

# UNION PRECINCT



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## Minutes - Wednesday 3 November 2021 held online at 7.30 pm

Chair: MC & KR, Secretary MCH Treasurer: ID. Meeting chaired by KR; minutes by MCH  
Present 23 – as per attendance sheet.  
Apologies: CB, BM

The online meeting was called to order at 7.35 pm.

### 1. Apologies and Minutes of previous meeting

[Precinct Minutes available on Council website](#)

Discussion of Council response to previous minutes including items of importance

#### - Noakes fire audit

Council's response from the September Summary of Actions was noted.

**Precinct resolved to write directly to the Council's Team Leader – Building Compliance on the following points:**

**The direction that residents should seek advice from their own insurers is not acceptable because it places the onus of safety and compliance on the residents rather than on Noakes. Residents raised concerns that if they were to contact their own insurers and advise that they are living next to a potential fire risk and the non-compliance with fire safety audits, their own premiums would go up.**

**Without release private information, Precinct would like to understand what fire safety actions are being undertaken and what is the timeline for Council to achieve a compliant outcome?**

**Precinct also notes that in line with item 5 from August, the Fire Safety Audit and the Annual Fire Safety Statements are two separate things. The Precinct then asks has an Annual Fires Safety Statement been submitted? If so when? If not, when does it have to be done by?**

#### - Public Jetty at Noakes Site

Council's response from the updated September Summary of Actions was noted.

**Precinct thanked Council for the feedback from the Solicitor and noted that a resolution was put by Council again recently so appreciated that the public jetty continues to be on the agenda. What Precinct would like is for it to be resolved.**

**Therefore, Precinct asks what is Council doing to push this along? Could we please have more information about the negotiations and where they stand? We would like to know at what stage are the building works deemed "substantially completed"? What works are outstanding in order for it to reach this level? Given the DA is thirty years old, what could compel the applicant to complete the works and the jetty. Precinct is concerned that the Applicant could possibly intentionally be avoiding completing the works to reach the "substantial level" so that it does not have to comply with Condition D51. What recourse does Council have to amend the conditions or provide a deadline for the jetty to go ahead with or without the building works completed?**

**Precinct members asked for a copy of DA 1164/90 as it is not available on Council's DA tracker. A copy will be provided with the minutes.**

**Members also raised concerns that the notice of DA that is on display at the site does not display the full picture of the numerous DAs applicable to the property.**

## 2. Development Applications/Modifications

- **DA 293/2021**, 1 Denison Street, North Sydney  
Installation of illuminated advertising structure – Closes 5 November  
Noted.
- **DA350/2021, 40 Victoria Street, McMahons Point**  
Addition of two new windows  
Noted.
- **DA 18/2021, Section 8.2 Review No – 43.2021.7** 1 Bank Lane, North Sydney – Advertising period closes 5 November  
Review of determination for demolition of the existing dwelling house and construction of a new dwelling house and associated works.  
There are still concerns about privacy for some members. They were directed to the Council website to make a submission.

### Updates on DAs

**DA 101/21, 206 Blues Point Road – Commodore Hotel.** The Precinct previously made a submission to oppose the changes which included converting the underground car park into a gaming room, however it was approved by the Local Planning Panel. Precinct remains concerned about the loss of parking.

**DA 172/21, 26 Thomas St** – Local Planning Panel approved it

**DA 8/21, 101 Blues Point Road/ East Cres St** – Conciliation conference. Has been held. They have made significant amendments as a result and it is returning to the Land & Environment Court for hearing.

## 3. Status of Floating Dry Dock appeal

As the DA was rejected by Sydney North Planning Panel, it has gone to the Land and Environment Court on appeal. A Conciliation Conference was held, with no agreement made at that meeting. Precinct was represented by RS at the conference where various issues were discussed including noise and visual pollution. It will now go to a full public hearing 2-10 May 2022 which will include an on site inspection.

It is believed Noakes will lodge some further amendments to the DA in December which will require further notification.

In early December the Registrar will hold a case management session which sets out the timing for the process, documents required etc.

**Precinct resolved to write to RS and thank him for representing Lavender and Union Precincts.**

## 4. Waverton Peninsula Working Group update

Minutes from meeting were approved at last Council meeting.

