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December 2020 Newsletter - Seasons greetings from the Union Precinct

In lieu of a face-to-face meeting for December, we wanted to update you on some important matters that are relevant to the precinct. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).

Minutes from November 2020 meeting

These were distributed on 9 November and have been resent along with this newsletter. If you have any comments on the Minutes, please email unionprecinct@gmail.com

Precinct System Review process

The Precinct Review process continues as Stage 2 workshops are now underway, led by a consultant appointed by council and held with representatives from the various precincts. The workshops will be in two phases (Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb) and Union Precinct has three representatives attending. We will provide an update at the next precinct meeting early in the new year when we will have some idea of which recommendations for changes will be going to Council.

New Year's Eve in North Sydney

The State Government has taken over the management of New Year's Eve activities around the harbour.

Full details available on the State Government website here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/major-events/new-years-eve>

In summary, there will be no 9pm family fireworks. There will be, however, a short firework display from Sydney Harbour Bridge at midnight only, with the foreshore areas around Blues Point and other vantage points reserved for frontline workers only. The general public will not have access to these areas. The fireworks will be broadcast on ABC television.

If Residents and visitors to restaurants need to enter the green zones which includes Blues Point Reserve and adjacent areas (see map on website under 'For the general public'), they will require a pass from Service NSW.

Yellow zones (which covers Balls Head and the entire Union precinct), means people looking to gather in this area in large numbers may be subject to move-on Police powers.

Details on road closures will be announced in coming weeks.

Blues Point site for Sydney Metro works

The State Government has approved the extension of the use of the Blues Point site for the tunnel fit-out for another 12 months, so the shed at the end of Blues Point Road remains in place. The approval includes a new condition that limits heavy vehicle movements to between 7am and 10pm only, except where permitted through an Environment Protection Licence or as directed by NSW Police or Transport for NSW.

Copies of the DPIE Decision Report and Conditions of Approval can be viewed on the [NSW Planning Portal](#).

Berry's Bay Master Plan and representative groups

The Waverton Peninsula Working Group continues to meet and is seeking to have as much of the Berrys Bay area, which is not to be used by the WHT, set aside as soon as practicable.

The consultative group to have input to the State Government's Master Plan for parts of Berrys Bay is yet to be formed. Nominations were received but are still being evaluated

Development Applications

DA 282/20 – Alterations and additions to dwelling. 64 Bank Street North Sydney. Lodged: 04/11/2020

DA 302/20 – Alterations and additions to existing building to provide a three level office building. 4 Holt Street McMahons Point. Lodged: 27/11/2020

Combined Precincts Committee (CPC) meetings

KH has provided a summary of issues raised at the recent CPC meeting. We thank KH for his tireless efforts in attending and reporting on the CPC.

1. 2019 / 2020 NSCouncil wrap-up on the budget expenditure, projects and plans for 2020/2021. Income \$121.3m, Expenses \$126.46; Deficit \$5.13m. Needless to say the year was turbulent given COVID, shifts in regulations, activities and business operations. Some questions were raised about NSC rate variations.
2. Local Government Elections scheduled for September 2021.
3. Precinct System Review - Consultation meetings scheduled for Nov 2020 - Feb 2021
4. Luna Park Closure for 6 months in 2021 for redevelopment of 9 rides.
5. North Sydney Pool planned closure in 2021 for redevelopment.
6. Waverton Peninsular Working Group discussion about future planning ideas.
7. Western Harbour Tunnel - ongoing matters of concern about the consultation and development proposals.
8. Concerns were raised about the overdevelopment of some areas on the North Sydney Municipality... e.g. Crows Nest, St Leonards, Cremorne.
9. Refer to the NS E News for more details located on the NS Council Website and have your say.

Union precinct committee changes

As announced in the distribution of the last minutes, we've had some changes to the Union Precinct Committee.

We'd like to thank ID for his excellent work as the Precinct Secretary over the last few years. ID will remain on as Treasurer while MCH now joins the committee as Secretary. She can be contacted on the unionprecinct@gmail.com email account.

Keeping up to date

We have attached the latest copy of the Precinct e-news which is distributed by Council. If you'd like to subscribe, please email precincts@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

It contains useful information about Council activities, for example this week it includes a reminder about a Pensioner Christmas Bonus available until 4 December.

A reminder that all community consultation proposals are available on the Council website at: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/>

Season's greetings

Finally, thank you for your contributions and flexibility in what has been a very challenging year. We'd like to wish you and yours a happy, safe and restful holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting in February - subject to COVID of course.