

DHP meeting Wednesday, August 31, 2022 -

Meeting held in person at Diamond Bay Bowling Club, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth 2.

Started at 7:00 PM

Attendance - See addendum attendance sheet

Welcome to Hunter Ward Councillors Will Nemesh (who arrived after the AGM)

AGM

David Caldwell was declared the returning officer for purposes of the AGM and declared all positions vacant

Nominations for convenor

Dov Frazer - sole nomination

Elected Unopposed

Nominations for Secretary

Robert Harvey - sole nomination

Elected Unopposed

Meeting returned to Dov Frazer - newly reelected convenor

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Do all agree the minutes are a fair and accurate representation of the meeting:

Moved - Robert Harvey

Second -Richard Morris

ACCEPTED

Item 1 - Sydney Water Sewage Pumping Station:

Bala and Annette were invited but declined to attend. Cora Reynolds who many of you met in persons was working for a sub contractor and unfortunately they let her go so the only remaining community outreach person is Annette Dittmar.

Statement from Sydney Water by email was as follows:

- We understand the concerns of the residents, and we appreciate their patience while we are working on a more acceptable solution for Eastern Reserve. Given the complexity of the area and associated issues, we are undertaking further assessments of the pump station design and location. We are planning to share an update in the next month with Councils, the CRG and the community.
- The old depot at 33a Lancaster Rd is now removed. The residence next door will be demolished either end of this year or early next year pending approvals. We will notify the local residents once we have a timeline confirmed.
- The trees at the re-chlorination plant at Portland St will not be removed, but Sydney Water will prune them if they impact views. Our suggestion is for residents to log ground maintenance requests like these by calling the Customer Service Line 13 20 92 as these will be responded to

within 10 business days. Due to our special guests we are going to first discuss the Sydney Water Proposals at Eastern Avenue Reserve and then move on to our normal meeting

Residents are anxiously waiting the next design update and hoping that resident concerns have been accommodated.

Note - Ramone Philips asked for a copy of the geotech report about the caverns near the proposed pumping station. She stated that had requested a copy from Sydney Water & Comdain and to date they



refused to release that report

The 50% design that was so problematic appears below:



New Pump Station Design

- Added safety features (retaining wall, bollards and crash barrier)
- Added emergency lighting
- Relocation of emergency storage to reduce impact on nearby property
- Relocation of RPZ device to reduce visual impact



Note - an article appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on September 4, 2022 about the subject of the pumping station. A pdf of this article is attached to the minutes.

Issues in Dudley Page Reserve that relate to Sydney Water:

Pump House - This needs to be refurbished on the outside so it is not an eyesore

Broken Stairway at Lancaster & Military - We are hoping this is replaced or repair

Sydney Water Depot at Portland & Lancaster - 1/2 has been cleared and the other 1/2 with the house will be cleared by the end of the year

DHP hopes the banksia trees in the existing depot at Portland Street and the stairs leading to Portland Street can be replaced with more suitable trees that will not grow to block views

Item 2 - Cliff Walks ISSUES

Motion From June 2022 meeting:

Dover Heights Precinct request that the wood cliff walk between Lancaster and Bulga roads be reopened unless council can provide proof that there is a clear and present danger to residents and visitors from the landslide which does not appear to have affected the integrity of the walkway in any manner.

Response

A senior engineering geologist visited the site on 27 April 2022 to inspect the landslide and carry out a geotechnical investigation which informed the decision to close the boardwalk at Eastern Avenue. The existing boardwalk in the vicinity of the landslide is currently showing evidence of movement plus some of the supporting posts are either undermined or very close to being undermined. For the safety of the community the boardwalk remains closed until the new upgrade works take place later this year. Council officers are holding an internal meeting about the closure in September and will provide further update

NOTE - Residents are clear that there is not is ANY evidence of movement in the support post. If there were any movement in the structure it would be readily evident so many months after the land slip. Residents do not believe that there is ANY evidence of risk to the walking public. Residents call on council to reopen the cliff walk forthwith.

