

**QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING**  
**via Zoom**  
**17 February 2021**  
commencing 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen  
Apologies: Simon Swifte  
Councillors present: Councillor Angela Burrill

**Minutes of meeting 18 November 2020**

Motion to adopt from Ian Barber; seconded by Russel Chenu Adopted

**Centennial Park**

- As agreed at the previous meeting, the Committee wrote to Centennial Park, requesting enforcement of rules relating to cyclists, including speed and also asking for more monitoring of Queens Park by rangers because of the abusive behaviour of a regular dog walker. There has been no response from the Park.
- The Committee contacted the Park's Planning Manager Geoff Reinhard to find out the latest information on the planned Darley Rd walkway/cycleway in Queens Park and also implications for the Park following its inclusion in the newly established Greater Sydney Parklands.
- Funding has now been obtained to construct separated pedestrian and cycle paths along the entire southern edge of Queens Park. Tender documents for prospective contractors are being finalised and work is expected to commence within the next 2-3 months to be completed by the end of the year.
- There will soon be a dedicated page on the Park's website for the project that will include updates on the project.
- His response to the issue of incorporation of the Park into the Greater Sydney Parklands: *it will be business as usual for our three parks. We will have a new board but little else will change. And being part of a larger State Government entity will have some benefits for the Parklands through access to greater staff resources and budgets and more influence in Government decision making*

**Footpath condition follow-up** No response from Council. Nor was there any response to our request for a solution to dogs defecating in back lanes.

**Local Character Statements – QPP response**

- Council requested comments on its *Have Your Say* website about draft *Local Character Statements*.
- Precinct's response expressed support for
  - the expansion of Character areas in Waverley that will hopefully preserve more areas and
  - the objectives contained in the Queens Park Local Character Statement. The letter pointed out that residents' concerns have always been about the details in the controls in the DCP and adherence to them.
- The submission also included a range of photos that better depict features of this area as the Committee thought that those included in the Draft did not do justice to our area.

**2021 revision of the Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan**

- The draft Local Character Studies were prepared in preparation for drafting the revised LEP and DCP planned for later in the year.
- Council also held a Zoom session about parts of the LEP that are likely to be addressed in its revision. One area will be considering the Precinct's proposal that there should be a minimum lot size for secondary dwellings.

**West Bondi Junction update**

Convenor Peter Cohen reported on issues relating to the proposed development

### **Bicycle lane update**

- The section of Oxford St between Denison St and York Rd will be completed within weeks. Councillor Burrill reported that it has caused major disruption to businesses. Local residents have also suggested ways of helping pedestrians at the intersection with Nelson St. It is not legal to have a lollipop person at lights.
- Councillor Burrill also reported that the cycleway is not likely to be opened this year; ways of limiting cyclists in the mall have not been designed; street furniture in Spring St has also not been designed.

### **Moriah College proposed expansion - update**

- According to the NSW Planning Portal, Moriah's response to submissions is still being assessed.
- Committee will seek a Community Consultative meeting with the College to discuss traffic and parking issues now that the new school year has started.
- One resident queried an approach by one of the parent monitors claiming Queens Park Rd was a clearway during pick up time. While dropping off and picking up students in Q Pk Rd has always been discouraged, the result has been Manning, Newland, Alt and Denison Sts still have this happening.

### **General Business**

- A Newland St resident contacted the convenor about trucks using Newland St. It was suggested that signage is not very prominent. The portable large illuminated sign that has been used at Queens Park Rd intersection could be used more frequently.
- A York Rd resident raised the implications of a DA that has been submitted for 2 Birrell St. The DA is for a substantial medical centre in a heritage-listed house in the Mill Hill Conservation area and adjoining the Queens Park Conservation area.
- As well as placing a commercial enterprise in a residential area being inappropriate, there would be negative implications for traffic and parking in our precinct as well as the Mill Hill precinct.
- There have been many objections. It was agreed that the Committee would write an objection to the DA.

**Next meeting (Annual General meeting):** 12 May 2021