

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2019 - Harrison Precinct

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response. To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
- **Closed for Council** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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Month	Item	Actions	Council's Reply	Status
November		<p>Draft 40km and 10km/n Shared Zones Masterplan: Precinct discussion included the following comments: Some aspects of the Draft Masterplan could be potentially confusing and details of the implementation need more consultation and consideration. Too many different speeds and signage could be confusing and add to visual clutter. The proposed 40 km zone in Spofforth Street stops at Cabramatta Road and should be extended as far as Military Road. Shared zones need to have more distinct markings and distinctive paving.</p> <p>The 50km/h limit is not currently adhered to so changing the speed limit is unlikely to make a great impact. How will the proposed changes be enforced? The new "slow down" pole sign wraps do not seem to be making an impact. Overall Harrison Precinct supports the reduction of the current 50km/h to 40km/h which would benefit certain locations - in particular the intersection of Spofforth & Rangers and Spofforth & Holt Streets.</p>	<p>Council's Traffic and Transport Engineering has advised that this will be treated as a submission. All submissions will be reported to Council in early 2020.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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	<p>Another question raised was ‘what was driving this proposal?’ Some Precinct members were of the opinion that the entire length of Spofforth St down to Florence St should be changed to 40km/h.</p>		
	<p>Rangers Road & Spofforth St: Several residents recently attended the NSC Traffic Committee meeting of 18 October 2019 regarding the Spofforth Street and Rangers Road intersection proposal and provided the meeting with a summary. It appears that Mosman Council does not support NSC’s attempts to initiate improvements to the intersection and is unable to commit any financial support for the proposal until after 2024. It was agreed this was not an ideal outcome and residents also expressed frustration that they have not been able to see any of the concept diagrams drawn up by NSC to date. It was agreed that there was extreme danger on Spofforth Street, and precinct members posed the question: “who is going to take responsibility when there is a fatal accident?”</p> <p>Action: That the on-site meeting with the Mayor of North Sydney and the Member for North Shore organised in accordance with Harrison Minutes of 5 September 2019 and scheduled for Monday 9 December [this date is after private schools have commenced vacation, can the meeting be brought forward?] be extended to include a site inspection of Spofforth Street on the same day, and that the site inspection be extended to include Ward Councillors and possibly Mosman Council representatives. BP to contact Cr Menzies from Mosman Council. Action: Co-convenor to send email re date change request.</p>	<p>Noted by Council’s Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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	<p>Holt Ave and Spofforth St: Holt Ave is another accident hot spot on Spofforth Street [A list of accidents compiled by residents is attached]. Traffic calming devices and a pedestrian refuge are needed at Holt Avenue. The intersection of Spencer Road & Spofforth Street is another location which could benefit from the same treatment. Motion: That North Sydney Council peruse and consult with residents and precinct members regarding improving safety at the intersections of Holt Avenue, Spencer Road and Spofforth Street. Proposer AC, Seconded: PK</p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that Council has engaged a consultant to prepare concept plans for two intersections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holt Avenue & Spofforth Street • Rangers Road & Spofforth Street <p>The request to review Spencer Road/Spofforth Street intersection will be added to the LATM Action Plan for further consideration.</p>	<p>Closed of Council</p>
	<p>8.10.10 Cremorne Streetscape Meeting: It was also reported that there is currently no proposed start date for the 15-minute free parking trial in Parraween Road.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Parking meters has advised that this will commence in early 2020. Council staff are in the process of liaising with meter contractors and designing educational information about the trial, noting that road resurfacing is planned for the area in Dec/Jan.</p>	<p>Closed of Council</p>
