

# Waverton Precinct Minutes

## Tuesday 2 February 2021



**WAVERTON**

**2060**

The first meeting of the year was held at the Uniting Church Hall with correspondence laid out for viewing, gloves and hand sanitizer available in accordance with COVID rules. Further, QR Code check-in was available, as provided by the Uniting Church. Also, the new COVID-19 Safety Plan was on display with the correspondence.

Meeting opened: 7.40pm  
Chair: JD  
Minutes: SF  
Attendance: 13

### **1 Welcome and apologies**

Attendees were reminded that the meeting was being held under COVID rules with a new QR Code.

The Chair welcomed attendees. Apologies included KA and IG.

BD advised the meeting that Geoff Hogbin died recently. Precinct agreed unanimously to register its condolences to Geoff's wife, Jeanne Ercole, and family. Geoff was remembered as a significant contributor to the life of the local community, including support for various creative ideas including the concept of wooden boat building in Berrys Bay.

### **2 North Sydney Council replies**

The replies were not at hand, but issues raised in October, November and December are summarised below:

**Community Engagement:** Waverton Precinct's suggestion of at least one letterbox drop per year was noted and will be considered as part of the precinct review process currently under way.

**Coal Loader Wharf:** Precinct's support of the NSC concept has been noted.

**Quarantine Depot:** NSC will continue to pursue these assets.

**Bowling club:** Precinct had expressed regret regarding the approach adopted by NSC in relation to negotiations regarding the native title claim. NSC replied that tight timing precluded further engagement.

**Tree Cover in North Sydney:** Precinct had sought an NSC officer to address Precinct regarding promotion of tree cover. NSC replied that COVID rules preclude this but a remote presentation may be possible.

**Waverton Park Cycle Path:** No current funding.

**Graffiti:** Precinct complimented NSC on general graffiti removal. NSC pointed out that it cannot remove graffiti on TfNSW land.

### **3. Reports from Committees**

#### **WWRNAG:**

Trials of the Slovenian lubrication system are pending.

#### **Waverton Peninsula Working Group**

This group met late last year and was reported in the December minutes. Pressure continues to be directed to moving lands to NSC care and control.

#### **Berrys Bay Community and Stakeholder Working Group (BBCSWG)**

It was noted that the committee mooted by our State Member appears to largely duplicate the role of the Waverton Peninsula Working Group, but has thus far failed to be set up.

#### **Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link**

It was reported that the Western Harbour Tunnel project has now been formally approved and funded by the State Government. The Beaches Link is still at EIS stage. A draft copy of the proposed Precinct submission is to be circulated prior to the deadline. It will incorporate the issue that bicycle access near the freeway will be badly impacted during the several years of construction, as advised by the Bicycle North group.

#### **Update on Noakes and Floating Dry Dock**

There is currently no active proposal to install the dry dock in Berrys Bay

It was reported that considerable action has been occurring in relation to the lack of compliance of the existing facilities with both existing DA agreements and EPA controls. Further, two new DAs have been notified to nearby residents:

11/2021: Use of relocatable shed

13/2021: Use of existing building as caretaker's unit

(Both of these can be viewed on the NSC website)

Concern was expressed that the shed is located in the approved washdown bay between large buildings, resulting in high pressure water jetting being carried out on the general apron where noise and fugitive spray and contaminants cause problems for neighbours. Further, the shed was used for spray painting but is not fully enclosed, resulting in nuisance airborne contaminants. Concerns were also raised about numerous other aspects of the current operations, ranging from the number of carparks on site to EPA compliance regarding working hours, noise and airborne pollutants leaving the site.

Moved MS

Seconded BD

***“That Precinct requests the following of North Sydney Council:***

- ***Provide a summary of outcomes of talks held between Council officers and Noakes***
- ***That Noakes be required to comply with all aspects of DAs currently in force, including layout, occupancy, carparking, walkways and public jetty***

***Precinct further objects to:***

- ***Location of a shed in an area allocated to water jetting where noise and fugitive losses are minimised***
- ***A DA for a caretaker facility when one already exists***
- ***Unapproved building(s) which clutter the site, increasing visual clutter and pressure for work to be done in inappropriate parts of the site.***

***Precinct further resolved to write to the EPA regarding observed violations.”***

Vote: In favour 13 / Against 0. Carried unanimously

Precinct will prepare submissions based on the above and further assessment of the DAs, incorporating information provided by members.

#### **4 General DAs**

- Modify DA 208/16 99 Bay Rd 25 Nov 2020
- DA 307/20 63 Carr St 1 Dec 2020
- DA 29/18 4-6 McKye St 9 Dec 2020
- DA 314/20 8 Whatmore & 1 King Sts 10 Dec 2020
- DA 61/20 85 Bay Rd 11 Dec 2020
- DA 219/20 31 King St 11 Dec 2020
- DA 7/12 6 Hazelbank Rd 23 Dec 2020
- DA 342/20 6 Larkin St 5 Jan 2021

No comments were considered appropriate on any of these DAs.

#### **5 New Items**

##### **Treasurer role – Call for nominations**

Ron Osborne has unfortunately been forced to relinquish his role due to family commitments. Precinct would appreciate anyone prepared to carry out this role, which is of modest time demand, to please contact us by email to the Chair or Secretary.

##### **Speed Limit in Waverton Village**

NSC has approved but never implemented a 40 kph speed limit on Bay Road through the suburb centre.

Moved BD

Seconded VY

***“That Precinct request North Sydney Council to implement its approved speed limits by installation of appropriate signage”***

Vote: In favour 6 / Against 3. Carried

##### **Waverton Park**

North Sydney Council was commended for removing a dead tree which had become a hazard.

##### **Precinct and Council Matters**

The Chair is to invite Ward Councillors to address a future meeting on matters of local and regional priority.

##### **Keith Anderson – Citizen of the Year**

It was reported by DA that Keith has been honoured by Willoughby Council with the title of Citizen of the Year for his services to the community. Precinct joined in congratulating Keith who has also contributed to the activities of Waverton Precinct over many decades.

#### **6 Correspondence and Minutes of Last Meeting**

The correspondence having been made available for viewing prior to and during the

meeting:

Moved KA

Seconded PK

***“The Minutes and correspondence be accepted”***

Vote: In favour 13 / Against 0. Carried

**7 Date of next meeting March 2 2021**

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.