

## Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2019 - Edward Precinct

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	6a	<b>Change in meeting day:</b> JC proposed that the Edward Precinct Committee meeting date to should move to the 2nd Wednesday of March, May, July, September, November (currently 1st Wednesday which coincides with Union Precinct meetings). The reason for this is that there are members of each Precinct who on occasion wish to attend both meetings in a month. Motion: Edward Precinct Committee meetings should be held on the second Wednesday of the month. Passed (3 for, 1 against, 1 abstained).	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects and Community Engagement Coordinator.	Closed for Council
	6b	<b>Mount St x Edward raised entrance:</b> Lord Street residents have been complaining about vehicles hitting the ramp coming from the north of Edward Street, or turning left from Mount. This will be raised as an issue at the March Precinct Committee meeting with a motion raised relating to reduction in severity of the gutter on the northern side of the ramp.	Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that immediately after the completion of the works, Council received complaints from road users conveying the height of the ramp and vehicles hitting the ramp. The raised intersection design complies with the Australian Standard and the issue with vehicles hitting the ramp is the high speed of traveling vehicles. Complaints have since faded as drivers follow the speed limit in the area and have raised no further issues with the raised intersection.	Closed for Council

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			The church, school and residents living within the proximity of the intersection have expressed satisfaction with the works, as it has worked to reduce speed in the area. Therefore, Council has no plans to modify the intersection.	
September	5	<p><b>Area 12 parking survey:</b> due by 22 September affects Crows Nest and Hazelbank Roads and McHatton Street in Edward Precinct and several streets further north as far as Shirley Road.</p> <p>NSC website provides information  <a href="https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Transport_Parking/Resident_Visitor_Parking/Resident_Parking_Map">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Transport_Parking/Resident_Visitor_Parking/Resident_Parking_Map</a></p> <p>Motion: Precinct recommends that parking should continue to be available for services such as education, Police, medical and other services (AF/BH unanimous)</p>	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Council's Manager Parking Meters and submission will be included in the report to Traffic Committee.	Closed for Council
	7.1	<p><b>North Sydney CBD smoking ban:</b> The first phase of the ban will be a 6-month focus on promotion to spread awareness of the intention to create the prohibition. Essentially this reflects the type of self-regulation referenced in the Mayoral Minute. This awareness phase should culminate in a report to Council, by July 2020, on the outcomes. See:  <a href="https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings/Council_Reports_22_Jul_2019">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings/Council_Reports_22_Jul_2019</a></p> <p>An increase in cigarette butt disposed was noted in Wheeler Lane, Napier St and Mount St.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> NSC should police the Metro workers' disposal of cigarette butts at Sydney Metro construction sites (unanimous)</p>	Council's Manager Ranger and Parking Services has advised that Council's Rangers have been undertaking targeted operations to manage cigarette butt littering for the past 11 months. Operations focus on specific areas where butt littering is a significant problem. Currently we have issued in excess of 300 penalty notices for cigarette butt littering; these operations are continuing.	Closed for Council

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	7.2	<p><b>Possible change in day:</b> JC questioned whether the day (or week) of the Edward Precinct Committee meeting could be changed. The reason for this is that the Union Precinct meets on the first Wednesday of each month, while Edward meets every second month. Several Edward Precinct members are on the boundary between Edward and Union Precincts.</p> <p>Change in day was not supported by the meeting, but a possible change in week (to eg, the second Wednesday of every second month) will be put to the November meeting.</p>	Precinct Committee's comments noted by Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects.	Closed for Council
July	4.1	<p><b>Guest Speaker - Urban Forest Strategy implementation:</b> Strategy will be circulated to email precinct members. JC to contact , Council's Landscape Technical Officer. Discuss whether she can include Streets Alive in a presentation.</p>	Council's Landscape Technical Officer has advised that as she is not responsible for the Streets Alive program, she could only give a very generic overview of this program.	Closed for Council
May	<i>No items of action for Council</i>			
March		<p><b>Guest Speaker:</b> AF introduced the Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, North Sydney Council, MK. Topic: School parking and bus issues around SHORE, also the Napier St and Edward St Public Domain initiatives. MK's presentation is in the appendix to these minutes. Precinct thanked MK warmly for her presentation and discussion.</p>	Compliment noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.	Closed for Council
		<p><b>Closure of Waverton Bowling Club:</b> JC reported that the proposal that Norths Rugby Leagues Club would take over the club had fallen through and that no other options had emerged. The liquidator has been selling club assets.  <b>Motion:</b> Edward Precinct recommends to NSC and the State Government that the Waverton Bowling Club site continues as recreational and/or community use. (JC/CT)  Carried unanimously</p>	Comments noted by Council's Executive Planner, who has advised that the club lease is one direct from the NSW Government, and the issue is currently under consideration by Council for further action. The Precinct Committee will continue to be informed, alongside other interested Precinct Committees and the Combined Precinct Committee, when updates arise.	Closed for Council

