

## QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

11 February 2015

commencing 7pm Waverley Library Theatrette

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte  
Apologies: Councillors Cusack, Mayor Betts  
Councillors present: Councillors Burrill and Masselos

**Welcome** a number of residents at the meeting for the first time

**Centennial Park** – representative unable to attend – provided Michael Ahrens with an update

- prompt maintenance – tap replaced in a day
- lot of pathway replacement being undertaken because of rain damage
- concert season over
- light rail works already impacting on the Parklands
- walkway over road to Moore Park completed - well over budget. Considered by some to be unnecessarily large and in the wrong position. One resident who played cricket in Moore Park questioned whether cricket fields would be restored.

### Minutes from 12 November 2014 meeting

- *Moved: Ian Barber*                      *Seconded: Michael Ahrens*

No business arising

**West Oxford St update** – information provided by Precincts Coordinator Mary Shiner

- Will be on the agenda for the first Council meeting that is on 17 February
- In addition to all the consultations and submissions, a survey of ..... residents was undertaken. Results not made public yet.
- Plans will be developed and be considered by Operations Committee on 31 March
- Resident questioned Councillor Masselos about funding for their implementation. Nothing yet made public
- West Oxford St plans overlap the Complete Streets/Cycleway project

**Council amalgamations update** information provided by Precincts Coordinator Mary Shiner

- Council conducting surveys both online and by phone
- suggestion that nothing will be decided until after the State election in March
- Premier could force amalgamations
- many possible arrangements involving Waverley, Woollahra, City of Sydney, Randwick and Botany. Waverley and Randwick in discussions
- residents concerned that they would not get the same representation with a super Council
- Residents should make their views known to Council
- Waverley does meet the requirements to remain a stand-alone Council – financially viable, large resident population etc (actually the most densely populated area in Australia)
- Council will list pros and cons of each option on website
- Waverley and other Councils already share some processes, sometimes tendering jointly etc.

### Complete Streets: Cycleway and Streetscapes update

- Council published a response to submissions back in December. Pedestrian crossing in Spring St will stay
- BJ businesses engaged their own consultants and submitted a petition

- proposal hasn't yet gone through RMS

#### **Waverley Police Report** 9 December 2014 – presented by Ian Barber

- fraud, including identity theft, is down
- steal from retail is down
- steal from vehicle is down
- steal from dwelling (including mail theft and inside the perimeter)
- mail theft is a current issue. Units are targeted due to the high density and skeleton keys are used or the boxes are broken into. This is a concern because of the identity theft implications, with some mail being used as points for establishing identity, rates notices for example
- police are running a pilot program in the New Year on identity security with notification already given to unit managers
- presentation on crime will be held on 26 February in Waverley Library and open to the public

#### **Moriah College Community Consultative Committee report** – 5 February 2015

- new Chief Operating Officer Trevor Johnson attended the meeting along with a Board member, vice Principal and four of the senior students (captain, prefects etc)
- meeting discussed welcome decrease in students accessing Queens Park Rd gate; students present explaining to parents and students the impact on community of not abiding by parking and road rules etc
- Moriah is held up as being a good model of a school monitoring and minimising traffic congestion, community impacts etc.

#### **Correspondence**

- Roma Gillam outlined the letter that the Committee wrote to Council in December about a request from some residents in Alt St for an additional speed hump. Letter outlined the longstanding Queens Park LATM; need to consider precinct as a whole and not favour one street over another; need to measure residents' claims of cars speeding as any change should be based on hard evidence; potential impact of undermining LATM that has provided stability and harmony all these years.
- Council replied that the matter is to be considered by Traffic Committee on 26 February and residents can address the meeting.

#### **General Business**

- Councillor Burrill responded to question about **amendment to LEP** relating to height changes in Bondi Junction – in Rowe St and the Mall between Newland and Grafton Sts on northern side
- Increased height would not cause major overshadowing as the increased height of buildings would be slanted back from the shop frontages. Buildings would now be possible in Rowe St leading to the station.
- Residents asked about **day parking tickets** for use in resident parking zones.. Councillor Burrill said that day tickets for tradesmen and visitors are already available from Council's Customer Service Office. Registration details are required. Books of day parking tickets as available in Bronte are not yet available as there is more assessment needed of this operation.
- Marcella McAdam from Bondi Junction Precinct advised that their next meeting would be **Meet the Candidates** (for the State Election) at Easts Leagues Club on 18 February. All welcome. Six topics including Council amalgamations, development at Bondi Junction and state of our roads.
- Resident Sarah McCarthy from the Blenheim St area advised the meeting of a **major**

**development proposal for the Jaycar site on the corner of Birrell St and Bronte Rd.**

It was submitted on 19 December and objections close on 20 February. **DA-621/2014**

- proposal is for a four storey boarding house for 39 residents and six car spaces to be considered under affordable housing legislation AHSEPP
- opposed by local residents on many grounds, including inappropriate for transient populated boarding house in quiet residential area of families and the elderly; massive overdevelopment of the site that is non-compliant with planning instruments in many areas (character, excessive FSR, excessive height etc); borders a very historic area that is heritage listed, to mention just a few of the reasons.
- Police also oppose the proposal and support the residents. Potential for anti-social behaviour, especially if regulations are not enforced and it morphs into backpacker accommodation.
- Peter Cohen pointed out that the Precinct didn't normally get involved in DAs but it was pointed out that this only relates to those for individual dwellings. The Precinct has been involved in previous major development issues in Blenheim St (Council's former depot) and Moriah College, ones that impact on the whole community.
- The following motion was passed unanimously:

*that those attending the Queens Park Precinct meeting vehemently oppose the DA for the proposed boarding house on the Jaycar site at 125 Bronte Rd and that the Precinct Committee provide a submission to Council, detailing the reasons why this development is not suitable.*

- A resident reported that she heard a rumour that the **Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub** on the corner of York Rd and belonging to Centennial Park may be sold to Moriah College. Committee said they would try to find out more about this.

**Next meeting:** Annual General Meeting 13 May 2015

