

Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

held on Thursday, 6 May 2021 at 5.30pm

at the Cammeray Golf Club

Attendance	<p>13 Attendees - as per Attendance Sheet</p> <p>9 Apologies: PK, GW, GD, AB, FG, JMQ, JY, ARC, MB</p>
Previous Meeting	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2021 were accepted and confirmed. Proposed: BD Seconded: CC</p> <p>Matters arising from Minutes: to follow up with the guest speaker (Manager Strategic Planning) as to whether the full report of the 2007 heritage review has been located.</p>
Guest Speaker from Committee for North Sydney	<p>A member from the Committee for North Sydney (IG), gave a presentation on concerns arising from the proposed Beaches Link and Wester Harbour Tunnel (WHT) projects. These were identified during reviews of the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for each project and include, amongst other things, fail status of various roads (i.e. continuing queues), filtration problems and loss of public space. In addition, serious traffic impacts to North Sydney CBD were identified.</p> <p>IG stated that the EIS shows that the Warringah Freeway will become the connector for five 'super-highways' with Berry Street becoming the point of convergence, as well as becoming the on-ramp for access to the Western Harbour Tunnel, Eastern Distributor, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Beaches Link Tunnel, for regional traffic</p> <p>The WHT EIS also identified that B-line buses will no longer cross the Harbour Bridge but will be instead, redirected to North Sydney Station (and the new Victoria Cross Metro station) where passengers will have to alight and change to continue their journey to the City.</p> <p>If all the changes are allowed to proceed, as outlined in the current EISs, there will be serious adverse impacts on all users of the North Sydney CBD.</p> <p>The WHT project has been approved in its current form by the NSW Government despite 6,000 submissions. There is now very limited time and opportunity to have any further changes made.</p> <p>The Committee for North Sydney believes that an alternative to funnelling all traffic via Berry Street is possible by incorporating extra entry/exit points at Ernest and Falcon Streets into the project design.</p> <p>IG also reported that land bridges (eg at Ernest and Falcon Streets), were very popular in feedback provided to the EISs.</p> <p>The Committee for North Sydney has published a report which shows graphically the 'traffic catastrophe' that will occur on Berry Street. The report explains what the Committee considers is wrong with current transport plans for North Sydney, how it came to this, and what can be done. (A copy of this report was emailed to all attendees and precinct members).</p>

	<p>Motion: That Harrison Precinct gives a vote of thanks to the Committee of North Sydney for highlighting the issues and strongly urge the Committee to marshal public opinion and support for alternative options.</p> <p>Proposed: GP Motion accepted: Unanimous</p> <p>A meeting attendee stated that preliminary work for the tunnel infrastructure projects has already commenced at two locations: Cammeray Avenue and Roslyn Street East which has resulted in loss of parking and safety issues for school children.</p>
<p>Military Road Corridor Planning Study (Neutral Bay Future Directions)</p>	<p>It was noted that in the latest Council newsletter that the Mayor is calling for community feedback on her 'understanding' of what constitutes a Village. Meeting attendees discussed informally the concept of a "village" and were encouraged to offer direct feedback to the Mayor as stated in the newsletter.</p>
<p>Local Council Elections</p>	<p>Harrison Precinct has recently received several pieces of information from Council relating to the 2021 Local Council Elections which will be held on Saturday, 4 September. Of particular significance is a change from the current three Wards to a two Ward structure with new names: Cammeraygal and St Leonards. At present, Harrison Precinct is mostly located within the current Victoria Ward.</p> <p>North Sydney voters will be electing 10 councillors, 5 for each of the new two wards which will come into effect after the Election. It is not necessary for a councillor to live in the ward to which they are elected but they must live in the North Sydney Council area. It was noted that often councillors work full-time as well as perform their council duties.</p> <p>Eligible community members are being encouraged to ensure they are registered to vote on 4 September.</p> <p>Community members are also encouraged to consider running as a candidate. In particular it was noted that women candidates are being encouraged. Members of the community who wish to nominate as candidates must register by COB 4 August. Online candidate information sessions are being conducted by the NSW Electoral Commission. More information is available on the Council website:</p> <p>https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Our_Organisation/Elections_2021/Council_elections</p>
<p>Other business, action items and future meeting topic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Cremorne Chamber of Commerce has commenced circulation of a petition which seeks to have a Walk of Fame created outside the Orpheum Theatre (similar to the one outside the Randwick Ritz). The petition is available to sign at U4For Hair on Military Road, Cremorne. Copies were also distributed at the meeting and will be circulated by email to Harrison Precinct members. ● It was noted on the latest Council enews that Elizabeth Farrelly, author of "Killing Sydney", is giving a talk at the Cremorne Orpheum as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival on Monday 17 May with the theme "Preserving Cremorne: Embracing Our Heritage for the Future". <p>The meeting was advised that the next meeting to be held on 3 June 2021, will focus on the topic of community gardens, street gardens and other environmental initiatives. The Manager of Environmental Services from North Sydney Council has been confirmed as the Guest Speaker.</p>

	Outstanding Action: 1. That the illuminated Variable Speed indicator sign be returned to Spofforth Street as requested in previous meeting minutes.
Meeting concluded	7.00pm
Next Meeting	5.30 pm Thursday, 3 June 2021 at Cammeray Golf Club.