

Minutes of Charing Cross Precinct  
Wed 8 June 2022 commenced 7.00pm at  
Mary Immaculate Parish Hall  
Waverley

**Apologies:** Mayor Masselos, Councillors Kay and Burrill, Kate Marshall, Stephen Bodnar

**Attendees:** 17 residents and Clr Ludovico Fabiano

Item	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair (DC) welcomed attendees, noted Clr Ludovico Fabiano from Waverley Ward, and the apologies (see list above).</li> <li>• The Chair delivered an <i>Acknowledgement of Country</i>, and introduced the Co-Convenor, Secretary and DA Representative.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minutes of last meeting were tabled and accepted as an accurate record. <b>Moved:</b> Andrew Havas, <b>Seconded:</b> Julie McAlpin. <b>Carried</b></li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Pubs and Residents Committee report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from the pubs now meet with the residents on a needs-basis</li> <li>• Since the April CCP meeting no issues have been reported</li> <li>• It was noted that the DA, to convert the site of the Commonwealth Bank into a Bottle shop, was not supported by the local Licensing Board – the future of the site is unknown at this time</li> <li>• Pick Up and Drop Off (PUDO) – Council approved the installation of a PUDO outside the Legion Club</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>St Catherine’s School</b></p> <p>DC provided the following summary from the last St Catherine’s CCC meeting minutes and the following major issues noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic management and monitoring procedures are in place and the school has appointed Traffix to undertake the traffic counting</li> <li>• Events – impact of parking and traffic congestion needs to be monitored, they can’t hire the facilities out</li> <li>• Parking in Gibbs Street (opposite Brown Street) was investigated, and the Chair reported that he had met with the School and their representatives; the school agreed to include a question, in their school survey, about where students were being dropped off</li> <li>• Noise issues from water are an issue for neighbours and is being addressed by the school</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Pedestrian Crossing repositioning was discussed with Council and it was noted that that Council agreed to move the Crossing (move scheduled for School Holidays)</li> <li>• They have added an additional 19 car parks for events – ongoing issues – car park to accommodate staff only</li> <li>• Stage 2 of the development will commence possibly in 18 months</li> <li>• the Garbage collection service will shift back to the original site</li> <li>• Restoration of trees on McPherson Steet has been agreed</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Community Safety Precinct Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local Area Command meet with Waverley and Woollahra Council and residents approx. 3 x times pa but have not met since the last CCP meeting therefore there was no report</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Charing Cross Streetscape Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JM provided an update noting that the Precinct Executive had meet with the General Manager, Mayor and Council Officers to discuss options for the upgrade and we await new designs.</li> <li>• A number of residents expressed their concerns with the proposal and design concept including the likely impact during construction period on the local businesses</li> </ul> <p>Other concerns include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of an economic impact study on the businesses</li> <li>• The proposal will detract from the village atmosphere</li> <li>• Others noted that the businesses were in support of the proposal</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>War Memorial Hospital</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC provided an update and described the impact of the proposal on the elderly residents on the site and issues facing the owner of 99 Birrill Street, who does not want to sell, and will be impacted by the proposal in its current form, goes ahead</li> <li>• The Planning Proposal and associated DAs are still in play and the developer is aggressive and accusations of bullying</li> <li>• The Community and Council have been very active opposing the Planning Proposal and raising awareness of the cumulative impacts of the development</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Charing Square</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Planning Proposal was rejected by Council however it is expected that the proponent will put forward another Planning Proposal or DA</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>Charing Cross Hub Talks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that there is growing demand for the talks and meetings at the hub and that larger ‘gatherings’ will be held in the Parish Hall.</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>Queens Park Cycleway has opened</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister Stokes will formally open the Cycleway shortly</li> <li>• There is an issue of pedestrians using the cycleway due to power pole that is obstructing the footpath and poor signage</li> <li>• The project was funded by NSW State Government</li> </ul>

