

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2021 - Stanton 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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November	1.b	DA 330/21, 100 Walker St - 44 storey application. This application has gone direct to the Regional Planning Panel, with Precinct concerned this appears to mean approval is inevitable.	Council's Executive Assessment Planner has advised that the Precinct Committee should not consider that approval of DA 330/21 is inevitable. The application will be assessed by the NSLPP.	Closed for Council
	4	Homeless people in the CBD - Particularly when they accumulate significant possessions. Precinct requested that Council intervene to avoid homeless people accumulating substantial possessions which occupy and dominate public land.	Council's Access & Inclusion Co-ordinator has advised that the long-term rough sleeper in the North Sydney CBD has been around the North Sydney area for the past two to three years. Since the beginning of COVID in 2020 the individual has set up camp on Miller Street. The individual has declined offers of support from Council and local specialist homelessness services, indicating preference to maintain contact with an existing social worker based in the CBD. The individual has responded to requests from Council to reduce their footprint on Walker/Mount Street and has disposed of items that had been donated. They are willing	Closed for Council

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			to work with Council and the local community to minimise her impact, although resistant to finding a more discreet location noting her feelings of safety being situated in a high traffic area on Walker Street. Council's Community Development staff will continue to monitor and offer support and direct the individual to move/reduce items as necessary, and work with them to identify a more suitable medium to long term solution.	
October	<i>No actions arising requiring Council's response</i>			
September	1	St Leonards Park - Poor cycling behaviour at St Leonards Park particularly on the path near Bon Andrews Oval and the Falcon Street Pedestrian and Cyclist bridge over Warringah Freeway was discussed. Low O limit signs and ranger controls necessary.	<p>Council's Sustainable Transport Projects Coordinator has advised that in the long term dedicated cycling links are proposed on the eastern perimeter of the park via the <i>St Leonards Park Masterplan</i>. In the immediate term, Council staff will conduct a count on site, providing the Precinct Committee provides more information as to the time of day that the issue occurs.</p> <p>UPDATE (27 October 2021) Council's Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that staff will investigate the issues based on the additional information from the Precinct. Note: we are undergoing some resourcing changes within the Department so we will respond as soon as practicable.</p>	Open/Ongoing
	2	52 McLaren St - Council has not explained why the height control for the site has been increased from 12 storeys	Council's Manager Strategic Planning has advised that 52 McLaren St site was identified in the <i>Civic Precinct Planning Study</i> (along with several other sites). That Study was adopted by Council in October 2020 and was the subject of	Closed for Council

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			consultation in mid-2020. Detail information can be found at North Sydney Council - Civic Precinct Planning Study (nsw.gov.au)	
August	3e	The Coal Loader - A newsletter will be launched soon, and additional initiatives are under to promote art and community art creation by individuals. The Precinct unanimously supported these great initiatives of Council.	Feedback noted. The Coal Loader E-news has been operating for some time, (we have just recently promoted it in Precincts E-news) The next edition of Coal Loader E-news will be sent 1 September 2021.	Closed for Council
	3d	St Leonards Park anti-social cycling - behaviour (excess speed, unsupervised children, helmets) was discussed. The possibility of cycling speed limits was suggested. Council requested additional documentation of incidents be reported to it. Precinct note the request; however, it was proposed that intermittent oversight by Rangers (perhaps once per fortnight) would be more effective at deterring antisocial behaviour in St Leonards Park.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services.	Closed for Council
	3e	Dangerous leaf debris on footpaths (item 4d June) - Precinct expressed dissatisfaction regarding Council's response re the adequacy of leaf clearing during the peak autumn leaf-fall.	Feedback noted by Council's Manager Environmental Services. No further action required.	Closed for Council
	5a	Food Scraps Trial - Council's is trying to reduce waste, per a Federal Government initiative, to improve resource recovery and reduce waste. However, commercial issues appear to be an impediment. A trial is underway for a separate food-waste stream.	Commencement of the Food Scraps Trial, to be under taken with a sample of multi-unit dwellings, has been deferred due to the current COVID Public Health Order restrictions.	Closed for Council

