



EDWARD PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday 10 November 2021 6:30pm on Zoom

Present: MC (chair), JC, JC, CT
Apologies: BH, GM

Minutes of 8 September precinct meeting (circulated 9 September).

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

Approved Moved JC, Seconded JC. Unanimous

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

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- [DA 293/21](#) Installation of illuminated advertising 1 Denison St closes 5 Nov

Lights on the west of several city buildings are negative for residents eg, of Edward and Priory Streets. They can affect the wellbeing and health of residents. Precinct considers that the increase in building lights is a major issue and recommends that NSC assesses the steps that may be considered to limit building night lighting.

- [DA 313/21](#) Alterations and additions to dwelling. 48 Edward St closes 12 Nov

Precinct considers that the current third storey extension on the west of the house is already too tall and poorly designed and constructed in comparison to the architectural heritage of the area. The proposed two storey extension at the western end of the existing house will bring it close to the boundary fence, overlooking the back gardens of houses at 9, 11 and 13 Priory Rd. Edward precinct will object to the proposed development. Unanimous

- [DA 314/21](#) Alterations and additions inc attic. 27 Edward St closes 12 Nov
- [DA 365/21](#) Internal existing roof attic alteration, new roof dormer window cost \$40k
6 McHatton St, Waverton. Lodged 1 Nov

Precinct had no comments on these two DAs.

- [DA 78/21](#) 1A McHatton Street Waverton new garage and conversion of existing garage to detached studio. Approved

General Business

1. Local Council Elections - 4 December

Edward precinct is located in Cammeraygal Ward. The candidates registered are as listed below. As far as can easily be determined, there are no candidates standing who are not members of a group. Precinct is not making voting recommendations. However, we note that Ian Grey is the chair of Waverton precinct.

Cammeraygal Ward (5 positions)

A: Community 1st: Ian Mutton*, David Martin, Liam Collins, Tim Moon, Marilyn Cameron

B: Labor for North Sydney: Shannon Welch, Bruce Grimshaw, Nathan Bernasconi, Faye Westwood, David Mickleburgh

C: North Sydney 1st: Sophie Winton, Richard Pearson, Kristine Pham, Amanda Judd, Jessica Quilty

D: Sustainable Australia Party: Georgia Lamb, Bob Eggleton, Kel Cowling, Jorge Resende, Michael Want

E: Team Elle: Elle Prevost, Anjana Karki, Candice Both, Melinda Smith, Michelle Lingham

F: Real Independents: MaryAnn Beregi*, Ian Grey, Katie Richmond, Estelle Blair, John Lucas

G: James Mullan Team: James Mullan, James Begbie, Elena Cavallaro, Rose Hartley, Isabella Farrell

H: Jilly Gibson Team: Jilly Gibson*, Hugo Bauer, Sunny Kang, Koo Reddy, Steven Houvardas

* denotes sitting councillor

2. Relevant **Council Meeting** matters

2.1 Proposed NSC new booking arrangements for (some) parks

The number of people who can gather in any park in North Sydney without making a booking is reduced from 60-40 people.

Precinct members are encouraged to review parks management as covered on the NSC website:

https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Recreation_Facilities/Parks_Reserves/Parks_Reserves_Management

2.2 New draft plan of management of Neighbourhood Parks – *feedback closes 21 November*

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/neighbourhood-parks-pom>

3. **Open consultations**

3.1 Community Strategic Plan – <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/nscsp-review1> < CSP Review Poster - Stage 1 Engagement.pdf> is attached to these minutes. Precinct encourages members to participate

3.2 Events in the North Sydney LGA review – *feedback closes 16 November*

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/ns-lga-events>

Members encouraged to complete the Events survey at this site

3.3 New draft Bushland plan of management – *feedback closes 21 November*

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/bushland-pom>

Precinct supports the plan and the additional recommendations made by John Berry of Bay Precinct. His recommendations related to the limitation of flood lighting of parks and reserves; noise pollution and synthetic turf which make wildlife residence in the areas problematic and should be avoided as far as possible.

4. Impact of **brush turkeys** in the precinct.

Brush turkeys have increased greatly in number in Edward Precinct (and much of North Sydney) over the past five years, largely due to the eradication of foxes by NSC. Turkeys are already problematic, as shown by a small-scale survey undertaken by our precinct secretary in Lord, Short and Bank streets. Of the 22 residents interviewed on 6 and 7 November, 50% considered turkeys to be a major problem, 27% a minor problem and 23% no problem.

The following motion was passed unanimously:

“Precinct requests NSC to discuss with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and National Parks and Wildlife how to improve the management of brush turkeys in North Sydney.”

Precinct residents with ideas are welcome to contact precinct.

5. **Berrys Bay issues**

DA 57/19 Floating Dry Dock, the Section 34 conciliation conference was terminated at the Land & Environment Court as no agreement was reached. Hearing is set for May 2022, which will include on site visit.

Woodleys: precinct looks forward to Council gaining care and control over the site.

6. **Combined Precinct Committee** - meeting 19 October

WHTBL – the main focus was on the Cammeray area, relating to the Warringah Freeway works and land use. There was no discussion of the problems likely to arise in North Sydney if the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link are constructed.

As reported in our July meeting minutes, Edward Precinct opposes the construction of both tunnels, at least until alternative transport options have been fully assessed.

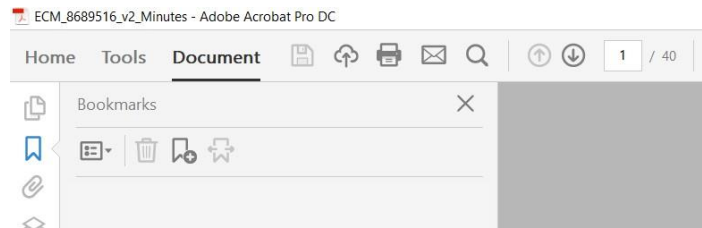
JC has been in contact with the Upper House Parliamentary Inquiry into the tunnels, and reports that (at least) one parliamentarian on the committee fully supports Edward's position. Publication of the Inquiry report is unlikely before early to mid-2022.

7. NSC Meeting Minutes files

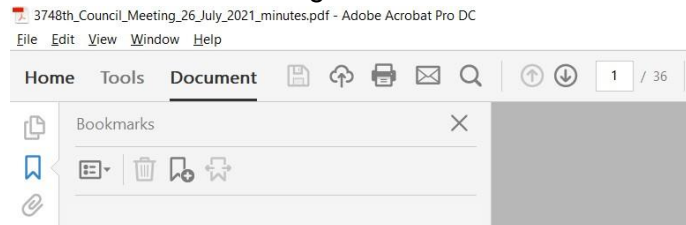
A review of the NSC meeting minutes since August found that:

- The file name is not visible at the top of the page.
- The file information is not accessible.

NSC minutes 25 October



NSC minutes on 23 August 2021 and earlier did not have these issues.



It is also noted that there are no headings visible on the left of the screen in either document.

Motion "Precinct requests NSC to publish all pdfs including Meeting Minutes in a format showing the filename and key file information on the screen. Headings should also be set to allow easy movement around the minutes." Unanimous

It is likely that some members of Council and staff would also welcome these changes.

Next Edward Precinct meeting: Wednesday 8 December 2021?
AGM Wednesday 9 February 2022