

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2019 - Hayberry Precinct

This document is North Sydney Council's response to actions arising from Precinct Committee Minutes. On receipt of the minutes, actions are numbered and allocated to relevant Council Officers for response. To effectively manage and provide clarity, all actions are allocated a status when reporting to Precinct Committees in response to their minutes. There are three categories:

- **Awaiting Response** - action allotted to Council Officer - response awaited.
- **Open/Ongoing** - action allocated to Council Officer, initial response provided. Matter ongoing and further response/update to be provided at later date.
- **Closed for Council** - Council either completed related works/tasks or has taken all reasonable steps within its power to resolve issue (for example when matter is beyond its jurisdiction). If the Precinct Committee feels Council can take further steps, they can request Council reopen action.

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December	<i>No actions for Council</i>			
November	6	<p>North Sydney Oval Sporting Events: traffic and parking and impact on St Leonards Park - It was agreed that the proposed letter to the Council would be provided by way of a motion, and the following was passed unanimously:</p> <p>Outcome 2: A motion was passed unanimously: That the Hayberry Precinct, noting the good work the Council has done in promoting the use of North Sydney Oval as an event location, and in particular its promotion of women's sport, but also conscious that as local on-street parking restrictions do not extend to evenings and weekends, the local streets in Hayberry Precinct frequently become full with event-related parked cars displacing local residents, and as circulating traffic impacts on local safety at a time when many local children are out and about, ask North Sydney Council to manage these local impacts,</p>	<p>Noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations and Manager Parking Stations.</p> <p>Council's Director Open Space and Environmental services has provided advice addresses each point of the motion as follows;</p> <p>1. publicising public transport options, and ideally including public transport in the ticket price as done at other sporting venues in Sydney.</p> <p><i>We currently provide advice through a range of mediums advocating public transport for major events such as first-class women's cricket games. The relatively small crowd numbers do make including public transport in the ticket price viable and the majority of tickets are not presold i.e. customers purchase a ticket at the gate.</i></p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>working with event organisers, in particular Cricket Australia, by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. publicising public transport options, and ideally including public transport in the ticket price as done at other sporting venues in Sydney. 2. signage at local bus stops, such as, 'Alight here for North Sydney Oval'. 3. prominently signing the walk route between North Sydney Station and North Sydney Oval - temporary corflute signs work well and can be reused. 4. clearly signing the Ridge Street car park. 5. working with private car park operators (e.g. Wilsons) to promote local off-street car parking, offer pre-booking and discounted rates. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. signage at local bus stops, such as, 'Alight here for North Sydney Oval'. <i>This will be considered as an option for future events; however our understanding is that our customers that catch public transport to the game have either a good knowledge of the Oval's location or other readily available wayfinding technology to locate the Oval.</i> 3. prominently signing the walk route between North Sydney Station and North Sydney Oval - temporary corflute signs work well and can be reused. <i>This will be considered as an option for future events, temporary pavement wayfinding stencils have been used for recent women's cricket events.</i> 4. clearly signing the Ridge Street car park. <i>Council will review the signage to Ridge Street Carpark and improve if required.</i> 5. working with private car park operators (e.g. Wilsons) to promote local off-street car parking, offer pre-booking and discounted rates. <i>Council currently works with the adjacent school to open their grounds for large events, however we can again open conversations with other private parking operators to encourage them to discount and advertise their locations during major events.</i> 	