Points of note include:

1. Transfer of land around Berrys Bay – obtaining land in the area from the State Government with North Sydney Council owning it while it is leased to the Western Harbour Tunnel construction contractors. There is currently a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being drafted between State and Council which will be sent to working group for review at next meeting. Council resolved to make the draft MOU public when it becomes available.
2. Quarantine depot. Council is in the process of acquiring the Quarantine Depot. Remediation work needs to be conducted. Once complete, they'll be able to transfer between State and the Council.
3. Waverton Bowling Club – it's future is still uncertain. There have been two indigenous land title claims which have been rejected. One has gone to appeal.

**Precinct noted the Council's resolution and thanked Council for voting to make it public. Precinct noted that when it concerns a public asset the community needs to know the detail to ensure transparency and accountability so are encouraged by the decision to make it public.**

## 5. Relevant Council Meeting matters

- Proposed NSC new booking arrangements for (some) parks  
Deferred to the new Council post the local election.
- New Year's Eve foreshore park arrangements

City of Sydney is having fireworks, supported by the State Government. Council is dealing with it differently this year and with no ticketing and limitation of numbers. North Sydney Council is supplying toilets and fences, but not security.

There was a general feeling among members that if the State Government wants to put this on, they need to take greater responsibility for it by paying for it and resourcing adequately to clean litter and prevent or repair damage to North Sydney open spaces.

## 6. Open consultations

- Consultation on Parking Restrictions, Princes St, McMahons Point – *closes 7 November*  
<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/traffic-surveys>

Precinct members noted that it is already difficult for residents to park, with the limited off-street parking and it was felt Princes Street was being singled out. There are other nearby streets with 30 minute parking so perhaps they could be considered too.

- Community Strategic plan- Stage 1 – *feedback closes 12 December*  
<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/nscsp-review1>

Precinct encourages members to fill out the survey as individuals

- Events in the North Sydney LGA review – *feedback closes 16 November*  
<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/ns-lga-events>

The survey is about events in the local area and takes five minutes to complete, therefore Precinct encourages members to fill it out.

- New draft plan of management of Neighbourhood Parks – *feedback closes 21 November*  
<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/neighbourhood-parks-pom>

This proposal is relevant to Union Precinct given it covers parks in Ancrum, Euroka and Riley Streets.

**Precinct is in support of the neighbourhood park philosophy and the concept of community. There are concerns with the building up of the area, therefore offset of this is having neighbourhood parks.**

Some individual members of the Precinct are making a submission.

- New draft Bushland plan of management – *feedback closes 21 November*  
<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/bushland-pom>

Similar to the Neighbourhood Park comment, **Precinct is in support of the bushland management philosophy and the concept of community. There are concerns with the building up of the area, therefore offset of this is having bushland.**

**Precinct notes Sawmillers is not represented in either plan. Could Council please advise where Sawmillers would sit.**

## 7. Arrangements for precinct meetings and next AGM

While Council advised that it was possible to host the November meeting face-to-face, the Precinct Committee decided to stick with online for November and is considering its options for the December meeting. The Committee took feedback from the members present and will advise in due course.

Precinct noted that the AGM will be held in February.

## 8. Combined Precincts Committee (CPC) meeting update

CPC was held on 19 October by Zoom.

Major issues that were discussed included:

- Western Harbour Tunnel- and the concerns that the State Government is looking to annex 4 hectares out of Cammeray Golf Course
- Traffic and direction of traffic in North Sydney
- North Sydney Swimming Pool - concerns about lack of transparency in financial reports, concerns that sun deck has been demolished

- Council has still not agreed to support meeting electronically and Precincts are having to provide their own infrastructure to do so
- Harbour bridge cycle way design
- Environmental sustainability
- Concerns about accessible parking in Miller St being removed due to Pop up outdoor dining
- Pedestrian crossing, safety at roundabouts and traffic matters.
- North Sydney Council election 4 December
- Creative space on Blues Point Road visitors encouraged.

Next meeting 15 February

#### 9. Any other business

- See Precinct e-News  
<https://createsend.com/t/j-6E0B01E19C7FECFE2540EF23F30FEDED>
- Members raised concerns about the infestations of white ant/termite nests on the trees on Balls Head.

**Precinct requests a comment from the Bushcare management team as to what's happening with termites on Balls Head.**

- North Sydney Swimming Pool has been delayed – the pool won't be functional until at least Feb 2023.
- Brush turkey management

A motion was raised and carried to see how the issues of Brush turkeys can be managed. **Precinct requests a comment from Council as to what is being done/can be done about the brush turkey situation in the area.**

#### 10. Next meeting 1 December 2021

Meeting will be followed by Xmas drinks.

Meeting closed 9:25pm

Signed as a correct record

Chair