

## Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting  
held on Thursday, 2 June 2022 at 7pm by **ZOOM**

<b>Attendance</b>	13 attendees. Apologies: HL, SK, AP, LP, LB, JMQ, MJ, FG, MS
<b>Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	Minutes from 7 April 2022 meeting were confirmed by BD.  Minutes from 5 May 2022 meeting were confirmed by GW and seconded by JA  Each set of minutes is to be amended as follows: references to SCEGGS (Redlands) to be changed to SCECGS (Redlands).
<b>Possible New Venue for Meetings</b>	Mention was made that a new venue at St Peters Church, Cremorne might be available for meetings.
<b>Review of SOA Statement of Actions from previous meeting(s)</b>	<p><b>Traffic generated by SCECGS Redlands:</b> While Council had marked this item as closed, the meeting agreed that it should be reopened, and attendees' concerns referred to Council for a response - see below.</p> <p><b>Heritage:</b> In NSC's response as to whether the Brush Box plantings in Harrison Street could be considered for a heritage listing, the Precinct was advised that: <i>funding for a comprehensive heritage review has been included in the draft Delivery Program 2022-2026. It will be a long term project with significant community engagement/consultation.</i></p> <p><b>Historical Plaques:</b> The Precinct was advised that the: <i>NSW Government's Blue Plaques Program supports community commemoration of people, places and events they feel are historically significant. Council also has a long-standing plaque program and a register of existing plaques is available in the North Sydney Heritage Centre database.</i></p> <p><b>Promoting and celebrating heritage:</b> Question on heritage project funding referred to Council's Historian.</p> <p><b>Update on Spofforth Street:</b> Item marked closed by Council as information provided previously. Remains an issue for the Precinct - see below.</p> <p><b>Parraween St Carpark:</b> Meeting attendees had discussed the recent vote by Councillors to reopen the top of Young Street in Neutral Bay and whether the funding for this project could be used for the development of this carpark. Council advised that the NSW Government would need to agree that the funding be reallocated. The Mayor is scheduled to meet with the Minister for Transport to discuss this matter.</p> <p><b>Telstra site, Military Road:</b> It was noted that work has been carried out at the site and all graffiti cleaned.</p> <p><b>Hampden Ave Community Noticeboard:</b> to be installed by 3 June and a key will be provided to the Precinct.</p>

	<p><b>Harrison Street:</b> Council agreed to formally acknowledge the Harrison Street residents' Streets Alive initiative and added the Harrison Street gardens to the Streets Alive website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment_Waste/Get_Involved/Streets_Alive/Harrison_St_Cremorne">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment_Waste/Get_Involved/Streets_Alive/Harrison_St_Cremorne</a></p>
<p><b>Review of items from 23 May 2022 Council Meeting</b></p>	<p>The resignation of the General Manager, with effect 1 July 2022, was noted.</p>
<p><b>Traffic and Pedestrian safety</b></p>	<p><b>a) Spofforth Street - intersections with Holt Ave and Spencer Rd - Update:</b></p> <p>The Precinct has written to the Holt Avenue residents from Mosman who attended a meeting in August 2021 advising them of the meeting that took place between the two Mayors. They were asked to follow up with Mosman Council.</p> <p>While Council has marked this matter closed, attendees would like an update on what action is to be taken following the meeting of the Mayors of North Sydney and Mosman.</p> <p>It was noted that the Council's Traffic &amp; Transport Operations has lost some staff lately, including their Manager Transport &amp; Traffic Operations. Attendees advised that Hampden Street has also experienced increased traffic and has become a new 'rat run'.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That Council be requested to undertake a traffic count in Rangers Rd, Yeo St, Allister St, Holt Ave and Spencer Rd during school drop off and pick up times.</p> <p>The motion was passed <b>unanimously</b>.</p> <p><b>b) Winnie, Murdoch and Military Road - intersection safety</b></p> <p>Attendees agreed the red right hand turn arrow facing Murdoch St can be confusing for motorists. Many choose to turn right onto Military Road regardless of the NO RIGHT TURN sign once the red arrow disappears, which causes other motorists to bank up who often become impatient and honk their horns.</p> <p>The question was asked whether there should be a green right hand turn light for traffic turning out of Winnie St.</p> <p>It was agreed that a similar ongoing problem exists, from Neutral Bay to Mosman, with a high volume of traffic trying to either cross or turn left or right onto Military Road.</p> <p>Attendees unanimously agreed to write (again) to TfNSW regarding this matter with a copy to be sent to the Member for Willoughby and NSC's Traffic Committee.</p>

**c) Redlands School - Murdoch campus - Issues of concern:**

Excess Congestion: Spofforth St, Cranbrook Ave, Allister St, Murdoch St, Rangers Rd and now Hampden Rd.