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	6	<p>North Sydney Oval Sporting Events: traffic and parking and impact on St Leonards Park - AS expressed concern at the wear and tear on the soil at St Leonards Park caused by the large vehicles that drive over the park and use it for parking while setting up and staging large events. It was generally agreed at the meeting that more needs to be done to protect the park from erosion and the impact of large movements of people. It was agreed that as a first step the Precinct should learn more from Council regarding its management structures and committees in place to manage that issue. Outcome 3: A motion was passed unanimously: That the Hayberry Precinct request North Sydney Council to provide a copy of its strategy for managing major sporting events at North Sydney Oval with a view to reducing wear and tear on St Leonards Park, including a copy of its management structure and any community representation on that structure.</p>	<p>Council's Director Open Space and Environment has advised that a <i>North Sydney Oval Plan of Management</i> is available on Council's website (under the heading Parks and Reserves Management). This document provides a wide range of management objectives and actions for the ongoing management of North Sydney Oval. Council can provide a hard copy to the Precinct Committee on request.</p> <p>In the past few months Council has self-imposed a ban that no Council owned vehicles are allowed to be parked on the grass in the park on large match days, this is enforced and there is substantial improvement in the park's natural surface as a result. However, for a range of logistical reasons there may be some need to place vehicles for outdoor broadcasting etc. in the park, however every decision to allow a vehicle access to park on the grass is considered by Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services.</p>	Closed for Council
	10	<p>General Business - AJ noted that there were issues associated with bus access to North Sydney Girls High School for the end-of-school-day pick-ups, with David Street choked up with buses making pedestrian and vehicle access difficult. He suggested that the Precinct obtain a copy of the control plan for bus access. Outcome 4: A motion was passed unanimously: That the Hayberry Precinct request North Sydney Council to provide a copy of its control plan for bus access to North Sydney Girls High School.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations Council does not have a control plan as such for buses to North Sydney Girls High School. Bus Zones are provided along David Street adjacent to the school, however the staging of the buses is a matter for the School.</p>	Closed for Council
October	5	<p>Area 21 Parking Restriction Changes - DW reported the Area 21 parking restriction changes on Carlow Street,</p>	<p>Council's has advised that Precinct Committees comments have been noted and parking survey priorities will be</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>which had resulted in the change of several unrestricted parking spots converted to two-hour spots. There was a wide-ranging discussion regarding the unrestricted parking spots on the east side of West Street between Myrtle and Ridge Streets. While all agreed that there was a lack of turnover during week days, there was no consensus regarding whether or not the number of unrestricted spots should be reduced. It was agreed that a good way forward would be for the Council to undertake a residents' survey to gauge opinion, and the following motion was passed: Outcome 2: A motion was passed (8 in favour/1 against/1 abstained): That the Hayberry Precinct, noting the lack of turnover during much of the week and the consequent lack of residential parking opportunities, request that the Council undertake a survey of residents' views regarding the 14 or so unrestricted parking spots on the east side of West Street between Carlow and Ridge Streets, with a view to considering whether or not that number should be reduced.</p>	<p>reviewed early 2020.</p>	
	5	<p>There was also a discussion regarding parking on the local streets during events held at North Sydney Oval, with one resident citing difficulties in finding parking at such times. One of the options discussed was to allow resident access only in local streets during events, but this achieved little support as others felt that it would be expensive to police and would make North Sydney Oval a less attractive venue for event promoters and thus a less vibrant place to live. Another option, for which BC agreed to draft a letter to Council, was to ask the Council to liaise with event managers to promote to ticket holders the use of public transport</p>	<p>Comments on event traffic management noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.</p> <p>Awaiting receipt of letter from Precinct Committee as indicated in Minutes.</p>	<p>Closed for Council</p>

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	7	<p>General Business - The need for greater clarity around and compliance of what people put out in their rubbish and recycling.</p>	<p>Council's Waste Operations and Education has advised that a Recycling Flyer (dos and don'ts of recycling) was distributed to all North Sydney residents on 11 November 2019 for National Recycling Week. Recycling signage and bin stickers are available from Council's Customer Service Centre during opening hours. An A-Z of Recycling and Waste is on Council's website.</p>	Closed for Council
September	4	<p>Draft 40 km/h and 10 km/h Shared Zone Masterplan and Action Plan - There was a broad discussion about this issue and the extent to which the Council's proposal accords with the Hayberry Precinct's CPC motion. It was agreed that the Precinct would invite the Council's traffic engineer to the next meeting and that the Precinct would provide feedback highlighting the need for a higher priority to be accorded to the changes in this area due to the density of schools and the volumes of school-aged children crossing Pacific Highway and Miller Street at all hours of the day.</p> <p>AJ raised the issue of changes in driver behaviour at the intersection of Falcon and West Streets since the opening of Cammeraygal College had increased traffic in that area. He noted that some drivers were speeding up significantly as they headed south along West Street after the Falcon Street traffic lights. This meant that they were at or above the speed limit by the time they approached the Emmett Street pedestrian crossing. He also noted that the bollards of the pedestrian island on West Street near Hayberry Street had been hit several times. AJ suggested that a digital signboard warning drivers of changed traffic conditions and alerting them to their current speed would help change driver behaviour.</p>	<p>Council's Traffic and Transport Engineer has advised that Council has two Variable Message Signs (VMS) however they are currently in use another location.</p> <p>Council's Traffic and Transport Engineer will investigate whether they can be temporarily located to West Street and provide further information in due course.</p>	Open/Ongoing

