

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9TH 2023

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.

Acknowledgement of the Presence of Cr Tony Kay and Cr Ludovico Fabiano
JM advised that this meeting is an AGM of the Charing Cross Precinct and new officers would be elected at the end of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Cr Angela Burrell
Mora Main

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – Held in June 2023

Moved by DC
Seconded by MV
Accepted

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ACTION: Check with Council's Planning Team how signage fits in with the heritage controls for this building. Ask Council to check whether the Tobacco business in Charing Cross is allowed to sell and advertise cigarettes and Vapes on its shop front, especially given its location close to Schools and School Children.

Council Response:-

Regarding selling and advertising Tobacco and Vapes, the NSW Ministry of Health enforce and regulate this. Selling at this venue is permitted, however there are controls in how businesses can advertise. For example, there is a ban on the display of tobacco products, non-tobacco smoking products, smoking accessories, e-cigarettes, and e-cigarette accessories in shops.

Further information can be found at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/tobacco-retailing-laws.aspx>

CLC has submitted a request to NSW Health on behalf of the Precinct to have this venue inspected. If Precinct members would also like to raise concerns, they can do so at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pages/contact.aspx>

ACTION: Request Council install a temporary pedestrian crossing for a trial period on Bronte Rd in the position as proposed in the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade to enable the community and Council staff to review effectiveness prior to REF public consultation.

Council Response:-

Council's lead project manager on the Charing Cross Streetscape upgrade has advised that unfortunately, making a temporary crossing is not possible due to budget, time, and compliance constraints. The Precinct can see the effectiveness of similar streetscape works undertaken at Glenayr Avenue.

ACTION: Charing Cross Precinct requests Council send representative(s) to corner of Salisbury St and Henrietta St,

Lynne Fitzsimmons (LF), (via email), reported that they have placed the stop signs back from the corner and painted some lines. This isn't logical as the cars stop at the sign but then what is the expectation when they get to the corner? There hasn't been an improvement to the risk to pedestrians or cyclists. LF emailed Emily Scott and also spoke to the Mayor last week and asked for them to urgently review it. Advised by Sam Samadian Executive Manager – Infrastructure Services, that a Road Safety Auditor would be coming to review the intersection.

Cr Tony Kay (TK) has raised the same concerns which Council Officers who advised that the crossing met the standards. Eventually Council Officers confirmed that an Independent Audit would be taking place soon and there will be a subsequent report and recommendation. There will be a residents meeting on site with Council officers day and time TBA.

ACTION: Council to find out whether local bus services, removed by the former NSW Govt will be restored.

Council Response:-

**Council has not heard anything about this issue.
As this is a State Government matter, we recommend raising this with your local member.**

MOTION

The Charing Cross Precinct writes to:-

(1) The Waverley GM and Council supporting the Mayor's position; and write to

(2) the Member of Coogee reiterating our position in the strongest terms with

(a) A reminder that we support her views and campaign stance on inappropriate over development and in particular her recent comments about impacts of overdevelopment in Coogee and

(b) to express our concerns and possible impacts of the Premier's seemingly blanket approach and commentaries on future housing development.

Furthermore, we support a community and locally lead approach to planning and solutions to housing supply and development.

And finally, We would be happy to meet to discuss and share our ideas.

JM has written to Hon Marjorie O'Neill (Member for Coogee)

CARRINGTON ROAD

Residents to put together a paper requesting various changes to Carrington Road to present at the next meeting. Then contact Marjorie O'Neill (Member for Coogee) to lobby Transport NSW who controls this road.

SB put forward and spoke to the following motion:

Charing Cross Precinct requests the NSW Govt, Transport for NSW through Waverley Council provide these changes to Carrington Road.

- 1. A pedestrian refuge island be constructed at or in the vicinity of Judges Lane on Carrington Road to access Queens Park. The main issue is safety, Judges Lane is used by pedestrians, as they cross at that point into Queens Park. A refuge will provide some safety for pedestrians attempting to cross this busy road.*
- 2. KEEP CLEAR road markings be painted in both directions of traffic flow on Carrington Road at the intersection of John Street, Queens Park. There are existing keep clear signs further south in Randwick Municipality on Carrington road. The same road markings should be applied further North on Carrington Road in Waverley, so drivers can turn out of John Street.*
- 3. 50 (K/Hr) speed limit signage be placed in at least 2 locations on Carrington Road, on both sides between Darley Road and the Charing Cross intersection. Drivers are unaware of the speed limits on Carrington Road and are travelling at excessive speeds of up 60-70kms per hour especially at night.*

Council's Manager of Traffic and Transport has referred this matter to Transport for NSW as Carrington Road is under their jurisdiction. Awaiting a response.

