

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH 2024

1. WELCOME TO MEETING

Julie McAlpin (JM) welcomed Residents to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we meet: The Bidjigal and Gadigal people and welcomed any First Nations People who are present at the meeting.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Intro Co Convenor – DC
- b. Intro DA Rep - MM
- c. Introduce Jessica Ilacqua from Waverley Council who is liaising with Precincts
- d. Introduce Cr Ludivico Fabiano

3. APOLOGIES

- Cr Tony Kay
- Cr Angela Burrill
- Kate Marshall
- Nigel Harvey
- Gerry Braddon

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MINUTE

- Moved by DC
- Seconded by MM
- Unanimous

5. MATTERS ARISING

- **High Street Flooding**
Designs are in procurement phase for that work. Works to be undertaken over the next 2 – 3 months.
- **Bondi Pavilion – Use of Spaces**
Venue hire EOI is undertaken mid-year for regular hirers.
Pavilion hosts an average of 36 regular hire sessions each week (Seagull/High Tide/Ocean Rooms)
Mix of fitness, wellness, dance, support & community group sessions:
2,200+ regular/casual bookings this calendar year (so far)
There is disappointment from various Community Groups that cannot get space in the Pavilion. Demand is high. Mayor will talk to Council Officers on how to find solutions to this problem
- **E Bikes on Footpaths**
Council is actively working with Share Bike operators, neighbouring Councils and Transport NSW on this matter. Council has previously installed and

worked with bike share providers Unfortunately, this has not worked. Bike users did not follow the requirement of placing their bikes within the designated zones. Council is in ongoing discussions with bike share operators on how to improve the placement of bikes.

Similarly, enforcement and impounding is continually being discussed with the /providers. We have found that under the legislation it is difficult to impound bikes because we need to substantiate that they have been abandoned for 7 days or more. This is still an option that we are investigating.

Council is working to find solutions to these matters and will investigate the suggestion the Precinct has made. Council will provide an update as soon as possible.

There was general discussion about where bikes are being left and falling over on footpaths and whether there could be docking stations.

6. CHARING CROSS STREETSCAPE UPGRADE

- This Matter has been on the Agenda for at least 2 years and in discussion for 6 years
- A short video was shown that is available on the Charing Cross Facebook Page with Interviews with 4 Shopkeepers about the Upgrade
- This Video highlighted concerns Shopkeepers have with the Upgrade. Generally, they are in favour, however they are concerned about the process and the disruption to business and rising rents
- JM, DC and MM met with Waverley Council Officers Nick Prell and Cameron Eccles (Project Manager) discussion included Street Furniture, Seating, Smart Poles, Undergrounding of Power, placement of Water Pump and Tree selection. At Future Precinct Meetings we will get representation from Council Meetings.
- Discussion of trying to encourage Ausgrid to put pits in for Electrical connections, rather than the Green boxes
- An attendee questioned why the matter was on the Agenda given it was given the go ahead. He reported he had not heard from Council about his objection to the upgrade.

ACTION: Cr Fabiano and Jessica Illacqua to follow up

- DC explained the matter was on the Agenda to update Residents about the progress of the Project.
- MM Questioned whether the project was fully funded and could go ahead and cited problems with the Boot Factory and Tamarama Surf Club

Clarification was sort from **Emily Scott (General Manager Waverley Council)** after the Precinct meeting she explained via email

" With regard to the claim at the Precinct around future delays, that is absolutely untrue. Council approved the RFT for undergrounding poles and wires to

commence work. We have approval for 100% of the streetscape upgrade budget and approval on the design also. We just wanted to ensure there are no future delays with state utilities so have agreed that bringing forward the Ausgrid portion of the works (early works package starting in March) will ensure the project is completed as quickly as possible. We are on track for commencing the remaining streetscape upgrade mid-year.” (Emily Scott – General Manager Waverley Council)

- Various attendees discussed issues with buses and trucks in the street given the street was to be narrowed.
- Discussion of encouraging people to walk and not bring their cars to Charing Cross. To make the area more attractive for Shoppers and making the area more attractive for future shop keepers bring new shops to the area
- JM pointed out the project was going ahead, and the item will be on the Charing Cross Precinct Meeting agenda going forward with Council Officers present to discuss future issues around Construction.