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	5b	<p>Kirribilli to Cremorne (Route 3) Cycleway - Proposal for an enhanced harbour walking track was noted, and it is on Council exhibition.</p>	<p>Council's Sustainable Transport Projects Coordinator has advised that consultation closed 14 June 2021, and that the post exhibition report was considered by Council on 28 June 2021, whereby Council resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>THAT Council urgently write to TfNSW thanking them for their commitment for funding to the North Sydney Cycling Strategy and asking them to provide the funds so that Council can securely hold those funds in a restricted account until such time that the preferred option has been determined following completion of the community consultation.</i> 2. <i>THAT Council halt and review the Kirribilli to Cremorne Walking, Cycling and Streetscape Upgrades until such time as rigorous and comprehensive community consultation and engagement has taken place.</i> 3. <i>THAT Council re-exhibit the Kirribilli to Cremorne Walking, Cycling and Streetscape Upgrades project:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>in a form consistent with the requirements of Council's Community Participation Plan;</i> (b) <i>that the notification areas be extended to include affected properties on streets surrounding the proposed route, schools and precinct committees within the proposed route catchment; and</i> (c) <i>that accurate documents and plans informed by traffic engineering advice together with options for alternative routes are exhibited.</i> 4. <i>THAT following re-exhibition, the matter be reported to Council for further consideration.</i> <p>Subsequent to the Council resolution of 28 June 2021, a letter was sent to TfNSW seeking amendments to the funding agreement as resolved. TfNSW responded stating</p>	Closed for Council

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			<p>that the funding for this project has been withdrawn. TfNSW has confirmed in principle support for the project and encourages Council to pursue finalisation of the design 'for construction' status and further noted that should Council resolve to construct the project, a funding submission can be made to the 2022/23 Active Transport Grants program.</p> <p>TfNSW have now withdrawn funding for the project and until such a time we make another funding submission and that funding submissions is successful. This the project is currently not proceeding as it is unfunded.</p>	
	5c	<p>Planning enquiry - SC asked why NSC changed the number of storeys allowed on the McLaren Street site (between The Northern Metro entrance and Rydges Hotel entrance) from the 12 storeys specified in the Civic Precinct Planning Study to 24 storeys. The Development proposal by Sydney Metro has included a 24-storey building. This will create an even worse traffic outcome for our already congested streets in this small area.</p>	<p>Council's Team Leader - Policy, has advised that the Civic Precinct Planning Study as adopted by Council identifies a maximum number of storeys on this site (adjacent the Northern portal) of 14 storeys towards the northern end and 24 storeys towards McLaren Street. Refer to diagrams on pages 28 and 29 of the adopted study which can be viewed at Civic Precinct Planning Study</p>	Closed for Council
June	3b.ii	<p>168 Walker St, dust - Council advised this is being monitored. Precinct appreciated Council's efforts but moved a Motion: That there had been no practical change with extensive dust and noise still being generated. Motion carried: unanimously</p>	<p>Council's Team Leader Building Compliance has advised that Council staff will monitor and will action if breaches are detected accordingly.</p>	Closed for Council

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	3c.viii	Rate increase - A potential additional rate increase of 1.5% was reportedly discussed at the meeting.	Council's Manager Financial Services has advised that the rate increase referred to at the 24 May 2021 Council meeting was in context of the 2021/22 Revenue Policy within the 2021/22 Operational Plan & Budget . The documents were ultimately adopted on 28 June 2021 following a mandatory public exhibition period which ran 26 May to 22 June 2021. As the Precinct Committee should be aware, 2021/22 is the third and final year of our IPART approved special rate variation, in which residential and business rates increased by 7% per annum, inclusive of the annual rate peg (which was set by IPART at 2.0% this financial year).	Closed for Council
	4b	Traffic lights - The phasing of the Ridge/Miller streetlights continues to create unnecessary congestion and needs to be changed. Motion: That a green right turn arrow is required so the right turning traffic on Ridge Street can enter Miller Street safely during peak congestion periods. Motion carried: unanimously.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that a request has again been referred to TFNSW on behalf of the Precinct Committee.	Closed for Council
	4c	Bike riders - Rider's behaviour in St Leonards Park is creating a hazard for other park users. Motion: That action needs to be taken to attenuate unacceptable and anti-social rider behaviour. Motion carried: unanimously	Council's Sustainable Transport Project Co-ordinator has requested the Precinct Committee provide further information regarding the location and specifics of the incidents. Relates to item 3d August 2021 and 1, September 2021. UPDATE (27 October 2021) Response related to September 2021, item 1.	Open/Ongoing

