

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

1 March 2023

commencing 7pm via Zoom

Convenors: Simon Swifte

Apologies: Peter Cohen, Phyllis Fong, Sarah McCarthy

Councillors present: Mayor Masselos sent her apologies - will meet with Committee soon.

Minutes of meeting 23 November 2022

Motion to adopt from Ian Barber; seconded Jane Egerton. Adopted

Centennial Park report

- Committee contacted the Parklands for any information of interest for residents.
- **Park Maintenance** - required to replace a dead Araucaria (Norfolk Island Pine) at the vehicle entry gate on Darley Rd. In April the horticulture team will remove the dead tree and replace it with a new 600L tree.
- **Sport update** - The winter sports season will kick off soon (mid to late March) which will see more utilisation of Queens Park on weekends and afternoons between 3pm - 5pm.
- **Community trustee board** - Centennial Parklands has a new community trustee board (which has replaced the former Centennial Community Consultative Committee) which was a requirement under the *Greater Sydney Parklands Act 2022*. Please see a list of the community members available here:
<https://www.gspengagement.com.au/community-trustee-boards> . Waverley's Mayor is on the relevant community trustee board.
- GSP will be consulting more broadly with the community in accordance with the new **Consultation and Engagement Framework** available here: <https://www.gspengagement.com.au/consultation-and-engagement> and we look forward to ongoing conversations with you in the future.
- **What's On** - events and programs coming up at Centennial Parklands:
<https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson>

Police Report - from Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting held on 1 February 2023 conducted by the Eastern Suburbs Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command

- No specific issues for Queens Park were reported by the police.
- **Noise** - Charing Cross precinct has concerns about noise from the Robin Hood Hotel impacting immediate residents as the Hotel's 3am license makes it a hub for late entertainment in the local area. Police will liaise with the Hotel and residents to try and come to a solution.
- **Bicycles** - issue of electric bikes being ridden on footpaths and the speed they travel was discussed. Not mandatory to use cycle paths and cyclists using the road annoy motorists. A problem with cyclists using Oxford Street opposite Centennial Park and not the bike path in the park.
- Police are limited on what they can do as it is hard to apprehend these people and identity is a problem as cyclists are not required to carry identification documents.
- Bicycles are also not limited to a speed but supposed to obey the road rules.
- **Geo Targeting SMS System** – police send SMS messages from number +61 444 444 444 with details about a missing person within 5km of your location. Not a scam but official text messages from the NSW Police Force as part of the new geo-targeting alert system.
- Text message will include the name and a physical description of the missing person, where they were last seen and how to report a sighting.
- **Eyewatch** - a local Facebook page for every Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District in the state and is about connecting with your local police.
- Residents can use Eyewatch to ask questions of local police, seek advice or share local information with them and can be found on local Police Area Command site

- **Infringements by email** – allows police to email infringements if you have face to face interaction with police and consent to this. Provides the public with a choice of either receiving infringements via postal mail or email and allows police to send infringements to people who live interstate and overseas. Payments can then be made online.

Birrell St renewal

- Committee wrote to Council saying that the long-term issue of the traffic travelling east banking-up at the Bronte Rd intersection needs to be addressed before consideration of the cycle track on the northern side that is likely to exacerbate this problem
- Report available in a few weeks.

Progress report on major developments

- **194 Oxford St DA400/2021**
Deferred while Council conducts further investigations and community engagement with key stakeholders such as Precinct committees and the Save West Oxford Street group.
- **Cnr Denison & Oxford 45 Oxford St DA-127/2013** Deferred Commencement.
- **War Memorial Hospital 99 Birrell St Waverley**
Council is looking to report back on the site-specific Development Control Plan to Council in April and will advise the relevant precincts closer to the date.
- **Bicycle Path** - final section of the Bondi Junction Cycleway which links Oxford Street, Syd Enfield Drive and Bondi Road to Centennial Park now completed
Ribbon cutting with Waverley Mayor Paula Massalos, followed by refreshments.
Thursday 9 March 2023 - 7 - 9am, corner of St James Rd and Oxford Street, Bondi Junction
RSVP by 3 March to bondijunction@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Moriah College report

- There have been no meetings or any further communication with the College about its proposed development.

General Business

- Committee secretary raised a number of issues about **Council's communication processes**
- Lack of feedback on *Have Your Say* issues. Committee often sends submissions on these matters as well as taking part in Zoom sessions. There is currently no feedback and so there needs to be a table of progress or resolution on *Have Your Say* issues on its website
- Seems to be little communication between various sections within Council e.g. resident was told recently that he was the first to complain about the terrible state of the Newland St footpath after rain even though this issue has been raised in writing and with photos by the precinct and individual residents over many years.
 - Resident who picks up his grandchildren from **Waverley Public School** suggested that the **empty parking spots outside the Police Station** could be made available for 5 minute parking during school pick up times. Committee will ask mayor to speak to Police about this.
 - It was suggested that Council is neglecting local issues that impact residents and instead focusing on big picture matters (cycle tracks, public buildings etc) e.g.
 - One resident's car was badly damaged by a metal post that had become loose and noticed another nearby. Council provided no redress for the damage and only acted on the second post after several phone calls. Committee will raise the matter with the Mayor.
 - Newland St drainage issues have not been addressed despite Council being contacted many times over the past few years. Some grass was laid in two spots to limit the mud on the footpath. The footpath is treacherous after rain.
 - Elderly resident with a corner block requested Council trim the edges of the huge grassed area outside her property which she mows. Council said they no longer do that.

- Resident has been asking for signage in Alt lane about picking up after dogs without any action.
- Committee secretary suggested residents consider three meetings per year instead of four. Consensus was that we still have four.

Next meeting: 31 May 2023, likely to be on Zoom again as residents find this convenient.