	<p>Hampden Ave traffic: A resident of Hampden Avenue addressed the meeting regarding concerns about the increase in truck movements in/out of Hampden Avenue and the negative Impacts of construction related activity relating to 211 Military Road. In particular, construction vehicles are using Hampden Avenue as a waiting area during the morning peak period as they are unable to park on Military Road due to the Bus Only lane. The speed of trucks is another negative issue. Q: Can the trucks delay coming to the site until after 10am?</p>	<p>Council's Senior Assessment Officer has advised that a construction traffic management plan was approved for the development at 211 Military Road, subject to conditions. If the Committee is of the view that the truck movements and waiting area along Hampden Avenue is in breach of these conditions, this should be raised with Council.</p> <p>Precinct Committee to provide more information, if this matter requires further review by Council's Ranger and Parking Services Department and/or Environmental Building Compliance Department.</p>	<p>Closed of Council</p>

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	<p>Weaver Park Cnr Murdoch & Military Road: An update on the overgrown shrubs in front of the Community Health Centre in Weaver Park at the corner of Murdoch St and Military Road was provided. Council has advised that Harrison Precinct should take this matter up direct with Health Commission NSW, however, meeting attendees were of the view that this was a matter for Council to follow-up not our Precinct.</p>	<p>Council staff are in the process of locating contact details for this property. Further update to be provided in due course.</p>	<p>Open/Ongoing</p>
	<p>Community Noticeboard/External Communications Strategy follow up: It was noted that Council had incorporated Precinct feedback into its External Communications Strategy 2019-2021 and that it was “<i>exploring the costs and feasibility of installing and maintaining digital noticeboards</i>”. The co-convenor received an email listing a number of suggested locations for a Harrison Precinct community noticeboard. The seven options were reviewed at the meeting. The feedback received was that none were suitable as they were not in locations where current and potential Harrison Precinct members were likely to notice it. Harrison Precinct requests that investigations be carried out to see if a location can be found indoors at the Cremorne Town Centre (CTC). This would require negotiations with CTC management.</p>	<p>Council’s Community Information Officer advised that Council noticeboards can only be placed on Council land (i.e. CTC not suitable location). As the 7 proposed locations were deemed unsuitable by the Precinct Committee, Council awaits suggestion of alternate location from the Precinct Committee.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Precinct Committee contact CTC management directly regarding the proposed notice board in the shopping centre, which could be used to promote community matters including Precinct Committee activities.</p>	<p>Open/Ongoing</p>
	<p>Bannerman Street: Council is currently trailing speed cushions on Bannerman street. Whilst Bannerman Street is in Bennett Precinct, many Harrison residents use the Bannerman Street route. General feedback is that there is no warning of the speed humps and that the ‘cushions’ are brutal on car suspensions – they are not ‘cushions’ at all.</p>	<p>Council’s Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised warning signs were installed in Bannerman Street from 8 November 2019. The feedback period has been extended to 2 February 2020. A report on the outcomes of the trial period, including feedback received, will be prepared for the North Sydney Traffic Committee to be considered at a meeting early in 2020. The Precinct</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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	Q: Will the 3 month trial be extended?	Committee's submission is acknowledged and will be taken into consideration when the matter is reported to the Traffic Committee. Further information about the initiative is available on the following page https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/traffic-surveys?tool=survey_tool&tool_id=bannerman-murdoch-speed-cushions#tool_tab	
October	<i>No meeting.</i>		
September	<p>B-line impacts:</p> <p>a) Cremorne AM bus stop (citybound)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - has inadequate footpath width to accommodate the volume of commuters - conditions were described as "bedlam" - no queueing system - AT described conditions as being akin to being in a "moshpit" - Motorists were reported to be regularly ignoring red light at traffic light signal (in front of Minskys) putting pedestrians in grave danger of being run over - Cabramatta Road continues to be another area of danger with large volumes of commuters using this intersection - Inadequate shelter during wet weather. <p>b) Safety: Motorists are not aware there is a traffic light outside Minskys (Cabramatta Road) due to the removal of the traffic signal at median – the result has been an increase in the number of motorists not stopping on the red signal due to lack of visibility of the traffic lights.</p> <p>c) Precinct members agreed to the following Motion: That the Mayor and Members for North Shore and</p>	<p>a) & b) Awaiting response from Council's Director Engineering and Property Services/Project Manager.</p> <p>c) Council's Mayor EA has given her contact details to the Convenor to contact her direct to organise their meeting.</p>	<p>Awaiting Response</p> <p>Closed for Council</p>

