

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING via Zoom
25 May 2022
commencing 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen
Apologies: Simon Swifte, Michael Ahrens, Phyllis Fong, Ian Barber
Councillors present: Councillor Burrill and Mayor Masselos

Peter welcomed Councillors and residents to the meeting.

Centennial Park: written report from Alison Ayres, Manager Communications & Media

- Queens Park Cycleway - official opening is now on 9 June at 8.30am. Sent official invitation inviting one or two reps from your Precinct Committee to attend.
- Queens Park amenities building - there have been delays to the building due to the weather, and it will now likely to be open at the end of August
- <https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/about-us/parklands-projects/queens-park-amenities>
- Sporting fields - we have major issues due to the wet weather - Centennial Parklands has now recorded 1641.1mm of rain so far this year. This is the 6th highest annual rainfall on record and definitely on track to be the wettest on record. Of the 145 days we have had this year, 98 have rained. So a lot of our fields have been closed as they are simply too wet to play on. We have even had to repair sink holes in fields at Queens Park. We are working hard on the fields and your committee can keep up to date here
- <https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/about-us/park-notice/sports-field-closure-update>
- There were a number of tree removals at Centennial Park over the last couple of weeks but we have also undertaken a lot of new plantings too
- <https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/about-us/park-notice/tree-removals-in-centennial-park-may-june-2022>
- Work is about to start on a new garden at the Robertson Road Gates celebrating indigenous culture - <https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/about-us/parklands-projects/robertson-road-cultural-garden>
- Residents encouraged to sign up to our enewsletter - it gets sent out at the start of every month with all the latest events and projects happening in the Parklands
- <https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/enews>

Police Report

This information is from the Police Online Services Community Portal, No local information available.

- You may have received an SMS message from number +61 444 444 444 with details about a missing person.
- These SMS messages are not a scam and are official text messages from the NSW Police Force as part of the new **geo-targeting alert system**
- You will receive a message if you have been within 5km (in metropolitan areas) or 20km (in regional areas) of a missing person's last reported location. Will include the name and a physical description of the missing person, where they were last seen and how to report a sighting.
- Members of the public are invited to participate in a research study on the impact of the NSW Police Force **Body-worn camera Phase 2 Deployment**. The study is being conducted by Dr Amanda Davies from the School of Policing Studies at the Charles Sturt University. <http://survey.qa/F65o5i>
- **Eyewatch** – is a local Facebook page for every Police Area Command (PAC) and Police District in the state. It is about connecting with your local police To find your local Eyewatch page, visit the following page listing your local Police Area Command or Police District.
- New legislation passed on 11 November 2016 allows NSW Police to **email infringements**. This means an officer can provide the public with a choice of either receiving infringements via postal mail or email.

- You will only receive an emailed infringement if you have had face-to-face interactions with a police officer, and have consented to receiving the infringement via email. You will receive an email with a PDF attachment of the infringement (exactly the same version that you would see in the mail) and can then pay this infringement immediately online.

Waverley Community Strategic Plan

- Precinct's response was tabled at the meeting. It essentially stated that we recognise that a lot of effort had gone into the document in terms of outlining objectives and strategies but it was not clear whether the associated actions would provide any changes to the way Council operates, especially in terms of planning decisions, transparency and accountability.
- Mayor said that a new Planning Manager would be appointed in coming months and that the process for appointing a Planning Advocate was underway. Will be independent of Planning section and will provide education on planning processes, undertake surveys etc.
- Council is concerned about the behaviour of developers e.g. some older residents are subject to harassment to sell their homes.
- Councillors do not have a say in planning matters except for some Planning Proposals.
- Future developments will be subject to a social impact assessment.
- Council is concerned that developer contributions could be taken away from Councils meaning a considerable loss in revenue.

West Bondi junction issues

- **DA for West Oxford St development** still under assessment
- **Changes to the Bus Depot** Mayor arranged for Precinct representatives to speak with Transport NSW about the new arrangements for buses using York Rd only to access the depot.. The arrangement was a fait accompli but seems to be working without too many problems.
- Mayor will appear before Upper House Bus Privatisation Inquiry. Council made a submission opposing privatisation.
- Bus complaints can be made to buscomplaints@waverley.nsw.gov.au
- Work on cycleway in front of depot will commence soon and be completed by the end of the year. Section outside Westfield will be completed in the next couple of months.
- Cycleway launch in Spring St on 14 June by Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport.
- 3000 users per week for cycleway and 5000 during COVID.
- Mayor convened a meeting of mayors from Woollahra, Randwick and the City of Sydney to campaign for legislation to prevent high rise buildings overshadowing Centennial Park. Have met with Minister Stokes and hope it will be incorporated into legislation. Too late for the West Oxford St development but could prevent high rise development on the bus depot site. Will be a joint press release.

War Memorial Hospital update

Planning proposal for Birrell St was rejected by Council. Church has taken it to State Govt. No result yet.

Charing Square Planning Proposal

Council rejected the Planning Proposal. Applicant complained to Govt. Could be another Planning proposal or a DA next.

Moriah College update

- Michael Ahrens has spoken to Council and a meeting of the MCCC could take place on 9 or 16 June.
- Likely agenda items: 1. Status and timeline of development; 2. Status of roadworks relating to DA; 3. Returning to pre-COVID public transport levels and car sharing practice; 4. Behaviour of parents in cars in local streets and lanes

Minutes of meeting 2 March November 2022

Motion to adopt from Peter Cohen. Adopted

General Business

- Councillor Burrill informed the meeting that a resident in Alt Lane, north of Cuthbert St, had complained about the lane being used as a bypass and also the speed of cars using the lane. The resident said that children play in the lane. Traffic and speed counters have been installed to gauge the situation.
- Council adopted a motion to consider thresholds, paving, shared zone arrangements etc for Alt Lane with the template being used across the area.
- Roma spoke about the need for all residents to be surveyed when a proposal has been developed.
- It was also pointed out that the southern end of the lane does not have these issues. As this section leads to another narrow lane, trucks have to manouvre from Cuthbert St to reverse into this section of the laneway so that they can also exit to Cuthbert St. Any obstacles placed at that end would make it even more difficult for trucks, not to mention residents reversing from their garages.
- A Newland St resident again complained about trucks using the street.
- Mayor spoke about
 - the Bronte SLSC redevelopment . information at <https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/brontesurfclub>
 - verge garden policy
 - safe walking groups to schools
 - Bondi Festival 1-17July
https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/top_link_pages/news_and_media/council_news/news/bondifestival.com.au.
- There was discussion about whether the next meeting should be held at the library, still on Zoom or a hybrid.
- Suggestions for boosting attendance included the idea of having a speaker e.g. Council tree person. Bronte Precinct does this.

Next meeting: 3 August 2022 (Annual General Meeting?) – could be in library again