

## VAUCLUSE/DIAMOND BAY PRECINCT MEETING

Kimberley Reserve Hall, Military Road, Vaucluse  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm

### MINUTES

**Chair/Convenor:** Allan Aaron

**Secretary:** Lawrence Yeung

**Traffic Representative:** Apology - Neta Labi

**Greening Representative:** Suellen Bassetti

**DA Representative:** Gabriel Pallo

**Attendees:** Clr Sally Betts, Clr Steven Lewis, Clr Will Nemesh, Phil Drake-Brockman, Cody Aaron, John Trachberg, Mark Boyd, Sally Yeung, Karen Waldman, K Mikler, Terry Pillinger, Eleanor Murphy, Viv Easton, Ivan Kaplan, Patrick Mullins, Melanie Aaron, Norm Hacker, Clarissa Wilson

**Apologies:** Mayor John Wakefield, Clr Leon Goltsman

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Opening of the Meeting	The meeting commenced at 7pm. Mr. Aaron welcomed the attendees, and in particular the councillors. He noted that it was comforting for the Precinct Committee that there was such a good turnout even in a cold winter evening.
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting (adjourned)	The minutes of the 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 Precinct Meeting were discussed. Viv Easton raised an issue on Item 4 re Clarke Reserve Playground stating that she did not believe that the last meeting did ratify the submission by show of hands as minuted. After some discussion, it was agreed to hold over approval of the minutes until after the Clarke Reserve Playground upgrade was discussed later in the meeting.
3	Convenor's Report	Mr. Aaron highlighted some of the key events in the last few months under the different topic items on Clarke Reserve, Boats/Trailers Parking, Overdevelopment, Tree Policy, Roads Conditions, Community Garden, Diamond Bay gully safety, Sydney Water sewerage diversion, Council budget and DCP revision.
	DA Rep Report	Mr. Pallo mentioned the significant notifications are the Millennium Pizza extension of trading hours, approved indoor trading hours from 8am to 10pm. The DA request for 671-679 Old South Head Road to demolish 5 properties to erect 16 apartments has been deferred by Council pending changes by the applicants.
	Secretary Report	Mr. Yeung advised the Precinct members met on several occasions since the last Precinct meeting to consult on issues, and correspondence with the Council on Clarke Reserve, overdevelopment and Precinct training for executives. Mr Aaron noted that now with email and a facebook page, it has become much harder to track correspondence and so only material items such as submissions will be referred to the meeting for discussion and ratification.
	Greening Report	

	Traffic Report	<p>Ms. Bassetti mentioned the Norfolk Pines, the Norfolk Hibiscus and a Banksia outside 13 Craig Ave were poisoned. The Council had put up Notices seeking information on the vandals. Norm Hacker complained about tall trees along the Kimberly walkway blocking views. The Council is presently reviewing the Tree Policy. Lawrence Yeung raised the issue the Federal Greening Group that is independent of the Council plants tall Banksia trees in the Diamond Bay Reserve.</p> <p>Mr. Aaron advised the Council is to relook at the traffic situation at the corner of Old South Head Road and Diamond Bay Road.</p>
4	Clarke Reserve Playground	<p>Mr Aaron briefed the meeting on the background to the Clarke Reserve upgrade, on fencing, upgrade to playground facilities, consultation process, the Council allocation of \$150K, and subsequently another \$100K from the State Government.</p> <p>Mr Aaron read out the Precinct Committee’s February submission to the Council regarding the upgrade. Following the recital of this submission, the meeting was asked to ratify the submission. A proposal to ratify was moved and seconded and passed unanimously by a show of hands.</p> <p>Following this, the meeting was asked again to accept the minutes of the March Meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was moved and seconded and approved by a show of hands. Viv Easton requested that the minutes of the meeting reflect her dissent in relation to the accuracy of the minutes.</p> <p>Mr Aaron read out the Precinct Committee’s May submission. Following the recital of this submission, the meeting was asked to ratify the submission. A proposal to ratify was moved and seconded and passed unanimously by a show of hands.</p> <p>Mr Aaron then read out a report provided by Bianca Simpson in relation to the current status of the project, noting that Council had received a petition implying lack of support for the proposal (though couched as protecting the natural environment, etc). He noted that the organiser of the petition was anonymous and that many of the signatories previously reviewed did not live within our Precinct, and many not even within Waverley. Ms Easton noted that the reserve is used by residents of many different areas, a point which was not contentious but did not mean that residents shouldn’t have a say about how their rates were applied in this instance. There remained some disagreement regarding implementing a traditional fence versus no fence versus a garden barrier. Mr Aaron noted that the current proposal allows for additional signage, further playground equipment, and coastal trees versus shade cloths over the play area. A participant noted that it would be good to include a picnic table at the Reserve and Mr Aaron noted that this suggestion had been made in the Committee’s submission by apparently ignored. Mr Aaron discussed the prospect of replacing the soft fall surface at a cost of around \$60k. He noted that the surface appears serviceable and that Council has been informed that it may not be by a supplier of soft fall material. Clr. Betts informed the meeting that based on her discussion with Emily Scott, should the surface be replaced, the funding for the replacement will not come from the</p>

