

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

via Zoom

19 May 2021

commencing 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen

Apologies: Simon Swifte

Councillors present: Councillor Elaine Keenan

Centennial Park

- The Committee contacted the Park's Planning Manager Geoff Reinhard for an update on the Queens Park pathway along Darley Rd now that funding has been secured. It is going out to tender at the moment for contractors to undertake the work that is expected to commence in August and be completed by the end of the calendar year.
- There is also a new project planned for Queens Park to replace the amenities building near Baronga Ave opposite Moriah College. A brief has been given to architects and when there is a concept plan, it will be shared with our Committee for comment.

Bondi Junction Footpath condition follow-up

- Still no response from Council to our letter but Simon reported that on inspection, he gauges about 80% of asphalt patches have now been replaced with pavers, with about 10 locations still to be done.

2021 revision of the Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan

- Mary Shiner reports that the revised LEP has been submitted to the Department and Council is awaiting its assessment. It is likely to be a couple of months before it goes on exhibition.
- Council is reviewing the Draft DCP and will be workshopping it with Councillors in October. It is unlikely to be on exhibition this year but early next year.

West Bondi Junction update

- A DA for this proposed development has yet to go to Council.
- A design

Bicycle lane update

- A plan was put on screen to show progress on the various sections of this proposal. It can be found at https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/major_projects/streets_and_public_places/bondi_junction_cycleway
- Traffic lights in Spring St have yet to be adjusted for bicycles.
- Three metres will be excised from the Bus Depot at Oxford St for the cycleway.
- Official opening likely in the next 3-4 weeks.
- Councillor Keenan reported that there was still no proposal for limiting cyclists in the mall except for a blitz by rangers in the early stages of opening.

Moriah College proposed expansion - update

- The Independent Planning Commission has now approved the proposal with more or less the same recommendations and conditions of the Department's assessment.
- A Precinct Committee representative took part in a site visit with the Commissioners and the Committee as well as a number of residents made presentations to the Commissioners in an online forum.
- Main concerns were the increase in student numbers generating more traffic and parking issues, the visual impact of the large development, especially from Queens Park and the proposed road changes about which the Precinct has not been consulted.
- However, as the following condition states, Council has still to approve any proposed changes and so the Committee will seek dialogue with the Council on the matter.

Intersection Works

E21. Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must submit detailed design plans for approval by Council for the intersection upgrades at the Queens Park Road / York Road intersection and at the York Road / Baronga Avenue intersection. In preparing these plans, the Applicant must consider inclusion of a separate left turn lane at the Queens Park Road / York Road intersection.

- Committee will also seek a meeting of the Moriah Community Consultative Committee to discuss traffic and parking issues now that the proposed development has been decided and community consultation is a condition.

Police Report

- There haven't been too many concerning crime trends in this area but across the Command, high end vehicles are being stolen using their own keys. It is frustrating for police to learn the victim has left their keys in the vehicle or nearby the entry to their house.
- A reminder that, while it might be tempting to leave your child at home while you go off to work or run errands, it is ALWAYS the parents' responsibility – and legal obligation – to ensure that their children are safe and properly looked after.

Minutes of meeting 17 February 2021

Motion to adopt from Phyllis Fong; seconded by Ian Barber. Adopted

General Business

- Peter announced that John Clarke is the new General Manager of Council but Councillor Keenan said that he was acting in the position and interviews had just taken place for the position.
- Our May meeting is usually the Annual General Meeting but this cannot take place until people can actually meet in person for our meetings.
- **Buses** Councillor Keenan raised the issue of the proposed bus changes in the south eastern suburbs and, in particular, the removal of the 400 bus to Eastgardens and the airport.
- Comments can be made on https://www.mysydney.nsw.gov.au/SE_bus_changes until 18 June. Our local member Dr Marjorie O'Neill also has a petition for those interested.
- A summary of the changes likely to impact our area is attached.

Compliance issue and DA for child care centre in Bourke St St

- Residents in Bourke and Isabella Sts are concerned at the Gingerbread Child Care Centre in Bourke St apparently not complying with the opening and closing hours set by the Land and Environment Court in 2011. This has been happening since new owners took over one year ago.
- In addition, the Centre has lodged a DA to formalise the extended hours that they have been operating, apparently in non-compliance with previous orders and also to seek permission to use a leaf blower from 7am each morning.
- The Precinct does not normally get involved in individual DAs but agreed to write to Council about enforcing compliance should the residents' overtures to Ward Councillors not resolve the matter.
- **Next meeting:** 4 August 2021

Proposed bus route changes

Proposed changes primarily impact on suburbs further south but could have some impact on the Queens Park area in that the many changes to bus routes to our south, could encourage people to use their cars to travel directly to Bondi Junction instead of having to get more than one bus.

The removal of the 358 and 359 from Pagewood to Double Bay and Rose Bay many years ago took away direct travel opportunities for school students and others and likely contributed to more traffic through our area.

The 400 route to the airport will be replaced by the 350 that will go to Mascot and Eastgardens as before but then through Maroubra, South Coogee, Coogee and then on to Bondi Junction. It will exclude the UNSW and Randwick.

Many buses between Randwick and Bondi Junction will be deleted and replaced with the 390X - from La Perouse, Maroubra, Kingsford, UNSW, Randwick to Bondi Junction.

There will also be a new route (356) from Eastgardens, Maroubra, South Coogee, Randwick and Bondi Junction.