

## QUEENS PARK PRECINCT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

31 May 2023

commencing 7pm Waverley Library

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte  
Apologies: Councillor Angela Burrill, Sarah McCarthy  
Councillors present: Mayor Paula Masselos

**Election of Executive Committee** conducted by Mayor

**Co-convenors:**

**Peter Cohen** elected, nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Ian Barber  
**Simon Swifte** elected, nominated by Peter Cohen, seconded by Mihael Ahrens  
(Peter and Simon informed meeting that they wouldn't be standing again next year)

**Secretary:**

**Roma Gillam** elected, nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Ian Barber

**Police Safety Committee representative:**

Ian Barber elected, nominated by Michael Ahrens, seconded by Roma Gillam

**Committee members**

**Phyllis Fong**, nominated by Ian Barber, seconded by Michael Ahrens  
**Michael Ahrens**, nominated by Roma Gillam, seconded by Simon Swifte  
**Sarah McCarthy**, nominated by Peter Cohen, seconded by Simon Swifte

**Mayor addressed the meeting on the following issues:**

- Contractor Lloyds Construction for Boot Factory and Tamarama Surf Club went into voluntary administration and was then liquidated
- Council will retain responsibility for and subcontract. Tender for construction manager has gone to tender
- Boot Factory is three quarters complete and will be finished by the end of the year
- Thinker in residence has been appointed on a 12 months contract. Will curate events that align with knowledge and innovation e.g. climate change to start with.
- Boot Factory will link with Mill Hill Centre
- Work on Birrell St Cycleway has commenced
- Bondi Pavilion has received an award from the National Trust and eight local government awards
- Local member Dr Marjorie O'Neill is now Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and will be looking at the bus privatisation contracts and user experience of buses through community consultations
- To meet KPI of running on time, apparently buses often are taken out
- Development at 194 Oxford St sold out first tranche in a week
- Mayor met Planning Minister and explained that Waverley is very densely populated already and is full as are the schools. A population policy is needed.
- Community planning officer has started at the Council
- Expressed concern at the War memorial Hospital development that basically was decided by the State Government
- Charing Cross upgrade will start in the next 2-3 months
- Council part of net zero alliance i.e. zero emissions by 2035. Planning more EV chargers. Will be exhibited.
- Community batteries – proposed site in a park has caused considerable opposition. They are size of a shipping container. Will they be used for community or just used by Ausgrid?
- Council Chambers are slowly being vacated for their major renovation.
- Council has good audit processes by internal and external auditors
- Council had a backlog of capital works that are now getting fixed, including improvement to its IT systems.
- Explained how flood mapping was done following concern from some residents.

## **Minutes of meeting 1 March 2023**

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

### **Progress report on major developments**

#### **194 Oxford St (DA-400/2021)**

- At ordinary Council Meeting on 16 May 2023, Council approved the planning agreement attached to the report applying to land at 194–214 Oxford Street and 2 Nelson Street, Bondi Junction, offering a total contribution of \$7.45 million, comprising a \$1.15 million in-kind contribution (a through site link and a public plaza on the development site) and a \$6.3 million cash contribution to be allocated to the items set out in the planning agreement, in accordance with Council's Planning Agreement Policy. Development was approved by a State Government authorised Planning Panel on 23 / 08 / 2022

#### **Cnr Denison & Oxford (DA-127/2013, 45 Oxford St)**

- Council's Development Application tracking tool web page 28 May 23 shows Deferred Commencement.

#### **War Memorial Hospital**

- Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 2 May 2023 adopted War Memorial Hospital (Edina Estate) - Development Control Plan  
Council deferred this item until the Council meeting on 16 May 2023 to allow Councillors to properly review the Development Control Plan. There is no mention in the 16 May Waverley Council Meeting minutes

#### **Mill Hill Heritage Conservation Area**

- Mill Hill Heritage Conservation Area planning proposal to downzone the Mill Hill Heritage Conservation Area from R3 Medium Density Residential to R2 was rejected by the Department of Planning and Environment.

#### **Birrell St renewal update**

- Commenced on 29 May. Precinct wrote to Council of the need for the intersection of Birrell St and Bronte Rd to be rectified before any cycleway was built. Traffic banks up down to Newland St sometimes. Precinct has been writing to Council about this for years.
- Council's plan has done nothing to alleviate this problem and the new cycle lane is likely to exacerbate the problem.

#### **Changes to parking on York Rd and Spring St**

Waverley Traffic Committee recently approved the following changes to parking:

##### **York Rd**

- Retain the 20 metre 'No Stopping' zone on the western side of York Road, Bondi Junction, north to the signals at the Waverley Bus Depot entrance.
- Replace the 50 metre section of the 'No Stopping' zone on the western side of York Road immediately north of the signals at the Depot with a 20 metre 'No Stopping' zone and a 30 metre 'No Stopping 7 am–10 am, Monday to Friday' zone, as shown in Figure 2 of the report.
- Reduce the length of the 'No Stopping' zone on the eastern side of York Road, south of Oxford Street, from 30.5 to 17.5 metres.

##### **Spring St**

- Changes the two 'No Stopping' community bus zones on the southern side of Spring Street, Bondi Junction, to 'No Parking, Community Buses Excepted, 15 Min Only.'
- Changes the 'No Parking' zone on the northern side of Spring Street to 'No Stopping, Waste Collection Vehicles Excepted, 10 Min Only.'
- Changes the 'Loading Zone' restriction on the southern side of Spring Street on Saturdays and Sundays to '1/2P, Meter Registration, 6.30 am–6 pm Sat–Sun.'

#### **Centennial Park report**

- Committee contacted the Parklands for any information of interest for residents.

- Currently Park is having to re-fill holes caused by dogs digging on a weekly basis.
- Dog bubbler on the Northern side of Queens Park, close to Queens Park Road, has had its footprint increased to address an ongoing erosion issue around the pad. It is hoped that with the larger footprint and some compliance with the dog walking community (e.g. not leaving the tap running whilst the dogs drink, but by filling the bowl provided) that the erosion problem will cease.
- Off road cycling remains an issue, causing the creation of tracks, trails and jumps, particularly in the upper section of Darley Rd and along Carrington Pde.
- There have been some complaints of excess litter at the park, particularly over the weekends. GSP has sent a letter to sporting clubs to remind them of their obligations to clean up after themselves, however it is also hoped that the local community will also remain vigilant in keeping the park litter free.
- There is a proposed cycleway extension (Waverley Council project) from Bourke St along the sidewalk connecting into the path within the Park.

**Police Report** - from Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting conducted by the Eastern Suburbs Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command

- No specific issues for Queens Park were reported by the police.
- Generally speaking, police are reporting vehicles being entered (usually left unlocked) and having items stolen. Also tools stolen from the back of utes across our Command and not limited to any specific suburbs.
- Residents are reminded to be vigilant and practise basic vehicle safety such as locking their cars and taking valuables with them and it is recommended to any tradies to make note of all the serial numbers of their power tools for future reference or engrave their tools with unique markings such as their drivers licence number. This makes returning recovered tools a lot easier.

#### **Moriah College report**

There have been no meetings or any further communication with the College about its proposed development.

#### **General Business**

**Next meeting: 2 August 2023, will be on Zoom again as more residents participate**