



**North Sydney Local Government Area  
Edward and Union Combined Precinct Committees**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday 4 May 2022  
Starting at 7:30pm**

Blues Point Road Village Creative Space Pop Up  
1/182 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

**Chairs:** KR & GMcC

**Secretaries:** JC & CT [unionprecinct@gmail.com](mailto:unionprecinct@gmail.com) [edwardprecinct@inet.com.au](mailto:edwardprecinct@inet.com.au)

**Minutes:** JC & CT

**1. Welcome / Apologies / April minutes**

There were 24 registered attendees and 9 apologies

The meeting accepted the minutes of the Union general meeting 6 April 2022 and the Edward general meeting 13 April 2022

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

**2. Presentation invited by Chair**

**(a) Lavender Bay McMahons Point Community Centre closed**

The meeting heard that the North Spoon Café, Community Centre and Child Care Centre have been closed due to a safety issue at neighbouring property - 167 Blues Point Road. The owners of the North Spoon Café addressed the meeting sharing details about works that have commenced at 167 to brace the wall. Once the wall is safe the café and childcare centre should be able to resume operation.

The North Spoon owners explained the impact to their business and to the Child Care centre has been substantial and that there has been a general lack of urgency from Council to get the safety rectifications moving along. The meeting heard that bracing could potentially be completed by Friday May 6, 2022.

**Motion:** The Precinct Committees encourage Council to act as speedily as possible on these works so local businesses and activities can resume without unnecessary delay. Carried without objection.

Editors Note: Council has advised that the safety works have been done and access is now allowed for precinct to the Community Centre. The driveway and car park will remain closed for the time being.

**3. State Government items**

- (a) Western Harbour Tunnel:** Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is seeking to take control of Cammeray Park which will permanently remove access to parts of the park. Discussion: Council has resolved to oppose the permanent acquisition by the State

Government and is lobbying for the proposed motorway facility buildings that will be located within Cammeray Park to be constructed fully or partially underground.

**Motion:** The Precinct Committees strongly encourage Council to continue to advocate for building the Freeway facility building underground. Carried without objection.

- (b) Harbour Bridge cycle ramp:** The linear ramp adjacent to the Bridge wall has been selected and is being designed in detail. TfNSW is holding meetings for invited groups of 15 residents on Saturdays 14 and 21 May regarding the cycle ramp. JC from Edward Precinct has been invited to attend.

A cycle ramp from Harbour Bridge to central North Bradfield Park will require resumption of an area during construction. Concern was expressed by the meeting about the possible large size of the resumption area. The meeting noted that the ramp will result in some loss of parkland and amenity/accessibility for local residents. Council deferred to its May meeting a decision about its response to TfNSW's offer to lease over 7800 m<sup>2</sup> of Bradfield Park to construct the ramp.

#### 4. Council items

**(a) Combined Precinct Committee**

Minutes for the 21 April meeting are not yet available. KH attended the meeting and reported that:

- The new mayor, Zoe Baker, addressed CPC and will be available on Fridays to meet constituents
- The new council comprises 5 new and 5 re-elected councilors
- There is strong support for the Precinct System
- The quarantine depot in Berrys Bay has been purchased by NSC
- There are concerns regarding funding for North Sydney Pool
- Overdevelopment in the LGA (especially Crows Nest, Cremorne and St Leonards) is of concern
- Loss of greenspace in the LGA is an ongoing issue
- General fire policies/plans including Noakes were flagged but not discussed
- A foreshore review process is underway
- IG [Waverton] was re-elected as co-chair of the CPC with the other position remaining open for nominations. Edward and Union residents are encouraged to nominate.

- (b) Strategic Plan:** Council endorsed the draft plan for public exhibition. Submissions close Sunday 8 June 2022. The purpose of the plan is to set the high-level strategic direction for the North Sydney local government area.

To comment visit: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/nscp-review1>

- (c) Waverton Bowling Club:** Precincts are waiting for the response from Council re the Native Title Claim that was rejected by Council and has been appealed.

- (d) Blues Point Road ongoing noise issues:** The meeting heard that neither the latest Traffic Committee meeting nor the Council meeting on 26 April discussed this.

**Motion:** The Precinct Committees fully support Lavender Bay Precinct's suggestion that noise and traffic in Blues Point Road should be considered as a standing item at Traffic Committee meetings.

**(e) Trial amalgamation Edward and Union Precinct Meetings**

Council has acknowledged the trial joint meetings of the Edward and Union Precincts.

**(f) Precincts E-News**

Request by Edward Secretary for NSC to convert each Precincts E-news to pdf for circulation to precinct committees who can then onforward to members if they wish.

**(g) Summary of Actions**

The meeting heard that Council's response to a query regarding extended access/use of the Lavender Bay/McMahons Point Community Centre was 'closed for council response'. There was no response to the question regarding the fee structure being a barrier for use by residents.

