

THE SNAPSHOT

HAYBERRY PRECINCT NEWS



HAYBERRY PRECINCT MEETING ACTION NOTES April 27 2023

Location The Citadel, Hayberry Street.

Attendees 12, Apologies 65 and 95 *Kerbside Engagements with Residents and local Small Business.

*matters discussed

A. Council Proposal to reduce off street car parking in New Developments.

B. Handling of Council Public meetings.

C. Parking Infringement notices.

D. Dog Faeces remains a huge problem in the Precinct

The formal meeting discussed 7 matters brought to the Round Table not included in the published agenda

1a. Question raised by a resident of Falcon Street regarding traffic congestion at Corner Pacific Highway Alexander Street (Woolworths) Proposal to make it NO LEFT Turn into Alexander Street and traffic perhaps is diverted into West Street.

Discussion looked at reason for and time to how this may impact elsewhere. Would it just be diverting Falcon Street into one of the residential streets [such as Burlington]? The alternative that would perhaps have traffic turn in the left into Alexander from Pacific Highway. Meeting was not sure how this would reduce traffic essentially intending to turn left into the Woolworths car park

entrance in Burlington Street. The perception is that there is gridlock along Alexander. This was briefly explored and agreement was a holdup it wasn't all day every day and generally perhaps occurred in the early evening and Saturday am. Perhaps at some time on a Saturday morning It was also thought it couldn't be described as "gridlock" The meeting struggled to come up with a solution. Is it something we have to accept.

However it was agreed we would go away and think about a solution or

1b Dog Faeces was raised again by a Hayberry Street attendee

The consensus was council be notified again and a request made as Consensus was this should be re-considered by council DM stated this would be done by way of these notes again

1c West Street Cycle way.

Raised by 2 residents of Hayberry and Falcon Street

Brief discussion took place How and when and where

1e Willoughby Road Closure raised by a resident from West St re a

proposed road closure with a view to improve Restaurant business DM Convenor reported he had been approached regarding this and had written back expressing why he thought it is flawed it from an access and marketing perspective. Generally such street malls artificially created are increasing seen especially in Europe to actually be detrimental to local business. The length of a pedestrian mall is negatively correlated to lifespan, implying that longer malls suffer from a higher risk of business closure and close sooner compared with shorter length street malls. Research shows long closed streets are not conducive to encouraging foot traffic and create eventual physical isolation ultimately such a street closure will reduce customer traffic and encourage loitering. The street should remain open to slow moving traffic.

1f. Council's proposed plan to reduce off street Car Parking for new high-density developments in the area. Raised by a resident of Falcon Street who wanted to know the Precinct position

DM Convenor reminded the Precinct that this matter has been discussed/decided several times since a policy was first introduced into Council in 2020 starting the development 27>55 Falcon Street. The Precinct consistently opposed this policy. In 2020 Council executives attempted to reduce the car parking 27>55 Falcon Street to 30 spaces for 82 units from an original proposed 120. Over 118 Hayberry Street/ Lane/ Falcon and West Street residents wanted the original number of 120 spaces retained with a few exceptions (2). DM pointed that the Hayberry Precinct Office bearers at the time also sent a template of objection to the project ignoring the wishes of the 118. Members of the Wollstonecraft Precinct also made submissions opposing the Hayberry position. We got though reduced what we wanted.

DM reported speaking at council meeting against the council policy and had also put objections prior to the presentation to all the councillors in writing. See end of these notes for a copy.

1g The Fiveways Development Raised by 2 residents of Hayberry Street and by 7 including the lane unable to attend the meeting.

The issue raised was re the closure of Falcon Street to Alexander Street. DM advised this won't happen as it is a main artery for NSW Fire and Rescue Pumper 36 and others to and from Neutral Bay, Emergency Ambulances and Police. Expectation is Highway Patrol would object. Not only is it a critical access route to Neutral Bay to support Pumper 53 Yao Street and by return likewise but also when attending accidents on the Harbour Bridge.

The other issue was this may turn any of the following

David/Hayberry Street Hayberry Lane, Myrtle Street West Street Carlow Street into Rat runs



There was also confusion re the height. Some thought it was to be over 60 stories other 53. In discussion this was clarified a height of 16 stories. It should be noted that the proposal by the developers is somehow their way of identifying it as Green space as some form of appeasement.

