

DHP meeting June 20, 2022- Via Zoom - Started at 7:07 PM

Attendance - See addendum attendance sheet.

Welcome to Councillor Will Nemes.

Regrets From Hunter Ward Councillors Sally Betts & Steven Lewis.

Robert Harvey is our secretary. Kerry Gottlieb is our DA Rep

Special thanks to Mary Shiner for her help organizing our ZOOM meeting in this space.

No need tonight to sign the attendance roster as I can see who is here and Robert will note your presence for our attendance list.

1 - MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING –

Do all agree the minutes are a fair and accurate representation of the meeting:

Moved - Richard Morris

Second -Robert Harvey

ACCEPTED.



# New Pump Station Design

- Added safety features (retaining wall, bollards and crash barrier)
- Added emergency lighting
- Relocation of emergency storage to reduce impact on nearby property
- Relocation of RPZ device to reduce visual impact



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have 2 special guest this evening. Bala Subramanian who is the senior project manager for the Sydney Water's Refresh Vacluse & Diamond Bay project.

We also have Coral Reynolds who is the engagement manager of COMDAIN Infrastructure.

Due to our special guests, we are going to first discuss the Sydney Water Proposals at Eastern Avenue Reserve and then move on to our normal meeting.

See photo of old plans and new updated plans. See photos of the reserve as it appears today.

Bala shared a presentation supported by Coral. This Presentation is added as an addendum to these minutes

There were questions back and forth about the Eastern Reserve Pumping Station.

Both Bala and Coral promised new designs based on feedback and more consultation.

New information was provided, namely the demolition of 33 and 33a Lancaster Road at the corner of Portland St. and Lancaster Road. This is meant to be used as the site office and equipment depot for the Refresh project.

Robert asked if a hazardous materials survey would be conducted regarding asbestos and lead paint. Bala said hazardous materials contractors would use licensed methodology.

Dov will write to Sydney Water asking them to consult with DHP regarding the impact on the streetscape and how to mitigate the depot looking like a depot.

Dov thanked Coral and Bala for attending the meeting.

### 3 - Cliff Walks DA

The Cliff Walks DA was determined on Dec 8, 2021.

There was a motion on May 3, 2022 at council regarding the length and width of the cliff walk at Diamond Bay. There was no mention in this motion about the stainless-steel issue of 316 versus 2205.

Residents agreed that using inferior steel is short sighted and not cost effective in the long term.

Dov reached to Amada Tipping and councillors after the meeting regarding this issue. The text is below:

The report on May 3 states:

Materials for coastal fence Generally, 2205 grade stainless steel is between 10% to 20% more expensive than 316 grade stainless steel for material supply before fabrication. This is due to the fact that 2205 has a higher manufacturing cost and is subject to cost fluctuations in commodities markets particularly for the high percentage of metals used in 2205 such as chromium (30% more than 316) and molybdenum (20% more than 316). There is also a further 10% cost in fabrication as the welding process is more difficult. Further, 2205 has manufacturing limitations in relation to steel sizes. Council Officers would need to investigate if the size of steel rods and flats is commercially available. If not, a redesign of the balustrades would be required creating further costs and delay. Based on advice from the Australian Stainless Steel Development Association there are no performance benefits of increasing to 2205 grade stainless steel when compared to properly maintained, fabricated and electropolished marine grade 316 stainless steel. 2205 grade is stronger, however 316 yield strength is fit for purpose in the proposed application and intended design life. The increased strength for increased price is not required. Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee Agenda 3 May 2022 FC/5.6/22.05 Page 189 All built elements require some form of maintenance over their lifespan, it is unrealistic to expect a maintenance free solution. With correct specification and fabrication, the maintenance regime would include washing down the stainless steel with water and an environmentally

friendly mild detergent once or twice a year. This is dependent on seasonal rain events that naturally wash down the steel.

1 - There was never an issue or question about the strength of 2205 versus 316 stainless. The strength was never questioned by myself or anyone else. To make strength the issue is an evasion and completely disingenuous. I would call it a clever diversion. The issue is tea staining and corrosion, not strength.