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		Outcome 2: A motion was passed unanimously: That the Hayberry Precinct, noting a recent tendency for cars to pick up speed as they head south along West Street after the Falcon Street traffic lights, resulting in their being at or above the speed limit by the time they approach the Emmett Street pedestrian crossing, recommend to Council that a temporary digital signboard be employed to warn drivers of changed traffic conditions and alert them to their current speed.		
	9	Council Charges for Bon Andrews Oval - CB raised concern regarding local schools being charged for use of Bon Andrews Oval in St Leonards Park. Cr Baker said that she thought that there was an existing Council directive that exempted local schools from such charges	Public schools are not charged for the use of Bon Andrews Oval (subject to availability); this provision does not apply to private schools. Council at its meeting of 14 October 2013 resolved (Min. 658): <i>1. THAT no sporting ground hire fees be charged to Public Schools located in the North Sydney local government area. This is to apply whether they are using the grounds exclusively themselves or in conjunction with another school/other schools located outside the Council area.</i> <i>2. THAT where sportsgrounds are closed due to "change of seasons" the grounds still be made available to Public Schools during published Public School terms. Closures for weather reasons would still be applicable.</i> Council's <i>Public Schools Use of North Sydney Oval Policy</i> provides public schools located in the North Sydney LGA to use North Sydney Oval (not including Bon Andrew Oval) on one (1) occasion per calendar year free of hiring fees and subjected only to the costs associated with using the facilities (and subject to availability).	Closed for Council
	10	Other Issues - There was a brief discussion regarding the	Council's Manager Parks and Reserves has advised that	Closed for

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		former BP Parkland and the Council's failure to plant the 17 canopy trees agreed to as a compromise from the original 70 some years ago. It is unclear why the Mayor is conducting a private meeting with affected residents when an existing Council resolution has been in place for some time.	trees at former BP Parkland have been planted.	Council
August	<i>Meeting cancelled.</i>			
July	5	Pedestrian Safety - DW advised that the Hayberry Precinct Committee motion on "high pedestrian activity" zones within the North Sydney "education precinct" and other traffic-calming measures would be discussed at the CPC meeting to be held on 20 August and that he would report back at the September Precinct Committee meeting.	<p>UPDATE (11 September 2019) Council's Traffic and Transport Engineer has confirmed his attendance at the Precinct Committee's meeting of 9 October 2019.</p> <p>UPDATE (5 September 2019) Public exhibition of the Draft 40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zone Masterplan and Action Plan will run 6 September to 5 November 2019. Submissions are invited. A memo will be sent to all Precinct Committees. For more information visit https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/draft-40kmh-and-10kmh-zones</p> <p>UPDATE (27 August 2019) Council at its meeting of 26 August 2019 (Min. No.240) resolved: 1. THAT the "draft" 40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zone Masterplan and Action Plan be put on public exhibition for 60 days in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocols. 2. THAT should Council receive submissions, a further report be prepared for Council's consideration. Should Council receive no submissions, Council consider the "40km/h and 10km/h Shared Zone Masterplan and Action Plan" as adopted at the end of the closing period for submissions.</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>UPDATE (6 August 2019) As background to the proposed CPC motion by Hayberry Precinct Committee, Council's Traffic and Transport Operations Department has confirmed that are currently preparing a 40km and 10km Shared Zones Masterplan. This project is expected to be reported to the Council in August 2019 with recommendation that the draft plan be publicly exhibited for 60 days. The plan will include proposed 40km and 10km Shared Zone areas suitable under the RMS Guidelines, including the related actions identified in Council's LATM plans and other areas of high pedestrian activity. Further information will be provided to all Precinct Committees in due course.</p>	
	6	<p>Waverton Bowling Club site Stage 2 feedback - There was a discussion on potential uses of the Ex-Waverton Bowling Club site for the purposes of informing submissions on stage 1 of the public consultations that close on 24 July 2019. There was consensus that the site should be used for the public/community benefit. Potential uses included: public tennis courts; a community garden and picnic area; a public park without private concessions.</p>	<p>Submission noted by Council's Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects.</p> <p>UPDATE (10 December 2019) Crown Lands has granted Council an additional 12 months lease for the site, until 31 October 2020.</p>	Closed for Council
June	5	<p>Council's Draft Code of Meeting Practice - Outcome 2: A motion was passed unanimously: "That the Hayberry Precinct,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proud of North Sydney's long history of vibrant participation in council meetings; • concerned at the changes - many already introduced - in the Draft Code of Meeting Practice; and • united in the belief that any member of the North Sydney 	<p>Submission noted by Council's Manager Governance and Committee Services.</p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>Community has a democratic right to address Council on any subject and that there should be no limitations whatsoever on the number of speakers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. demand that the North Sydney Council rescind those recent changes made by council to the Code of Meeting practice at Public Council meetings that restrict any member of the public, whether representing themselves, community groups or precincts, to just two speakers; 2. note that the overall impact of the changes proposed would be to vest extraordinary powers in the position of the General Manager, a position that has not been elected and is not accountable to North Sydney residents; 3. convey its opposition to the concept of a pre-Council meeting that is to be held in the absence of the public (3.32-3.37) on the basis that anything that is considered by Council should be considered in a public forum in an open and transparent way; 4. express concern that, due to the proposed limitation of speakers in the proposed public forums (4.1-4.23) to four on any subject, being two for any motion and two against, these changes do not guarantee that a person who has registered and given notice to speak will know in advance of the Council public meeting whether that opportunity will be provided, and note that under any such arrangement the meeting agenda should be released a full two working days prior to the meeting; 5. object to the General Manager's being vested with the responsibility to decide who is for and against and who may speak to any motion that is brought before Council or the proposed public forums; 6. note that the proposed changes take no account members of the community who may simply wish to draw 		

