

Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2020 - Wollstonecraft 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		Willoughby Road Upgrade - the meeting noted that Council had at its meeting on 30 November, defeated a motion to accelerate funding to restore the run-down condition of Willoughby Road and to prioritise the upgrade as contained in the masterplan formally adopted by Council in 2017. The meeting noted that promises made in writing to S W that remediation would commence in November had not been honoured and therefore we should follow up early in 2021	<p>Council's Project Manager has advised that the following remedial works were done to Willoughby Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planter boxes: deep cleaning and repairing completed. The broken sandstone cappings were replaced in several locations. Due budget restrictions no sandstone capping pieces were fully replaced, Council only replaced missing or loose pieces and those with significant damage. • Footpath paving and failed pits: Council has completed re-laying the paving around a number of the service lids to make those paved areas safer and more trafficable, these works are progressively undertaken after the collapsed pits are repaired by the service providers. Council has no authority over 	Closed for Council

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			<p>them, Council officers have contacted services providers, including Telstra which own most of the pits that are collapsing and in poor condition, and requested them to address urgently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor dining umbrellas: these are the tenant's responsibility; however before the end of April 2021, Council will offer a one-off cleaning service to businesses for the outdoor dining umbrellas to improve the look of the Village. • Footpath cleaning: Council has completed a high pressure clean of the footpath areas around cafés and restaurants in Willoughby Road between Falcon Street and Albany Road, before Christmas 2020. The footpath cleaning is undertaken at least twice a year, another clean will be organised between March and April 2021. • Under awning lighting: before the end of 2020, Council completed an audit to assess the condition of the existing under-awning lighting, as a result of this audit Council has replaced a number of under awning lights. Another audit will be organised for mid-2021, however action will be taken to fix any under awning lights that are not working and are reported to Council by the community or business owners. • Additional streetscape works in Crows Nest: as part of the 2020/21 Financial Year 	

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			streetscape upgrade works, Council is proposing to upgrade the western side of Alexander Street between Burlington Street and Ernest Place, these works include new footpath paving, street furniture and street lighting, and will connect the upgraded areas between Burlington Street and Ernest Place.	
October	3	On Street Parking Area 15 - Residents in the area affected just before the hairpin bend near Smoothery Park have written to Council and the Mayor asking for the return of that Area to 4 hour limited parking to prevent commuters taking up the spaces unrestricted. The Mayor has promised to include it on the next traffic committee meeting (on 16 October) and also offered to talk directly with those who wish to contact her. The meeting noted that Precinct had offered support of the residents' proposal (and will wait to see the minutes of the Traffic Committee, likely to be available in time for Council's meeting on 26 October).	Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations advises that a report on the 6-month review of the Area 15 parking was considered at the 27 November 2020 Traffic Committee meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be reported to Council at its February 2021 meeting for endorsement. The minutes are not available until endorsed by Council, a copy of the Traffic Committee report can be found here: Traffic Committee Meeting 27 November 2020	Closed for Council
	5	Hume Street Park Expansion Stage 2 - Resolution: The meeting resolved to ask Council for more definitive information about how and when stage 2 is likely to proceed and how funding will be arranged Council to provide	Council's Landscape Architect & Project Coordinator has advised that a report on costs, funding opportunities and further staging of Hume Street Park expansion will be the subject of a Council report early in 2021.	Closed for Council
August	1	Update Crows Nest OSD and SLCN 2036 Plan - After a brief discussion the proposed motion was put to the vote and the meeting resolved as follows: 1. The failure by the NSW government to honour the promise of the Premier that there would be genuine consultation and engagement with the community in regard to the Crows Nest Over Station Development.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Strategic Planning.	Closed for Council

