

# MINUTES - EUROKA PRECINCT

Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 7.30pm.

**McMahons Point Community Centre, Blues Point Road.**

**Chair GM; Minutes MM/KR; Zoom ID.**

- 1. Present 15, +2 by zoom, Apologies 4.**
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes & Summary of Actions (SoA)**

Minutes of October meeting accepted unanimously.

SOA responses provided by Council. Recent provided below. Others awaiting response from Council officers:

**Union St parking meters.** Team Leader Parking Meters responded Council is undertaking a review of the parking meter system including areas which may warrant additional access points to pay for parking in the future or changes to pay parking areas should be considered. This review will include Union street and is expected to provide recommendations prior to the end of January 2025. **Meeting requests that a standing Street Parking machine be provided for new parking meters on Union Street as a matter of urgency.**

**Booking cars with disabled parking stickers.** Manager Ranger & Parking Services has asked for more information, such as vehicle registration number to allow Council to look into this matter. All staff are trained and fully aware of [Mobility Parking Scheme](#) conditions of use. **Request to be passed on to WR – not present at meeting.**

**Various matters regarding Noakes site.** Responses attached to minutes.

**Dolphin Wharf fire:** 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. 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. Enquiries about clean-up 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).

**FOGO status:** 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. **Precinct would like a FOGO Waste Bins to be provided as soon as possible - not wait until the New Contract starts in June 2029.**

**McMahons Point - Blues Point Road Village Centre Master Plan:** Council advised costs of works that have been or are being implemented. Further improvements identified in the McMahons Point - Blues Point Road Village Centre Master Plan will be

delivered as funds become available. The Master Plan will continue to inform Council planning for streetscape upgrades and capital works budgets. **Precinct again requests the Blues Point Road Village Centre Master Plan has a clear delivery program and not just be left waiting until funds are available. We support the Master Plan implementation program with budget allocations presented to Lavender Precinct in October. See attached.**

### 3. Planning approvals - Relevant DAs, Planning Proposals

DA 250/24. 56 Bay Road, Waverton - Submission date closes 1/11/2024  
Alterations and additions to dwelling including new first floor addition and installation of inground swimming pool. **Noted.**

DA 253/2024. 47 Union St McMahons Point – Submission date closes 8/11/2024. Alterations and additions to a dwelling including first floor addition and dormer window removal and replacement. **Noted.**

DA 230/20/3 modification – 23 Victoria St McMahons Point - approved by Council.

DA 68/24 68 Bank St North Sydney – DA withdrawn by applicant.

### 4. State Government items

(a) **NSW Government Housing Reform.** Low and mid-rise housing reforms development announcements by NSW Government (eg Waverton and North Sydney stations) delayed until after the local government elections, late in 2024. **Precinct remains concerned about implications for our area.**

(b) **Western Harbour Tunnel progress.** – Tunnelling from the north will reach Pacific Highway in December 2024 and will then move into Waverton (Euroka Precinct near the Dem school). Unfortunately, Community information sessions were held during October and 2 November. There will, however, be a community market at the Coal Loader on 15 December and WHT people will be there to answer questions. Contact project team at [whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au) or via 1800 931 189. **Precinct member reported to the meeting that tunnelling from the north appears to be ahead of schedule and is at Pacific Highway and will move into Waverton this month.**

(c) **Last Mile delivery trial** – Proposed use of State property at rear of Waverton Station as part of freight delivery chain. Proposal for 18 month trial. See TfNSW media release. **Precinct raises concerns with the proposed location of a goods handling warehouse in a residential Precinct. Not an appropriate location because of out of hours use, increased traffic generation and noise. No trial should occur until there is proper consultation with the community. Hazards include the narrow, frequently used entry to the site. This entry is next to a bus stop, close to a train station entrance and pedestrian crossing. The area also has a high number of school children because of public transport interfaces.**

### 5. Council Items

(a) **North Sydney Olympic Pool.** Council site says completion date still suggested as early 2025. Council indicated this will be followed by up to 3 months of site preparations before access available to public. Current construction contract value \$91.47m as of 30 August 2024. Council continues to receive variations associated with latent conditions,

along with design and construction-related issues. SMH says Council preparing strategy for payment. Will be public consultation on this later in the year. May include rate hike. If so special rate variation application needed by February. **Precinct suggests that the current Project Plan for North Sydney Pool is included in Council newsletters and emails to the community. The Precinct is frustrated with the ongoing extension of time and delays of the Pool re-opening.**

**(b) Waverton Peninsula Working Group minutes released.** Update on design and project timing for park at Berrys Bay and new proposals for Woodleys Shed.

**(c) State of North Sydney Report** has been released. The *State of North Sydney Report* is a high-level summary that outlines the progress made towards achieving the objectives of the *Community Strategic Plan (CSP) – North Sydney’s Vision 2040*. It is a key accountability tool that informs Council and the community about the milestones reached, lessons learned, and areas requiring attention.

**(d) Up-date on EV charge-point operations.** Recipients of NSW Government grants for installation of EV charging sites seeking Council agreement for locations. There are 24 dual DC fast charging bays and 40 AC charging bays that have been proposed to be installed. Council’s requirement is that they be installed across 10 North Sydney Council carparks. No information available at this stage on possibility of road side charging points.

**(e) Parking meters.** Council reports that community feedback on the new parking meters has been mixed, with concerns primarily about needing to access digital technology to pay for parking. Council says it has recognised these concerns and has moved to alleviate issues raised, including the installation of additional meters. An additional 20 parking meters will be installed in high demand areas to increase availability – these will be operational by the end of October 2024. Council voted to proceed with a full review of its metered parking framework including the development of local guidelines for the use and placement of parking meters.

**(f) Acquisition of land in Bradfield Park for Bridge Cycleway.** Council submitted a claim for compensation for land compulsorily acquired by TfNSW. The NSW Government formally acquired the subject land on the 21 June 2024. The Valuer General issued its final determination on the 20 September 2024 advising compensation of \$773,655.42 for the subject land within Bradfield Park compulsorily acquired by TfNSW. TfNSW is now seeking further land and Council is seeking further compensation for that land.

## **6. Community Items**

(a) Comments on Combined Precincts Committee meeting held 22 October. Presentation by TfNSW and contractors for Warringah freeway upgrade. Discussion about impact of Warringah Freeway Upgrade works on neighbouring Precincts and their concerns about the disruption caused to the community. Discussion about new parking meters Discussion about new slipway at Careening Cove and motion passed opposing it in this location. Next CPC is 19th November – AGM.

## **7. General Business**

(a) Reminder that executive committee positions need to be filled at AGM in February 2025.

(b) NYE issues. Council advised that a response to JT's advice on NYE parking and access was sent to her in June. JT responded that she had not received it. **Meeting asks that the letter be resent to JT and a copy to Euroka Precinct.**

Meeting closed 8.15pm.

**Next Euroka Precinct meeting:** 4 December 2024 – with Xmas celebrations following.

**Next Council meetings:** 11, 25 November; 9 December 2024

**Current Policies on Exhibition:** Visit Council's 'Your Say North Sydney' website at: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au> to make comments and see background information about documents and processes.