

## QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

8 March 2017

7.00 pm Waverley Library Meeting Room

Convenors: Peter Cohen  
Apologies: Simon Swifte, Kyra Thomas, Sarah McCarthy, George Feuerlicht  
Councillors present: Councillor Masselos  
Visitors: Teacher and students from Macleay College Business Faculty,  
observing management of a public meeting as part of their course

**Centennial Park** – no representative in attendance.

Roma raised the issue of an attack by two Staffie dogs not on leads in Queens Park and then a similar report in Varna Park. Councillor Masselos said she would follow up with rangers.

### Police Report

There has been no Community Safety meeting since our last public meeting. Ian Barber reported on general security issues outlined on the police website e.g. leaving windows and doors open in summer and also the growing incidence of identity theft using material stolen from letterboxes.

### Council amalgamations

- Councillor Masselos outlined the scenarios, depending on the outcome of Woollahra's High Court challenge.
- Council elections are to be held on 9 September if amalgamation has been decided but otherwise not until March 2018.
- Boundaries Commission may need to revisit the situation depending on the final amalgamation but plan was to have 3 wards of 5 Councillors – for around 300,000 residents. Waverley currently has 12 Councillors for around 75,000 residents.
- Roma reported that, in a letter she received from the Premier's office following a letter opposing amalgamations in the city when those in the country won't proceed, the main reason given for amalgamations was the following:

"Sydney will need to house more than 1.74 million new residents in the next 20 years. This means we need Councils to consider housing development applications efficiently and have the funding required to provide essential services and local infrastructure."

- It would seem therefore that it was never about improving services and reducing costs for existing residents but to aid development.

### Developer's application to more than double allowed building height & density in West Oxford St

- A Planning Proposal for 194-214 Oxford St and 2 Nelson St, Bondi Junction has been submitted by a developer.
- The developer is seeking to change Waverley LEP 2012 to increase the height standard from 15m to 36m and floor space ration from 1.5:1 to 3.5:1; also remove the heritage status of four terrace houses at 194-200 Oxford St.
- The Precinct Committee had prepared a draft submission to Council to reject this Proposal and it was unanimously endorsed.
- The letter opposes the dramatic changes to the LEP in relation to height and density. Many residents had input into the development of this document and the proposed changes are against community interests.

- The letter also outlines the negative impact on Centennial Park and the neighbourhood and heritage streets and the major negative impact on traffic, parking and infrastructure;. It also opposes changing the heritage status of the terrace houses.
- Copies of the letter will be sent to the Joint Regional Planning Panel and the local State member.
- Submissions should be in by 10 March and a rally is to be held on 11 March in St James Park.

**Minutes from previous meeting** – no minutes as formal meeting did not proceed.

**General Business**

- Roma raised the issue of the increased number of S.96 applications being lodged in order to overturn conditions that have been placed on approved development applications.

**Next meeting – Annual General Meeting:** 10 May 2017