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That the Department of Planning has failed to comply with its own formal process for response to submissions on the Crows Nest OSD and the St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan. 3. That the Department of Planning has selected these two projects for fast tracking even though neither have the support of the community and Council (which was a criterion advised by the Minister for Planning). 4. That there was deliberate disregard and delay in consideration of the community's more than 600 objections to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Sydney Metro Concept DA for the OSD; b. The Department's own proposal to change the development controls of the North Sydney LEP to accommodate the Metro Concept DA; c. the proposed changes to land use and building heights within the Draft St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan; 5. That a post-exhibition proposal by the Government Architect for a 15-storey building is being suddenly planned for the Five Ways Site at Crows Nest without the advice or opportunity for community consultation. 6. That the NSW Government ignored a petition containing 1,800 signatures, 500 copies of which were delivered to the member for Willoughby, the member for North Shore, and the member for Lane Cove condemning amongst other things, the Crows Nest OSD and the Five Ways Site as a Significant Site; 7. That despite many attempts by the community to engage with the Department of Planning, the Department has continued to ignore the submissions of the community. 		
	2	<p>Wollstonecraft Station Access Upgrade - After a brief discussion the meeting agreed that Precincts best chances of achieving compromise or improvement on some of the planning was to rely on Council who is in contact with the Transport for NSW. Emphasis on</p>	Comments noted by Council's Manager Development Services.	Closed for Council

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		reduction of noise from additional platform announcements and the proposed substation are of particular concern to residents in #50 Shirley Road. The meeting noted a rigid attitude of the Department that refuses to do anything beyond its obligations to satisfy the legislation. In particular, they have no plans or willingness to add toilets to Platform 2.		
	3	On-street Parking Area 15 - Affected residents in Milray Ave had been invited to speak to this item for discussion and possible action but there was nothing debated at the meeting. It was noted parts of Milray Ave at the southern end nearer to Shirley Road now have improved resident's access in those areas. The area most affected is the lower, one-way section of Milray Ave from house numbers 70 to 84 closer to the station. The meeting agreed that we should wait for the group of residents in those houses to make a proposal for change to the current arrangements and then Precinct can provide its support.	Comments noted by Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations.	Closed for Council
	5	Hume Street Park Expansion to Willoughby Road - The Chair's report and the appended note prepared for the meeting by Cr Baker were taken as read. It was noted that Council has approved calling of tenders only for Stage 1 of the approved project so far, leaving the widening of the fringes of the park on Hume Street and major earthworks and landscaping for a later tender process. The meeting resolved to acknowledge and thank Cr Baker for her work in promoting this project over the many years it has taken to arrive at approval of the project and its implementation. Precinct also resolved that the Chair write to Council urging the implementation of Stage 2 of the approved project without undue delay.	Comments noted by Council's Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator. Only Stage 1 is currently funded.	Closed for Council
	6	Update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool - After discussion it was resolved: That the Precinct writes to the Council and Mayor in the following terms:	Council's EA to the Mayor has advised that the Precinct Committee's comments are noted, and	Closed for Council

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the special meeting held at the Uniting Church Hall Wollstonecraft on 19 November 2019, to consider the DA, residents voiced strong preference for the 50m pool to be filled with harbour water. The Mayor was noted as saying from the floor of the meeting that harbour water for the 50m pool would be retained. 2. Precinct lodged a submission representing the majority of comments from the floor. In that submission, comments #8 and #9 confirmed the strong preference for the 50m pool being filled with harbour water and the advantages that follow. 3. The approved DA has no provision for the retention of harbour water and instead is a mixture of fresh water and salt (saline water). 4. Use of saline water would result in the loss of the EPA license for the future use of Harbour water thus denying any future change to use harbour water. 5. Precinct requests that the Mayor arranges for the retention of harbour water in the 50m pool which has been a major feature of the heritage pool since its construction in 1936. 	<p>response has been sent to a letter from Precinct Committee addressing these comments.</p> <p>Comments also noted by Council's Director Engineering & Property Services.</p>	
	1GB	<p>Advertising of DAs - As Council is no longer required to advertise DAs in the local paper (Mosman Daily), it is necessary to sign up for the DA newsletter to keep on top of what is going on. Council is trying to help by publishing weekly, a list of new DAs and issuing them to Precincts. The Chair advised that he reviews those announcements and mails them out only when the DAs affect our immediate or nearby area. However, these notices only reach 250 on the mailing list, leaving many people out of the loop (who don't sign up with Council. The meeting resolved to ask Council to also publish DAs on their website.</p>	<p>Council's Manager Integrated Planning & Special Projects has advised that in place of the former weekly advertisement in the local paper, the following provide access to current DA notices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of current DAs listed by expiry date available from Council's website under Building Development/Current DAs/DA Consents. • Can also search via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "DAs submitted" function of the Applications Tracking site; 	Closed for Council

