

Minutes of meeting of the Rose Bay Precinct held at the Waverley Council Chambers on Monday, 6 July 2015:

Chairperson: Bruce Woolf

Attendees: 20 residents & 2 Committee members (Woolf & Sanday)

Councillors: Mayor Cr. Sally Betts, Cr. Leon Goltsman, Cr. Miriam Guttman-Jones & Cr. Tony Kaye
+ Special guest: The Hon. Gabrielle Upton, Member for Vaucluse.

Apologies: none

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting held on 2 March 2015 were tabled and read by attendees. Minutes were accepted as read.

Matters arising from the minutes:

1. Parking Report

1.1.3 Philip Feinstein (representing resident Shirley Naubauer, who is ill and unable to leave her home) advised the meeting that a 'No Parking' sign had been installed outside Ms Nauber's house. This greatly affects her medical carers who now have to find alternative parking in the area before walking back to Ms Naubauer's house. Mayor Betts offered to follow up the issue with RMS, who installed the sign to accommodate resident's concerns (from the block of flats next door) about visibility of oncoming traffic as they exited the property....

Waverley Council response: Mayor Betts advised the meeting that the 'No Parking' sign had been removed.

3. Save Niblick Street Park

- Niblick St Park is owned by the Water Board who want to sell the land; Council is considering purchasing the land and keep it as a park.....

Waverley Council response: Mayor Betts advised the meeting that she and local Member Gabrielle Upton had a meeting with the Water Board and an offer of \$1m had been offered by Council to purchase the land. All remediation was put on hold and any trees were not to be removed while the offer is considered by the Water Board. In time, the plan is to re-zone the land, 'Open Space'.

Comment: some residents noted their objection to the Council having to buy the land. The residents noted that the Council was using ratepayers money to buy land that was in fact already 'owned' by the residents via taxation and ownership by a government body (the Water Board) that is funded by the taxpayer. One resident expressed the view that the Water Board should give the land to the Council. Another resident raised the issue of both Sydney Water and Council being flexible so that the Council ensures the land is kept as a park. The meeting strongly supported the land being available as public park.

5. General Business

5.1 Upper Liverpool St (from the cul-de-sac to Hardy St).

- The aim is to improve the landscape and local environment.....

Waverley Council response: Cr Goltsman advised the meeting a new 'One Way' sign is to be installed to ensure traffic entering the divided street (from Hardy St) know exactly which side of the divided wall/street they need to go to progress safely. The rusty, tired old fence on top of the divided concrete wall is to be replaced and the stairs leading down to the lower part of Liverpool St are to be fixed.

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5.2 Resident Kazuyo Kitada from Chaleyer St; advised the meeting that contractors for the nearby block of flats were putting out the garbage bins early on Sunday AM, a full 24 hours before the scheduled collection day. **Question for Council:** Can Council work with real estate agents to ensure contractors only put the bins out the night before and not 24 hours beforehand....

Waverley Council response: See document titled; ‘Waverley Response Report to Rose Bay Precinct meeting July 2015’ for full copy of Council response. In summary, the Council has:

1. **Have targeted hotspots for bins on footpaths, conducted face-to-face liaison with residents and unit building managers to educate on bin presentation times.**
2. **Conducted inspections of Chaleyer St to determine offenders and identified 9 properties.**
3. **Council is currently identifying real estate & strata management of offending unit buildings to address issue. Same process in place for single unit dwellings.**
4. **Development of Real Estate Engagement Plan to educate real estate agents on better waste management & recycling.**

5.3 Resident Neville New questioned the process and frequency of regular maintenance of the laneways between The Avenue and Chaleyer St and Chaleyer and Onslow St. At the moment both are in a very overgrown state.....

Question for Council: What are the Council’s procedures for grass cutting and other maintenance on the public laneways between The Avenue/Chaleyer and Onslow Streets?

Waverley Council response: See document titled; ‘Waverley Response Report to Rose Bay Precinct meeting July 2015’ for full copy of Council response. In summary, the Council:

1. **Advised that street sweep outs and cleaning is done on 9-13 week cycle.**
2. **Supplied a Nature Strip mowing map and URL link to same.**
3. **Included copies of a FAQ on Verges, which includes Council’s maintaining nature strips schedule.**

5.4 Resident Neville New questioned the grass cutting responsibility for the area around Polybank Parade & Owen St?....

Question for Council: The owner of #42 Owen St says it is not his responsibility is to mow the verge fronting Polybank Parade? If it is not the owner’s responsibility, then who is responsible?