The Precinct can also send the Paper to Council to then raise with NSW Government / Transport for NSW.

ROBIN HOOD AND CHARING CROSS HOTELS

Background

Concern was raised by DC and SB at the Eastern Suburbs Police Safety Precinct Meeting on August 10th about the continued anti-social behaviour that occurs on Carrington Road between the Hotels particularly in residential neighbour's front yards and driveways. The Precinct seeks to encourage the Hotel's Security Officers to patrol Carrington Road more effectively to stop patrons disturbing residents. Sgt Bolt advised he would ask licensees of both Hotels to attend the Precinct Meeting. Representatives of both Hotels attended the Precinct meeting.

At the Meeting

Local Resident SB advised of numerous times he is disturbed by hotel patrons urinating and vomiting in his driveway. He also discussed how Ubers are dropping off patrons near his doorstep rather than at the entrance of the Robin Hood Hotel on Bronte Road. In many cases hotel patrons are arriving around 11pm to 2am to attend the hotels.

DW from Robin Hood Hotel advised there were only 2 incidents reported. One in Feb one in March. DW says they are active moving around to the Bottle shop. Doing best to keep their incident register up to date. Security guards are moving around the hotel locality within 50-100 metres of the hotel.

DW says if people are coming from other Pubs into the Charing Cross area then it should be a wider Police job to monitor them. Suggest Police to step up patrols especially as the weather warms up.

Security guards have an App on their phone that monitors where they patrol, and they have a checklist they have to follow and their moves around the Hotel

JM Suggests the licensees and residents keep the dialogue open and all incidents continue to be reported

ST CATHERINES COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Gerry Braddon (GB) has joined the St Catherine's Consultative Committee and attended his first meeting in July.

- Complaints of Parent Traffic in Leichhardt Lane picking up and dropping off children
- Head of Junior School has written to parents
- Council representatives are now attending CCC meetings including Nick Zervos, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services

Council is committing to undertaking the following:

- Consider Kerb extensions / blisters at the end of the pickup zone on
- Macpherson St near Albion St to prevent queuing. Council can present this to the next CCC
- Consider signage changes to reduce the pick-up times to increase the resident parking times in line with the operational needs of the school. It would be good if the CCC agreed on times they believe would work for both AM and PM so that Council can assess and then present to the next CCC as a recommendation
- Consider painting/ delineating the no stopping across Leichhardt Lane.
- Council can present this to the next CCC
- Consider the location of the Pedestrian Crossing on Leichhardt St and see if moving the crossing is an option. This is a high-level check. If feasible, the proposal would be a long-term solution

There may also be a possibility of returning some car parking spaces at the front of the drop off queue on Macpherson Street back to the residents. These are the spaces close to the footpath electricity box, which are being avoided by drivers dropping off children.

Motion: The Charing Cross Precinct Supports and endorses the Council's recommendations as proposed by Nick Zervos

Motion Carried

- The Operational Transport Management Plan for 2023 will be presented at the next St Catherine's Community Consultative Meeting

CHARING CROSS STREETSCAPE UPGRADE

- Flyers have gone out to all Shop Owners
- The REF (Review of Environmental Factors) for the project will be exhibited in the next few weeks and the community will be invited to provide feedback on its contents
- This exhibition is a legal requirement of Council, and something we undertake for all project that don't require a DA
- This isn't a consultation on the project or its design that we undertake at the beginning of a project, it is an opportunity for the community to give us feedback on the contents of the REF
- There will be signs up in the Shopping Strip early to mid-next week to ensure all members of the community could provide feedback.
- Feedback important from Shopkeepers to ensure no disruption to business
- A building contractor will hopefully engaged by early next year
- Cr Kay discussed storm water pits and pedestrian safety
- Discussion on Storm Water in Charing Cross
- On Council's Website there is some mapping of Storm Water
- Flood Study Stage 1 has been done (around June 2020)
- Flood Study Stage 2 is currently happening. (See Council website)
- Lots of work to still occur looking for outcomes in late 2024
- Discussion on the widening of Shopping Strip footpath. Consultation has now closed
- Discussion of removal of traffic island at Charing Cross Intersection
- Cr Tony Kay suggestion of revisiting the phasing of traffic lights at Charing Cross and contacting Transport NSW to reconsider this issue, especially in light of the Streetscape Upgrade

WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UPDATE

- JF and BC updated the meeting
- Updated Draft Site, Specific DCP was put to Council by Staff Planners at the August 1st Council Meeting
- Six Residents addressed meeting including the Precinct
- 1 Uniting Church representative addressed the meeting
- There are some Significant Trees at Risk

- Councillors acknowledged the significance of the site to the Community including the history of the site
- Historic Gates to be restored with access to the site for a minimum of 9 daylight hours per day
- Council to seek a Report from GM to quote for Arborist (an independent report) to assess all trees on the site to identify if there are any other significant trees (Query about whether that means an arborist assessment will happen, or is it just a quote?)

Motion: Charing Cross Precinct would like clarification of this Motion from Council

- Council seeks urgent meeting with Heritage Minister to see if the site can be put on the State Heritage Register
- The Site specific DCP has now been endorsed by Council with the amended items
- A much better proposal has now been put forward thanks to Community input
- Heights 4-6 storeys (15-21 metres high) which will depend on site needing 30% deep soil planting. However, Heights and FSR may vary because of variations that may be allowed through the DCP/LEP
- Cr TK pointed out the issue for the Precinct will be the “envelope” of the development rather than the number of storeys. Eg overshadowing, bulk and scale
- It was noted that 99 Birrell Street does not belong to Uniting as yet even though it is included in the development
- Concern about the removal of the Tree Canopy
- Residents have noticed Trees being retained have had Tags put on them
- Tree in centre of car park does not have Tag and that is of concern
- Uniting may seek to circumvent the Council Development process and to directly to the State Govt
- **JM to contact Historical Society regarding the WMH**

MOTION

Charing Precinct would like to be informed of any changes to the ecological habitat of the site heritage of the site (flora and fauna biodiversity of the site) and Charing Cross Precinct re asserts its interest in the site and would like to be kept informed.

PHILLIP HOUSE

The proposed development is currently with the Land and Environment Court. The DA involves the demolition of the existing Summit Care Waverley Aged Care Facility (Phillip House) and construction and use of a new boarding house facility.

Currently the matter is a modification application lodged directly with the Land and Environment Court, that is still under appeal. The last amendments received were notified in June and Hearing dates have been set for 7 and 8 November.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

19 Prospect Street / 17 High Street

DA-185/2023 Amendments

The revised proposal has only included minor modifications to the original submission DA 183/2022 which was made and withdrawn in 2022: Changes include

- Reduced Overall height by only 0.5m
- Reduced excavation volume by removing excess 'plant/utility' rooms from proposed Basement
- Removal of swimming pools
- Increased rear setback by 1.0m
- Renamed rear 'secondary dwellings' to 'studios' whilst maintaining the same floor area, and a pitched roof to High Street Only

Submissions from Residents have been made

There is concern about change in Streetscape.

Charing Cross Precinct has made a submission regarding this DA

- For those needed help understanding development applications in the Waverley LGA, a Community Advocate has been appointed to help residents interpret them and make submissions. More details to come

Others DA's

- Bronte Surf Club
- 181 Bronte Road
- 396 Bronte Road
- 74 Victoria Street
- 159 Bronte Road

GENERAL BUSINESS

MOTION

Council to consider allowing residents to park in school drop off zones during private school Holiday periods when schools are on a break. At present all school holidays are considered to be within the same dates. Various schools in Charing Cross have different school holiday periods and therefore parking areas can be made available for parking.

- Vote of thanks for James (JK) for assisting with Minutes at the June Precinct Meeting
- **There was concern about Precinct Flyers not being delivered to some areas. Council to check delivery of Leaflets**

AGM

- **Councillor LF (Returning Officer)** Thanked the Outgoing Executive Committee
- Declared all positions on the Precinct Executive vacant
- Called for Votes for various Executive Positions
- **DC and JM** declared Co Convenors
- **SB** declared Traffic Rep
- **MM** declared DA Representative

MEETING CLOSED at 9pm

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 OCTOBER 2023