NOTE - The Cliff Walks DA was put to tender and no contractor bid on the project. It is unclear what happens next with no clear plan of action on the part of council

Item 3 - TREES BLOCKING VIEWS:

1 - Draft Tree policy was reviewed by council and a number of sensible updates relating to pre existing views were added to the draft by council vote

2 - Two weeks later council called a special recission meeting at which conveners of DHP and Vacluse precincts both spoke:

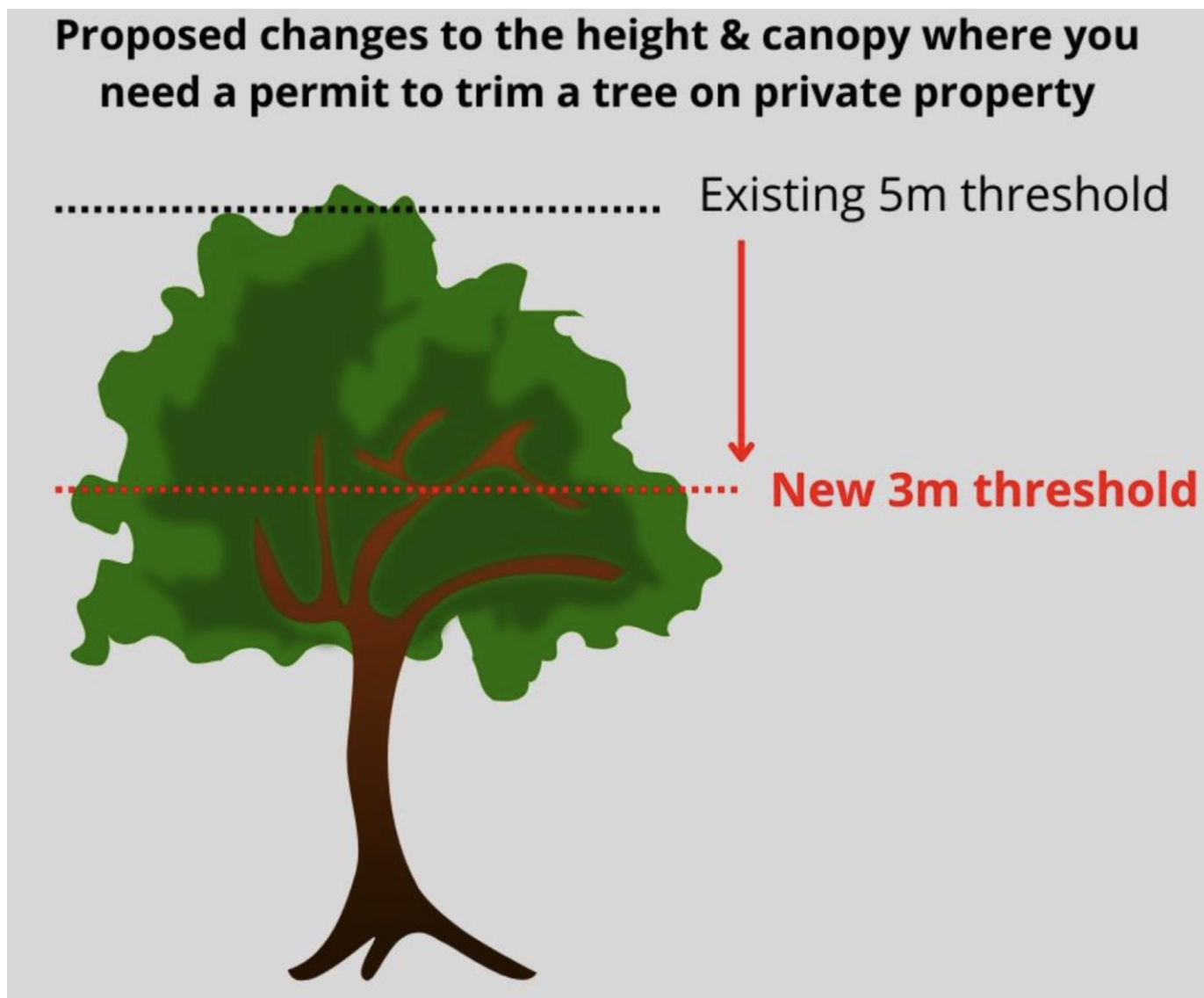
Note - A copy of Dov Frazer submission to council at that meeting is attached as a pdf to these minutes

