



**MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday 10 February 2021
7:30pm 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, DH, JC, CT, GD

Apologies: BH, AC, DE

1 Minutes of meeting of 11 November 2020

Minutes were circulated to Edward precinct email members on 13 November and NSC on the 16th. The meeting approved the meeting minutes unanimously.

2 Development Applications

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

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

- [DA 378/17/5](#) 160 Pacific Highway Modification to design of the roof level. Approved
- [DA 276/20](#) 225 Pacific Highway E Alterations facade of a residential flat building
- [DA 19/21](#) 110 Walker Street. Proposed new 55 storey commercial building
An online meeting was held on 8 February 6-7pm. No-one from the meeting participated. A request has been sent to the company for access to an online copy.
A shading plan was requested from the company, since no plan has been located on the DA. It was **unanimously** agreed that EP would make a submission on the DA, GM will coordinate, DH will review solar and shading impacts.
The lack of areas set aside for community use in such a significant building was noted.

Motion: Edward Precinct recommends to NSC, that NSC upholds the current planning regulations regarding building height limits, building setback, floor space ratio and car parking ratio.

Proposed GM, DH 2nd, unanimous decision

- [DA 183/18/3](#) 7 Mount St (Mary McKillop Center) minor modifications to hotel development

3 General Business

3.1 Precinct System review - progress update

Stage 2 consultation outcomes. Comments sent by Edward to PlanCom/NSC were as below (abbreviated). The meeting agreed a number of changes which will be forwarded to PlanCom

Recommendation No. 1. Who should participate?

We would recommend that house or building owners should be full members of a precinct, even if they live outside the precinct.

EP recommends that businesses and workers should be able to attend precinct meetings but not be entitled to vote.

Majority decision, 5 for, 1 abstention.

Recommendation No. 2. Participation in Multiple Committees

This should be up to the precincts involved and not a regulation.

EP confirms that management group membership should generally be limited to one precinct. However, where appropriate, for example when a non-resident owns houses or other accommodation, they should be entitled to stand for election.

Recommendation No. 4. Timing of input

Precincts usually meet on the same date each month.

To meet NSC meeting deadlines, precincts can meet other than their usual meeting dates to discuss/action items considered important to their area.

Recommendation No. 5. Boundary redistribution

Discussed in detail.

Edward does not seek a redistribution, but will be OK to merge with Union if required.

The meeting unanimously supported Option 1, if changes are implemented. The meeting agreed that many of the precincts defined in Option 2 were too large.

Recommendation No. 6. Naming

Discussed in detail.

After discussion it was decided that Edward Precinct should be referred to as “the precinct” and the office bearers are referred to as the office holders.

The term Precinct Committee will no longer be used.

Functionality of the precinct would remain as is.

Unanimous decision.

Recommendation No. 7. Administrative support

The meeting discussed online meetings and concluded that mixed online and in-person precinct meetings have not been satisfactory to date, based on precincts that have attempted it. It was also noted that NSC partly online meetings are not fully satisfactory. However, maybe in-person office holders with online participants would work, as some international meeting organisations have demonstrated.

Edward does not support online meetings.

Unanimous decision. However, it was (later) reported that Wollstonecraft has held a successful online meeting, which will be reviewed if there is seen as a need for online meetings in future.

Recommendation No. 8. Changes to CPC

Discussed in detail, with unanimous opposition to NSC controlling the CPC meetings being voiced.

The CPC should be independent (as it is now), and should meet at least 6 times per year.

Edward does not support the changes proposed to CPC.

Unanimous decision.

3.2 Review of Beaches Link environmental impact statement

The draft submission was circulated to the Edward precinct office bearers and subsequently to our email members. Comments were received and incorporated.

GM’s suggestion on loss of open space in Cammeray will be added. Also the likely impact on Berry St and the Miller Place development which is a major negative for the CBD.

The draft was sent to NSC and generated a generally positive response.

The response received from NSC with their concerns relating to the BL EIS is considered comprehensive and raises additional important issues.

Edward's review will continue to be developed and returned to members by email for further review/comment before being finalised and lodged with WHTBL. Members will be provided with the final document by email.

3.3 Western Harbour Tunnel approved

TfNSW has announced that the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade has been approved by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

The project will be constructed and operated in accordance with the Ministers Conditions of Approval. A copy of these conditions can be found on the [Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's \(DPIE\) website](#). (not easy to find)

The fact that none of the more than 1000 objections caused any changes in the WHT proposal was discussed and widely condemned.

3.4 Olympic Pool construction planned to start in March

Discussed in detail.

Construction is expected to take 2 years.

The meeting expressed concern at the cost of the project and its probable escalation. Concerns were also raised about the bidding process and the award of the contract. Concern was also raised regarding the approval process adopted by NSC and the awarding of the contract to a building contractor who has a poor record for delivering on time, to budget and to required quality. It is noted that NSC's response to some of these concerns has been documented by Council at

https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Business_Projects/Major_Projects/Olympic_Pool_Redevelopment/Your_Questions_Answered_-_Olympic_Pool_Redevelopment

3.5 Combined Precinct Committee meeting 24 November 2020

The meeting was attended by JC due to GM's non-availability. NSC GM and mayor attended the early part of the meeting. They made a clear presentation of NSC's financial performance over the prior financial year. They also answered several questions then left the meeting.

Social impact assessment requirements are soon to be published for the WHT. The BL EIS did not conduct an SIA from documents available.

Next CPC is 23 February limited to one participant per precinct. Input closed at the end of January. GM will attend, and has been nominated.

3.6 Cycle pop-up route from Arthur St to West St along Pacific Highway

Council advises that TfNSW has informed Council that they won't be proceeding with the cycleway. No information has yet been received on project alternatives.

The meeting majority supported the need to connect the Harbour Bridge to Falcon St via a cycleway (including a cycleway runoff from the bridge).

3.7 Optimal time for Precinct meetings

The commencement time of 6:30 was preferred and will be adopted until any revision of precinct boundaries occurs, at which time it will be discussed and agreed in the first combined meeting.

3.8 Speaker for Edward's March meeting

Options discussed:

Bicycle NSW regarding bicycle lanes and issues

NSC regarding CBD planning, especially regarding impact of WHT and BL

3.9 Other matters to be tabled

The issue of low participation in precinct meetings particularly since the onset of Covid was discussed. No immediate solutions were identified.

The meeting unanimously supported the precinct's thanks to the Community Centre and NSC for organizing the bicycle 'Check In & Tune Up' on 6 February in Ted Mack park.

4 Correspondence, Notifications and other information from Council

A precinct code-of-conduct was received on the day of the meeting from NSC. It will be discussed by the management group and at the March precinct meeting.

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 10 March 2021