

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2021 - Willoughby Bay 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	4	Land Slippage at 17 Richmond Avenue, Cremorne - The Vice Chair requested Council advise Precinct on what steps are being taken to secure the land at this site and what development is proposed for this site?	Update (10 February 2021) Precinct Committee is requested to provide further information including location of the slippage whatever is in private property or in public land, so that this can be investigated.	Open/Ongoing
	7	Boarding House Proposal - (DA 323/21) - There have been 70 submissions on the construction of a boarding house on the corner of Gerard Street and Benelong Street, Cremorne. It will be 4 storeys in height. This follows on from the construction of a boarding house on the corner of Winnie Street and Military Road, Cremorne.	Council's Manager Development Services has advised that the matter will be determined by NSLPP if not withdrawn beforehand.	Closed for Council
	8	Parraween Street, 15 minute free parking - There was a survey which Brightmore Precinct responded to saying they would prefer 30 minutes. The parking meters were	Council's Manager Parking Meters has advised that Council consulted on the trial from August 2020 - December 2021. The survey feedback and submissions	Closed for Council

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		originally introduced to raise money for the redevelopment of the car park.	received will be taken into account when the matter is reported to Council.	
	9	Slippery Leaves on Macpherson Street - a Precinct resident has advised Council of this hazard on Macpherson St between Gerard St and Richmond Ave and Montague Rd and Bariston Ave.	Council's Supervisor Street Cleaning has advised that the slippery leaves were removed on 16 December 2021.	Closed for Council
	10	Gerard/Macpherson Street Intersection is Unsafe Crossing - a Precinct resident has written to Council saying that on many occasions she has only just managed to escape being hit by a vehicle. The resident asks Council not to wait until it has blood on its hands.	Councils Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that this is a difficult intersection and has been investigated on several occasions. Council has been unable to determine a suitable solution to date but will continue to look for measures to improve visibility at the crossing. The item remains as a standing item at the Traffic Committee meetings for attention.	Closed for Council
November	AI.1	Cammeray Golf Club negotiations - Motion: the Vice Chair condense the draft CPC letter to the Minister which expresses concern about the loss of open space resulting from the compulsory acquisition of part of Cammeray Golf Course for the Beaches Link Freeway Project. Furthermore residents are concerned that the project design will remove access to and from the Ernest Street ramps for local resident access to the Harbour Bridge. Precinct will then combine the issues in a letter to the Minister and the local member. Precinct is most concerned that North Sydney Council, who has responsibility for the care and control of Cammeray Park, has not been involved in commercial negotiations between TfNSW and the Cammeray Golf Club regarding upgrade deals with	<p>Comments noted by Council's Director Open Space & Environmental Services. Refer to Council's response to the related action arising from the CPC meeting of October 2021, available on Council's website.</p> <p>UPDATE (9 February 2022)</p> <p>At its meeting of 24 January 2022 Council considered Item 9.6. Notice of Motion 6/22: Western Harbour Tunnel/Northern Beaches Link Projects and resolved:</p> <p><i>1. THAT Council reinstate its strong opposition to the WHT/NBL projects due to the devastating impacts of the proposed projects on the North Sydney Local Government Area and the absence of any public benefit to be gained from the projects and for the following reasons:</i></p>	Closed for Council