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Search DAs lodged or determined by Suburb from Council's website; ● Link to Applications Tracking Site from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council website home page (under Have Your Say) ○ YourSayNorthSydney site ● Join the DA Applications and Consents eNews via the home page of Council's website. <p>Additionally, Council has for over 10 years included a summary of DA notices (by Precinct area) in the weekly Precinct eNews.</p>	
	2GB	Bootcamp Noise on Berry Island Reserve - A resident has reported that the site is used for bootcamps in the early morning and that in at least one case, noise was excessive caused by one female person with a particularly loud voice. There are occasions where the bootcamps are conducted on Sunday mornings (a period when excessive noise is prohibited). The meeting resolved to ask Council to take positive action to contain the noise to reasonable levels (to be quantified), banning before 6am, to erect signs warning people to be considerate of neighbours and that excessive noise on Sundays is prohibited, and to mount a campaign to have Rangers visit to police the warnings.	<p>Council's Manager Ranger & Parking Services has confirmed that Rangers will be inspecting the park in search of the trainer.</p> <p>Precinct Committee members are advised to contact Council's Rangers to report infringements at the time of occurrence, phone 9936 8100 (24 hours, includes after hours service).</p>	Closed for Council
June	<i>No meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions</i>			
April	<i>No meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions</i>			
February	5.2	A resident again reported that Boronia Lane remains a safety hazard due to very poor lighting and being partly overgrown. This was last reported in April 2019 as being attended to. Perhaps it needs more	Council's Traffic & Transport Engineer has advised that the stairs and walkway between Boronia Street and Russell Street is currently illuminated by	Closed for Council

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		<p>regular maintenance on clearing, but poor lighting is of great concern.</p>	<p>Ausgrid maintained lights. If these lights are not working please report the faulty light via this link: https://www.ausgrid.com.au/In-your-community/Our-services/Streetlights#!/map</p> <p>With regard to upgrading the lights an inspection has shown these lights are impacted by the heavy foliage. This tree foliage possibly creates shadowing from the existing lighting and similarly would impact any new lights that Council may install. As part of the North Sydney Integrated Traffic and Parking Strategy, Council has adopted Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Action Plans (formerly known as TAPAS)</p> <p>The Action Plans form the basis of a works program to be implemented by Council going forward. The LATM Action Plan for Zone 1 contains the proposal to upgrade the street lighting on the stairway and in the walkway (SL.26), which has a medium-term priority. The provision of additional street lights in this location will be considered and investigated as part of the proposal to upgrade the street lighting (SL.26). Being a medium-term priority means that Council is likely to schedule the street lighting works in the next 1-2 financial years, subject the availability of funding and outcomes of any required investigations from lighting and electrical consultants.</p> <p>For further information about LATM Action Plans visit: https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/LATM</p>	

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			Should the Precinct Committee need to discuss this matter further contact Council's Traffic Operations Officer, Maria Coyne on 9936 8244 or Manager Traffic & Transport Operations, Michaela Kemp on 9936 8243.	
	5.3	Another resident has complained in writing that Rocklands Road (near #6) is used for unlimited parking by train passengers and Mater Hospital staff despite it being 2 hour parking. Her complaints in writing to Council, are not answered. The matter has been forwarded on to Council who should write or call to advise her of the Ranger's email address and how to make telephone contact, to report an offender.	Council's Manager Ranger and Parking Services has advised that Parking Officers are regularly there. 4 infringements have been issued on 30 March 2020. The number to call to report is 9936 8100 or lodge an illegal parking request on the Council's website .	Closed for Council
January	<i>No meeting</i>			