All of the sensible updates relating to pre existing view were reversed by council vote. Any updates relating to pre existing views will now have to be made by resident submission.

Will Nemesh explained that one issue is both in the WDCP as well as the draft tree policy. This relates to trimming trees on private property. The WDCP proposed to lower the threshold from 5 meters to 3 meters at resident would need to get permission from council to trim a private tree.

Will said that we should address this issue relating to private trees before Sept 19, 2022 as that is the date that the draft WDCP submissions close

Dov said that he will write residents by email suggesting how to send a submission about this issue ASAP and before Sept 19th.



Motion 1 - DHP unanimously endorses the following submission that the new Tree Policy add specific wording that council should not plant any new street trees which may grow to block, alter, obscure or otherwise impact a resident's pre existing view of the ocean or the harbour.

Moved - Adam Rapaport
Second - Richard Morris
Approved Unanimously

Motion 2 - DHP unanimously endorses the following submission that the new Tree Policy add specific wording that council should not plant any NEW trees and shrubs that will block, alter, obscure or otherwise impact views of the ocean and harbour in council maintained reserves, specifically in Eastern Reserve, Weonga Reserve, Rodney Reserve, Raleigh Reserve, Caffyn Reserve and Dudley Page Reserve.

Moved - Briar Shaoni
Second - Marc Philips
Approved Unanimously

Motion 3 - DHP unanimously endorses the following submission that the new Tree Policy add specific wording that residents may request that a council planted street tree to be trimmed to restore a pre existing view when the resident can demonstrate that the pre existing view existed and that the pre existing view has been blocked, altered, obscured or otherwise impacted by council planted street tree.

Moved - David Caldwell
Second - Robert Harvey
Approved Unanimously

Motion 4 - DHP unanimously endorses the following submission that the new Tree Policy add specific wording that residents may request that a council planted trees and shrubs in council verges and pocket parks to be trimmed to restore pre existing views when the resident can demonstrate that the pre existing view existed and that the pre existing view has been blocked by council planted trees and shrubs

Moved - Adam Rapaport
Second - Robert Harvey
Approved Unanimously

Motion 5 - DHP unanimously endorses the following submission that the new Tree Policy add specific wording that residents may request that council planted trees and shrubs in council reserves be trimmed to restore a pre existing ocean and harbour views when it can be demonstrated or is abundantly clear that the pre existing views existed and that the pre existing views have been blocked by council planted trees and shrubs.

Moved - Ruth Abeshouse
Second - Grant Benson
Approved Unanimously

Motion 6 - DHP is unanimously against lowering the threshold from 5 meters to 3 meters to trim a tree on private property which is proposed in the new draft Tree Policy as well as in the draft DCP. The 5 meters threshold should be retained.

Moved - Marc Philips
Second - Richard Morris
Approved Unanimously

Motion 7 - DHP unanimously endorses the following submission that the new Tree Policy add specific wording that street trees not be planted that may grow to damage service infrastructure.