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		<p>Cammeray Golf Course. Precinct considers that North Sydney Council should produce a Masterplan for the Cammeray Park site, with long-term vision for its use for public recreation in the style of a local Centennial or Central Park.</p>	<p><i>a. the lack of a business case for the project</i> <i>b. the lack of meaningful community consultation</i> <i>c. the lack of alternative transport options including public transport</i> <i>d. the lack of filtering in the proposed exhaust stacks</i> <i>e. significant and devastating loss of public open space and future open space, loss of sporting facilities, loss of trees and canopy, loss of stormwater harvesting and water treatment infrastructure</i> <i>f. significant adverse impacts on public health and wellbeing, particularly on schools, school children and residents</i> <i>g. devastating environmental impacts on waterways, reserves, flora and fauna</i> <i>h. inappropriate and untested mitigation measures</i> <i>i. significant adverse impacts on aboriginal heritage and maritime environment</i> <i>j. the substantial increase in traffic flows through arterial and surface roads in the North Sydney CBD, including Berry Street and Miller Place, and LGA more generally.</i></p> <p>2. THAT Council continue and escalate the current campaign informed by the position set out in Part 1 above.</p>	
	AI.2	<p>Traffic Committee, Gerard/Macpherson St intersection - Motion: Precinct is concerned that Council at its meeting on 27 September 2021 approved a number of recommendations from the Traffic Committee to improve visibility at the intersection of Gerard/Macpherson St but no changes have been made. Could Council advise Precinct when these changes may be effected?</p>	<p>Council's Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that this Department is working through back log of works with limited resources. Works will progress as resources permit - most likely early 2022.</p> <p>UPDATE (10 February 2022): Refer response to SOA; December 2021, Item 10.</p>	Closed for Council

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	AI.4	Brothers Park Memorial - residents remain interested in restoration proposals for the memorial. Precinct requests Council engage in prior consultation with Precinct as to Council's restoration plans.	UPDATE (10 February 2022): Refer to the related letter to the Precinct Committee.	Open/Ongoing
	GB.3	Primrose Park Northern Land Slide - the Vice Chair noted the embankment collapse above the water course, northern side. Works are proceeding at the site. Precinct asks Council for a detail of works proposed to finalise restoration of the site.	Council's Engineering Project Manager has advised that stabilisation works were completed October 2021. Restoration of vegetation will be carried out by Council's Bush Care team. Council's Bushland Management Co-ordinator advises that additional stabilisation to aid safe access to the slope will be installed as well as replanting with local natives. The quotation for these additional works has recently been received and works will commence soon.	Closed for Council
	GB.4	Grasmere Road Speed Bumps (corner of Young Street) - Council voted on a re-assignment of priorities months ago. Nothing has happened.	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport has advised that this Department is working through back log of works with limited resources. Works will progress as resources permit - most likely early 2022.	Closed for Council
October	4a	WH Brothers Memorial Park - Precinct Chair suggested a celebratory get together of the gardening team in Brothers Memorial Park in the next month. Council staff were acknowledged for their support and remarkable work. There is however a small amount of weeding to be done.	Council's Streets Alive Co-Ordinator has advised that staff will attend to the site, in the week commencing 8 November 2021, to weed, in preparation for when working bees are allowed to recommence in full. This reserve has a Streets Alive garden bed to the western side, followed by a playground to the eastern side - works will take place in the Streets Alive side.	Closed for Council

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	4b	WH Brothers Memorial - the refurbishment of the WH Brothers Memorial is an issue. It is cracked and in a poor state of repair. The Vice Chair has been in communication with the grandson of WH Brothers with whom he will further communicate and report to Precinct.	Council's Historian has advised that quotes are being sought for repairing the Brothers Memorial plaques. UPDATE (10 February 2022): Refer to Council's response to related Item AI.4, November 2021.	Closed for Council
	4c	The Vice Chair commended Council on the unobtrusive "no standing" plaque on the entry gate to the Park, in lieu of obtrusive metal signposts, and Precinct endorsed this commendation.	Compliment noted by Council's Manager Parks & Reserves and Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.	Closed for Council
	GB.1	Langley Place/Langley Avenue - in need of a clean up Several Precinct residents have complained about the untidiness of the garden beds and dirty wall in Langley Place between Parraween Street and Military Road. Residents also suggest that the unused area between the Early Childhood Development Centre and the substation in Langley Avenue would be improved greatly with a regular mow. Presently only brush-turkeys frequent the site.	Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that staff attended to the site at Langley Place. Under the Verge Mowing contract, the area of grass between the centre and substation in Langley Ave is mown 14 times per annum. UPDATE (20 January 2022) Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that a Parks & Gardens team had attend to the site. The site was inspected, and the gardens are suitably maintained. Council will organise for a clean of the wall and planter boxes faces in the coming weeks.	Closed for Council
	GB.2	Artarmon Recycling Centre - the Vice Chair reported that above Centre was to reopen on Friday 15 October. He suggested that perhaps more specific reference to the Centre could be made in the useful waste advice cards occasionally letterboxed by Council.	Council's Waste Management Officer has advised that the Northern Sydney Community Recycling Centre (CRC) re-opened with COVID-19 Safety Plan on Friday 15 October 2021. The NSW Environmental Protection Authority (NSW EPA) is currently redesigning the CRC promotional leaflet.	Closed for Council

