



## WOLLSTONECRAFT PRECINCT MEETING 9 October 2024 –MINUTES

1. **Open meeting. Acknowledgement of Country:** RB (Chair) read the acknowledgement
2. **Apologies:** Councillor Nicole Antonini, JA, MB, MC, AD, AF CH, JH, SH, NM, EP, PW and EY.
3. **Guests:** Mary Curran (Save Our Harbour), Mayor Zoe Baker, Councillor MaryAnn Beregi, Florian Caillon and Robert Huxley (Third.i Group), Councillor Christopher Holding, Councillor Godfrey Santer, Councillor James Spencely and Lane Cove Councillor Merri Southwood
4. **Confirmation of Minutes** of meeting held on **14 August 2024:**  
Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday **14 August 2024**, having been circulated were taken as read and are hereby confirmed.

Proposer: JH    Seconder: TG

The motion was put and passed unanimously.

### 5. **Guest Speaker – Mary Curran**

Mary showed a short video of derelict boats, buildings and debris on the harbour, depicting the associated pollution and safety issues. She **has launched** a petition to Parliament to take better care of Sydney Harbour which is sponsored by Kobi Shetty, member for Balmain and supported by numerous government bodies and North Sydney Council that will be sent to Parliament.

Recently the Marine Safety Amendment Bill 2024 was introduced into Parliament addressing this issue.

You can sign the petition on the link below

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/Pages/ePetition-details.aspx?q=DqXN3A0U4R3g8W25kiQwMw>

### 6. **Florian Coillan, Director of Acquisitions, Third.i, Crows Nest Metro Developer**



## Commercial development

The completed (9 storey) building on Site C on the corner of Hume and Clarke Streets is designated for commercial use. It is owned and will be managed by the Metro.

Third.i is currently identifying businesses interested in going into the Crows Nest Metro building (Site 'A') and putting plans in place to activate the street frontage around the buildings. A health and wellness provider will be the main tenant of the podium level.

## Development update by Site

### • Site C – plans approved

There are 130 apartments in the development known as 'Elevate' (Site 'C'). Pricing can be advised through the relevant pathway.

(<https://www.domain.com.au/project/6385/elevate-hume-place-crows-nest-nsw/#enquiry-form>)

### • Stage 1: Site B – Plans approved. Building will start in 2025

- Site B, on the corner of Pacific Highway and Hume Street, is the Elevate development, comprising 130 units. This building also includes 10 purpose-build units for people with Disabilities through the NDIS. Stage 1 will incorporate some above ground parking within the podium.

### • Stage 2: Site A – Plans not yet approved

- The plan for Site A, above the Metro Station includes 15% affordable housing for essential workers (70-100 units) These are gifted in kind and in perpetuity to EVOLVE, a non-for-profit community housing provider. EVOLVE cannot sell these units.

Third.i has been working with nurses and midwives to understand what they need for good respite and developing appropriate specifications for the affordable housing units.

The proposal is for the balance of the units to be Build-for-Rent.



Third.i anticipate approval in early 2025. Stage 2 includes some share car options and there is limited car parking places within the Podium.

- **Likely impact on road and footpath closures.**

Third.i is building off a transfer slab 4 storeys above ground. The intention is to do the loading from Clarke Lane and not block off access to Hume Street or Clarke Street for extended periods of time.

7. **Councillor and Mayor, Zoe Baker**, provided updates about several major projects in Matters Arising and General Business.

## 8. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Five Ways Site Re-exhibition State Significance Development with in-fill affordable housing:**

The Precinct submission on this modified proposal was circulated prior to the meeting and unanimously supported by those present.

**Proposed by: JH    Seconded by: RB**

- **270-272 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest**

The Planning Proposal for this Site was not supported by Council but was approved by the Sydney North Planning Panel as conforming to the 2036 Plan. Council's response to the subsequent DA was deemed to be a refusal and the applicant appealed to the Land and Environment Court. The recent public hearing will result in an imminent decision by the Court.

- **Crows Nest TOD**

The Mayor explained the TOD planning adds another 1700 new homes on top of the 6685 specified in the 2036 Plan and that there is no certainty about the funding needed to support the necessary infrastructure. Council has made an excellent 75 page submission addressing the issues. The challenge is not to create any unintended consequences. Over 5,000 submissions were received.

- **290 Pacific Highway DA66/2023.**

The DA as originally submitted by the applicant was refused by Council.



A revised application comprising a different mix of apartment sizes has been the subject of hearings in the Land and Environment Court. A decision is awaited.

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Rockland Road Trees**

Council is currently auditing dead and dangerous trees in the LGA and removing them, followed by replanting. This is long overdue and the trees being removed pose a risk. There will be a time lag between removal and replanting which means the road has to be temporarily sealed.

- **Chinese Celtis in Smoothey Park** – One of our residents raised the matter of invasive Chinese Celtis trees creeping into Smoothey Park. Council responded in a Summary of Action that Council’s Bushland Management Group does attack this weed on a designated plan and invited our representative to meet with them on a site visit. The North side of the park is the responsibility of Lane Cove Council.

- **Pedestrianisation of Willoughby Road**

The closure of Willoughby Road between Clarke Street and Albany Street is still classified as “aspirational” as it requires approval from the Department of Transport NSW. It will progress, subject to priorities identified in the 10-year strategic plan. Note: **Contact your Councillor’s asking them to support the pedestrianisation of Willoughby Road to ensure it is included in the 10-year plan.**

## 10. Close and Refreshments

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.06 pm and everyone was invited to stay for refreshments. There were **45 attendees**. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 11 December 2024 at 7.30 pm.