11	<p><b>Sydney Water Bondi – Water Resource Recovery 9 (WRRF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sydney water is seeking feedback from the Community about the future use of the green space surrounding the site including Hugh Bamford Reserve</li> <li>• Some residents are concerned that this ‘request for feedback’ could signal Sydney Water’s intent to reduce the green space</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION</b> – Precinct to keep a watching brief</p>
12	<p><b>DA Report</b></p> <p>The DA Representative (MM) tabled the DA’s and the following discussion ensued in in relation to 17 High and 19 Prospect Street:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a \$3.4M development involving demolition of the house on Prospect Street, to be replaced with two semis/terrace houses and underground carpark requiring deep excavation</li> <li>• At 17 High Street it is proposed to erect a dual residence plus swimming pool</li> <li>• the height and bulk of the build are major concerns and people don’t understand the DA eg the lines on the Architectural plans – it was suggested that the interpretation of the plans is incorrect</li> <li>• other issues - the bulk will impact the neighbours,</li> <li>• major concerns around drainage, - the geo-tech report is attached with the plans – but there are concerns attributed to recent and recurring flooding</li> <li>• The Chair – explained the DA process – Council will review the submissions and the DA may go to the Planning Panel and/or Council Officers may make be a recommendation or amendments</li> <li>• The owner of the site said he wants to update the buildings he has concerned about lead and asbestos</li> <li>• Issues around demolition were addressed and the plan was approval under a CDC?</li> <li>• The precinct asked for a Heritage Report – we are interested in the heritage noting that Prospect Street has a lot of historical houses; the owner responded noting that it was not a requirement of the DA</li> <li>• The owner has not received much feedback – he will take it on board</li> <li>• Owners on 21 Prospect Street are concerned about the scale of development, demolition, the footprint, deep excavation, impact on parking, the “drop down” from Prospect into High Street, little greenspace, potential shadowing, not sympathetic to the streetscape, building heights inappropriate, not enough set back from the street, not compliant with current DCP and LEP, they will be impacted on the southern boundary,</li> <li>• issues with potential flooding from High Street that goes up the easement (access is an issue), they are on the Easement</li> <li>• Council staff, who have been in contact with residents, are Peggy Wong &amp; Nik Zervos; Nik was contacted about the flooding and water pooling in High Street – drainage is inadequate.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That Council investigates the drainage issues in High Street, and the easement adjacent 21 Prospect Street, as a matter of priority, due to recurrent water pooling and resent flooding.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Mia Vaux: <b>Seconded;</b> Hugh Havas <b>Carried</b></p>

	<p><b>MOTION:</b> That Council provide a overview* of the drainage system to better understand water flows, within the precinct boundaries, and in particular water movement and run off from Carrington road down towards Bronte.</p> <p>* Intent of motion is to :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better inform the precinct about the agencies responsible for monitoring and maintaining the drainage systems; and</li> <li>• Identify the location of old and existing waterways (eg old streams, creeks etc possibly from existing maps and sources of info)</li> <li>• This information is important to inform decision making about the impact of developments, planning proposals and DA</li> </ul> <p><b>Moved:</b> Andrew Havas, <b>Second:</b> Mora Main. <b>CARRIERS</b></p>
13	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garbage collection in Gibbs Street – during the last 3 weeks there have been collection issues along 27 – 33 <b>ACTION:</b> Council please investigate also recommend residents to use Snap Send Save and it was noted that a Recycle calendar App is available</li> <li>• Notification letters received to inform residents that line markings on the road in Gibbs Street will be installed – <b>ACTION:</b> Residents to follow up with author of notification letter</li> <li>• The black paint (or tar), that was painted over the <b>Left and Right hand turn markings on the road</b> in Victoria Street at the Cr of Carrington and Bronte Road (ie the arrows marked on the road) is “rubbing off” exposing the arrows and this is causing confusion and road rage.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION</b> That Council request that the arrows be concealed again to reduce confusion.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Andrew Havas <b>Second:</b> Julie McAlpin <b>CARRIERS</b></p> <p>Other Requests noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reinstall the garbage bin outside the news agency- no one knows why it was removed</li> <li>• smooth out the bumps in the road in Bronte Road in the section from the Legion club down to St Vincent’s de Paul</li> </ul>
14	Next Meeting - Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2022