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			Once finalised, this will be incorporated at the back of the annual North Sydney clean-up/green vegetation booking calendar. The calendar will be delivered to all North Sydney LGA residential properties in the first week of December.	
	GB.6	Returning to Early Childhood Development Centre - all Precinct members are hoping to return to the Early Childhood Development Centre for their next meeting in November. Availability of the venue to be ascertained.	Council's Community Engagement Coordinator advises that as per the FAQs distributed to Precincts Committee on 22 October 2021; face-to-face meetings can recommence from 1 November 2021, within the provisions of the Public Order applicable at the time of the meeting (e.g. maximum capacities, allow 1.5m distance for attendees, vaccination status of attendees, use of face masks etc).	Closed for Council
June	3	WH Brothers Memorial Park - an additional shed is being installed in the Park for emergency access and exit for crews working in the tunnel below ground. MOTION: Precinct requests Council install full accessibility including pedestrian access for disabled persons at WH Brothers Memorial Park.	<p>Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that at this stage Council has no plans or funding allocated to install accessibility for people with disability. This type of change could be considered when the playground is next renovated. This playground was last renovated in 2002/3. The life expectancy of playgrounds in the North Sydney LGA is generally 10 to 20 years. Council's latest <i>Playgrounds Methodology</i> (2015) lists this park as not currently requiring upgrading. Upon next renewal of the Methodology this playground will be re-assessed, and a time frame given for its next upgrade.</p> <p>There are playgrounds such as Forsyth Pak and St Thomas Rest Park that are fully accessible for those with disability.</p>	Closed for Council

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		Memorial Plaque - Precinct requests Council consider upgrading the memorial plaque to WH Brothers which is deteriorating. Vice Chair indicated that descendant Sean Brothers would wish to have some input to this.	Council's Historian has advised that he has organised for maintenance officers to carry out works in the memorial plaque. Work will take place in the coming weeks.	Closed for Council
May	AH	Affordable Housing - last year St Vincent de Paul advocated for the project in Miller Street, North Sydney for domestic violence, so approximately \$2.0m from the Council's Affordable Housing Reserve was allocated to that. Precinct understands that a proposal to purchase suitable properties with the remaining \$2.1m of funding will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting.	<p>Council's A/Director Community & Library Services has noted the Precinct Committee's comments, and was not aware that St Vincent de Paul advocated for the Miller St project in which the current boarding house is to be demolished and replaced with 11 self-contained studio apartments which will provide extra beds and affordable housing options in North Sydney. The project is in process, a DA has been approved and Council's housing partner, Link Wentworth Housing, is managing the project.</p> <p>Council approved \$2m from Council's Affordable Housing Reserve levy to be used for the project. On 24 May 2021, Council (Item 8.17) endorsed using the remaining funds in the Affordable Housing Reserve of \$2.1m for a second project with Link Wentworth Housing which is to purchase a property or properties for the purpose of housing women who have escaped domestic violence. A Brief for this project has been completed and Council, Link Wentworth Housing and Colliers (who will bid for the properties on Council's behalf) will meet to discuss the Brief and expectations.</p>	Closed for Council
	6	Further guests - suggestion that election candidates be invited to Precinct to inform on their policies was favourably received.	Feedback noted by Council's Governance & Committee Services Manager. As advised to all Precinct Committees (via the Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects	Closed for Council