Waverley Council response: see Council response above to item 5.3

Agenda:

1. ‘Clearing Up Boat Trailers on Our Streets’.

A special presentation by the Hon. Gabrielle Upton, Member for Vacluse.

Boats and boat trailers have long been a parking issue across many municipalities. Currently, there is no limit on the time boat trailers can park on streets. For a long time boat trailers have seemingly been left abandoned on local roads, depriving people of valuable parking spaces.

Ms Upton advised the meeting that she had set up a Working Group in 2012, comprised of other Councils such as Canada Bay and Woollahra as well as Waverley to look at the problem.

Working Group recommended that a 3 month parking limit on local roads, which mean boat trailers left in the same place for longer than 3 months will be impounded. Additionally, fines will be issued for unregistered boat trailers left on the street. Owner will be given notice of 15 days of intention to impound. Off street boat trailer parking facilities is also part of the Working Group’s recommendations.

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Councillors & Mayor Betts advised the meeting that the issue of boats parking in local streets was a very long standing issue with many residents across the Municipality for many years with some areas, such as Vaucluse & Dover Heights being heavily impacted.

Ms Upton responded to many questions raised at the meeting.

Draft legislation has yet to come before Ms Upton; she encouraged all boat owners to contact her office and provide feedback on the proposal, its impacts and consequences. She also encouraged boat owners to provide alternative solutions.

2. Development Applications

No DA's tabled for discussion.

3. General Business

3.1 Residents Mr. & Mrs. New brought up the issue of grass cutting on the verge as well long grass, broken bottles at the cnr of Owen St and Polybank Parade. (Note: see issue 5.4 above and previous minutes of meeting of 2 March 2015 for full details on this issue.)

Mayor Betts advised the meeting that Council staff had been to the site but would ask them to return and review the issue again.

3.1 Wood burning fires

Resident Dou Sobel advised the meeting that a house near him had been burning wood indoors for heating. Mr. Sobel found the practice inconvenient and offensive and thought it is not environmentally efficient.

Mayor Betts advised the meeting that the Council had stopped approving houses using wood for heating since 2000. However, Council did not have authority to enforce residents to not use wood in already built housing.

3.2 Chaleyer St – broken glass

Resident Peter Kasteugren advised the meeting there were large areas of the Chaleyer Street footpath (north side) that was littered with broken glass and empty bottles.

Mayor Betts offered to send Council officers down to inspect the site and make good the situation where applicable.

3.3 Laneways: Onslow St/Chaleyer St/The Avenue

Residents New and Schonstein highlighted the need for the Council to keep these laneways clean & tidy. Residents felt that it was neglected and didn't receive regular maintenance.

Note: See document titled; '**Maintaining nature strips (grass verges). Frequently asked questions**'. Both the laneways mentioned above are listed on this document, under 'Public Lanes (Priority 4) – maintained 4 times a year', as being part of the Council's assets that are maintained regularly, as per the schedule.

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3.4 Liverpool/Onslow/Chaleyer streets – dumped household goods

Residents nominated these 3 streets as being regular offenders when it comes to residents dumping household items on the footpath. This was put down to the high number of units/flats across these 3 streets and the high turnover of renters. Each time a renter leaves they dump their unwarranted rubbish on the footpath before they leave.

Mayor Betts recognized the need to have Council work more closely with real estate agents and Body Corporates to ensure the right messages about waste management and recycling are conveyed to renters.

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3.5 Owen St – No Stopping sign on OSH Rd.

Resident Deb Grunfeld raised the issue of reduced visibility for drivers exiting right out of Owen St onto OSH Rd. The current position of the 'No Stopping' sign on OSH Rd means that cars can park close to the corner of Owen St and OSH Rd, causing reduced visibility to drivers trying to turn right out of Owen St. Ms Grunfeld also made the comment that cars were exiting right out of William St onto OSH Rd. against current 'No Right Turn' signage.

Question for Council: Can the 'No Stopping' sign be moved back further from the corner, (maybe a car length or two) and thus creating more visibility of cars coming along OSH Rd.

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm