

## Harrison Precinct

### Minutes of Meeting

held on Thursday, 1 July 2021 at 7pm by **ZOOM**

<b>Attendance</b>	26 Attendees attended via Zoom Apologies: JY, PB, JL
<b>Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2021 were accepted and confirmed. Proposed: ARC Seconded: PV
<b>Spofforth Street Intersection Improvements</b>	<p>The following updated was conveyed to the attendees regarding the <b>Spofforth Street Intersection Improvements</b> issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mosman Council has advised North Sydney Council that it does not support a roundabout at the intersection of Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street or any improvements works at the intersection of Holt Avenue and Rangers Road. However, Mosman Council would conduct its own community consultation in respect of the intersection of Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street.</li><li>● The Precinct's secretary attended the June 2021 meeting of the NSC Traffic Committee as the agenda included a proposal THAT the proposals for Spofforth Street and Holt Avenue be deferred for up to 6 months until amended plans are supplied from Mosman Council for further consideration and discussion. The secretary argued that the Holt Avenue/Spofforth Street intersection was dangerous for pedestrians and could not be left in abeyance for 6 months.</li><li>● As a result the Traffic Committee resolved THAT this matter be deferred until a report be brought back to the Traffic Committee as soon as possible on the viability of a pedestrian refuge on the North Sydney Council/western side of Holt Avenue at the intersection of Spofforth Street with costings and the suitability of the refuge and THAT Council request our State Member, Felicity Wilson liaise with the Chairperson of the Mosman Traffic Committee and resolve this long term for the benefit of the community.</li><li>● Subsequently it was discovered that the Mosman Council Traffic Committee is to consider, following community consultation, a recommendation on Tuesday, 6 July 2021 that it accept the installation of kerb buildouts and pram rams on the eastern side of Spofforth Street and that North Sydney Council be notified of this and requested to provide detailed designs of the kerb buildout to Mosman Council review and comments.</li></ul> <p><b>Other actions:</b> It was noted that the Mosman Council Traffic Committee Meeting was accepting public submissions - to be made by 1pm Monday, 5 July.</p> <p><b>Other discussion:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● if Mosman Council's Traffic Committee adopts the recommendations on its agenda, should our Precinct accept the option of kerb buildouts and pram ramps? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>unanimous - yes (vote by show of hands on camera)</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● looking for a co-ordinated solution will mean asking NSC's traffic committee to revisit its decision above.</li> <li>● other issues remain to be resolved e.g. the intersection of Rangers Road and Spofforth Street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions from Precinct members (from Discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One suggestion was that northbound traffic up Spofforth Street from Florence Street direction be restricted to making a left-hand only turn into Rangers Road. However, other Precinct member feedback was that there are already limited options to exit Spofforth Street and this suggestion would result in increased congestion in Rangers Road, approaching Murdoch Street and it would restrict the ability of residents to access the Cremorne Town Centre.</li> <li>● a traffic light with sensor to be installed where the signal in Spofforth street would remain green until a vehicle traveling northbound enters the intersection (or when a pedestrian crosses the road)</li> <li>● the formation of a sub-committee which would include Mosman residents to lobby both Councils to implement solutions to the many traffic issues.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the upcoming local government elections mean that little, if any work, will be done to address the traffic issues in Spofforth Street as the Councils will go into caretaker mode.</p>
<p><b>Western Harbour Tunnel/Beaches Link</b></p>	<p>Work has commenced. Current sites are listed on the weekly Precinct's E-news</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community is urged to be vigilant</li> <li>● Take photos of any potential issues and send to Council</li> <li>● Keep log of complaints</li> <li>● Notify Council of any safety issues</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communicating with Council by residents</b></p>	<p>Precinct members have expressed concern about whether or not their written submissions made to Council are being read prior to the relevant meeting e.g. Traffic Committees and Council Meetings.</p> <p>It was noted that the community (residents) feel they have limited scope to convey feedback to NSC Committee meetings other than in person. This is despite the fact that written feedback to Council Committees is stated as being welcome and is to be submitted via the Governance Officer. However, precinct members report that their written submissions do not appear to warrant recognition yet alone hold any weight.</p> <p>Also discussed was the role of Precinct Committees in facilitating communication with Council.</p>

