



## EDWARD PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday 8 September 2021 6:30pm on Zoom

Due to the ongoing lockdown, our September meeting was again held by Zoom.

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

**Apologies:** BH, IM

**Minutes of 11 August meeting** (circulated on 12 August).

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

Approved Moved MC, seconded CT. Unanimous

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

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- a) [DA 163/21](#) Alterations and additions to Unit 1606 / 225 Pacific Hwy. Lodged 1 June
- b) [DA 191/21](#) Strata subdivision of 1 Lot into 2 Lots 166 Pacific Hwy. Lodged 28 June
- c) [DA 231/21](#) Change of use of ground floor tenancy to indoor recreation facility....  
120 Pacific Hwy. Closes 17 Sept

Meeting had no comments on any of the DAs.

### General Business

a) **Local Council Elections** – have been deferred until 4 December

Precinct members wishing to review the status of the elections can visit:

<https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Find-my-electorate/Councils/North-Sydney/Cammeraygal-Ward>

b) **Harbour Bridge Cycleway** - consultation report released.

A design competition process is currently underway for the linear path option. Three firms are to be shortlisted with the preferred option exhibited in February 2022.

NSC considered that a lift would be a preferred option, but this was not supported by most bike riders and was dropped.

NSC's proposed motion expressing displeasure was lost (Council meeting 23 August 2021, [Item 6.2](#))

c) **NSC meetings** - items affecting Edward Precinct

- Election of Deputy Mayor: Cr Kathy Brodie was elected for the balance of the Council term ending in December 2021.

- North Sydney Pool redevelopment. Monthly reports are now provided to Council. The August report discusses the works completed and contains numerous pictures. See [northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council\\_Meetings/Meetings/Council\\_Meetings/Council\\_Reports\\_23\\_Aug\\_2021](https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings/Council_Reports_23_Aug_2021). A reduced size file will be circulated with the meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Precinct thinks that increased transparency is needed. It recommends that council reports regularly on progress on the pool in relation to budget, timeframe and milestones. Precinct seeks to know whether the project is on time and budget.  
Proposed GM seconded MC. Unanimous

- NSC Traffic Management Committee's report on its meeting on 23 July (items 14 to 18) recommended banning cycling on the Pacific Highway footpath between Arthur and Blue Sts. This would require cyclists to travel via Miller and Lavender Streets which is about 300 meters longer. It is also noted that Lavender is a difficult and dangerous road for cycling, and the Traffic Committee recommendation cannot be accepted.

**Motion:** Precinct recommends to Council that this recommendation is reversed and cycling continues to be allowed on the Highway shared zone, with a 10 kph speed limit and a sign requiring cyclists to give way to pedestrians.  
proposed JC seconded MC unanimous

It is recommended that cyclists heading south use Miller, St Peters Park, MacKenzie and Middlemiss Streets, using the highway pavement primarily for riding uphill which is far safer than downhill. For this to work, a cycleway would be required across St Peters Park, or a shared path, with cyclists required to give way to pedestrians.

- d) **Warringah Freeway Upgrade** - 700 trees planned for removal  
The petition link was circulated to members on 18 August. Petition numbers total 830  
[change.org/stop-the-destruction-of-700-mature-trees-Warringah-Freeway-upgrade-early-works](https://change.org/stop-the-destruction-of-700-mature-trees-Warringah-Freeway-upgrade-early-works)

Precinct urges council to lobby the state government to replace the trees with mature trees.

- e) **Combined Precinct Committee** - meeting 17 August  
Edward's recommendation in relation to Zoom meetings was passed.  
CPC is requested to include full speakers' names in their minutes.

f) **Zoom account**

A proposal was made to NSC by CPC to provide Zoom or Teams access.  
Precinct offers many thanks to Union Precinct for lending us their Zoom access which worked well.  
Edward precinct will repeat its offer to Union to contribute to the cost of Zoom.

g) **Publication of Precincts E-news**

Edward thanks NSC Precincts for providing the link to E-news.

**Motion:** Edward precinct recommends to Council that a pdf version is also produced each Friday with bookmarks, similar to the version Edward produces on the last Friday of each month for circulation to our members and all precincts.  
JC seconded GM. Unanimous

JC who prepares the Edward version of E-news says that it takes around 15 minutes, due to some paging issues. However, if a Word version is used by NSC to prepare the pdf version, it would take less than 5 minutes.

h) **North Sydney Demonstration School** upgrade

The proposed state significant site upgrade will be on display until 5 October (no web link yet identified, though files can be downloaded eg, by searching for "Upgrade to North Sydney Public School 182 Pacific Highway, North Sydney".)

The proposed buildings are quite large and result in a loss of the green area along Bay Rd.

**Motion** It is important that the development retains the current landscape settings with a green area along Bay Rd with large tree plantings. It is requested that a full set of plans is forwarded to Precinct.

Moved GM seconded MC. Unanimous

**i) File naming for minutes and other dated documents**

Will in future be similar to this file <210908 Edward precinct minutes.pdf>

This make file identification at the top of Word and Acrobat screen easier. Precinct apologises for the frequent changes.

Meeting closed at 7:00 PM.

**Next Edward Precinct meeting:** Wednesday 10 November 2021