



**EDWARD PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday 11 August 2021
6:30pm on Zoom**

Due to the ongoing lockdown, our August meeting was held by Zoom. Though attendance was limited, the meeting went well. Online meetings will continue to be held as long as lockdown lasts. Minute recipients are advised that items (f) and (g) need imminent action.

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

Minutes of 9 June meeting (circulated on 14 June).

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

Approved

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

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- [DA 140/21](#) 16 Toongarah Road, internal renovation plus roof over. Approved
- [DA 146/21](#) 33 Berry St Increase hours of operation of existing ground floor gym
- [DA 163/21](#) 1606 / 225 Pacific Hwy Alterations and additions to Unit. Lodged 1 Jun
- [DA 191/21](#) 166 Pacific Hwy Strata subdivision of 1 Lot into 2 Lots. Lodged 30 Jun
- [DA 195/21](#) 150 Pacific Hwy Modify operating hours of gymnasium. Closed 30 Jul
- [DA 231/21](#) 120 Pacific Hwy Alterations and additions to commercial development change of use.... Pending payment.

Meeting had no comments or complaints on any of the listed DAs .

General Business

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

Key dates:

25 October 2021	Close of electoral rolls
26 October 2021	Postal vote application open
3 November 2021	Close of candidate nominations and registration of candidates and groups (12pm) Registration opens for electoral materials to be distributed on election day.
22 November 2021	Pre-poll voting opens / iVote commences Pre-poll voting period opens. Display of registered electoral material on the NSW Electoral Commission website commences.
29 November 2021	Postal vote applications close
3 December 2021	Pre-poll voting closes
4 December 2021	Election Day (8am - 6pm) iVote applications close (1pm) iVote voting closes (6pm)
21 - 23 December	Results declared progressively as counts are finalised by Returning Officers

NSC is requested to publicise that existing nominees for councillor positions will remain registered unless they withdraw. However, this is not fully clear on government websites.

- b) **NSC meetings** - items affecting Edward Precinct
- **North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment** (item 9.1)
Council resolved that the General Manager will provide a high level monthly update/report on the progress of the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool to each Council meeting including changes in cost. These reports are expected to be open to precincts.
 - **COVID parking relief for residents (item 9.2)**
Residents who have to park their cars on the street during the Covid lockdown are eligible for the refund of any parking fines issued.

- c) **Warringah Freeway Upgrade** - WHT and BL parliamentary Inquiry
Work has commenced on the WFU. Transport for NSW circulates people registered with progress reports and information on planned works.
To obtain email information on current and planned activities email the Warringah Freeway Upgrade project team whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au

Precinct has sought information into the progress of the Upper House Inquiry into WHTBL, but has not yet received information. We lodged objections to both tunnel projects. Hearings are scheduled for 13 and 17 September. Information is at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2767#tab-timeline>

- d) **Harbour Bridge Cycleway - runoff**
Two options were proposed by Combined Precinct Committee, one running from Cammeray to the Harbour Bridge along the western side of the Warringah freeway, and one connecting to Blue St near North Sydney station. TfNSW has been contacted requesting a status update who advise that they will make a decision and publish an outcomes report this month, along with an outline of next steps. A revised design is currently expected by the end of 2021.

- e) **Combined Precinct Committee** - meeting 22 June recap
Most relevant items are covered under other sections of Edward's minutes. However, it is noted that the minutes on the NSC website remain draft. A motion by Edward Precinct was proposed stating:

"NSC is requested to finalise and distribute CPC meeting notes as soon as possible after each CPC meeting. Minutes should have their headings visible in Acrobat's Navigation area." Unanimous
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- f) [Draft Amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013 - North Sydney CBD commercial tower setbacks and separation](#)

The review recommends several amendments to the DCP, to bring them more in line with Sydney CBD controls. Mainly relating to building layout and separation.

Submissions close 5pm Monday 16 August

- g) [Rapid Assessment Framework](#) - has been announced by the NSW Government Department of Planning in order to speed up the planning system
Consultation sessions will be held by DoP on 19 and 26 August.
See <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Planning-reforms/Rapid-Assessment-Framework>
Register for session 1 at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/raf-information-session-1-ssi-focus-tickets-166124044489?>
Register for session 2 at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/raf-information-session-2-ssd-focus-tickets-166139372335?>
Precinct considers that forums are not that useful as there is little opportunity to participate through questions etc. And will be difficult on Zoom.

- h) **Speaker for September meeting** - Carolyn New, Bike North
Secretary to discuss with Carolyn if she would be ok to present on zoom.

i) Public Attendance at Council Meetings

In response to the pandemic, Council has introduced the following changes to the public access to Council meetings:

- The Public Forum is cancelled until further notice.
- Alternatively, individuals can provide a written submission on any agenda item by 4pm on the day of the meeting to governance@northsydney.nsw.gov.au, which will be provided to the Councillors.

Precincts need to find out whether this refers to public forums like Environment and Sustainable Transport as well as council meetings. Also if it only applies during lockdown periods. If it extends past the end of lockdown, advice is needed on when it will end.

Motion. Precinct requests Council to support public zoom meetings before each council meeting where people can express their views. These sessions should be recorded and made available online. Unanimous

For enquiries contact the Governance Coordinator on 9936 8100, or governance@northsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Council meetings are webcast live. The recording is available the next day on [access the webcasts online](#).

- j) **Bradfield Park** – precinct seeks information on what is happening in the Park, what worksites are operating and how long will the closures last? Current park closure is limits park usage by the public.

k) Chinese Tallow Trees

In Lord St off Edward St, there are many Chinese Tallow trees. These have been infested this year by scale insects which make residue which can drop onto cars parked below the trees causing significant problems within a day. Hedges can also be damaged. The tree roots are also destructive of people's walls.

The trees were injected at a cost of about \$20 per tree in May 2021, which in practice was late. However NSC indicate that the injections should be effective for two or three years, suggesting that reinjection would be desirable in 2023 (or earlier if the insects reappear).

Consideration will be given to starting a petition to NSC to improve management or remove the trees. The problem will be discussed again at our next meeting.

- l) **Many thanks to Union Precinct** for the use of their Zoom account. Edward Precinct will offer to contribute to the Zoom cost.

It is recommended to NSC this cost is accepted as a valid precinct expense. If not, we require further advice on how to hold online meetings which will need to be held during this or subsequent lockdowns.

The Precinct monthly meeting is your opportunity to provide community advice to Council on matters affecting your local area. For more information or suggestions for agenda items, contact the Edward precinct committee at <edwardprecinct@inet.net.au>.

Next Edward Precinct meeting: Wednesday 8 September 2021