Moved - Adam Rapaport
Second - Robert Harvey
Approved Unanimously

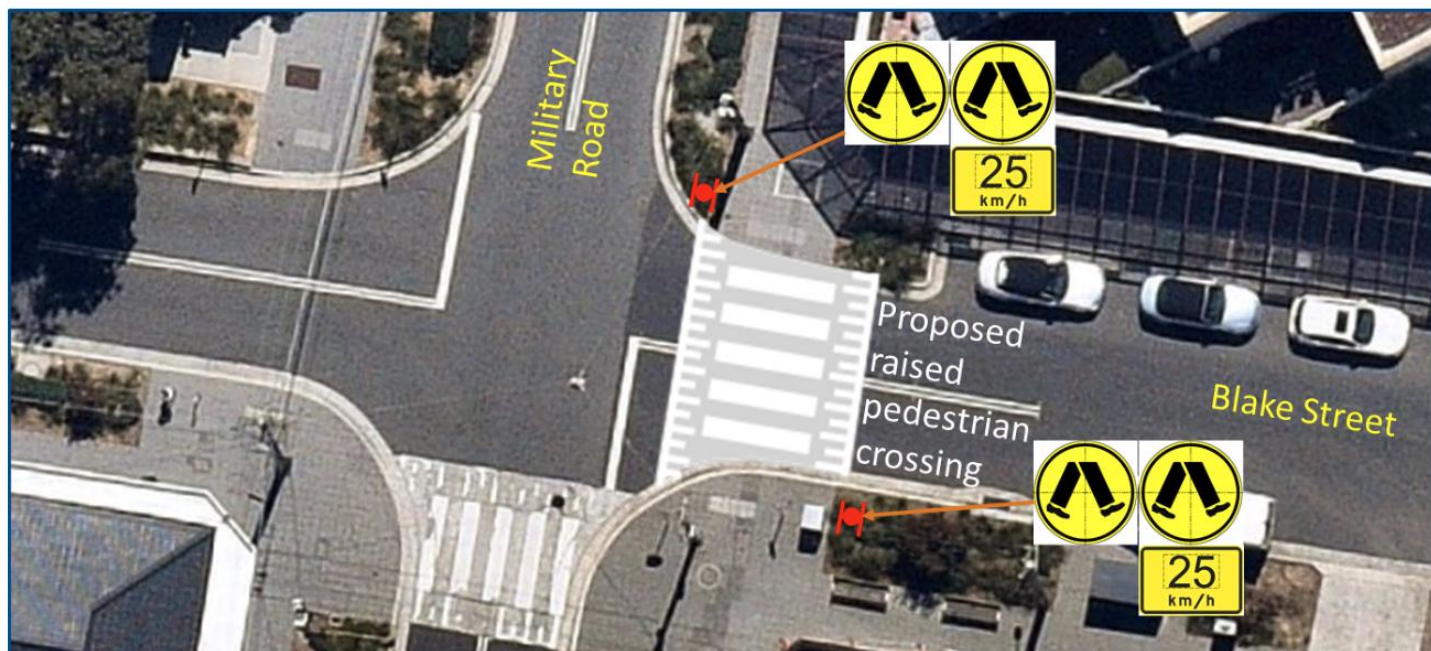
Motion 8 - DHP unanimously endorses the following submission that the new Tree Policy add specific wording that when a street, reserve, pocket park or verge tree has been planted in error, then that tree may be removed

Moved - Marc Philips
Second - Julie Stark
Approved Unanimously

Item 4 - Pedestrian Crossing at Blake Street and Military Road:

Council approved the installation of a raised pedestrian crossing on Blake Street on the eastern side of Military Road at the August Council meeting ([picture below]). Timing will depend on funding.

We are investigating the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing facility on Military Road south of Hunter Street adjacent to Dudley Page Reserve. The pedestrian volumes do not meet the warrant to justify a marked crossing. It could be a pedestrian island or kerb extension. A pedestrian refuge will result in the loss of



more on-street parking spaces than kerb extensions.

General Business:

Richard Morris talked about the sorry state of the walking path in Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserve:

Motion 9 - Due to the current hazardous condition of the reserves ground cover, DPP requests council investigate putting a safe and clear pedestrian pathway in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserve starting at Weonga Road and ending at Raleigh Street.

Moved - Richard Morris

Second - Julie Stark

Approved Unanimously

Meeting closed at 8:55 PM