

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING
via Zoom
18 November 2020
commencing 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte
Apologies: Sarah McCarthy
Councillors present: None. Councillor Angela Burrill sent apologies

Centennial Park - no report

- Some residents who frequently walk in Centennial Park have complained about the behaviour of cyclists both in groups and individually, especially in terms of speed. Also those riding two or more abreast are often not confined to the cycle track.
- **There was unanimous agreement that the Committee write to Centennial Park , requesting enforcement of rules relating to cyclists, including speed.**
- The Committee was contacted by a dog walker who complained about another dog walker who was abusive to his dogs and anyone who tried to speak to him. Peter contacted the Park who advised that anyone observing such behaviour should contact the ranger on 0412 718 611 or the Police for any serious altercation but the offender may have disappeared by the time authorities reach there.
- Residents were also interested to know when the planned Darley Rd walkway in Queens park would be started. The Park's website indicates that funding has been sought from RMS.

Police Report

Police are warning people that there has been a spike in cars stolen with keys obtained from homes. People should be alert to this, with many leaving windows and doors open in the warmer weather.

Minutes of meeting 19 February

Motion to adopt from Simon Swifte; seconded by Ian Barber. Adopted

Dog etiquette

- An Alt St resident raised the issue of dogs defecating in Alt Lane outside his home, something he has raised with Council over the years.
- It is a potential health hazard with children playing in the lane and a child care facility being close by on the Birrell St corner. It would also be a problem should residents request participating in the street play initiative.
- A number of proposals were put forward e.g. CCTV, signs etc but no consensus.
- One resident suggested approaching dog owners if sighted as most will cooperate. Often they are walking ahead of their dog if not on leash and don't observe what dog is up to.
- **Residents agreed that the Committee write to the Council seeking a solution to this problem.**

Footpath conditions

- A resident raised the issue of the poor condition of paving in Bondi Junction, especially around Eastgate. These include:
 - asphalt being used to replace paving after maintenance and paving not being quickly restored
 - brick paving in Ebley St is quite uneven
 - degraded paving in Ebley St outside the small houses near Spotlight.
- **Residents agreed that the Committee write to Council seeking remedial action on these paving problems.**

West Bondi Junction proposed development update

Convenor Simon Swifte sought an update from Bondi Junction Precinct and was informed that there had been no action for the past six months.

Moriah College proposed expansion - update

- According to the NSW Planning Portal, there has been no further action since Moriah's response to submissions in July.
- However, Council put the proposed traffic changes to the Waverley Traffic Committee on 28 May. The Committee endorsed the changes in principle.
- This is despite the Precinct Committee writing to Council following the February meeting, requesting dialogue on this matter prior to it being considered by the Waverley Traffic Committee AND a Committee member meeting with the Mayor in April to discuss residents' concerns.
- In fact, the paper presented to the Traffic Committee did not even mention Queens Park residents' concerns, our letter or discussions with Mayor.
- At a further meeting that a Committee member had with the Mayor and the Senior Traffic Manager, assurances were given that all Queens Park residents would be surveyed once plans had been drawn up.
- **Residents agreed that the Committee should follow up with another letter about this important matter.**

General Business

- A York Rd resident raised the need for a safe way for pedestrians to cross York Rd into the Park near the York Rd gates. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- A resident of Fitzgerald St spoke about the excessive Council fees incurred when he and a neighbour applied to erect a masonry fence between their properties. Councillor Burrill has been assisting and the matter will go to a review panel. Meeting agreed to note this matter,

Next meeting: February 2021