

Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

held on Thursday, 3 June 2021 at 5.30pm

at the Child Care Centre, Parraween Street, Cremorne

Attendance	22 Attendees - as per Attendance Sheet including the guest speaker. Apologies: AM, IP, HL, AL, ARC, JP
Previous Meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2021 were accepted and confirmed. Proposed: BD Seconded: JA Matters arising: The illuminated Variable Speed sign has been reinstalled in Spofforth Street as requested.
Guest Speaker from Council	<p>Guest Speaker, Manager Environmental Services, PM, was invited to speak about the various environmental initiatives run by NSC including Streets Alive (Verge Gardens) and Community Garden programs.</p> <p>PM explained that his department is responsible for: waste management, trees, Recycling Centre (Artarmon), sustainability education, street cleaning, Coal Loader Centre, Bushcare and public garden related initiatives.</p> <p>The Streets Alive program helps to encourage beautification of public spaces including verges and parks. There are currently 165 Streets Alive sites across the council area. The Council has two horticulturalists to assist over 400 volunteers who participate. The Council ideally likes more than one person to initiate and be involved in the program to ensure that responsibility for the gardens is viable and does not fall back on the Council. Community volunteers provide the labour and maintain their site. The Council provides materials such as plants, soil and mulch. When a request to participate in the program is received the Council first consults with all the other residents in the street before approval can be given. Once approved, Council provides materials (soil, sleepers, mulch) and plants (edible and decorative).</p> <p>PM advised that his department has been short-staffed and has only recently returned to full staffing level, so this has resulted in delays in responding to residents' requests.</p> <p>The Community Garden program is another initiative but is more structured in organisation and management. Residents apply to their local Community Garden to participate.</p> <p>The Coal Loader site at Waverton has three types of Community Gardens: the original cottage garden area, individual and community plots. (The plots have waiting lists).</p> <p>HarbourCare is another community program which draws together residents to help clean up litter from the foreshore areas on a monthly basis.</p> <p>There are a number of sites on the Council's website that can be viewed to get an idea of what can be done.</p> <p>Kurraba Point Community Garden - a volunteer JLE from this garden shared his experiences with meeting attendees. He spoke about how much he enjoys the company of the volunteers, how the gardens were established, the interactions with Council and the</p>

volunteers and the general community. 25 Volunteers meet monthly including a working bee; 6 volunteers meet weekly.

The garden was established originally by the son of a current Harrison Precinct member and consists of a mixture of different plantings including flowers, vegetables and native species and includes a native beehive. A non-chemical approach is taken with weeding done by hand. They planted native species where possible. A compost bin is available for use by local residents.

The public are welcome to walk through the garden including dogs, however only participants are allowed to harvest. Produce is shared with the entire volunteer group. JLE noted that there was little vandalism or theft.

Harrison Street - Streets Alive: another attendee, SO, spoke about his involvement with establishing a street garden in Harrison Street within the existing 16 “tree squares” which surround the Box Tree plantings along the street. At outset, these “tree squares” were bare and neglected, attracting weeds and litter. As the beautification program progressed, other residents became involved.

Volunteers brought bricks to create an enclosed planting area within each of the existing “tree squares”. The volunteers requested soil and plants from NSC but SO stated that their experiences were frustrating with lack of timely support and insufficient materials to support their efforts to cover all the “tree squares”. Volunteers resorted to bringing their own materials including sourcing plants from cuttings from the community. The feedback from the community has been positive and the revitalised garden beds have created a positive vibe for residents of Harrison St.

A c1912 streetscape photo of Harrison Street from the NSC archives was shared with meeting attendees. Council Historian’s research indicates that the planting of the current Box Trees were “probably undertaken with consultation with Joseph Henry Maiden at the Royal Botanic Gardens”. It was suggested that the Harrison Street “tree squares” be given a name to show this historic link - *Maiden Street Squares*. Before and after photos from Harrison Street were shared with the group.

Waste Management: PM also gave meeting attendees information about NSC’s waste management programs.

E-Waste: PM advised that NSC had a recent hold on recycling of E-waste due problems with service providers. Previously there were 2 providers within the Sydney metropolitan area, but this has reduced to only one provider. PM stated that a new contract had to be established with the remaining company. This has now been undertaken and E-waste is again being accepted at the Artarmon Recycling Centre. **PM stated that no E-waste should be left on grass verges.** This waste must be taken to the recycling centre at Artarmon which is a facility run in conjunction with five other local Councils.

https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment_Waste/Waste_Recycling/Community_Recycling_Centre

Food waste: PM advised that the Council is trialling a green food waste collection program with 500 multi-unit dwellings to be selected randomly to participate. Currently RED bin waste is going straight to landfill despite containing 50% food waste.

<p>DA 111/2021 - 233-237 Military Road, Cremorne</p>	<p>This DA is for the demolition of the “Seconds World” building and erection of a four-storey boarding house consisting of 34 rooms and 7 parking spaces.</p> <p>The main issues in responding to this submission were identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited notification area (of the DA) • Parking - increased competition for limited spots and limited egress via laneway and added congestion in Cranbrook Avenue. • Streetscape - impacts on local character • Gateway to Cremorne - location is prominent • Setbacks - landscaping • Height - breach of height limit • Neighbourhood - contributory buildings - 231 Military Road (current NSW Health Centre) is directly adjacent and may have heritage significance (ex-Cremorne Ambulance Station). Heritage assessment of 231 Military Road needed. <p>Motion: That the Precinct submit an objection to the DA in its current form based on the height limit being exceeded, anticipated parking problems and impacts on streetscape with the building at the Gateway to Cremorne and impacts on adjacent buildings (in particular no 231) and lack of setback in line with other adjacent buildings (239 Military and 148 Holt Ave).</p> <p>The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p>One attendee requested that Council be asked what follow up procedures it had to ensure that the number of room occupants within Boarding Houses were in accordance with the maximum occupancy requirements.</p>
<p>Military Road Corridor Planning Study (Neutral Bay Future Directions)</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” was not popular.</p>
<p>Cremorne to Kirribilli walking, cycling and streetscape upgrades.</p>	<p>Information about this proposal was circulated and discussed by attendees. Given the tight deadline for feedback - 14 June 2021 - meeting attendees were asked to review the material and give direct feedback to Council including via the YourSay website.</p>
<p>Parking on Strata</p>	<p>Attendees were asked if they had encountered such problems and what actions they had taken to counter it. It was decided that perhaps the best way to deal with this issue was to meet separately and discuss the options.</p>
<p>Other business</p>	<p>A petition initiated by the Cremorne Chamber of Commerce seeking to have a Walk of Fame created outside the Orpheum was circulated to meeting attendees.</p>
<p>Meeting concluded</p>	<p>Meeting concluded at 8.00pm, however time constraints prevented all items on the agenda being addressed including the update on the Precinct System Review.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>5.30 pm Thursday, 1 July 2021 at Cammeray Golf Club.</p>