2 - The key quote here is: "Based on advice from the Australian Stainless Steel Development Association there are no performance benefits of increasing to 2205 grade stainless steel when compared to properly maintained, fabricated and electropolished marine grade 316 stainless steel"

While this may be true we all know that council is no going to maintain the stainless steel. They have not maintained any stainless steel at any location in the LGA. Council is not going to wash down the stainless steel twice a year. Council's policy is set and forget. Just look at the steel at Hugh Bamford and Clarke Reserve. That is exactly what we are going to get at the cliff walks.

2205 will stay pristine for its entire lifetime. It is the perfect material for a council that installs a material and never does any maintenance.

3 - The report states - Council Officers would need to investigate if the size of steel rods and flats is commercially available-

Yes that is true but it is obvious that actually doing this investigation was too much trouble.

4 - The final MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION on May 3 only mentions the length and width of the Diamond Bay Cliff Walk. There is no mention about the stainless steel.

5 - It is very disappointing in my opinion that any councillor would agree the tea stained and corroded results of the cheaper and inferior 316 stainless steel we currently have at Hugh Bamford and Clarke Reserves are acceptable.

Posterity will prove the shortsightedness of anyone who has agreed that the attached stained and corroded steel is the look we want to preserve for our residents, visitors and children.

#### 4 - Cliff Walks Closure

The cliff walks have been closed since April due to a small landslip below 1 George St. There is no evidence that this small landslip has effected the walkway in any manner. Councils says they engaged an expert engineer but has refused to share their report. Council wants to keep the cliff walk closed until the new cliff is constructed:

**Motion 1** - DHP request that the wood cliff walk between Lancaster and Bulga roads be reopened unless council can provide proof that there is a clear and present danger to residents and visitors from the landslip which does not appear to have affected the integrity of the walkway in any manner:

Moved - Agi Brandon  
Second - Valerie Saffer  
Approved

## 5 - Trees Blocking Views in Rodney Reserve

Since our last meeting in Feb 2022 we have had an onsite meeting with Sam McGuinness Executive Manager, Environmental Sustainability.

The meeting was attended by Dov Frazer, Grant Benson and Robert Harvey.

- 1 - This area was just grass in the past and afforded unobstructed views of the ocean for residents and visitors
- 2 - Council terraced and planted out the area which was meant to be planted with "LOW GROWING SHRUBS"
- 3 - Council admitted to planting the wrong sub species of Acacia which has grown so high as to completely block views of the ocean in some areas.
- 4 - Overall, the slope has grown into a forest which was completely blocked views of the ocean in many areas
- 5 - We have had numerous motions about this:

6 - Spoke to Sam McGuinness today: He did remove some nonnative trees on the cliff side of the metal fence. He says his crews have done some thinning of the existing acacia but he does not seem willing to restore the view that we all enjoyed in the past.

The ocean views are still very blocked and we are at an impasse.

7 - Dov will request an onsite meeting Mitchell Reid who is Sam's boss to attempt a resolution.

## 6 - Defib Project

Community Defib Project applied for a \$3000 grant from the small grants program:

The grant was rejected by council as the application did not meet requirements about and MOU and maintenance issues in the future.

The applicant can apply again and hopefully meet the council's requirement.

## 7 - Council Tree Policy

3 NEW TUCKEROOS were planted on Portland Street which may grow to completely block residents harbour views.

Will Nemesh updated the meeting about the new Tree Policy and said residents will be able to make submissions about this policy when it goes on exhibition.

Will said Woollahra Council has a better policy regarding trees and resident views.

## 8 - Radio Telescope Viewing Platform

So far only heritage consultation. This project will not happen until a full POM happens for the Coastal Reserves. Note we have been requesting a POM for many many years but we are last in line for this to happen.

Residents asked Will Nemesh to ensure that funds quarantined for this project do not get lost or reallocated due to the long time it is taking.

