p> <p>(3) This section does not apply when the dog is an assistance animal being used bona fide by a person with a disability to assist the person and the person's disability makes compliance by the person with this section not reasonably practicable.</p> <p>NSC provide Dog tidy bags and we have let the Rangers know about this issue. Please also report any issues as they occur to Council on 9936 8100 or council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au.</p>	Closed for Council
	3.	<p>Grosvenor St. intersection with Ben Boyd Road, Neutral Bay. Would Council consider installing a</p>	<p>There is currently no program to install a pedestrian crossing across Grosvenor Street at Ben Boyd Road. Council is currently prioritising works at intersections with known</p>	Closed for Council

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		pedestrian crossing as there is confusion as to whether the raised threshold is a pedestrian crossing	road safety issues and items outlined in the Local Area Traffic Management Plan. Given the removal of the threshold and replacement with a pedestrian crossing has not been identified in any program and there has been no recorded crashes in the previous five years of available date, Council cannot prioritise this project at this time.	
July		DA 115/24- 50 That Parks Precinct submit an objection to the proposed development on the basis that the development will result in a loss of amenity for existing residents, through the loss of sunlight and district views as well as add to competition for on-street parking and the interference to local residents during construction.	Objection sent to DA officer	Closed for Council
June		Parks Precinct strongly agrees with Council that Neutral Bay Village does not meet the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) criteria as a town centre in respect of the proposal to rezone areas for housing to meet current DPHI targets. We commend Council's urgent action to seek exemption from rezoning from low (R3) to mid-rise housing in relevant areas.	Comments noted by Council	Closed for Council
May	4	Young St Plaza Proposal and Grosvenor Lane - i. Parks Precinct supports the proposed upgrade of Young St Plaza on the basis that the left turn only between Grosvenor Lane and Young St is maintained in the proposal and enforced to the extent that physical barriers such as bollards are	Council's Engineering Project Manager has been advised that the Precinct Committee's comments that have been noted will be treated as submissions.	Closed for Council

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		<p>installed to prevent any circumvention of the Left turn only.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by ES and carried unanimously.</p>		
		<p>ii. Parks Precinct urge the North Sydney Council to use funds allocated to the Young St Plaza upgrade to modify the Grosvenor Lane pedestrian shared zone to minimise the comingling of pedestrians and vehicles. For the avoidance of doubt this means:</p> <p>a) removing the choke points that funnel pedestrians into the path of vehicles</p> <p>b) Redesigning the lane to ensure it is both wheelchair and pram accessible</p> <p>c) Installing a pedestrian crosswalk on the footpath at the intersection of Young St and Grosvenor Lane.</p>	<p>Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that The Young Street Plaza is externally funded, and these funds cannot be reallocated due to the deed with TfNSW.</p> <p>Traffic studies conducted by Council's staff concluded that the proposed left-only turn will reduce traffic volume on Grosvenor Lane, making it safer for a shared zone. Any future amendments to this shared zone will be subject to further studies and recommendations from Council's Traffic and Transport Service unit.</p>	Closed for Council
	6	<p>Native wildlife education - Council is requested to conduct an education campaign to inform residents of the threat feral animals pose to native wildlife.</p>	<p>Council's Bushland Manager Co-ordinator has advised that Council incorporate messaging around the impacts of feral animals on native wildlife as part of our annual program of workshops and events. The community can access the following workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 July 2024, Guided Bushwalk around Balls Head Reserve • 11 July 2024, Guided Spotlight Walk around Balls Head Reserve 	Closed for Council

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 September 2024, Introduction to Wildlife Watch program • 3 October 2024, Guided Spotlight Walk around Balls Head Reserve • 13 October 2024, Wildlife Watch Walk & Talk <p>Planning for the 2025 Bushcare Education Program will begin in October. The Bushland Team will consider including some engagement activities in the program that specifically raise awareness on feral animal impacts.</p> <p>Further information can be obtained via Council's website https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/bushcare</p>	
April	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
March	5	Fox sights - Concern expressed at the two sightings of a red fox in Earle St, Cremorne. Precinct asks that the Primrose Reserve be monitored and that appropriate measures be taken to safeguard wildlife.	<p>Council's Bush Management Co-ordinator has advised that although not sighted very frequently, European Red Foxes are common and widespread in urban areas, where the abundance of available resources and difficulty in implementing effective management controls has led to a high population. This particular sighting has been added to the "Foxscan" website, which is an Australia-wide mapping tool developed by the Invasive Species Cooperative Research Centre (CRC).</p> <p>North Sydney Council participates in the Sydney-north regional fox baiting program twice a year, alongside other local Councils and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Due to distance restrictions on the use of fox</p>	Closed for Council

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			baits, which can't be laid within 150m of a residential property, the only reserves in North Sydney where baiting occurs are Balls Head, Berry Island, and Badangi. There are currently no fox control options that are feasible for implementation in/around Primrose Park.	
February	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			