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		attention to an aspect of any motion being proposed, being neither for nor against the motion, but may simply have a question for clarification and or a proposal for a minor or important improvement, deletion or addition to any such proposal before council; and 7. express the concern that the proposed revisions to existing Council meeting conditions would stifle the voice of the public and enable a gag to be applied to open and vibrant discussion."		
	7	The Council's support for elite women's sport by promoting North Sydney oval as a venue for such sporting events was noted, and it was agreed that the Precinct should commend the Council for demonstrating such support. Outcome 3: A motion was passed unanimously: That the Hayberry Precinct commend North Sydney Council for the support it has demonstrated towards elite women's sport in Australia by promoting North Sydney oval as a venue for elite women's sporting fixtures.	Complimented noted by Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services and Council's Manager North Sydney Oval and Function Centre.	Closed for Council
May	4	Local Traffic and Pedestrian Issues Outcome 2 - A motion was passed unanimously: That the Hayberry Precinct, noting the positive impact that the introduction of a 'protected pedestrian phase' has had at traffic lights on Miller Street at the intersections with Ridge and Carlow Streets but concerned at recent pedestrian deaths in North Sydney and the scope for further tragedies as infrastructure building activity increases the number of B-double and other trucks on our local roads, request North Sydney Council to advocate to Roads and Maritime Services and to Transport for NSW for the implementation of a 'protected pedestrian phase' at all traffic lights within the	Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations, who has advised that Council is currently writing to RMS requesting additional pedestrian protection at all signalised intersections.	Closed for Council

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		local government area.		
	6.iv	Domestic waste collection for small businesses - Outcome 3: A motion was passed unanimously: "That the Hayberry Precinct, having heard anecdotal information that Council does not provide any domestic waste collection for small business rate payers and noting the inefficiency of having multiple service providers servicing the one area, seek information from Council as to the reasons for this and ask Council to review its policy so that businesses generating small amounts of domestic waste are able to avail of services available to residential residents."	Council's Manager Environmental Services has advised that Council is able to fund the collection of waste and recycling from domestic premises as there is a levy on the individual rates for residential premises. There is no such levy that is charged to business premises for these collections.	Closed for Council
March	3	Outcome 2: A motion was passed unanimously - "That the Hayberry Precinct request North Sydney Council to undertake a review of the footpaths within the Hayberry Precinct, and including St Leonards Park, to identify potential hazards to pedestrians."	Council's Assets Manager had advised that Council has engaged a consultant to undertake a condition assessment of all council footpaths. The results should be available by September 2019.	Closed for Council
	4	Outcome 3: A motion was passed unanimously - "That the Hayberry Precinct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognising that more than 10,000 young people - the majority living outside the Local Government Area - come to North Sydney to attend school each day during the school year and, given that school grounds are given over almost entirely to buildings to accommodate more students, leave the school grounds regularly during the day to avail of open spaces and Council sporting facilities such as St Leonards Park; • conscious of the need to balance the promotion of usage of active transport with the overriding responsibility to provide a safe environment for school children and other 	Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.	Closed for Council