		additional \$100K State government funding so that the extra money could be used for more playground facilities.
5	Boats/Trailers	Mr Aaron informed the meeting the Council had adopted the State Regulations on 28 days boats/trailers parking. Parking limitation is a possible solution. Mr. John Trachberg suggested creating parking bays in Young Street to facilitate traffic. This topic was subject of considerable discussion and Mr Aaron requested a show of hands to indicate whether the meeting wanted the Committee to take up the issue again with Council. The meeting indicated it would like the Precinct to do so. <b>ACTION: Precinct Committee to reopen discussion re boat parking along Young Street with Council</b>
6	Tree Policy	Mr Aaron noted that Council's tree policy had been scheduled for review but that this hadn't commenced yet based on his advice from Council. Mr Hacker (a resident of Kimberley Street) noted that Council had planted trees alongside the Coastal Walk that were starting to grow taller and block views for residents and visitors and requested that Council look to trim these and plant more appropriate trees in the future. He requested the Precinct Committee liaise with Council on this issue. <b>ACTION: Precinct Committee to raise oversize trees on Coastal Walkway with Council</b>
6	Over-development	The Council is required by the State Government to revise the DCP/LEP starting from mid 2019. Mr Yeung inquired why the revision is necessary, is the revision to relax or to limit development. Clr. Will Nemesh suggested the revision is necessary for "housekeeping" only. Clr. Sally Betts mentioned she had moved to down zone Diamond Bay in the new LEP. Clr. Steven Lewis suggested reviewing the draft Strategic Plan that dictates policies available on the Council website soon, as a start to provide comments on the DCP/LEP revision. <b>ACTION: Precinct Committee to review Strategic Plan and engage with residents regarding the plan</b>
7	Road Condition	Clr. Lewis advised the Traffic Committee is to revisit the intersection at Old South Head Road and Diamond Bay Road. Mr. Pallo suggested the double lines at the bottom of Diamond Bay Road intersection be extended to the Old South Road to discourage U turn. Mr Lewis suggested that Council would look to creating barriers to enhance visibility for vehicles exiting Diamond Bay Road.
8	Diamond Bay Reserve Gully	The Council is aware of concerns raised with the safety of increasing number of visitors to the Diamond Bay Reserve and Gully. Clr. Will Nemesh mentioned the Council is to update the signage, provide extra rubbish bins and upgrade the viewing platform.
9	Sydney Water Diversion	Mr Aaron updated the meeting on Sydney Water's proposal to cease discharging raw effluence from three outfalls in Christenson Park, Diamond Bay and Dover Heights. Sydney Water has committed approx \$84 million to divert sewerage and plans to consult with residents on the proposed plan that is in detailed conceptual stage. The proposal will involve horizontal drilling for a 30cm pipe parallel and to the west of Old South Head Rd (and a new pumping station at Parsley Bay). This line would intersect a main along Newcastle Street and be diverted to Bondi treatment plant. Pipes would also be drilled between Diamond Bay and Dover Heights outfalls and a pumping station installed in Dover Heights. The effluent

		would intersect a line to Bondi treatment plant. The proposed work start date is mid 2020.
10	Coastal Fence	Clr. Will Nemesh and Clr. Sally Betts advised the meeting fencing designs using stainless wires/mesh along the coast from Clarke Reserve to Dover Heights are under consultation. Criteria looked at are safety, durability, aesthetics and cost.
11	Council Budget	Mr. Aaron noted that Clr Lewis has advised that Council had approved its 2019-20 budget totalling \$157 million, with some \$40 million to be spent on capital works. Given the nature and size of the budget this seems to be a matter that residents should show some interest in. Clr. Sally Betts view was that the budget was not sustainable and would lead to rate increases which Clr Lewis dismissed. Mr Aaron called the meeting to order and suggested that a summary of the budget would be placed on the Community Facebook page for interest <b>ACTION : Post Council Budget on FB page</b>
12	Community Gardens	There was interest from the Community Facebook site on this subject. Main issue is where the Community Gardens would be located. Ms Bassetti mentioned the Vaucluse Bowling Club community gardens, with initial resident enthusiasm that disappeared over time. Interested parties can approach her. Given timing and the absence of some key people from the meeting, it was agreed to raise this matter again at the next Precinct Meeting. <b>ACTION: Community Garden discussion at next Precinct Meeting</b>
13	Closure	Mr. Aaron noted the next meeting will be in about three months' time. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.