However there are many incorrect factors that abound while objecting to this development that are not helpful e.g. It will add substantially to traffic congestion...DM explained traffic modelling and data from 9 main arteries show traffic volumes and traffic flow show a reduction of vehicle traffic. Sources was from the data of TFNSW monitoring stations debunking the need of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link prior to and post Covid today.

Consensus at the there has to be something built on the site and that 12 stories was acceptable and the current proposal being for 16 was one for further consideration. DM said he would seek a *meeting with the Developers to clarify/seek assurances about some concerns raised in Kerbside chats and seek an extension to time for submissions.

1h. Parking Infringement Ticketing Raised by a Small Business Owner in attendance and 3 from Kerbside Chats
Again the issue comes up infringement notice on windscreens recent change to non-ticketing vehicle notices. Issue outlined in previous meetings

Conversations with a few Parking Officers it seems the new system creates more work and slows down the process. The removal of resident parking labels has also hit productivity Is this a causation of a reduction of parking fine revenue. Agreed that this is due to the less number of commuter vehicles due to both pre and post Covid there was an increase in remote working and flexible 3/ 4 day working weeks

1j. Manner Of Council Public Meetings. Brought to the Round Table by the Convenor DM resorting of his experience at recent Council meetings

DM reported how he viewed the current Public meetings are being Managed. He first emphasised how disappointed he was that there seemed to be little intent on collaboration in the council today.

DM reported disappointed that at a public meeting re: Council's proposed plan to reduce off street Car Parking for new high-density developments in the area the time for addressing council was reduced from 3 minutes arbitrarily reduced to 2 minutes. In all his period of making presentations to the previous council this had never occurred.

DM also reported that while councillors who while addressing their colleagues and then also included the public gallery were rigorously

chastised for doing so. However when and not for the first time one of the councillors in favour of council's position admonished and confronted all of the speakers against the Council proposal in the public gallery for not having read the council report nothing was said

DM further qualified his position as one who had in a previous Council Election made an extensive and substantial effort in the election campaign of 2017 in support of the "Real Independents"; and at the outset the Campaign against the building of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches link, Previous Council rate rises. DM added that he had openly supported the "Real Independents" at the last election wishing to see the Council remain a collaborative and independent body...unfortunately this was not the outcome. "Today it appears there is a firm block of 6 councillors with 4 from 2 political parties' v 4 independent councillors in the council chamber.

[In March 22 2021 he published an article to that effect on the "STOP The Tunnels: The Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link" Facebook page and another August 2021]

Deputy Mayor Santer objected to the comment that a block of 6 v 4 existed in council

One Sun correspondent estimates that of the 231 votes that have been taken by the current Council, the progressive six have only split from each other on a mere seven occasions.

Source: North Sydney Sun

Contention made was the selection of the deputy mayors coming from both the political parties supporting the Real Independents showed this to be the case in most matters in council.

Deputy Mayor Santer objected again saying that he was unanimously elected by the councillors... Response made was he and Councillor Burke were the only nominees.

Councillor Santer wanted to go on and discuss the Council off street Car Parking Policy. He was ruled out of order as the matter raised was regarding the manor of how council meeting were being conducted not the Policy. This took a few goes to achieve

The meeting then closed

AGENDA ITEMS NOT DISCUSSED DUE TO LACK OF TIME

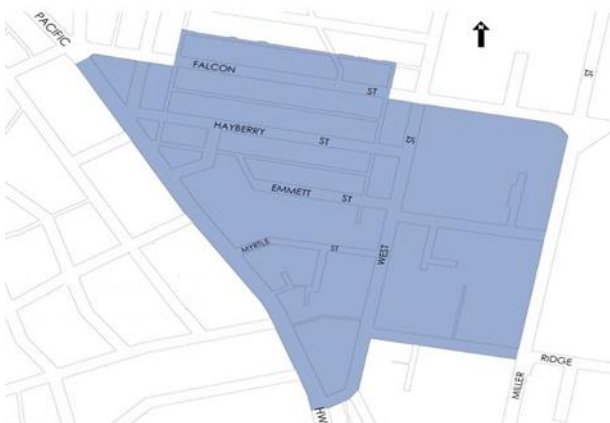
2. Street Play Update Hayberry Street cul-de-sac first promoted by the Precinct in 2017

3. Precincts Voting re Planning Proposals and Development Applications

4. St Leonards Park. A dog safe “free running” fenced area

5. Date for an AGM.

Other matters being raised continually are No Parking Infringement tickets and Residential Parking Permits



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