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		<p>pedestrians;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noting the significant problems within our Precinct in relation to congestion during the 'school zone' drop-off and pick-up periods; and • flagging the flagrant non-compliance with the traffic rules during other periods, when residential streets turn into rat-runs for cars and trucks that exceed weight limits, fail to stop at T-junctions with stop signs and sometimes even at pedestrian crossings, and generally behave in a manner injurious to the safety and well-being of school children and local residents <p>Urge North Sydney Council, consistent with its Transport Vision, to work closely with State Government authorities, with the NSW Police, with the many schools in the area and with local residents and businesses to develop and implement a strategic plan to increase pedestrian safety within North Sydney's unique education precinct with a view to achieving, inter alia, the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designating the entire North Sydney education precinct, with boundaries along Pacific Highway to the west, Ernest Street to the north, Walker Street to the east and North Sydney station to the south as a high-pedestrian zone and imposing a 24-hour per day, seven days per week 40 kmph speed limit; • in recognition of the excellent public transport links to the area, working with school principals and parents drastically to reduce the number of children arriving and leaving the area by car; and • achieving compliance with the road rules by undertaking regular blitzes on illegal behaviour - for example, speeding, driving overweight vehicles on restricted 		

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		streets and failing to stop at pedestrian crossings and stop signs - that threatens the lives of school children and other pedestrians."		
	6	<p>Review of Precincts and Precinct Funding - DM (Convenor) indicated that he was concerned at the lack of information around the Council's review of the Precinct system. Councillor Baker indicated that she would inquire about this and suggested that the Precinct consider raised at the Combined Precinct Committee meeting. There was a brief discussion around Precinct funding and the Mayor's edict that it not be spent on memberships and campaigns. The general view was that the Council spends very little on the Precinct System yet receives valuable input from the Precincts, so there should be scope for increasing Precinct funding. On the issue of how funds are spent, this should be at the discretion of Precincts as long as the processes are transparent and minuted.</p>	Feedback noted by Council's Manager Integrated Planning and Special Projects. As per the updates provided to the Combined Precincts Committee, Council staff are in the process of responding to the Council resolution of 4 December 2017 ¹ which requires that the 2012 Discussion Paper be updated which will be reported to Council in due course, to determine the next steps. The 2012 Discussion Paper included a section regarding the resources provided by Council to Precinct Committees; Hayberry Precinct Committee's feedback will be included in the update of this section.	Closed for Council
February	4	<p>Changes to Council's Public Meeting Code of Conduct - Outcome 2 - A motion was passed by 17 votes to zero, with one abstention:</p> <p>That the Hayberry Precinct Committee,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conscious of the historical culture of community participation and the legacy of Ted Mack; • noting that North Sydney Council operates for residents and not for Councillors; • recognising the need for Council to hear the full range of community views and obtain the community's input for sound decision making; and 	Comments noted by Council's Manager Governance and Committee Services.	Closed for Council

¹ Background to the 2012/13 Review is available at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Community_Engagement/Precincts/Guidelines_Overview

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aware of the highly contested nature of many of the issues the community is considering urges North Sydney Council to revoke the changes recently made to the Council's Public Meeting Practice Code of Conduct. 		
	6	<p>Unauthorised Brothels in Hayberry Precinct - Outcome 3 - A motion was passed unanimously: That the Hayberry Precinct Committee,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • observing that the massage parlour currently operating at the rear of 2 Eden Street appears to be frequented by male-only clientele and is likely already to be or soon to morph into a brothel, as did its predecessor, 'Silver Fox'; • recognising that in just a few years 138 apartments have been built within 50 metres of the rear of 2 Eden Street and that the area is no longer a predominantly commercial area; and • noting that the Council's Development Control Plan 2013 promotes active uses along Eden Street and Eden Lane such as outdoor dining to encourage activity outside standard business hours but that massage parlours and adult services do not meet this definition; calls upon North Sydney Council to prioritise the interests of the families who live in the area by shutting down businesses that are fronts for brothels operating within a residential area. 	Complaint noted by Council's Manager Environment and Building Compliance, who has advised that the complaint has been referred to the Building Compliance Section for investigation.	Closed for Council
	7	There was a brief discussion on progress re the West Street cycleway, and it was noted that since the opening of the Cammeraygal senior school at the TAFE site, there was traffic congestion around the Falcon and Ernest Street intersections with West Street. Councillor Baker undertook to speak with Council Compliance staff about this in case a	Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.	Closed for Council

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		'blitz' is required. She also suggested that inviting school Principals to Precinct meetings was a good way to discuss issues and had in the past led to some positive outcomes re students embracing active transport options.		