

# CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT

Zoom Meeting 11th August 2021

With thanks to Mary Shiner for Zoom set up

Meeting started: 7 pm

Chair: Julie McAlpin (Convenor)

Councillors: Angela Burrill, Tony Kay, Mayor Paula Masselos (Elaine Keenan)

Present: Danny Caretti (DA rep), Mora Main (Minutes), Robyn Brown (Business rep) Nigel Harvey (traffic)

Registrations: Matthew Cullen, Kathryn Bruce (Water Lily, Charing Cross), Brigitte Cusack, Mark Paul, Michael Gutman, Alison MacKenzie, Julie Lynch, David Ng, Jennifer Jungheim, Pater Aston, Paul Miller (Gorilla Foods, Charing Cross) Steve Bodnar, Trine and Louis Beaumont, Mark Flitcroft, Peter Garlick

Guests: Susan and Greg Hely (Bronte Beach Precinct)

Apologies from councillors: none registered.

1. Welcome to Country and welcome to attendees by Convenor
2. Minutes of meeting of 9th June 2021 adopted, Moved Danny Caretti, seconded Steven Bodnar
3. New business GorillaFoods, short presentation by Paul Miller
4. Men's Shed on War Memorial site: any update?
5. WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PLANNING PROPOSAL: presentation by Danny.  
Precinct met with residents and neighbours at The Hub on 15th June, prior to close of submissions: good quality and detail in submissions giving Council enough evidence to negotiate with developers. Historical buildings and grounds are separately listed on State inventory, State heritage committee said whole site should be listed. Heritage significance and huge trees ignored. Building 5 large block central to site, dominates outlook; mid section should be restored. Medical research is clear that gardens are great for the elderly, especially dementia sufferers. Less access to green space leads to more dependence on drugs. Note recent KPMG study on power and influence of natural capital - impact of this level of density is unsustainable.  
A resident raised ecological corridor wider impact to Queens Park and Centennial Parklands.  
Climate change should be recognised. Site Specific DCP should come first.

**MOTION 1:** That the Precinct acknowledges the "Review of the War Memorial Planning Proposal" and recommends that Council do all it can to ensure the site is listed on the State Heritage Register and develop the Site Specific DCP as if the site was on the State Heritage Register and in doing so protect the site in accordance with the prescribed heritage protection regulations. Moved Mora Main seconded Danny Caretti. Carried

Follow up the findings of Council's environmental impact assessment, of the proposed development, on the ecological corridor and in particular the site specific DCP (J McA to ask Sam McGuinness)

Explore taking a delegation of residents and Councilors to meet with Uniting, to discuss the impact of the planning proposal and the community's concerns. It was

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noted that Cr Burrill and the Mayor has attended a meeting with Uniting in 2012 or 2013 (??)

6. PHILIP HOUSE, 319-321 BRONTE ROAD (DA 94/2021)

Application for Boarding House for over 60s, pushes over LEP height limits, if approved how is affordability maintained. Compliance is needed to ensure that the Boarding House is not used for Backpackers and Young Professionals but for over 60's. The developer Summitt Care is arguing that Waverley Council has abandoned its height limits for Charing Cross. The proponent cites the buildings at St Catherine's as evidence. However, it is important to note that these buildings were approved by the State Govt not the Waverley Council. Danger for Charing Cross is domino effect of over development (height and FSR). Pressure on Charing Cross Conservation area already from the owners of the Robin Hood Hotel with their Charing Square proposal

7. CHARING SQUARE:

spot rezoning application to increase height for residential and shops, originally 24 metres, now at 13.5 m; WLPP suggested inclusion of other sites without consultation with Legions Club (not known if Reece Plumbing consulted). Now through DPIE's Gateway process, Council to manage public exhibition, waiting for further information from proponent (Whitten family, owners of Robin Hood Hotel). Planning proposal likely to go on exhibition later in the year followed by DA.

8. ST CATHERINES AQUATIC CENTRE AND PERFORMANCE SPACE:

DC our DA Rep presented photos showing new buildings, including looming facade to Macpherson Street, 19 m high fly tower at Leichhardt Lane, etc; to be completed end October 2021 however Covid restrictions on Construction will delay its completion. MacPherson St pedestrian crossing to be relocated eastwards, new sewer vent adjacent to 4 Macpherson Street, cannot be relocated. Awaiting results of traffic the latest traffic survey to ensure there is not net increase in School Traffic; parents still idling cars in private driveways; CCC Committee to continue for 2 years after construction ends to monitor traffic and other impacts. Over-scaled development with only 19 extra car parking spaces means that when the facility opens the school will be leaning on the community's tolerance to function. The facility will operate at nights and on weekends when the Community usually had some respite from School activities

9. REPORTS:

- Pubs and residents meeting has not been held resulting from COVID closures
- Community Safety Police liaison committee has not met

CHARING CROSS STREETSCAPE UPGRADE: Amendments to proposal moved at Council, to maintain existing footpath width, study potential to replace historic awnings, revisit pedestrian crossing and design suitable lighting.

### Motion 2

That Council consider the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Bronte Road at the corner of Albion Street in a north-south direction. The landmarks are the Commonwealth Bank on the north side (next to Kennards Hire) and Bellagio Cafe on the south side; and that Council staff look at the pedestrian crossing installed at The Spot in Randwick LGA as an example of what can be achieved; and that Council continues to lobby TfNSW for improvements to the major Charing Cross intersection.

Moved Mora Main, seconded Robyn Brown. Carried.

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Cr. Kay indicated Council Resolution of July 2017 Item CM/7.10 includes these items

### 10. WAVERLEY ACTION GROUP (WAG)

Scoping out short film topics

i) Waverley Cemetery, locally and nationally important

ii) precincts: what they do, how they work etc

looking for volunteers; working with Bondi Story room, Historical society, Cemetery management, Friends of Waverley Cemetery, Council's Community programmes, Local Studies Librarian, precinct co-ordinator, etc.

Links to Sustainable visitation strategy to develop other offerings not just beaches, so people filter up through Cemetery to Charing Cross. Hopefully filming in September or October, COVID permitting.

Charing Cross hub COVID closed since June 2021. Keeping in touch with regular attendees and Council staff.

### 11. DAs: presentation including photos:

5 Seaview Street - alter roof

22 Wiley St: 1st floor and garage

5 Leichhardt St: carport, rear lane (St Cats?)

20 Campbell St: 1st floor, garage and pool

Waverley Bowlo: various modifications to DA 237/2021 and DA 483/2018/F

9 Zarita Avenue: single storey 2nd dwelling and pool

**ACTION:** The Precinct request a progress report in relation to the redevelopment of Council's affordable housing flats at 2A Edmond Street.

### 12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS POSTPONED

4th December 2021. Meet the Candidates may be Zoom or Face to Face, depending on COVID restrictions

September Mayoral election

### 13. GENERAL BUSINESS: Cr Kay raised Henrietta Street bikeway dividers - consultation completed in March. Recommends call for Traffic Study for whole area in parallel with feedback on Bicycle Strategy currently on Exhibition and results of Henrietta Street divider consultation.

**MOTION 3:** The precinct requests that Council pursues with TfNSW a "holistic" Traffic Study, of the area bounded by Henrietta St, Birrell Street, Carrington Road, and Victoria Street. The study should take into account the impact of the Bicycle Strategy currently on exhibition, the results of the Henrietta Street divider survey and the congestion on Victoria Street east and the study to include bicycle and pedestrian circulation

Moved: Julie McAlpin, seconded Mora Main; Carried

### 14. NEXT MEETING: 13th October 2021

### 15. Meeting closed 8.52 pm