

## VAUCLUSE/DIAMOND BAY PRECINCT MEETING

Kimberley Reserve Hall, Military Road, Vaucluse  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Chair/Convenor:** Allan Aaron

**Secretary:** Lawrence Yeung

**Traffic Representative:** Neta Labi (apology)

**Greening Representative:** Suellen Bassetti

**DA Representative:** Gabriel Pallo

**Attendees:** Clr S Betts, Clr S Lewis, Clr L Goltsman, A. Weinberg, D. Moy, S. Aaron, R. Philips, M. Philips, B. Brown, J. Newell, D. Goltsman, S. Snith, I. Kaplan, F. Rodas, S. Strum, A. Small, P. Scott, C. Sandelson, D. Ceboilli, H. Goldsmith, G. Weiner, E. Weiner, J. Murphy, L. Murphy, approx. 5 others not recorded in the attendance sheets

**Apologies:** Mayor J Wakefield, N Labi, Clr W Nemesh, M Shiner

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Opening of the Meeting	The meeting commenced at 7.30pm. Mr. Aaron welcomed the attendees, in particular elected officials (Clrs Betts, Lewis, Goltsman) and council representatives (Weinberg, Moy). Mr. Aaron said this meeting will focus on how to improve our local environment, what the committee has been up to, and to outline the support provided by the Council and Councillors.
2	Clarke Reserve Playground	Mr Aaron noted the Clarke Reserve outcome as fantastic, with 70 signatures to the petitions following the 22 <sup>nd</sup> May meeting to the Council to address the Reserve issues. In May, Clrs Betts and Nemesh consulted with residents. Council produced a comprehensive report on the matter and this resulted in a motion to erect a barrier garden fence which was unanimously adopted. The revised motion (as adopted) provided for expenditure of up to \$70k to erect a barrier, install signage to advise that the reserve is an on-leash area, remove some plantings adjacent to the fence line and installation of a new slippery dip in the playground. The effectiveness of the changes, once implemented, would be monitored over 12 months. Funding for additional improvements like merry go-round may be sought from other Rotary, State or Council.
3	Over-development	Mr. Aaron summarised what had happened since the last Precinct meeting on the topic. Mr. Aaron and a number of Precinct members met with Hon. Gabrielle Upton on 13 <sup>th</sup> July to clarified some issues such as Section 96 and Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA). While the State Government sets the planning objectives, the Local Environment Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) are very much Council matters. Amended LEP and DCP are to be developed in the next months, and the Precinct hopes to be able to provide constructive comments/input. A request to the Council for a time extension for input will be made. Clr Betts had proposed down-zoning part of Diamond Bay to alleviate over-development. In relation to 17 Isabel Avenue, it was noted that the proposed VPA was not popular with residents. As a result, the recommendation for this VPA was not

		<p>supported at the last Council meeting. However, it was likely that this would ultimately be accepted despite residents' objections.</p> <p>The Committee noted that due process on advising residents of DA's was a concern (prompted by reports of lack of notification of the DA and S91 at 17 Isabel Avenue) and that the Precinct had written to Council to request a review of the process.</p>
4	Convenor Report	<p>Mr Aaron noted that since the last Precinct Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May, the Committee had met about 5 times, corresponded with Council officers and Councillors on Precinct matters, and attended the Combined Precinct Meeting. Mr Aaron proceeded to summarise the key issues raised, and outcomes to date.</p> <p>In relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) overdevelopment, the action led to the discussion outlined in item 3 above.</li> <li>(b) Clarke Reserve update mentioned in item 2 above.</li> <li>(c) Bus stops – Committee contacted Council and State Government to discuss movement of bus stops. These are matters outside the Council's control with Road and Maritime Services responsible. State Government also declared difficulty in interceding with RMS decisions to move stops. Unfortunately, the bus stops are to stay where they have been moved.</li> <li>(d) Trailers and Boats Parking. The NSW Government has created legislation on impounding boats and trailers if not moved for more than 28 days. Council has not opted in as yet and is awaiting results and experience of other Councils before deciding. In the meantime, the Precinct is to work with the Council on alternative proposals to limit parking.</li> <li>(e) Ocean outfalls – Mr Aaron advised that he nominated to participate in Sydney Water's community reference group which would be assisting in identifying solutions to the raw sewage outfalls at Vaucluse and Diamond Bay. This is the only catchment in NSW that still emits untreated sewage, and according to the Environmental Protection Agency report, is a health hazard. Several options have been tables with two options preferred. One is to pipe sewage to the Bondi treatment area via Dover Heights and another via Rose Bay. Other options considered are local treatment at Clarke Reserve or at Vaucluse or piping via the coastline. Consultation continues.</li> </ul>
5	Community Gardens	<p>Council's Environmental Program Coordinator Mr. A Weinberg gave a presentation to the meeting on compost revolution. Residents can get compost bins and worm farms delivered at 80 percent cost reduction. There are interactive quiz and tutorials on Council's website on learning online and workshops. Since the composting projects started in 2010, there has been a 1/3 to 1/2 reduction in red bin wastage.</p> <p>Mr. Goltsman, as a resident, gave a presentation on why it is important to compost, and reduce land fill and greenhouse emission. He showed off his green vegetation gardens.</p> <p>Council's Local Connections Coordinator Ms. D Moy presented the community garden program - public garden policy and shared gardens. There are 3 communal gardens and 33 individual areas. The Council is keen to form groups of interested</p>

		<p>residents and to assess suitable garden locations from Clarke Reserve to Diamond Bay.</p> <p>Mr. Aaron invited suggestions to the Precinct on community building through such activities.</p>
6	DA Report	<p>Mr. Pallo reported he had difficulties in receiving emails from Council on DA's.</p> <p>He had requested the Council's Ombudsman Jane Worthy review the process of disseminating DA information to residents with 17 Isabel Ave and 11 Craig Ave being two examples where it was reported that neighbouring residents had not been notified about the variation to the DA (Isabel Ave) or any development taking place (Craig Ave). Ms Worthy advised 20 days are required to look into the matter.</p>
7	Traffic Report	<p>In Ms Labi's absence, Mr Aaron had presented the Traffic report in his convenor's report on the subject.</p>
8	Secretary Report	<p>Mr Yeung had no further information to add to what had been advised by Mr. Aaron to the Precinct in his report above.</p>
9	Greening Report	<p>Ms Bassetti suggested there be no meat or diary in compost as there are foxes, water rats and cats. She had no further information to add to the presentations made by the Council and on Mr. Goltsman's experience, described above.</p>
10	Previous Minutes of Meeting (May) and Matters Arising	<p>The previous minutes had been circulated to those present at the commencement of the meeting along with Council's response report. Mr Aaron requested that, if considered appropriate, someone propose that these reports presented be accepted as read.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Proposed: J Newell Seconded: G Weiner Approved by a show of hands</p> <p>That the minutes of the May meeting be accepted as a true and fair record.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Proposed: E Weiner Seconded: S Aaron Approved by a show of hands</p> <p>A resident raised the issue of household furniture pickup in the Diamond Bay area. It was proposed to advertise the furniture pickup via email or Facebook to facilitate recycling. Illegal dumping is to be reported to the Council.</p>
	Closure	<p>Mr Aaron noted that next meeting was scheduled for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November in the morning and would be the Precinct AGM.</p> <p>There being no further business, Mr Aaron closed the meeting at 9.00pm</p>