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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November		Blues Point Road Village Centre Master Plan Precinct request Council 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.	Sent to the Service Unit Manager Capital Projects & Asset Management	Awaiting Response
	5 (a)	North Sydney Pool 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.	The Precinct can subscribe to the e-newsletter with North Sydney pool updates here https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/enews Have passed on your feedback to the Communication team.	Closed for Council

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	7 (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.	Email sent to Euroka Precinct, attached a copy of the letter. NYE road closures for 2024 are listed on the Councils website https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/events-1/2024-nye-special-event-clearways-road-closures	Closed for Council
October	3.	DA 101/2021/5 206 Blues Point Road 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.	Passed onto Council's Planner and Noted	Closed for Council
	7 (c.)	Union St parking metres There is trouble locating the metres in Union St where credit/debit cards can be used. UPDATE November meeting Meeting requests that a standing Street Parking machine be provided for new parking meters on Union Street as a matter of urgency.	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. You can find a map of our parking meter and Touch N Go locations here: Parking meter and Touch N Go locations — North Sydney Council (nsw.gov.au) UPDATE 14/11/24	Open/Ongoing

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			Request has been forwarded to the Team Leader Parking Meters	
	7 (d.)	Council parking officers booking cars with disabled parking stickers. Could the parking officers have appropriate information to avoid this.	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.	Open/Ongoing
September	7.a	New parking meters Concerns regarding Credit Card payment Options	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: Parking meter and Touch N Go locations – North Sydney Council (nsw.gov.au)	Closed for Council
	7.b	Contractors appointed by Noakes excavated in John St looking for a pipe to give them water access. The excavation was still in place and appeared unsafe and a road hazard on 30 August. LR wrote to the Director Open Space and Environment seeking information on authorisation / approval of these works by Council and information as to when the street will be restored	Seperate response coming from Council	Open/Ongoing

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		Could Council advise on any action associated with this activity.		
	7.c	Spray painting the mast of the Young Endeavour under DA 1164/90. Council is asked if it is able to enforce the stop work order.	Council staff issued a Stop Work Order to stop building work associated with the Carbon Filtration System (CFS). The CFS was being constructed without Development Consent and in contravention of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). A Stop Work Order can only be issued to stop building work in accordance with Schedule 5 of the EP&A Act. Noakes has stopped the building work associated with the CFS and complied with the terms of the Stop Work Order. There are no grounds for Council to commencement enforcement action for a contravention of the Stop Work Order. A Stop Work Order has not and cannot be issued to cease undertaking an activity or use (eg. spray painting). Noakes has advised Council they intend to lodge a Development Application for use of the CFS or to rebuild the CFS. Noakes has provided a written undertaking that no activities that require the use of a filtration system will be undertaken within the boatshed until the system has been approved and commissioned.	Closed for Council
	7.d.	Dolphin Wharf at Berrys Bay – barge boat fire Could Council advise on the outcomes of the fire, when the clean-up will occur, and who isresponsible for it.	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.	Closed for Council

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			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 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).	
August		FOGO Status The meeting asks Council when do the contracts end and what will be implemented with new contracts? UPDATE 6/11/24 Precinct would like a FOGO Waste Bins to be provided as soon as possible - not wait until the New Contract starts in June 2029.	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. UPDATE 6/11/24 Sent request to waste team the response was Bins for FOGO will be rolled out once the tender has been finalised and the contract starts.	Closed for Council
		Fire Safety and carbon filtration system at Noakes boatyard site. The meeting asked if Council could provide the timetable for this plan.	As reported via Memo to the Euroka Precinct on 2 August 2024, a meeting was conducted between Council staff, Council's legal representatives, consultant fire experts and the owners (Stannard Marine) and operators (Noakes) of the Boatyard on 23 July 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss compliance with the Fire Safety Order and set a timeframe for work and the provision of required information and certificates. The meeting had a positive outcome, in which all parties agreed to collaborate in achieving fire safety compliance	Seperate response coming from Council

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July		Meeting cancelled	on site. The meeting was conducted on a "without prejudice" basis. As such, specific details, including timetables discussed at the meeting cannot be shared with the community at this stage. While we are working for a positive outcome, sharing information from the "without prejudice" meeting now could adversely affect the Council's future legal options if they become necessary. Representatives from Noakes advised they intend to lodge a Development Application for the Carbon Filtration System. A pre-lodgment meeting has occurred between Council Development Services staff and Noakes. A preliminary copy of the plans has been sighted by Council staff. Noakes advised their consultants are finalising the environmental assessment reports that will accompany the Development Application. A specific timetable for lodgment of the Development Application is unable to be provided as it depends upon the consultants engaged by Noakes. The Development Application will be notified upon lodgement in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.	
June	6	FOGO Status - 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	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.	Closed for Council