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		<p><b>Code of Meeting Principles:</b> The code was distributed to Precincts in February outlining changes agreed at the 29 January council meeting. The meeting did not agree with the new code of meeting principles. <b>Motion:</b> NSC should revert to former council Code of Meeting requirements (AF/DH) Carried unanimously</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Manager Governance and Committee Services.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (1 May 2019)</b> Council's Manager Governance and Committee Services has advised that Council at its meeting of 29 April 2019 resolved to place the Draft Code of Meeting Practice, compliant with the Model Code of Meeting Practice as mandated by the Office of Local, on exhibition for 42 days. Details of the exhibition period will be promoted to all Precinct Committees in the near future.</p>	Closed for Council
		<p><b>Precinct Email Address:</b> JC outlined the steps taken to establish a specific email address for Edward Precinct. The address promoted by NSC for all precincts is <a href="mailto:precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au">precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au</a> though many have established their own Gmail or yahoo address. These do not work well in POP3 email clients, and consequently an <a href="mailto:edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au">edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au</a> address has been established and can be accessed by precinct committee members. The address is free of charge, but IiNet charges \$25/year once the number of addresses exceeds 10. The negative of the use of an internet service provider address is that the address cannot be taken over fully by e.g. a new precinct secretary.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Edward Precinct recommends to NSC that it researches the feasibility of establishing individual email addresses for all precincts on its internet service provider and if feasible at reasonable cost provides such addresses to all precincts that seek them (JC/DH) Carried unanimously</p>	<p>This request is under consideration by Council's Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects and A/Manager Information Technology. A cost benefit analysis and risk assessment are currently being undertaken to determine the feasibility of providing email addresses for individual Precinct Committees.</p> <p>It is noted that the Precinct Committee is currently using a dedicated Precinct email account, of which the related cost can be funded from its annual operational funding. Council's A/Manager Information Technology has advised he can assist the Precinct Committee to set up a Gmail/yahoo account if required.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (March 2020)</b> JC met with Council's Manager Information Technology, Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects and Community Engagement Coordinator on 10 December 2019. Email address request to be considered as part of the Precinct System Review in context of consideration to other resources provided to Precinct Committees. Precinct System Review - Stage 1 commences 12 March 2020;</p>	Open/Ongoing

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			<p>feedback closes 9 July 2020. View further information <a href="https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Precinct-System-Review">https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Precinct-System-Review</a></p>	
		<p><b>Facebook:</b> The meeting felt that there would also be advantage in developing a Facebook group. JC will discuss further with WC (our Precinct Facebook expert) prior to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects notes the Precinct Committee's consideration of establishing a dedicated Facebook page for Edward Precinct, and reminds the Precinct Committee that any public posts made on such must be compliant with the <i>Code of Conduct - Precinct Office Bearers and Members</i>. Social media is a useful mechanism for promoting Precinct Committees, including upcoming meetings and minutes.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (March 2020)</b> Council's Community Engagement Coordinator advises that the amended <i>Code of Conduct - Precinct Office Bearers and Members</i> includes a new section on use of social media (on behalf of a Precinct Committee). The amended code is on exhibition Precinct System Review - Stage 1; commencing 12 March 2020 and closing 9 July 2020. View further information <a href="https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Precinct-System-Review">https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Precinct-System-Review</a></p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
		<p><b>Inactive NS Precincts:</b> On the NSC website 7 out of 25 are listed as inactive. JC discussed this with NSC (AB) who said that if a Precinct wished to re-engage, it had to organise a meeting (facilitated by NSC), elect a committee and advise Council. In the view of Edward Precinct, this is unlikely to regenerate many Precinct Committees, which is considered to be a significant negative in the Council/community consultation process. <b>Motion:</b> Edward Precinct recommends to NSC that it takes active steps to attempt to reactivate inactive precincts and promotes the</p>	<p>Feedback noted. Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that articles promoting the Precinct System are periodically included in North Sydney News, with the most recent article be included on page 10 of the Autumn 2018 - a digital copy is available on Council's <a href="#">website</a>. An article will be drafted for possible inclusion in the next issue.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		concept. Initially an article could be included in the North Sydney News. (JC/DH) Carried unanimously.		
		<p><b>Vodafone (177 Pacific Highway) Building lights - DA 142/16/2:</b> AF reported on progress with two issues relating to community concern relating to the intrusive publicity lighting on top of the western side of the Vodaphone building in Mount St. This continues 24/7 despite requests or various parties. It was recommended to lobby Vodafone to ensure lights were not on 24/7 due to adverse impacts on residents as well as adverse environmental impacts. Vodafone had also applied for illumination of their sign on western, residential facing side of the building top. This would be contrary to Council policy if successful and council had opposed the application which Vodafone appealed to the Land and Environment Court. An inspection of the building was undertaken by Commissioner Walsh of the Land and Environment Court along with legal representatives of NSC, Investa Office Trust and Vodaphone. It has now gone to the Land and Environment Court with a decision due in about two months.</p>	<p>Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that the Land and Environment Court (LEC) handed down its decision on 5 March 2019 and dismissed the appeal. The LEC agreed with Council that the application was not substantially the same as the original consent and was not a modification. Despite considerable evidence being submitted, the Commissioner did not comment of the merits or the impact on amenity of Edward Precinct. Council thanks Edward Precinct for their feedback and involvement in the appeal.</p> <p><b>UPDATE (17 May 2019)</b> Council's Senior Compliance Officer has advised that compliance staff have investigated this matter and can now respond as follows regarding illumination of the Vodafone sign: The Vodafone illuminated sign on the top Western Elevation at 177 Pacific Highway North Sydney may not be illuminated 24 hours. Condition I1 of DA142/16 requires illumination to cease between the hours of 1.00am and 7.00am. Council staff have undertaken late-night and early-morning inspections and found that this Vodafone sign was not illuminated 24 hours as reported. Should any member of the community hold evidence that this sign is illuminated between 1.00am and 7am, they may provide that evidence to Council's Senior Compliance Officer, who may be contacted between the hours of 9:30am and 11:00am, Monday to Friday, on telephone number (02) 9936 8100, or at any time by email at <a href="mailto:council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au">council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	