



AGENDA
THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2022, 6:15pm

Present: GM (chair), MC, JC, JC, CT, BH, KF, SR

Apologies: CA, GD. DE

1. Edward meeting minutes

10 February 2022 (circulated 14 February)

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

Meeting minutes were approved.

2. Development Applications:

<https://apptracking.northsydney.nsw.gov.au>

The following relevant DAs are under assessment or determined:

DA 57/22 18 McHatton Street Waverton. Proposed ground floor alterations / additions including rear attached alfresco to existing residential dwelling. Est Cost \$740k Closes 25 March

No objection to the DA

DA 49/22 29 A Bay Rd Waverton Various works to upgrade and strata subdivide an existing 6-unit block. Maintenance only.

No objection to the DA

DA 58/22 107 Mount St (on corner of Arthur St). Demolition of existing structures, construction of 37 storey commercial building with 8 level basement and associated works. No objection to the DA though the ongoing construction of large buildings in North Sydney was raised as an issue.

DA 377/17 32 Lord St Issues relating to design and the installation of video cameras. The video cameras look straight into living areas of neighbouring houses and gardens.

Local residents have been communicating extensively with Council who advise that because the video cams do not need a DA, there is nothing it can do to require their location to respect the privacy of neighbours. It is consequently a police matter.

Precinct advises Council that it is concerned about cameras being placed in such positions, and recommends that Council supports members in Short and Lord Sts who are concerned about such matters. Precinct supports the objections made by residents to the police and recommends that the cameras are relocated and directed to monitor 32 Lord St areas only.

A meeting participant reported a similar recent problem in Crows Nest Rd at the northern end of our precinct.

3. General Business

a) Precinct AGM

Deferred until Wednesday 13 April at 6:30 pm.

We will welcome expressions of interest in all of our management committee positions – chair, treasurer and secretary.

A normal general meeting will be run before the AGM.

b) Proposed Changes to Council Meeting Schedule and Practice:

[Survey](#) closed Monday 14 March.

The proposed changes include two Council meetings each month (one in January), business papers available two weekends prior, matters previously reported to the Legal and Planning Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee integrated into Council meetings, and Councillor briefings to be held in the prior week, to be webcast and open to the public.

Edward Precinct commends Council on its approach.

Next Council meeting Monday 28 March.

NSC is reviewing introduction of a municipality wide food waste pick-up service for all residential dwellings. Many other councils mentioned by meeting participants collect food waste.

Motion – Precinct is densely populated making food waste composting difficult for many. Precinct strongly supports the proposal to collect food waste.
Passed unanimously

c) Community Development Strategy:

Preliminary feedback closes Friday 18 March

This item was included to allow Precinct residents seeking to comment to access the Council website. It was not discussed in the meeting.

d) Proposed Refuge Island Upgrade:

Crows Nest Rd x McHatton St, Waverton - feedback closes 20 March

https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/traffic-surveys?preview=true&tool=survey_tool&tool_id=crows-nest-road-island#tool_tab

Meeting participants considered that the existing corner is not bad. Concern was expressed that the new design narrowed an existing quite narrow passage and may increase the level of danger in the area particularly for children crossing.

Council needs to review the design and ensure that traffic flow is improved and pedestrian safety is not worsened.

There is also a need for Council to look at the top of Crows Nest Rd near the Pacific Highway which urgently needs improvement and should be given higher priority than the McHatton junction.

e) **Miller Street Pop-up:**

Feedback closes Thursday 31 March.

The current Pop-up on the western side of Miller St is planned to expand long-term into Miller Place which will use all of Miller St between Berry St and the Highway.

Precinct is concerned about the design and appearance of the Pop-up. It is rarely used at present.

Precinct supports the concept but not the design.

Needs a well-designed street scape.

It is recommended that precinct residents provide feedback.