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	<p>Willoughby be invited to Cremorne Town Centre from 7:45am to 8:15am on a school day, to meet members of Harrison Precinct and surrounding Precincts and witness first-hand the safety issues on Military Road, Cremorne - in particular at the traffic signals - and to find a solution before someone is injured.</p> <p>Moved: MdS, Seconded: PT, Unanimous</p>		
	<p>Military Road Planning Study: Precinct members expressed concern that Military Road would “end up like St Leonards” and that the current “village feel” would be lost if building height limits were allowed to be increased. Precinct members voted to convey to Council the following: That the proposal does not make economic sense and would like Council to retain the current height limit.</p> <p>Moved: MdS, Seconded: GD For: 7, Against: 1, Abstain: 1</p>	<p>Precinct Committee’s submission noted by Council’s Strategic Planner - Urban Design.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	<p>Harrison/Bennett Precinct Heritage project - update: A Sydney-based photographer specialising in heritage shop fronts has been found and is available to come and take photos in Neutral Bay and Cremorne. Harrison has \$1000 available for this project and can apply for a further \$1000 in funding from Council. Bennett Precinct to be consulted to discuss sharing of funds for this project.</p>	<p>Council’s Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that if Bennett Precinct Committee is to apply for funding for the same/similar project, their application must be submitted so that Council can consider funding available in a holistic manner00.</p>	<p>Open/Ongoing</p>
	<p>Other updates: 24 Cranbrook Ave - DA175/19: update regarding proposed demolition and redevelopment of site NSC received 53 submissions objecting to this proposal, and on 5.9.19 the North Sydney Local Planning Panel ruled that the application be denied, giving due regard to</p>	<p>Council’s Senior Assessment Officer has noted Precinct Committee’s comments.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		the need to preserve its heritage value. The applicant could never-the-less still appeal the matter to the Land and Environment Court.	The Precinct Committee and residents who are interested in the outcomes of this application are invited to register their email addresses on Council's DA tracking facility .	
September - email		<p>General comment re access to Community Noticeboards: Harrison Precinct currently lacks any access to a Community noticeboard in our Precinct. Can Council investigate a noticeboard in our Precinct which offer high visibility to the community. Ideal locations include Cremorne Town Centre, Cremorne Plaza and Parraween St Carpark/Community Centre.</p>	<p>Council' Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects emailed the Precinct Committee regarding the notice board request, that below is the response to the Precinct Committee's past request (October 2017). We will pass on this request to the responsible officers and provide response in due course.</p> <p>Community Notice Boards: It was agreed that Council <i>be asked to position two community notice boards within Harrison Precinct. A heavy-traffic location near the Cremorne Town Centre would be ideal.</i></p> <p><i>Council's Community Information Officer has advised that the only board within the Harrison Precinct area is the Neutral Bay Noticeboard which was in the alleyway next to Neutral Bay Community Centre and was taken down this year when a development took place next door and has not been replaced. Council is looking at either relocating the original board to have it reinstalled or ordering a new one, in which case the Precinct Committee could have a reserve area to place the meeting flyer.</i></p> <p><i>For the flyer to be placed on the other noticeboards the Precinct Committee needs to book in advance - refer to the 2018 noticeboard program.</i></p> <p>UPDATE (3 January 2018) <i>Precinct Committee's representative picked up the keys for the Neutral Bay Community Noticeboard and Cremorne Early Childhood Centre.</i></p>	Open/Ongoing
August		B-Line update: Precinct Committee members expressed concern and frustration with on-going construction work	Awaiting response from Council's Director Engineering and Property Services/Project Manager.	

