

Harrison Precinct

Minutes of Meeting
held on Thursday, 5 May 2022 at 7pm by **ZOOM**

Attendance	12 attendees. Apologies: HL, SK, BD, GB, AP, LB
Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes from the 7 May 2022 meeting were held over until June 2022 as no one present had attended the May meeting.
National Trust Heritage Festival	FG, founder of the Cremorne Conservation Group, advised of upcoming National Trust Heritage Festival events at Mosman Library and the Orpheum respectively. The Mayors of North Sydney and Mosman have been invited to the Orpheum event, as well as the Member for North Sydney and the Minister for Heritage. Council's Historian is co-presenting. A representative from the Orpheum who was working at the theatre when Mike Walsh purchased the property will also speak. A number of images from the 1930s have been discovered and will be shown on the night for the first time.
Review of SOA Statement of Actions from previous meeting(s)	<p>Harrison Street: Council has agreed to formally acknowledge the Harrison Street residents' Streets Alive initiative and add the Harrison Street gardens to the Streets Alive website.</p> <p>Holt Ave water seepage: In response to the issue of the water leaking from the Telstra pit from outside 126 Holt Avenue, the Precinct was advised that damage to Telstra equipment should be reported to Telstra. Nevertheless, Council staff will inspect the site and log a request.</p> <p>The precinct's submission regarding DA 95/22 (for the McDonalds site) has been noted by Council's Senior Assessment Officer.</p>
Other discussion	During general discussion it was noted that, at the recent Cremorne Streetscape Meeting, the redevelopment of existing commercial buildings in Cremorne Plaza at some stage was discussed. It was also noted that the Minskys Hotel is also currently for sale.
Combined Precinct Meeting	<p>The Convenor provided a brief report of matters discussed at the CPC meeting held on 21 April:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Mayor attended the meeting and advised that, subject to any other commitments, she is available for Precincts and constituents at the Council on Fridays.• Further community engagement regarding the Precinct Review will be released shortly (May-July)• 1 Henry Lawson Drive: the NSW Government has transferred the land to Council• Acquisition by Council of the Quarantine Depot in Berrys Bay from NSW Government

YOUR SAY

Draft Community Strategic Plan - Final Public Exhibition

At its meeting on 26 April, Council voted to approve the public exhibition of the Draft Community Strategic plan. Submissions close 8 June 2022. The Strategic Plan identifies 10 top priorities though not in any priority order. Precinct members were encouraged to make their own submissions and provide Council with their own personal priority list from the following:

- Open space/green space
- Sporting facilities - indoor, outdoor and water sports
- WHTBL and Warringah Freeway Upgrade - impact on Cammeray Park, Berrys Bay, tree loss and unfiltered stacks
- Planning controls/studies - managing development to meet growth
- Heritage conservation and promotion
- Traffic and parking issues (various)
- Community services and facilities
- Improving connection with the community
- Enhancing communications and engagement
- Leadership, good governance and transparency

Attendees agreed to focus Precinct feedback on the priority item: **'Heritage conservation and promotion'**.

This item is included in the draft Plan within:

Direction 3: Social Vitality

*4.3 North Sydney's history is preserved and recognised
Interpret and promote North Sydney's history and heritage
Protect and maintain sacred and historical sites, items and records
Promote awareness of North Sydney's First Nation's heritage*



The draft Plan's Social Indicator no. 46 states that there are currently 1,081 historical sites with the target set at "*Maintain*".

Meeting attendees were unanimous that the target for historical sites needs to be **increased**, not just maintained.

The other priority discussed was that of **Traffic**. Meeting attendees agreed that traffic generated by SCEGGS was a major issue and discussed whether the Precinct should re-approach SCEGGS regarding the traffic issues caused by the pick-up and drop of students each day. It was agreed that this topic should be discussed at the next meeting and the possibility of inviting a representative from Brightmore Precinct to the June meeting was raised.

Actions agreed:

- Convenors to submit Precinct feedback to the Draft Strategic Plan.
- SCEGGS Redlands traffic to be an agenda item for the June 2022 Harrison meeting.
- Convenors to ask Council for a guest speaker who can address SCEGGS issues.