Unsafe queuing at Rangers Road intersection particularly during school drop off peak periods (3.15 - 3.45pm). Pedestrian safety is perilous at the Rangers Road traffic lights due to dangerous queueing and maneuvers across the intersection (see picture).



**Other issues:** Unsafe driving/turning by parents in Allister St & Cranbrook Ave by parents who are often observed doing u-turns over double unbroken lines at the intersection of Allister & Cranbrook.

**What can be done?**

**Meeting attendees suggested:**

- More regular police checks during Redlands pick up and drop off times at the intersection of Rangers Rd and Murdoch St, Rangers Rd and Allister St and Cranbrook Ave.

- NSC Rangers to attend to illegal parking in the vicinity of the School.

The meeting was told of Claremont College Randwick which is an example of a school that consults with residents in a high population/high vehicle neighbourhood. Their website publicly shows minutes of regular meetings with residents. Similar active engagement with the community is needed by SCECGS Redlands.

**Other issues:**

It was noted that the new raised pedestrian humps at the intersections at Holt Ave & Spencer Rd with Military Rd have been a great success. Motorists have been taking more care when turning out of these intersections. Meeting attendees noted that Hampden Ave is also in need of a similar upgrade at its intersection with Military Road.

	<p><b>Reminder:</b> Meeting attendees were reminded that the next Traffic Committee is to be held 10 June 2022, 10am.</p>
<p><b>YOUR SAY Draft Community Strategic Plan - Final Public Exhibition</b></p>	<p>Draft Community Strategic plan. Submissions close 8 June 2022.</p> <p>The Precinct has made a submission regarding heritage conservation and promotion as agreed at the May meeting. Meeting attendees were reminded to make individual submissions.</p>
<p><b>YOUR SAY Arts &amp; Cultural Strategic Plan</b></p>	<p><b>Arts &amp; Cultural Strategic Plan:</b> Stage 1 feedback closes 11.59pm, Sunday 31 July 2022</p> <p>This is related to the Community Strategy Plan.</p> <p>Issues raised by attendees were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lack of a permanent Art Gallery in North Sydney</li> <li>● Over-emphasis/focus on the Coal Loader as a venue</li> <li>● Coal Loader is not easily accessible by public transport - needs a shuttle service</li> <li>● NSC Art PRIZE show - what has happened to the Biennial art show which used to be held in Hutley Hall?</li> <li>● Primrose Park is difficult to get to via public transport.</li> </ul> <p>Precinct members are also encouraged to make personal submissions direct to Council via the Yoursay website.</p>
<p><b>Other issues: Planning Proposal</b></p>	<p>A Planning proposal to cover the site of Woolworths in Rangers Road has been lodged with NSC. It includes three buildings - one x 10 storey, one x 5 storey and one x 3 storey.</p> <p>This is a multi-precinct issue: Brightmore/Willoughby Precinct are reviewing the proposal with a presentation by a member to be made to the next Brightmore meeting which Harrison Convenors will attend.</p>
<p><b>DA 130/22: 4 Honda Road, Cremorne</b></p>	<p>This DA proposes to subdivide the existing residential dwelling into 2 small allotments and build 2 substantially larger dwellings.</p> <p>A Bennett Precinct resident wrote the following statement to present to the meeting but was unable to attend on the night:</p> <p>“The proposal is considered to be inappropriate within the streetscape, and the character of this particular area of the Kurraba Point Conservation Area, that is described by the Applicant’s Heritage Consultant as: “.....<i>residential in character, with predominantly substantial, freestanding one and two storey dwellings on large allotments</i>”</p> <p>The subject site is zoned R2 Low Density Residential under the LEP, and there is no reason why a fully compliant solution to LEP and DCP controls cannot be designed on the site.</p> <p>The proposed development represents an overdevelopment of the</p>

