

Annual General Meeting
18:30 13 April 2022
MINUTES



1. Attendees	GM (chair), JC, JC, LC, MC, MM, KF, CT, TH Zoom: AR
2. Returning Officer	MM was appointed
3. Minute taker	JC
4. Apologies	BH
5. Minutes of previous AGM	6 November 2019 AGM Minutes were circulated; Approved: Moved by: JC Seconded by: MC Voting: Unanimous
6. Chairpersons Report	<p>Edward Precinct Chair's Report</p> <p>Due to Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions, our AGM has been postponed twice, so our last AGM was in November 2019. At this AGM we'll be reporting on activities over nearly two and half years.</p> <p>We held 2 meetings in November and December, 2019. In 2020, only five meetings were held in February and March, then August, October and November. In 2021 we held 11 meetings although many were via Zoom. In 2022 we've held 2 meetings via Zoom in February and March.</p> <p>Our Precinct would like to thank Union Precinct Secretary MCH for the use of her Zoom account for our Precinct meetings as the Council has not yet provided for virtual meetings.</p> <p>Our meetings included guest speakers, consideration of DAs, review of information and advice from Council and provided an opportunity for members to raise issues for Council and other agencies to consider. The Precinct was represented on a number of committees and workshops including Waverton Peninsula Working Group and the Combined Precincts Committee.</p> <p>We had guest speakers including representatives from the Sydney Heritage Fleet to discuss the possible location of their fleet in Berrys Bay, Chair of the Committee for North Sydney to discuss the North Sydney CBD and the impacts of a number of developments on it, and community members who raised issues such as the proposed Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp, the impact of the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel both in the construction phase and longterm, and the future of the waterfront industrial land in Berrys Bay adjacent to Carradah Park.</p>

We considered more than 40 DAs. Most were noted by the meeting. When specific concerns were expressed by the members and supported by the meeting, we included those concerns in our minutes. When DAs raised concerns that had a wider impact on planning in the Precinct, we supported the objections raised by the members. On a number of DAs, Precinct made a formal submission. These included the proposed demolition of the heritage listed MLC building in North Sydney, DAs for the Floating Dry Dock at Noakes Boat Yard in Berrys Bay and Council's DA for North Sydney Pool.

The Precinct also made other submissions to Council and other agencies. These included objection to the removal of 700 trees with the upgrade to the Warringah Freeway, objection to the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel EIS, submission to the Tunnels Inquiry (NSW Upper House Parliamentary Inquiry), concerns about the design of proposed changes to North Sydney Demonstration School and the design of the Sydney Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp.

Over the last two years Council has been undertaking a review of the Precinct system. GM, MC and JC have attended the seminars and workshops run as part of the review and this has been reported to Precinct meetings. Recommendations from the Review are likely to be reported to and considered by Council mid-year. If those recommendations are supported, its likely there will be further consultation and a final decision on the Precinct Review by the end of 2022.

A number of Ward Councillors from the previous and new Council attended our Precinct on our invitation. They discussed issues of concern to our Precinct and offered their opinions. Precinct really values the input of Councillors and looks forward to their attendance in the coming year.

MC and GM would like to thank our fellow office bearers JC and JC. JC for his work as Treasurer. A special thanks to JC whose hard work as Secretary has kept us going in the difficult times in the past two and half years. With the benefit of virtual meetings we have been able to continue to represent the interests of the Edward community and communicate those to Council. DH's contribution as co-secretary was also appreciated up to the time of his departure from Sydney in 2021.

However the Precinct meeting attendance has been low during this period and we have discussed on a number of occasions the possible amalgamation with adjoining Precincts. We currently have a proposal to trial a merger with Union Precinct for the next six months which retains the separate Precinct organisations while combining their monthly meetings. This has broad support in the Precinct.

Finally I would like to thank all the community members who have supported the Precinct by attending our meetings.

Voting: 9/0

7. Financial Report	<p> Account Balance 13 April 2022 \$3,741 Amounts outstanding \$52 (reimburse J Claridge for flyer distribution expenses) Net Balance 13 April 2022 \$3,689 </p> <p> Transactions Balance 2 July 2019: \$2,289 </p> <p> Costs: \$47 (reimburse J Cook for expenses for Precinct drinks) \$52 (reimburse J Claridge for flyer distribution expenses) </p> <p> Grants \$1,500 (North Sydney Council) </p> <p> Net Balance 13 April 2022: \$3,689 Voting: 9/0 </p>
8. Committee Elections	<p> No new nominations for President, Secretary and Treasurer were received. Previous committee members nominated for their roles. As there were no other candidates, no voting was required and hence, nominees were re-appointed. </p> <p> Chair GM Co-chair MC Secretary JC Treasurer JC </p>

AGM closed at 18:51 PM