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			memorandum date 5 May 2021), Council resources cannot be used for campaign purposes. External groups e.g. the local media or Chamber of Commerce could facilitate such (if they elect to do so).	
April	1	Community Recycling Centre/E-Waste - letter received from Precinct member advising that the CRC at 8 Waltham Street Artarmon was not accepting E-waste at the moment.	<p>Council's Waste Management Officer has advised that MRI PSO Pty Ltd, has recently entered into liquidation and this was the e-waste (scheme and non-scheme) collection contractor at the CRC. Consequently, e-waste collection cages are at full capacity and awaiting collection at the CRC. North Sydney Council, on behalf of five other CRC member councils, is in the process to appointing an approved co-regulatory arrangement provider under the NTCRS scheme to deliver this service. Once the collection contractor is formally appointed, Council will update the website advising that e-waste collection is back at the CRC. Meanwhile, we request residents store their e-waste at home and if necessary, look at other options where they can drop their e-waste, see Council's website for alternate locations.</p> <p>UPDATE (20 May 2021) The Community Recycling Centre is now open and receiving E-waste. For opening times and alternative disposal sites visit Council's website.</p>	Closed for Council
	2	W.H. Brothers Memorial Park - a Precinct member requested "No Parking" signs to be placed over the driveway to the Park. This is because Council vehicles making deliveries to the park have been unable to enter	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations has advised that parking across a driveway is already prohibited under the Road Rules. A sign on the gate is not a regulatory sign.	Closed for Council

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		because of cars parked across the driveway. Precinct proposed that instead of the visual clutter of "No Parking" signs being placed on either side of the driveway; a sign simply be attached to the gate.	The matter has been referred to Manager Parks & Reserves for consideration. UPDATE (9 May 2021) Council's Manager Parks & Reserves has advised that a sign will be installed in due course.	
	4	Council Meeting Procedures - a resident was critical of reduction in the level of public participation under the current pre-meeting procedures and suggested that the public forum system be abolished so that the public may address any item on the agenda, then immediately followed by a vote.	Council's Manager Governance & Committee Services has advised that Council resolved to adopt the Model Code of Meeting Practice on 24 June 2019. The Model Code provided for a Public Forum prior to Council meetings on the basis that Public forums should not be held as part of a council or committee meeting. Council or Committee meetings should be reserved for decision-making by the council or committee of council. The Model Code does not permit members of the public to address Councillors during the Council or Committee meeting.	Closed for Council
March	CR	Military Road Corridor Planning Study - Precinct confirms its original objection in its Motion of 18 June 2020 and is dismayed at the Council vote on 22 February 2021 in favour of twelve storey height limits as not being conducive to retention of the character of the Neutral Bay village but rather to a CBD high rise zone. Precinct is in support of Councillors' Rescission Motion and quest to engage further with the community.	Council's A/Manager Strategic Planning has advised that the Precinct Committee's concerns regarding the proposed 12-storey height limit on three sites in the Neutral Bay Town Centre is noted. Council will continue to engage with the community to ensure new development retains and enhances the village character and delivers significant public benefits to the centre.	Closed for Council
	3	Parraween Street Parking Trial - Precinct noted that submissions on trial close 31 Aug. After discussion	Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.	Closed for Council

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		Precinct commends this facility trial and indeed suggests the time limit be extended to 20 or 30 minutes, better to permit resident parking for foot access to main shops across Military Rd.		
	5	<p>Graffiti - Vice Chair asks if Council can make a fresh approach to the owners to assist or incentivise them to remove this ongoing or repeat unsightly graffiti at first level of these character shops along this gateway corridor to Neutral Bay/Cremorne. Precinct notes it first approached Council in 2017 on this matter.</p>	<p>Council's Works Manager has advised that in this situation access is an issue with graffiti being above the awnings over 2m in height, and thus not covered under Council's regular graffiti removal program on private property. Council will organise removal if removal can safely be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by a two-person crew without the aid of scaffolding or other specialized lifting equipment. • With limited traffic control equipment that can be reasonably carried in the vehicle being used by the two-person crew. <p>We have previously informed the properties in question (directly or through their property management agency) and continue to provide direction as needed. In these cases, we request our contractor to quote the works so that we can forward it to the property owners, should they decided to go ahead with the removal at their cost.</p> <p>This was communicated with the property owners/managements few times, and our latest communication was on February 2020, where graffiti was removed from two properties; 236 and 238 Military Rd, meanwhile 240 Military Rd never responded to us.</p>	Closed for Council