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		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?	https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings/212/24-07-2023-council-reports 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.	
7		McMahons Point Village Masterplan - 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 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?	Council's Project Manager has advised that in April 2021 Council adopted McMahons Point - Blues Point Road Village Centre Master Plan, a guiding document for the upgrade of public domain of Blues Point Road - McMahons Point Village Centre area. • Following the adoption of the Master Plan, Council was successful in securing external funding \$250,000 for the completion of works identified as Stage 2. • 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. • In 2024/25 Capital Works Council has allocated \$450,000 from the Council's adopted Special Rate	Closed for Council

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			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. 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.	
May	7.a	Noakes Boatyard. 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. UPDATE (5 June 2024)	Council's Manager Environment & 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	Seperate response coming from Council

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		Precinct Committee ask that Council advise us of ongoing progress rather than just a conclusion.	arranged between Council staff, Council's legal representatives, and the owners/ operators of the Boatyard.	
			Council will provide the community with a more detailed update as soon as the above steps have concluded.	
			A memo was sent to the Precinct on 2 August regarding Noakes Boatyard (resent 7 August) Councils Manager Environment & 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.	
			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.	
			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	

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			will be undertaken within the boatshed until the system has been approved and commissioned.	
			The Development Application will be notified upon lodgment in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.	
	7.c	Council Finances - 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. UPDATE (5 June 2024) 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?	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. UPDATE (25 June 2024) The pool project is funded from internal reserves, developer contributions, Federal and State government grants and loan borrowings. 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. 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. 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.	Closed for Council

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April	4.a	NSW Government Housing Reforms - The Precinct Committee is awaiting further revelations from the NSW Government. Could Council provide updates on any negotiations being undertaken?	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.	Closed for Council
			More information (including affected station precincts) can be viewed at; https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/transport-oriented-development-program/transport-oriented-development	
			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 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	Councilors - 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.	Council's Manager Council & Committee Services has advised that a constitutional referendum is a poll initiated by a council to give effect to the following matters: • Dividing an area into wards or abolishing all wards • Changing the method for electing the Mayor • Increasing or decreasing the number of councillors	Closed for Council

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			Changing the method of election of councilors for an area divided into wards	
			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.	
	5.d	North Sydney pool- 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.	Council Director Open Space and Infrastructure has advised that an update was presented to Council at its 22 April meeting. North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Project Update (nsw.gov.au)	Closed for Council
	7.b	Management of derelict vessels and infrastructure in Sydney Harbour - 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.	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. The Precinct Committee has been advised via email on 22 April 2024	Closed for Council
	7.c	Noise pollution (from performance cars) on Blues Point Rd and across the Precinct Concern was expressed at the meeting about the level of traffic noise on Blues	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that the regulation of excessive noise from motor vehicles is the responsibility of the NSW Police and NSW	Closed for Council

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		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.	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 https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/vehicle-noise/reporting-noisy-vehicle-exhaust	
	7.h	Public art - 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	DA 21/2024, 34 Euroka St Waverton 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	DA 429/2021, 11A Hazelbank Rd Wollstonecraft - 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,	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

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		reduction in landscape and increased hardstand area, relocation of plant room and possible noise from this.		
February	7(a)	Traffic Holt Street - 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, 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 & Parking Strategy process, especially with the constant review and updating of the	UPDATE (12 March 2024) Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that there are no updates on this item.	Closed for Council

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		Action Plans, Council is confident that, over time, most traffic related issues can be equitably addressed." Could Council provide an update to this?		
	7(b)	New Year's Eve arrangements - 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?	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.	Closed for Council
	7(d)	Blues Point Road Masterplan - A request for an update on the Masterplan for Blues Point Road was made. Could Council update on progress. UPDATE (10 April 2024) 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?	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 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.	Closed for Council
			UPDATE (16 April 2024) Council's Project Manager has advised that despite the masterplan being adopted in 2022, currently there is no	

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			further budget allocated to additional works. Funding allocation and schedule work will be advised in due course.	
			UPDATE (22 April 2024) Council's Manager Traffic & 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 Councils push for reduced speed limits by directly requesting that TfNSW reduce the speed limit on their street through the Saferroads website. www.saferroadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx	
	7(e)	NSOP - 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

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	9aAGM	Vacancy as Secretary - 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	Expenses of executive - 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