## 9 - Children's Crossing

At the 17 May 2022 Council meeting the following Council resolution was passed.

### **MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

That Council:

1. Investigates installing a raised pedestrian crossing:
  - (a) In Blake Street, Dover Heights, at the Military Road intersection.
  - (b) Opposite Dudley Page Reserve, Dover Heights.
2. Identifies a funding source for the construction of the raised pedestrian crossings.
3. Receives a report with recommendations and an implementation timeline.

Residents asked what is the difference between a speed bump already installed at Blake and Military. Residents look forward to the results of the investigation and hope to be consulted during the process. Responses to Previous Motions were reviewed. A copy of the response report is attached:

General Business:

A - Robert asked CR Nemesh about the substation redevelopment at 3-5 The Avenue, Rose Bay.

The DA wants to establish a 24/7 Food Preparation Hub and change of use.

Will was asked if councillors were aware of this DA and he said they were. It was determined that only 135 letters were sent to nearby residents. This seemed like a low number considering the affects on the surrounding area. Will said Sally Betts was aware of this DA and confirms there have been numerous objections.

Residents hoped that the DA will be rejected so an industrial activity does not get approved in a residential area.

B - Peter Cappe was distressed at overdevelopment in general. Residents discussed the issue. Will suggested that he was in favor of adding more density in Bondi Junction and that council rejected that proposal. Dov said dual occupancies are not really overdevelopment in his opinion. Dov mentioned the development of the BP site at 599-603 Old South Head Road - 23 new units.

C - Potholes everywhere. Why are they not getting fixed? Repairs do not last. Resealing of roads seem not to last long due to materials used. Dov suggests that residents report all Pot Holes with Snap Send Solve.

D – Re-surfacing of Military Road from Blake Street to Raleigh Road.

Residents said council should have had a better traffic plan during the time the road was blocked off.

E - Richard Morris brought up issue of dogs digging holes in Rodney Reserve. Said someone will be injured which will be a liability to Council as residents have requested these be fixed over and over.

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**Motion 2** - DHP request that Council and/or Sydney Water replace the unsafe, cracked and broken concrete stairs leading into Dudley Page Reserve at the corner of Lancaster Road and Military Road.

Moved - Peter Cappe Second - Richard Morris Approved

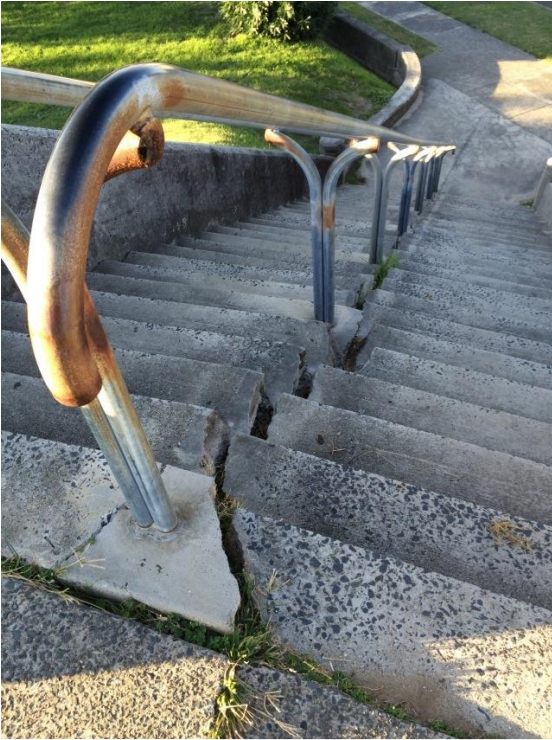
**Motion 3** - DHP request that Sydney Water refurbish the outside of the pump house in Dudley Page Reserve with a anti graffiti coating so that this heritage building does not continue to be an eyesore.

Moved - Robert Harvey

Second - Valerie Saffer

Approved

Meeting ended at 9:15 PM



Inferior 316 Steel Newly Installed in Hugh Bamford - Tell Council We Want 2205 Steel For The Cliff Walks