

ANZAC PARK PRECINCT Co-Chair Report 2024

It has been an exceptionally busy & eventful year for our Precinct in particular.

We are one of the key Precincts at the coalface of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade & Western Harbour Tunnel Projects [SSI Projects].

Protecting our patch, our amenity has been the main priority.

The focus has been on Anzac Park, Ernest St, Cammeray Ave, Rosalind St East, West St, Lytton & Moodie Streets.

TREE LOSS: The horrendous Tree Loss in our neck of the woods was strongly fought but lost. We did our part on behalf of community and our Precinct and compiled a detailed time consuming Submission to TfNSW about what Trees could be planted and Sites where they could arguably do the replanting. We have been arguing for urgent replanting. The inordinate delay in Replanting is distressing local residents throughout our LGA. We have been advised that Council continue to delay the replanting by now requiring TfNSW to engage a consultant to report on how to proceed. We have been advised by Council staff, that Council are not in favour of planting Canopy trees and prefer smaller trees & shrubs which is not what residents want- they want replacement 10m Canopy trees to give us back what we lost, hundreds of tall, old growth trees. We will continue to join other Precincts in fighting for this precious component of our amenity

OPEN SPACE FIGHT BACK: We joined Bay Precinct & participated directly in the fight with the SSI Projects to claw back more Open Space...we supported the push to get Green Space on the Vent Building with access from Ernest St. And fought to get the land that the Temporary Bus Layover in Cammeray Park is now on, back for community. This is the Northern Parking Lot which now has a lot of concrete ..the question is how will that be returned as Green space.. a battle ahead. We have been recently advised that the area along the Warringah Freeway Corridor where Buses park will be the new Bus Layover, which is a problem for residents around there.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS ON CAMMERAY AVE residents in particular as well as Ernest St were confronting. Two homes have been resumed there with a third in the pipeline ..but people had to uproot their lives and Precinct provided moral and logistical support. Silica Dust and Ongoing Noise & Various intrusions remain a constant for some of our residents and Precinct will assist & follow up as needed.

LYTTON ST FLOODING: We assisted the traumatised residents in Lytton St, Cammeray who suffered catastrophic Flooding. Disappointing Inaction by Council was & continues to be an unpleasant issue facing these poor locals. The high volumes of water seem to be primarily coming from St Leonards Park via Bardsley Gardens. Drains also get clogged with the massive amounts of bark from the Childrens Playground in St Leonards Park. We engaged in frequent liaison with the residents, Council management, external Hydraulic Engineers, Plumbers, Legal & other Specialist advisers, and holding a Special Precincts Meeting with Council hierarchy. We sought Specialist assistance for them ourselves and maintain a Watching Brief.

ANZAC PARK: After coping with the long term NSOOSH Project, Anzac Park has lost many of its trees, and increasingly lost its space to land grabs by the Project and the Anzac Park Community Garden is sadly surrounded by construction. Precinct maintains a watching brief at present.

COLES DA/ARKADIA PLANNING PROPOSAL : We linked in & supported Harrison & Neutral Bay Precincts over the massive Coles DA in Grosvenor Place and held our own Meeting with Coles Project Management. We are also pushing back on the Arkadia Planning Proposal in the same area.

ITS BUILDING- The fracas over the TfNSW lobbying a contentious monolithic ITS Building in Cammeray Ave took weeks of protracted liaison with residents.

The PDLP & the TOD raised community ire and had to be addressed regardless and submissions were prepared.

REACTIVATING PLATEAU PRECINCT: We have worked hard to get our fellow residents across the Freeway to reactivate Plateau Precinct & join the pushback and defence of our turfs. We provided advisory & logistical support to get them over the line. They also faced the installation of a massively high Over Pass which intrudes severely on their visual amenity from their units and houses and we supported their fight on the immense height of this structure, esp when the Tree loss makes this monstrosity visible for homes in Cammeray Ave on the opposite side of the Freeway.

Our Community Strategies included:

- Recommending that Council install a Buddy Bench in Crows Nest & Cammeray, Neutral Bay ..like the popular Mosman Chatty Bench.
- Pushing for the long overdue cleaning & updating of Cammeraygal Place since Jan 2024.
- Arguing about the Safety & Traffic Flows in Moodie, Lytton, West , Rosalind St East streets.
- Raising issues re the West st Cycleway- narrowing @ Union Hotel, driveway exits etc
- Raising West St & Arrow & Parking issues
- Working closely with APPS P&C Reps on safety issues around traffic- the future fight will be their Atrium & the Air Quality monitoring & protections.
- Seeking information from Council Management about what the Council Service Agreement says about Response Times in response to community complaints about Council failure to respond to emails & queries.
- Supporting Cammeray Ave Permanent Closures for safety reasons.
- Linking in frequently with and assisting Cammeray Voices Group in their formal fight re Breach of E157, Ministerial Consent- They managed to get Cate Faehrmann [Greens] & Tim James [Lib] to raise the Construction Workers Parking on Local Streets issue in the Parliament Senate Estimates two years running.
- We discovered that DPIE do have a provision to stop WFU/SSI Construction Contractors parking in Local Streets but choose not to use this avenue.
- The next big fight will be the Amherst /Miller Streets Pedestrian Crossing- we join Plateau Precinct in pushing for a resolution with TfNSW- either a continuous Footpath or a Scramble Crossing

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