

**NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL**  
**CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE 94th MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 5.30PM**  
**IN THE PAT BRUNTON ROOM, CROWS NEST CENTRE**

**Present:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services in the Chair.

Denise Ward, Crows Nest Centre  
John Meadows, Crows Nest/Holtermann Precinct  
Laura Tilsed, Holtermann Precinct  
Jacqui Cannon, Holtermann Precinct  
Dionisios Xenos, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
Peter Xenos, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
Zar Bingham, Crows Nest Mainstreet  
Tom Appleby, Colliers International  
Joe Ellen Henderson, Resident  
Tony Arena, Resident  
Anthony Melinz, Resident  
Vince Caruso, Resident  
Dennis Tan, Resident  
Ross Gugliotta, Bravo Trattoria

Council Staff:

Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services in the Chair  
Marcelo Occhiuzzi, Manger Strategic Planning  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

**1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm**

**2. Apologies:** Nil

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the 93rd Meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2018 were adopted.

Moved by John Meadows and seconded by Dionisios Xenos.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

## **5. Projects Update**

### **5.1 Pacific Highway Public Domain Upgrades (Willoughby Road)**

The works on the corner of Willoughby Road and Falcon Street to Pacific Highway from the hotel down to Burlington Street on both sides has been tendered and awarded. This is expected to start in March 2019. Notification will go out 2 weeks before works commence. The upgrade consists of new paving, furniture and lighting.

The upgrade to the rest of Willoughby Road is currently identified in the delivery program and is unfunded at present. The project will progress to detail documentation once funds become available.

### **5.2 Alexander Street Carpark internal modifications**

Woolworths completed the internal modifications to the carpark before Christmas, it seems to have made an improvement.

Council will approach the RMS in regards to the phasing of the traffic lights to see if they can be increased due to the high level of traffic coming out of the Alexander Street carpark onto Alexander Street. It was suggested that a 'Give Way' sign be erected just before the exit to the car park so as to alleviate the issue.

Council's Director Engineering and Property Services stated that a DA has been approved for a new block of public toilets on level 1 of the car park, next to the lift.

### **5.3 Hume Street Park Update**

The DA for Stage 1 of the Hume Street Park was approved by Council in December 2018. The Council has broken this up into 2 stages, the first being the connection between 90-92 Willoughby Road and a property on Hume Street, these properties will be demolished and a connection and plaza space created. There is money in the budget to commence work which is planned to occur in the first quarter, from July to September 2020.

Stage 2 of the project represents the bulk of the work and cost, which is subject to funding, the cost is around \$60m, so won't commence for some time. The design at the moment includes basketball facilities and Child Care Centre. This is a long term plan and will take around 8 - 10 years for completion of the project.

The Mayor arrived and assumed the chair at 5.45pm.

### **5.4 General Streetscape Improvements**

The main works that have been completed are the works in Willoughby Road. Council has done some works on Pacific Highway going south which have also been completed.

Council wants to do the other half of Alexander Street where the existing garage is, going towards the Pacific Highway. Also where the restaurants are and the other side of Alexander Street at Woolworths to Burlington Street. These works will be done next financial year.

The Metro Station Public Domain works on Albany, Oxley, and Hume Street will be done by the Metro to Council's standard. The precinct around the Metro will be done in a few years' time once the station is completed.

The Crows Nest Main Street have asked that extra lighting be put in near the Mexican Restaurant as well as lighting in the trees.

## **6. Strategic Planning**

### **6.1 Crows Nest Metro Update**

Council's Manager Strategic Planning stated the State Government put forward a rezoning proposal for the Metro site and the State Government is in the process of assessing that, Council should hear from the State Government in due course as to its determination on this. The proposal is for 3 buildings, one being 27 storeys the other 18 storeys and a shorter building on the site above the station.

### **6.3 Crows Nest Fiveways Development Update/ Priority Precinct Update**

The Priority Precinct work prepared by the State Government was released for comment in October 2018. One matter identified in that work was that the Fiveways site was to be a "significant site". The documentation is reasonably silent on why the site was identified as being significant, other than increased height and density. The Council made a strong resolution to question this. In that context the value of the "village like" atmosphere of Willoughby Road and surrounds, such development has the capacity to be compromised by a very tall tower. The applicant withdrew its Planning Proposal and nothing else has emerged since then. The submission was referred to the Department of Planning and now waiting for the next part of the process. The timing of the final Priority Precinct strategy is unclear but unlikely to be delivered before the end of March 2019.

## **7. Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) Update**

The Crows Nest Festival was once again a success; the feedback was good. This year there was a petting zoo and the kids performed magnificently on stage. The Mainstreet are looking forward to the new Coles opening so they can expand the area of the festival.

Crows Nest Carols in Ernest Place were another success. There was a larger attendance this year. 20 October 2019 marks 30 years of the Crows Nest fair.

Crows Nest Mainstreet updated the Committee on the Albany Development; the community consultation is expected to be finished on 1 May 2019, the Coles site has almost been handed over, there will be 205 parking spots which are public and 2 hours free parking. Montessori will be situated in the building and there will also be 6 or 7 retail shops.

Crows Nest Mainstreet have asked if they would be able to purchase a secure/lockable storage container (2 square metres) in the Hume Street Car Park.

## **8. General Business**

The Crows Nest Mainstreet would like to thank Adam Deutsch for his hard work and dedication to the Committee during his time with North Sydney Council.

The Committee would like to congratulate Laura Tilsed who was awarded the North Sydney Citizen of the Year for 2019 at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Community Awards.

The Mayor stated that she will put a mayoral minute up to the next Council meeting suggesting that Council speak with the Metro and see if some art work can be painted on the sheds that the metro have put up around the station.

A member of the Crows Nest Mainstreet stated that the underawning lights aren't working at present and need to be replaced in Crows Nest.

**9. Next Meeting - 17 September 2019**

**10. Close Meeting - 6.20pm**