



EDWARD PRECINCT MEETING – Wednesday 8 June 2021 MINUTES
6:30pm ROS CRICHTON PAVILLION

Acknowledgment of Country and Welcome

The Chair acknowledged the traditional ownership of the land by the Cammeraygal people and welcomed those present to the meeting.

Present: GM (chair), MC, JC, JC, CT, WB

Apologies: BH, IM, SG

Minutes of 10 November (circulated 12 November).

See <https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/edwardprecinct>

Minute approval was unanimous

Development Applications: <https://apptacking.northsydney.nsw.gov.au>

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- [DA 330/21](#) 100 Walker St - Concept proposal comprising a 44 storey commercial office tower.
Cost \$280 million Lodged: Comments due 12 December
Objection: Precinct is concerned about the height of the building and its impact on residences to the west and the capacity of the laneway to handle the intensification of the area.
A more detailed objection will be lodged by the closing date.
- [DA 100/19/5](#) 11- 13 Waverton Ave, Waverton - Modify DA 100/19 for various modifications to an approved multi-dwelling development Cost \$1 Lodged: 1 November
No comment
- [DA 368/18/8](#) 86 Walker St - To modify Consent No 368/18 involving Condition C35., Cost \$0
Lodged 2 November
No comment
- [DA 365/21](#) 6 McHatton St, Waverton - Alterations and additions to a dwelling including roof addition etc. Cost \$40,000 Lodged: 4 November
No comment
- [DA 397/21](#) Greenwood Bridge: Installation of 2 x third party advertising signs on either side of the existing pedestrian bridge across Pacific Highway. Cost \$700k
Objection: Precinct objects to Council infrastructure being used for commercial purposes. Also, the signs would detract from the see-through nature of the bridge and create a visual hazard for motorists.
Unanimous

General Business

- a) [Community Strategic Plan Review - Stage 1](#) submissions close 12 December
All precinct members are encouraged to complete a submission to assist NSC in defining its priorities.
- b) **North Sydney Walking Strategy**
Submissions by precinct members should be completed by 14 January. Click the following link <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/walking-strategy>

c) NSC meetings - items affecting Edward Precinct

Public safety on New Years Eve - mainly a Police issue. Council is responsible for clean-up.

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2021 – improved financial performance following a loss in 2019/20. New Council may review financial performance.

d) Potential to improve layout of NSC meeting minutes.

NSC meeting minutes have reverted to the traditional layout, which was changed for September and October. Council is encouraged to continue the traditional layout, allowing us to add contents to assist in moving around the document and reduce file size.

Council is also encouraged to add contents to several of the pdf files that are circulated to precincts.

To be discussed at next precinct meeting: the desirability that Council reverts to the old system of presenting issues to council meetings.

e) Local Council Election

For current status, see <https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/nswlg/2021/north-sydney>
The election had a number of problems which Council could pass on to the Electoral Commission.

Edward Precinct considers the 100 metre Covid-required limit for handouts was too long. If such a restriction is required in future, a shorter distance is suggested.

The high rate of informal votes (currently about 6.5%) could suggest to the NSW Electoral Commission that improvements to the ballot papers and instructions are required. It is likely that many informal votes arose due to the filling in of numbers both above and below the line. The instruction on the ballot paper was clear, but needs to be made more strongly.

The failure to open the Council chamber for voting on election day was problematic for some.

f) Bridge Cycle Ramp run-off competition

<https://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/sydney-harbour-bridge-cycleway>

Precinct prefers the "Aspect" design because it has least impact on green/open space and on the residents of the apartments on Alfred St South. Input from residents is requested, closing on 16 January.

g) Local Environment Plan

Lavender Precinct has lodged an objection to the LEP changing R3 zones to permit apartment construction.

Precinct objects to changes to the R3 zone which allows residential apartment building. Council is currently meeting residential accommodation targets, so why change the zoning development allowance? Increased density diminishes amenity for existing residents. There is no justification for it, nor has the community been consulted on this change.

h) Shore School afternoon student pickup

Cars queuing to collect students from Shore Junior School on Edward St on Monday 29 November caused problems for some residents. In part it was caused by limits to bus parking in William St due to construction on the eastern side of the street, and also by the need of residents in the 10 Mount St apartment block to park on the street due to repair work to their basement car park. The issue will be reviewed again at our February meeting

AGM scheduled for Wednesday 9 February 2022.

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