

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

6 November 2013

commencing 7pm Waverley Library Theatrette

Convenors: Peter Cohen and Simon Swifte

Apologies: Michael Ahrens, Paul (Yenda Ave), Sally Betts

Councillors present: Andrew Cusack, Angela Burrill

Yenda Ave Urban Conservation Area

- presentation by Kate Higgins, Council's Strategic Planner Heritage

- Council is researching this small area of Yenda Ave that is proposed as an Urban Conservation Area (adjacent to Queens Park Conservation Area)
- important because it is relatively intact inter-war speculative development with restrained examples of Californian bungalows (most of Queens Park developed much earlier)
- purchased by Abraham Quincy in 1849; sketch in 1879 shows swamp and creek
- subdivided in 1926 when Arnold St was extended; smaller blocks than Federation period
- developed by Builder Walter Bartrop; simple design; purchasers lower middle class
- 1926-1928 peak of housing boom in Waverley; became most densely populated area
- 1933 saw large number of flats approved

Minutes from 7 August 2013 meeting

- *Moved: Peter Cohen* *Seconded: Ian Barber*

Correspondence

- letter from York Rd resident about boats, trailers and large vehicles long term parking on York Rd and blocking lines of sight for pedestrians trying to cross. The letter proposed parking constraints such as resident parking or 1hr once per week be considered.
- This was answered by an email from council traffic engineer explaining that council is aware of the issue and have taken some measures. He also urged caution because drastic parking restrictions would be likely to cause these vehicles to be moved to residential streets that still have free parking.

Centennial Park report

– Geoff Reinhard (Centennial Park) for Craig Easdown Manager Marketing & Communications

- **Queens Park Café** launched about 3½ weeks ago and running well
- licensing approved – restaurant licence only Sun – Wed 10am to 8.30pm; Thurs – Sat 10am to 10pm
- conditions on how restaurant is used in response to community concern – after 7pm, diners must be on decks; after 9pm, diners must be within building
- **Centennial Park Master Plan** over 400 submissions; Board to consider Plan and then Minister
- **Moore Park Master Plan** development will then commence
- **Queens Park Master Plan** will be reviewed in 2015
- Centennial Park Master Plan details need for upgrading facilities (Michael Ahrens wrote to express concern about permanent facility replacing caravan kiosk near Vernon Pavilion)
- track in outer area inside fence will be upgraded – no hard paving, dogs still permitted off-leash; cyclists will be discouraged
- McKay Oval lease up for renewal – Park trying to avoid entering into exclusive relationships after resident suggested schools provide sponsorship
- It was reported that 2 large and intimidating dogs were running free near the "Pine Grove". The owner did not take any interest. This type of behavior may be reported to the parklands office 9339 6699 or to the rangers directly on 0412 718 611

Waverley Police Report 19 September 2013

- break and enter on dwellings down but have been occurrences of break and enters a couple of weeks after having builders/cleaners/tradespeople do work, probably by keys being taken
- crime scene preservation - do not touch surfaces or objects; cover external windows
- steal from retail down

- mail theft is on the rise across the metropolitan area; tap to pay cards are a problem - pick up cards from the bank, don't have them posted
- malicious damage - Go Get cars have been subject to attacks, possibly by residents angry at losing car parking. The penalty is up to five years in prison
- assaults that are alcohol related - down, cooler weather has kept people off the streets
- Clementson Park (opposite Office Works) has been made alcohol free
- four uniformed police patrol on Friday and Saturday night (BEATTS) at hotels
- will be increased patrols during the school holidays
- MTA and police will target noisy vehicles around Christmas
- volunteers can work at police stations to assist police - details on NSW Police web site Police Facebook, Eastern Suburbs LAC

Congestion at Birrell St and Bronte Rd intersection

- issue raised at previous meeting
- Committee member Peter Cohen suggested a solution that would mean three lanes heading east on Birrell St (left and right hand turn lanes and lane straight ahead); lane heading west would be narrowed
- meeting agreed that suggestion be forwarded to Council for Traffic Committee consideration

Moriah College Community Consultative Committee meeting report

- held on 31 October; attended by Sam Samuels, Head of Corporate Services and Rod Krigstein, Head of Junior School, Moriah College, Councillors Kay and Mouroukas, Dan Joannides, Divisional Manager and Sharon Cassidy Technical Officer, Technical Services, Waverley Council, 3 Committee members and one resident
- school has taken steps to close Queens Park gate to most students in compliance with DAs; residents have been seeking this compliance in order to minimise parents dangerously dropping off students in Q Pk Rd
- fence to be erected on corner of Baronga Ave and Q Pk Rd to protect students walking to Baronga Ave gate
- students still parking in the area against school rules; residents feel that school is not disciplining student offenders sufficiently

DCP review update

- Roma Gillam reported that Waverley DCP review was completed and proposed amendments are on display at Library, Customer Service Centre and online; submissions by 29 November
- outlined some of the proposals – Queens Park Character Study now part of Heritage section; secondary dwellings now separated from laneway development; more detail in laneway development section
- Committee members will try to meet with Council officers to discuss some of the proposals and will also prepare a submission

General Business

- **Blenheim Lane** – poor lighting, unsafe, part of Council's Green Walk. Councillors will seek upgrade
- **Scout Hall** DA submitted for its removal will go to WDAP in Nov or Dec – many objections for removal and others seeking its restoration as art group centre
- **Eastgate parking** – anger at imposition of parking fee for first hour; many residents shopping elsewhere as a result
- Councillor Cusack explained Council's position – 30 yr deal between Council (joint owner of car park) and ISPT (commercial owner of Centre) has expired; no agreement on new lease; Council believes that it should get a fair return; had to impose parking fee so that Waverley ratepayers do not have to pay for operation of car park
- meeting agreed that Precinct Committee write to ISPT seeking an urgent resolution

Next meeting: 12 February 2014