<p>YOUR SAY</p> <p>Draft Code of Meeting Practice</p>	<p>Draft Code of Meeting Practice - Submissions close 8.6.22</p> <p>The main change to the current Code is in relation to the use of remote meetings. Attendees acknowledged that meetings by Zoom are now an accepted way of life and that Precinct AGMs should be allowed to be conducted remotely. The Code should also include the provision for remotely addressing Council during Public Forums.</p> <p>Action: Convenors to make a precinct submission. Precinct members are also encouraged to write to Council.</p>
<p>Heritage “Beyond Houses”</p>	<p>A general discussion and review of elements of heritage other than houses was undertaken with reference to Mosman Council which lists trees, monuments, steps, fences and roads in its LEP.</p> <p>Meeting attendees examined the Statement of Significance for Mosman’s Bungaree Lane Steps and Herron Walk:</p> <p><i>The pedestrian steps of Mosman are integral to the visual character and sense of the place. Built as a utilitarian response to the steep harbourside topography the large collection of steps and associated paths reflect, in their fabric and construction, the development of Mosman's suburban structure. In general, they are pleasing visual features in the streetscape. They are among the features that make the suburb instantly recognisable as Mosman.</i></p> <p>There are similar examples in North Sydney LGA including Iredale Ave, Cremorne.</p>  

Heritage
"Beyond houses"

In Harrison Street, the Brush Box plantings date back to c.1912, and were "*probably undertaken with consultation with Joseph Henry Maiden at the Royal Botanic Gardens*" - ref: Dr Ian Hoskins.

Q: Could Council indicate if the trees and streetscape setting in Harrison Street could be considered for a heritage listing?



Historical plaques

It was noted that NSC has a number of existing Heritage Plaque Walks. Nevertheless, it was agreed that more historical plaques should be installed in the LGA.

One particular example was discussed: 12 Florence Street, Cremorne - this is the house where Florence Taylor, Australia's first woman architect, lived and possibly designed.

Q: What is the current number of plaques and their locations? Can a priority list be established for additional plaques?

Promoting and celebrating heritage

Meeting attendees reviewed and discussed other ideas including Waverley Council's new heritage audio walk/map of Charing Cross.


Issues:

Where could Council obtain project money for such projects?

Ideas include:

- NSW Heritage project funding
- Other grants - Heritage Council (suitable for Precincts or individuals)

Q: Can NSC provide any information about heritage project funding.

<p>Other issues:</p> <p>Update on Spofforth St</p>	<p>Update on Spofforth St (Mosman vs NSC) - the meeting between the Mayors of North Sydney and Mosman and their senior staff has taken place. Our Precinct would like to be provided with an update on this meeting.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that Convenors should re-contact the Mosman residents who attended the August 2021 Harrison Precinct meeting and who agreed to join a sub-committee with a view to helping resolve the traffic and pedestrian problems in Holt Avenue and Spofforth Street.</p>
<p>Other business:</p>	<p>Meeting attendees discussed the recent vote by Councillors to reopen the top of Young Street in Neutral Bay.</p> <p>Issues discussed included the B-line project funding from TfNSW which had been allocated for this project.</p> <p>Q: Can this funding be returned to the Parraween St Carpark redevelopment, as originally intended?</p> <p>The need for more green space in the North Sydney LGA was acknowledged as were the traffic problems created when the top of the street was closed.</p>
<p>Items for next meeting</p>	<p>Meeting attendees agreed to review the traffic issues arising from SCEGGs junior school and the lights at the intersection of Winnie, Military and Murdoch Streets at the next Harrison meeting.</p> <p>The possibility of volunteers from the Precinct collecting data (i.e. on the number of cars that illegally turn right out of Murdoch Street) was discussed.</p>
<p>Outstanding issues</p>	 <p>An update is requested on 219 Military Road - Telstra site: (reported in Minutes of Harrison meeting of 4 November 2021).</p> <p>Q. Has Council received a response to the letter they sent to Telstra?</p>



Hampden Ave Community Noticeboard

There has still been no progress with access to this noticeboard. The last information received stated:

On 4 November 2021, Council's Community Information Officer advised that Hampden Ave noticeboard is still inaccessible. Council has been advised that it is going to be replaced in the first quarter of 2022 with a more suitable board.

Can Council provide an update or an alternative location?

Meeting concluded	Meeting concluded at 9 pm
Next Meeting	Thursday, 2 June 2022 – format and time TBA