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	<p>related to the B-line project which is haphazard and with little co-ordination between the various contractors, Council and B-line. For example, the newly laid pavers at the corner of 148 Holt and Military Road are due to be dug up to lay cables connected with the Tidal Flow mechanism.</p> <p>Precinct members asked: Q: Why was this trench not dug before the pavers were laid? Q: Why can't the works be better co-ordinated?</p> <p>This work is also causing inconvenience to pedestrians. Several residents of Holt Ave reported having to make large, inconvenient detours due to footpath closures due to trench work on Military Road.</p> <p>Concern was also expressed about safety issues to pedestrians and motorists at the intersection of Holt Avenue and Military Road. It was reported that frequently impatient drivers attempt to over-take other cars waiting in a queue for a break in traffic in order to turn left. Pedestrian safety is compromised as drivers are focused on looking right and neglect to check for pedestrians crossing the intersection from the left side. Precinct members who live on Holt Avenue residents reported that there is extensive (and increased) queuing of vehicles waiting to turn left onto Military Road.</p> <p>Precinct members reported on-going problems with confusing conditions at the off-peak citybound bus stop at Cremorne Junction. The citybound bus stop has been</p>		
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	<p>relocated to a temporary location closer to the Cremorne Town Centre, however it was reported that bus drivers are experiencing difficulty knowing which is the exact set down/pick up location at Cremorne. TfNSW staff were initially posted at this location to help ensure buses pulled up at the correct location. Precinct members also reported some bus drivers and passengers are confused where to wait/stop at 10 am during the change of bus stop time period.</p> <p>Precinct members at the meeting wondered whether the introduction of B-line had made any real difference to commuters - Northern Beaches commuters appear to have benefited from B-line with more frequent buses but no benefits for the Cremorne and Neutral Bay community. Precinct members also wondered if journey time for buses had actually improved given that congestion on York Street was still a problem.</p>		
	<p>The Precinct passed a unanimous resolution to ask Council to suspend work on the Young Street Plaza until such time as stage 1 of the Military Road Corridor Planning Study was complete.</p>	<p>Council's Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator has advised that Council at its meeting of 26 August 2019 resolved:</p> <p><i>THAT a temporary or trial closure of Young Street for a period of three months take place early in 2020 (subject to necessary approvals) and the outcomes of community feedback during the trial are reported to Council.</i></p> <p>The trial is proposed for early in 2020.</p> <p>The report is accessible on Council's website at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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<p>July</p>	<p>B-line - update: Precinct Committee members reported various personal observations regarding local conditions with the Tidal Flow in operation. Tidal Flow has made no significant difference to flow of traffic through Cremorne city bound, but many issues were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidal Flow has created a new pinchpoint - significant outbound (eastbound in Mosman direction) congestion with some mornings traffic banked up to Winnie Street and beyond to Neutral Bay. <p>Safety issues at Cremorne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Spofforth St intersection is often blocked by cars causing danger to pedestrians • Buses are travelling faster on dedicated bus lanes, and often ‘running through’ Cremorne intersections on red light. • One pedestrian injury reported already at the Spofforth St/Military Road intersection. • Mosman Daily reported that RMS will install a red light camera at the Spofforth St intersection near Glover St. • Some vehicles are making illegal right turns into Cabramatta instead of proceeding to turn at Spofforth St • 14 safety issues were reported in the original RMS safety report <p>Commuter issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confusion by bus drivers and passengers about where to stop/stand during the AM bus stop changeover period (10am) • 225 bus is affected by the congestion <p>Q: is it possible for Council/RMS to measure the speed of traffic on Military Road and on feeder streets eg and Holt Avenue, Spofforth St.</p>	<p>Council’s Manager Traffic and Transport Operations has advised that Council is planning to collect volume and speed traffic counts on local roads shortly to compare with baseline data collected before the tidal flow went in. This will include Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street as well as other surrounding streets.</p> <p>Military Road is a State road so Precinct Committee can enquire with B-Line or RMS regarding speed data.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