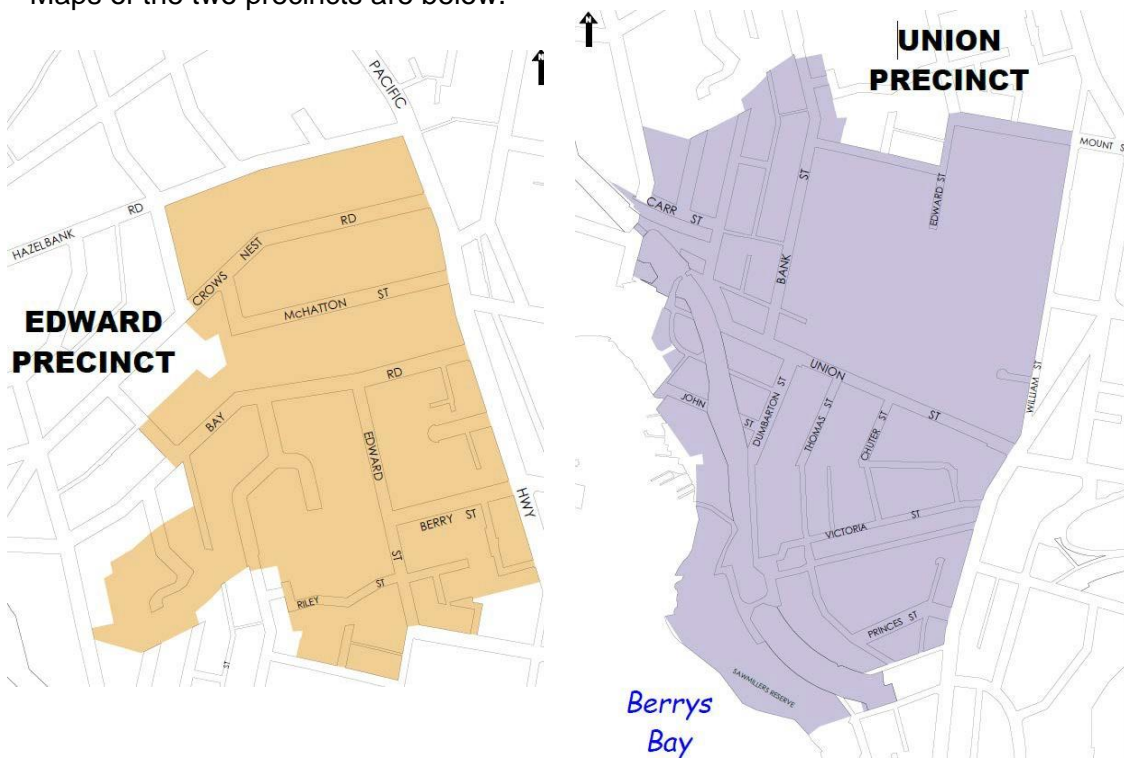
f) **Possible trial merger with Union Precinct**

Union at its meeting last week proposed a trial merger with Edward subject to Council approval.

Motion: Edward Precinct supports a trial merger with Union Precinct commencing in May, to be held in **McMahons Point Community Centre** – 165 Blues Point Road.

Sometime in 2022, Council will approve a reorganisation of precinct boundaries. We will make a recommendation on whether or not Edward and Union should merge permanently once we have completed a few trial merged meetings. Until the merger is formalised each precinct will retain its own financial and administrative systems.

Maps of the two precincts are below.



Other Precinct Issues

Crows Nest Rd conservation area could be integrated into Edward Precinct during the finalisation of precinct boundaries by Council.

In Hazelbank Rd, part of the conservation area is not within Edward Precinct.

g) Upgrade to North Sydney Public School, Bay Rd

The Ministry for Planning released its assessment of objections to the development on 15 March.

Some changes are outlined under the “Built Form and Design” section of the summary of the report’s conclusions. This is being circulated to members with the meeting minutes.

The development has been approved but with marginal changes to the façade of the new 3-storey building fronting Bay Rd.

Lady Hay Hall will be demolished as planned.

No improvement to the basketball court has been approved.

h) Playgrounds Plan of Management (PoM)

Now on public exhibition and submissions will be accepted until **Tuesday, 12 April 2022**. Precinct residents with children will probably seek to respond.

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

i) MLC Building Planned Section 34 meeting relating to proposed demolition

The Section 34 for MLC will be on site on 23 March 2022 at 9:30am.

Edward Precinct at its meeting on 12 August 2021 unanimously opposed the demolition and planned new construction.

The Historical Society has lodged a new objection

The meeting ended at 7:25pm