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	4d	Dangerous leaf debris on footpaths - Motion: That Council needs to do a better job of clearing autumn leaf debris, including repairing the large Council Street sweepers, if any of these are not working (which was suggested at the meeting). Motion carried: unanimously	<p>Council's Manager Environmental Services had advised that Council has a number of footpath and road sweeping machines, whose function is to clear up the bulk of the leaf matter. For those streets lined with deciduous trees (London Plane tree) it is difficult to keep on top of the leaf drop in the Autumn season. During the Autumn season we prioritise those streets with deciduous trees.</p> <p>In terms of machines being inoperable, the machines work both during the day and at night and if mechanical failure occurs, we lease additional machines until they are repaired.</p>	Closed for Council
	4e	Charity Bin - The meeting heard that dumping at charity bins in McLaren St was a problem, and Council was requested to take action to stop this from occurring.	<p>Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has advised that the bins are inside private property. Council has contacted Anglicare directly and they have advised that donations are now collected twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays) in order to stop the donations from piling up outside of the bins. Precinct members are advised to contact Anglicare directly regarding future concerns: Caitlin Gwilliam, Distribution Centre Operations Manager M: 0438 814 025 E: caitlin.gwilliam@anglicare.org.au P: 1300 111 278</p>	Closed for Council
May	4b	St Leonard's Park - The park was accessible for ANZAC day, with the Northern works still underway. Precinct noted that in some instances, there is no general lighting, which is an unacceptable risk, notwithstanding this may be a temporary condition. Would like a	<p>Council's Site Manager has advised that works at St Leonards Park have not been completed yet. Lighting will be brighter in the Park when all lights are active.</p>	Closed for Council

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		response from Council that lighting deficiencies are only temporary.		
	6CM	Council Meeting - The meeting heard that some Stanton members felt the proposal for Councillors to attend Council meetings via Zoom was undesirable and did not represent an appropriate discharge of their obligations as Councillors. A motion was proposed that Councillors must attend Council meeting person. The motion was carried unanimously.	<p>Council's Manager Council & Committee Services has advised that under amendments to <i>the Local Government Regulation</i>, Councillors are currently able to attend Council and Committee meetings remotely, with the consent of Council, on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval to attend meetings remotely must be requested by the relevant Councillor. 2. It must be approved by resolution, either for a single or multiple meeting, for approval to be given and 3. The grounds for which the Councillor is being permitted to attend remotely must be stated, but not where those grounds relate to illness, disability, or caring responsibilities. <p>This arrangement is in place until 31 December 2021.</p>	Closed for Council
	8a	168 Walker Street - Precinct discussed the excess construction dust being generated by the 168 Walker St (Aqualand) construction site, particularly the cumulative impact together with the pollution generated from the Freeway. The meeting heard that CS and his wife had experienced adverse health impacts due to the excessive dust. Precinct proposed a motion that Council engage with EPA for routine monitoring, that baseline data should be compiled, so that comparison to baseline	Council's Team Leader Building Compliance has advised that this site is part of Council's ongoing construction sites management plan (part of the Construction Noise Management Strategy) which include dust. Council staff will continue to liaise with the site to ensure that all impact is minimise where practical.	Closed for Council

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		can be monitored for future developments, and DA's should include relevant air quality conditions, to which developers can be held to account. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	EI	Faith Bandier Place (Off McLaren Street), Stop Sign request - The lane used by residents of McLaren apartments and the 2 new buildings on Miller Street (now called Faith Bandier Place) needs a stop sign installed. Drivers speed out across the footpath and many don't even check if there are pedestrians on the footpath. This is a dangerous hazard that requires swift action to minimise the chance of accident and injury. Stanton residents would like a Stop sign installed so cars will stop and check for pedestrians.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that Council will arrange for a stop sign to be installed, subject to approval by the Traffic Committee. UPDATE (20 October 2021) Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that the sign was approved by Traffic Delegated Authority and signage instruction was created on 23 Jun 2021. It has since been installed.	Closed for Council
April	DA2	168 Walker St, DA 486/15/7 - Major modifications to Requested. Motion: That Precinct strongly objects to the modifications proposed for 168 Walker Street. DA's should go through as approved. If there are going to be such modifications requested, the community consultancy process should begin again.	Comments noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner.	Closed for Council
March	5.a	Council's Public Land - Precinct proposed and carried a motion of support for initiatives that properly regulate private exploitation of Council's public land.	Council's Director Open Space & Environment Services had advised that the use of Council land such as Blues Point Reserve for an unauthorised private function has come under review, as instigated by the Mayor. This initiative has been criticised in the media. A report is being prepared for Council and will be presented to the April 2021 meeting.	Closed for Council

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February	3	DA 388/19, 229-231 Miller St - Motion: The Precinct proposed a motion that the signs should be opposed given their aesthetic impact in a residential area, and given the business is not resident in the building.	Comments noted by Council's Assessments Officer.	Closed for Council
	3	DA 6/21, 54 McLaren St - Motion: The Precinct proposed a motion that the illuminated signs should be opposed given their aesthetic impact in a residential area, particularly given they are illuminated and will adversely impact neighbours.	Comments noted by Council's Executive Assessment Planner.	Closed for Council