7. PUBS AND RESIDENTS REPORT

- We no longer meet with Pub Representatives at the Precinct Meeting
- We meet Pubs on a needs basis
- SB reported in December police were present after an incident on Carrington Road adjacent to the Robin Hood Hotel. It is alleged that people were heavily intoxicated or drugged. Police sent email to SB with details on how to make an official complaint. DC reiterated that the Robin Hood Hotel Security need to patrol the Carrington Road Side of the Pub
- SB reported someone pulling up in his driveway and urinating in his driveway
- MM suggested that the issue needs to be brought to the attention of the Liquor Accord
- Resolved to present these issues again at the next Police Precinct Safety Committee meeting
- Robin Hood Hotel has not sold
- Apparently Stamatico Flats on Bronte Road have sold. Sign still up however

8. ST CATHERINES COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT (DC)

- JM and DC on this Committee
- Monitoring Traffic and Parking around the school
- Congestion is now mainly around the intersection of Leichhardt Street and Macpherson Street.
- Some Senior School Parents are using the Roundabout to do a U Turn back up Macpherson street
- Council is planning to improve Pedestrian Safety at that intersection and add road blisters so pedestrians can be protected.
- Council looking at the drop off area and pedestrian crossing on Leichhardt Street
- 90 Teachers park on the streets around St Catherine’s taking up all day parks
- School needs to meet an annual target on no net increase in traffic in the area to increase its student numbers

- We have raised the issue of traffic counts and the methodology used
- KM raised the issue of traffic with the start of the new school year especially around the area
- Discussion of Red Arrow on Victoria Rd to turn into Bronte Road and Carrington Rd
- **Action: Could Council Consider a Roundabout on the corner of Macpherson Street and Albion Street to improve traffic flow.** Traffic is held up especially on School days and it is difficult to turn right into Macpherson Street from Arden Street going North

9. WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

- Before Xmas a delegation of 6 people from Charing Cross met with Allegra Spender after Mia Vaux organized the meeting
- Briefed her about eviction at War Memorial Hospital
- Allegra met with Uniting on Jan 30th
- Got a report from Allegra in which Uniting did not address the issues correctly
- Allegra is going back to Uniting and will get back to the group
- The Development is with the State Govt as a State Significant Development (SSD)
- When the DA goes on Public Exhibition, we will all need to make submissions to make our positions clear to the State Govt
- SH doing research on what Uniting has been doing around the State in relation to developments. Some of the projects are questionable and are affecting people and wildlife.
- JM toured Men's Shed at War Memorial who are going to be evicted. Possibly moving to Randwick. They are also concerned about the trees
- Issue was raised about residents spending their time looking through larger documents and then making a submission.
- While "Have Your Say" is great it does involve a lot of personal time reviewing information with not a lot of feedback from Council
- Need to be protective of Green space eg Golf Club at Bondi

10. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (MM)

- 126 Carrington Road – Secondary Dwelling – Granny Flat
- Construction work happening at Corner of Victoria Rd and Wiley Street

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Playground at Waverley Park some issues with kids climbing on Roof
- **Action: Are there any issues with dangers to kids in the new playground at Waverley Park**
- General Call out to Residents to get involved with Precinct.
- Thanks to Residents BC, JF, JJ for attending the Combined Precinct Meeting
- Discussion of Electric Scooters on Footpath and dangers to Pedestrians
- **Action: Ask Council as to who is responsible for policing electric scooters**

- Waverley Action Group – Meeting on Wednesday Feb 21st at the Church Hall. Residents are welcome to get involved. **JM will send out an email**
- Short film is to be produced about Waverley Park and its involvement in the development of Waverley
- **Action Cr Ludovico Fabiano to follow up on improving Council Communication with residents who contact Council for various reasons including DA s. Also to follow up on removal of parking at Bondi Beach and whether it is permanent.**
- Motorcycle Parking at Bondi Beach. Discussion of lack of response in relation to queries about why Motorcycle Parking has been removed.
- **Action: Council to report back on the state, or lack of Motorcycle parking at Bondi Beach**

12. NEXT PRECINCT MEETING

- Wed April 10th 2024