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June	<i>No items for action</i>		
May	<i>No items for action.</i>		
April	<i>No items for action - joint meeting held with Bennett Precinct Committee</i>		
March	<p>Traffic: Spofforth St and feeder streets: Harrison Precinct welcomes Council's acknowledgement that the intersection of Spofforth Street and Rangers Road is a complex intersection which needs further investigation by the Traffic and Engineering department. Harrison Precinct would like to request to be formally informed and consulted about any matters relating to any parts of Spofforth Street and feeder streets. Motion: It was agreed that Harrison Precinct members start to collate a list of issues in a shared document (e.g. Google doc) and that Ward Councillors be approached to ask for their attendance at a future Harrison Precinct meeting to discuss Spofforth Street traffic issues.</p>	<p>Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, who has advised that a memorandum will be sent to the Precinct Committee as part of Council's formal community engagement process with regard to any proposed traffic facilities along Spofforth Street and feeder streets within Council's control.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	<p>Meter Parking: It was noted that during the current Mayor's election campaign that there has been a pledge to provide: Free 30-minute parking for residents at all meters. Harrison Precinct would like to ask the Mayor the status of this pledge and more specifics on how this scheme would operate. This issue is of particular concern and relevance to Harrison Precinct due to the loss of strip parking on Military Road as a result of the installation of the Traffic Tidal Flow and relocation of bus stops on Military Road due to the B-line but project. The lack of free parking in Parraween Street is a deterrent from encouraging visitors to Cremorne Village. A meeting attendee reported that Mosman Council provides</p>	<p>The Mayor has provided the following response:</p> <p>In relation to the motion of the Harrison Precinct Meeting of 7 March, please be advised that the following information has also been provided to the Combined Precincts Committee.</p> <p>During my election campaign I made several strong commitments to the people of North Sydney. One of those was indeed to provide free 30-minute parking for residents at all meters. I stand by this commitment as it is an important issue for our community. I believe our residents should have the right to park in their local area for a short time, to go about their business, fee-free.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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	<p>residents with stickers to place on vehicles which allow residents to relief from parking meter fees. Motion: To request the Mayor to consider providing 1-hour free parking in Parraween street for residents.</p>	<p>You would probably be aware, at the last Council Meeting held on 29 April 2019, I presented a Mayoral Minute on Free Parking Options – Ridge Street Car Park. This Mayoral Minute was my first step to progressively introducing set times of free parking to our North Sydney residents. It will take quite a bit of research and effort to convince Council to vote to introduce other areas of timed free parking as there are many issues surrounding the provision of free parking.</p> <p>However, the benefit of my knowledge of the local area and my relationships with residents, businesses and schools, will assist me greatly in discussions with our community. Please be assured I will be trying to get the best outcome for our municipality. Your request will form part of my further discussions and research around providing more free parking options for residents in the future.</p>	
	<p>Local Environment Plan (LEP)/Heritage (update): Action: Harrison Precinct to request Council for a representative to make a presentation on the LEP review at the next Precinct meeting. Action: Harrison Precinct to request Council for a representative to make a presentation on the LEP review with special reference to the Local Character and Place Guideline.</p>	<p>The invitation for Council staff to attend the next joint meeting of Harrison and Bennett Precincts on 10 April 2019 to brief the Precincts on the LEP Review was accepted by Council’s Manager Strategic Planning and Team Leader - Policy.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>
	<p>Council Special Rate Variation (SRV) - Action: It was agreed that Harrison Precinct make a formal submission to IPART to convey the low level of community</p>	<p>Noted by Council’s Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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		awareness/engagement and that Option 1 or 2 were the preferred scenarios, and not Council's Option 3.		
February	<i>No items for action - joint meeting held with Bennett Precinct Committee</i>			