	<p>site and an unbalanced range of amenity impacts that result in adverse impacts on many adjoining properties. “</p> <p><b>Convenor’s note:</b> It is important to note that precinct submissions only count as one individual submission. Residents affected by a DA are encouraged to corral their community to respond to a DA. More than 10 unique submissions are required to have a DA reviewed by an Independent Planning Panel.</p> <p><a href="https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/NSLPP">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/NSLPP</a></p> <p>However, the issue of subdivision is related to changes in State Government planning laws.</p>
<p><b>Response to Cr Bourke’s Motion at 23 May Council Meeting (9.6. Notice of Motion 32/22 - Supporting community understanding of the planning process)</b></p>	<p>It was noted that Cr William Bourke had presented a Motion to the May Council meeting as follows:</p> <p>THAT, Council consider establishing a ‘Community Education Officer – Planning’ (or similar) role within the organisation, independent of the City Strategy Division, dedicated to educating our community on planning issues and whose role includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) explaining to residents how the NSW planning system works including State Environmental Planning Policies, Local Environmental Plans, Development Control Plans, as well as approval processes through bodies including the Local Planning Panel, Sydney North Planning Panel, Independent Planning Commission and the Land and Environment Court and</li> <li>b) explaining how residents can lodge submissions relating to development applications, planning proposals and other related planning issues.</li> </ol> <p><b>Precinct Response to Cr Bourke’s Motion:</b> Our Precinct would like to thank Cr Bourke for proposing the above Motion. The suggestion would facilitate transparency and collaboration with the community.</p> <p>Comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This would greatly assist and take a lot of trauma out of understanding a DA proposal</li> <li>● This would help explain plans in layman’s terms</li> <li>● It would provide resources to help the community</li> <li>● It would provide much needed access to information</li> </ul> <p>Regarding resourcing the position, our precinct would like to ask if an existing staff member of the planning department could be considered and trained up for this new position?</p>

<p><b>Public Domain issues</b></p>	<p><b>1) Footpath “blockages” (pedestrian diversions) due to development:</b></p> <p>It was noted that public access to the footpath between Spencer Road and the Cremorne Post Office has been frequently closed due to the HELM construction work at 96-100 Spofforth St. Each time this occurs, pedestrians are forced to cross Spofforth St to the Mosman side and then cross back in front of the post office.</p> <p>These blockages appear to contravene the conditions of consent and do not consider the inconvenience and discomfort to members of the community who experience mobility difficulty.</p> <p><b>Road Reserve Safety E3:</b></p> <p><b>All public footways and roadways fronting and adjacent to the site must be maintained in a safe condition at all times during the course of the development works, with no obstructions caused to the said footways and roadways.</b></p> <p><b>Construction materials and plant must not be stored in the road reserve without approval of Council.</b></p> <p><b>A safe pedestrian circulation route and a pavement/route free of trip hazards must be maintained at all times on or adjacent to any public access ways fronting the construction site. Where public infrastructure is damaged, repair works must be carried out when and as directed by Council officers (at full Developer cost).</b></p> <p><b>Where pedestrian circulation is diverted onto the roadway or verge areas, clear directional signage and protective barricades must be installed in accordance with AS1742-3 (1996) “Traffic Control Devices for Work on Roads”.</b></p> <p><b>If pedestrian circulation is not satisfactorily maintained across the site frontage, and action is not taken promptly to rectify the defects, Council may undertake proceedings to stop work.</b></p> <p>The Precinct would like to know if Council can better monitor footpath closures caused by commercial construction related work.</p> <p><b>2) A resident of Hampden Ave, reported a large construction truck has been parking in and around Murdoch, Hampden St for extended periods (days) despite 1 hour parking restrictions - see picture below</b></p> <p>The Precinct requests that Council Rangers monitor construction vehicles who overstay general parking restrictions.</p>
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<b>Other business:</b>	<p><b>Meeting attendees were informed of new initiatives to promote sustainable living</b></p> <p>“<b>Recycle Smart</b>”: a new initiative which will pick up direct from households: <a href="https://www.recyclesmart.com/pricing">https://www.recyclesmart.com/pricing</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.recyclesmart.com/pricing">https://www.recyclesmart.com/pricing</a></p> <p>“<b>Sydney Library of Things</b>”: a new not-for-profit service based at the Coal Loader which provides the local community with access to a collection of household and leisure items which are only occasionally used.</p> <p><a href="https://thesydneylibraryofthings.org.au">https://thesydneylibraryofthings.org.au</a></p> <p>Future proofing apartments:</p> <p><a href="https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment_Waste/Get_Involved/Futureproofing_Apartments">https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Environment_Waste/Get_Involved/Futureproofing_Apartments</a></p>
<b>Meeting concluded</b>	Meeting concluded at 9 pm
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Thursday, 7 July 2022 – by Zoom