<p><b>The role of Precinct Committees in communicating with Council</b></p>	<p>It was noted that Precincts were originally established by former Mayor Ted Mack to encourage and facilitate communication between the community and Council.</p> <p><b>The Precinct Guidelines</b> document confirms that:</p> <p><i>Precinct Committees encourage resident involvement in Council decisions; enhance community awareness and social interaction; generate consultative information, ideas and opinions; support Council’s inter-governmental and related dealings; imbue planning programs and policies with a physical, social and historic insight; facilitate resident-initiated expenditure on care of public land.</i></p> <p>It was also noted that the Precinct Review Stage 2 was presented at 28 June 2021 meeting of Council. The majority of Councillors voted to defer public exhibition until after the election. Harrison members are encouraged to watch the Webcam proceedings of that meeting to gain insights into the level of support for Precinct Committees by the various Councillors who spoke to the Agenda item.</p>
<p><b>Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy</b></p>	<p>It was noted that public submissions to the <b>Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy</b> closed on 28 June. However as the Harrison meeting is being held after this date, Harrison Precinct would like to submit a response based on discussions at its meeting as follows:</p> <p><b>Sustainable Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fast Charge Points for electric vehicle to be made compulsory in all new developments</li> <li>● more Fast Charge Points to be installed in more council car parks – needed for residents who do not have off-street parking</li> <li>● consider incentives to install such points in older developments</li> <li>● current strategy focused heavily on cycling options. What are the alternative transport options for residents who are unable by disability, age or circumstances to cycle (e.g.parents of young children)</li> <li>● Community Transport options: e.g. Mosman style electric shuttle bus</li> </ul> <p><b>Pedestrians</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improving pedestrian safety also needs to be explored – eg. safer passage across Military Road, improve safety at traffic lights for pedestrians (e.g. install count-down timers to deter pedestrians from attempting to cross an intersection at the last minute before green light for motorists)</li> <li>● Improving pedestrian amenity – more shade or protection from elements</li> </ul> <p><b>Resource Recovery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More education about what can and can’t be recycled needed</li> <li>● Suggest NSC provide labels for bins similar to Mosman Council</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 % Target increase for resource recovery by 2030 is insufficient – need to increase this target</li> <li>● Kitchen to Compost: Collection of compostable food scraps from households operate in several other LGAs including Woollahra and Randwick - trial is to commence in North Sydney but slow rollout (weekly collection needed)</li> <li>● Community composting is another method which needs further trialling e.g. in parks or other open spaces and stipulate in new development to have a compost area</li> <li>● Provide separated bins (including bins specifically for used coffee cups) for sorting of waste in high pedestrian zones e.g. North Sydney CBD, Crows Nest, Neutral Bay etc – the current one bin system hinders the recycling message. Coffee cup recycling (e.g. 'Simply Cups') currently on trial in Mosman Council)</li> <li>● Current co-mingling of domestic recyclables creates little incentive for households to manage their waste better. Residents are unable to assess visually/informally how much waste they are creating within each category. Previously residents could see at a glance that their plastic or paper recycling bin was full. Co-mingling “masks” the message of recycling.</li> <li>● Establish EARN &amp; RETURN deposit collection points within the LGA (nearest is at Taronga Zoo or Lane Cove)</li> <li>● Offer a competition or incentive for households who can demonstrate saving in waste</li> </ul> <p><b>General Reminder E-waste: 29 August - at carpark outside Mosman Library and Council Chambers.</b></p>
<p><b>Cremorne to Kirribilli walking, cycling and streetscape upgrades</b></p>	<p>Community feedback was due by 14 June 2021.</p> <p>The matter was debated at the 28 June 2021 Council Meeting. Issues arising from the debate on this project included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The proposal arose because Council has a grant offer of \$2,728,500, from the total \$3,457,450, from TfNSW under the Walking and Cycling Program.</li> <li>● The project has been developed as part of the network proposed in the North Sydney Integrated Cycling Strategy (2014)</li> <li>● The fine detail regarding the cycleway ramp that would come off the north side of the Sydney Harbour Bridge is still unresolved. Cremorne-Kirribilli route would link in with whatever is eventually decided regarding the Harbour Bridge ramp and would be impacted by decisions around this proposal.</li> </ul> <p>Precinct Members who have an interest in this project are encouraged to view the webcam of the June 2021 Council meeting and read the Minutes in full.</p> <p><a href="https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings</a></p>

	<p>Councillors voted (7 for: 2 against) to halt and review the Kirribilli to Cremorne Walking, Cycling and Streetscape Upgrades until a more <i>"rigorous and comprehensive community consultation and engagement has taken place"</i> including that the <i>"notification areas be extended to include affected properties on streets surrounding the proposed route, schools and precinct committees within the proposed route catchment"</i></p>
<p><b>Update on Action items from previous meetings and general business</b></p>	<p>General update on previously discussed items:</p> <p><b>DA 111/2021 - 233-237 Military Road, Cremorne</b></p> <p><b>Military Road Corridor Planning Study (Neutral Bay Future Directions)</b></p> <p>Attendees were again encouraged to respond to the Mayor’s request for feedback on what she considers to be a village. General discussion from meeting attendees indicated that the council’s decision to endorse high rise within Neutral Bay “village” is not popular.</p> <p><b>Monford Place, Cremorne</b> - Proposed Road Closure and Potential Sale. (Ref: Page No 32 of the Minutes of the 3744th Meeting of the North Sydney Council held on Monday, 24 May 2021)</p> <p><b>Parraween Street Free 15 min Parking Trial</b> - feedback closes 31 August.</p> <p><b>Proposed Ben Boyd Road Renaming:</b> Public feedback open via YourSay</p> <p><b>Berry Street</b> - Committee for North Sydney</p> <p><b>Privatisation of lower North Sydney buses</b> – purchase by Keolis</p> <p><b>Parking on Strata</b> - Dealing with vehicle trespass and driveway obstruction within a registered Strata Plan – role of Council</p>
<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p><b>Revamped Community noticeboard</b> - Hampden Ave bus stop. Convenor to follow up: Harrison Precinct information should be displayed here.</p> <p><b>Heritage Act Review:</b> The NSW Government is inviting community feedback on how heritage can be better managed and protected in NSW. Submissions due by 4 July.</p> <p><b>Council Elections – 4 September 2021</b></p> <p><b>List of Candidates</b> is updated every week and can be viewed on the NSW Electoral Commission’s Register of Candidates. Easiest to view by “in Area order”.</p> <p><a href="https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Funding-and-disclosure/public-register-and-lists/Register-of-Candidates">https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Funding-and-disclosure/public-register-and-lists/Register-of-Candidates</a></p>

<b>Meeting concluded</b>	Meeting concluded at 9.00pm
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Thursday, 4 August 2021 5.30pm at Cammeray Golf Club (subject to NSW Health alert situation)