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			We cannot remove graffiti not fitting in with our graffiti removal policy/guidelines and conscious of not starting a precedence away from Council's adopted procedures, which will then be difficult to stop, placing future budgetary pressures.	
February	CR	Recycling Issues - Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that according to the last Domestic Kerbside Waste and Recycling Audit, recyclable materials make up 87.3% of yellow recycling bin. Almost thirteen per cent (12.7%) of the comingled recycling stream is contaminated and will go to landfill. The main contaminants are plastic bagged materials. Precinct notes Council's reply and asks what percentage of the 87.3% recyclable material is in fact recycled rather than goes to landfill.	<p>Council's Waste Management Co-ordinator has advised that all off the 87.3% of recyclable materials is recycled. Only 12.7% of each yellow bin is not recycled/goes to landfill because it is contaminated.</p> <p>Council's waste and recycling collection contractor (URM) are the custodians of the recyclables once collected from the kerb. The recycling dockets provided by URM confirm all the recyclable materials in the comingled yellow bin are being processed and re-used. This is supported by information received from recycling processor Visy. All paper/cardboard is processed at Visy's mills. Plastics are sent to Visy's plastic plant and turned into resin pellets. Glass is processed at Visy's glass beneficiation plant and made into new glass bottles and jars. Aluminium, steel, and some plastics are sold as commodity to open markets.</p>	Closed for Council
	CR	Boundary Fence and Public Footpath, encroachment issue, Macpherson Street No 74 - Motion: Precinct appreciates Council's response and action over time on this difficult matter and suggests Council liaise with affected residents to secure an early outcome.	Feedback noted by Council's Team Leader Building Compliance.	Closed for Council

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	CR	Updated COVID Safety Plan - Obligation of Office Bearers to do an online COVID Course	Council's Community Engagement Coordinator has advised that this course has not changed since first COVID Plan, as promoted to office bearers back in July 2020.	Closed for Council
	CR	Precinct System Review - Motion: Precinct confirms its previous objection to the Code's most onerous aspect being the restriction on Precinct's access to Councillors. Motion: Precinct's preference is not to merge with Brightmore Precinct, on the basis there are no demonstrated or perceived benefits in the merger of active Precincts. Motion: Precinct rejects the proposal that the General Manager and the Mayor set the agenda for the CPC meetings and considers that the CPC agenda should not be set by others than members of the CPC.	Feedback noted by Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects.	Closed for Council
		Beaches Link & Gore Hill Freeway Connection Environmental Impact Statement - Motion: Precinct's position is that for continuing proper movement by residents between this Precinct's area and the city/CBD/ Bridge the Ernest Street access ramps to the Warringah Freeway be retained.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Strategic Planning. The Precinct Committee can opt to make a submission direct to DPIE by the deadline, 1 March 2021.	Closed for Council
		Drones Impacting Resident's Privacy and Illegal Dumping - a Precinct resident has complained and reported to police and Council the recurring problem of drones flying above her Macpherson Street property. The resident also has a problem with illegal dumping outside her property which in turn attracts vermin.	Council does not control airspace. This law is only enforceable by CASA. Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has advised that all of the North Sydney local government area is a "no go" zone for drones (because it is on the flight path to Kingsford-Smith) unless the operator is Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) approved e.g. in accordance with section 4.10 of Council's	Closed for Council

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			<p><i>Filming within the Council Policy</i>, “the use of drones or Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) for filming must adhere to the required licence and certification standards required by the Civil Aviation Authority (CASA,) and all of their documented safety standards. Pilots must hold a current Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Operations Certificate and a current Remote Pilot Certificate.</p> <p>Regarding the illegal dumping the Precinct Committee is requested to provide further information including the property address or location so that this can be investigated.</p>	