**5. Development Applications**

UNION PRECINCT

**(a) 75 Bank Street, North Sydney [DA 58/21/2](#)** Modification. Change of exterior cladding colour to darker 'Monumental' grey.  
The meeting noted the application.

**(b) 106 Bank St, North Sydney [DA 422/18/3](#)** Modification of consent including internal reconfiguration and external modifications to windows and other works. Closed 3 May.  
The meeting noted the application.

**(c) 11 Bank St, North Sydney. [DA 107/22](#):** Alterations and additions.  
The meeting heard that there are no objections from the next door neighbour, as long as the party wall is not compromised during the alterations.  
The meeting strongly suggested that a Dilapidation Survey be undertaken by a certified structural engineer, recording the condition and state of the common wall prior to work commencing and the structural adequacy of the neighbouring building to withstand the proposed works.

EDWARD PRECINCT

**(a) 1A McHatton Street Waverton. [DA 78/21/2](#)** Modification to DA 78/20. Amend conditions to remove requirement for timber window and door frames.  
The meeting noted the application.

**6. Noakes Update**

**(a) Court Case** The meeting heard that the case is being heard in court by the Chief Justice of the Land and Environment Court (LEC). The Chief Justice was aware of the issues with air quality and noise at the site. Residents who are also party to the proceedings are very appreciative of the efforts of Council and their lawyers. Special thanks to the Chairs of Edward, Lavender Bay and Waverton Precincts for speaking at the onsite visit as efforts are made to ensure that the local area is not negatively affected by the proposed floating dock.

The hearings at the LEC can be followed each day at:  
[http://www.courtlist.justice.nsw.gov.au/courtlists/nswlec\\_lists.nsf/Web+Version+Courtlist](http://www.courtlist.justice.nsw.gov.au/courtlists/nswlec_lists.nsf/Web+Version+Courtlist)

The meeting thanked MC & ID for their dedicated efforts on this matter.

**(b) Development Control Order**

The meeting heard there has been progress on the Development Control Order regarding the demolition of unauthorised structures at Noakes. To date the 'caretaker cottage' has been removed, however the second unauthorised structure is being appealed as part of floating dry dock hearing.

### **(c ) Proposed Public Jetty**

The meeting heard that the outstanding 1990 requirement to construct a public jetty in Berrys Bay is being pursued by Council separately to the DCO and court case. Council resolved at its 26 April meeting to invite Noakes/Stannards to make a monetary contribution towards the construction of a public jetty, rather than construct the jetty as specified in the 1990 development consent.

**Motion:** The Precinct Committees support NSC's stance in relation to the construction of the public jetty. Carried without objection.

## **7. Community items:**

### **Save Our Parks Cammeray Park Meeting**

Monday May 16, at 6:30pm in Hutley Hall, NSC

The State Member for Willoughby will present to the meeting. For more information, contact the Secretary, Bay Precinct [bayprecinct@gmail.com](mailto:bayprecinct@gmail.com) or [view the flyer](#)

**Cremorne Conservation Group.** Two events may be of interest to precinct members:

1. *Unearthing the Forgotten Architect of Mosman: ES Garton.*  
Mosman Library Monday May 9, 2022  
Details: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/unearthing-the-forgotten-architect-of-early-mosman-e-s-garton/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/unearthing-the-forgotten-architect-of-early-mosman-e-s-garton/)
2. *Cremorne Orpheum Theatre – Behind the scenes*  
Monday May 30, 6:30pm  
Details: [https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf\\_event/behind-the-scenes-of-the-cremorne-orpheum-theatre/](https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf_event/behind-the-scenes-of-the-cremorne-orpheum-theatre/)

## **8. General business**

### **(a) Commodore Hotel Noise Levels**

Local residents have expressed concern about the increasing noise levels generated at the Commodore Hotel, most especially amplified music and announcements.

Advice was given to the resident that Council requires evidence of when the noise incidents occur.

**Request:** The Precinct Committees ask Council:

1. Does the Commodore Hotel have approval for amplified live music and DJs including announcements on the Terrace?
2. Can Council conduct an assessment of the noise levels on the Terrace.

- (b) Parking in Chuter Street:** The meeting heard from local residents that the Chuter St parking situation has deteriorated and that no parking infringement notices have been issued for the 1 and ½ hour parking spaces for many months, despite obvious breaches. Some businesses are filling all available spaces all day. Some local businesses are being impacted by clients not being able to park for meetings, while residents may have to park streets away. The meeting heard that despite calls being made to council nothing has been done. The recent ranger 'blitz' on Victoria and Mitchell streets was effective.

**Motion:** The Precinct Committees ask Council to conduct a parking 'blitz' on Chuter street specifically. Carried without objection.

The meeting thanked CT for the use of the Creative Space for the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Next meeting: 7:30pm, Wednesday 1 June.