

MINUTES OF CHARING CROSS PRECINCT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER, 2022

***Meeting held live at Mary Immaculate Church Parish Hall
45A Victoria Street Waverley. Meeting commenced at 7pm. Chair Julie McAlpin***

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

2. **Attendees:** As per Attendance Sheet including Mayor Paula Masselos and Cllr Ludovico Fabiano

3. Apologies: **Cllrs E Keenan, Angela Burrill, & Tony Kay**

4. Minutes of the August 2022

- PUDO

(Pick Up and Drop Off) outside Legion Club still waiting on date of instalment. SB noted that there is a lot of confusion from Pub Patrons about where to pick up Ubers and Taxi's late night / early morning

- Bondi Pavilion Opening

WAG and Precinct Group visited Bondi Pavilion – Todd Fuller did an excellent tour with residents. Congrats to the Mayor and the Waverley Council for completing the project

5. **Minutes of last Meeting on August** Accepted Minutes - GA second SB
Unanimous

6. Matters Arising

(Carried over from June Meeting)

- Charing Cross Precinct meeting held 6 June 2022

MOTION 2: That Council provide an overview* of the drainage system to better understand water flows, within the Charing Cross Precinct boundaries, and in particular water movement and run off from Carrington road down towards Bronte.

* Intent of motion is to :-

1. Better inform the Precinct about the agencies responsible for monitoring and maintaining the drainage systems; and
2. Identify the location of old and existing waterways (eg old streams, creeks etc possibly from existing maps and sources of info)
3. This information is important to inform decision making about the impact of developments, planning proposals and DA

Moved: AH , Second: MM CARRIED

Response from Council

Council is the responsible authority for stormwater management within the Waverley LGA. Sydney Water and Transport for NSW also have some responsibilities on state roads and with some main trunk drainage systems. Council has a mapping tool (link below) that has layers showing pits and pipes, flood prone land and affected properties.

Council has undertaken extensive review of flood behaviour and stormwater discharge requirements related to development applications. These requirements are broken down into two categories:

Flood Prone Land:

Council has undertaken a Flood study that identifies properties that are flood prone. This study was endorsed by Council in 2021. The link to the Flood study page is:

[Waverley LGA Flood Study - Waverley Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/flood-study)

On this website residents can click on the link to the “Discover” mapping tool that shows all flood affected properties. This tool also shows the flood extents and the impacted areas. Although it doesn’t show pre development waverley conditions.

Council recently has consulted the community on Draft DCP amendments that are designed to impose controls on development activities to ensure life and property is protected. The link to the Have your Say page is:

[Draft Waverley DCP \(Amendment 10\) - Flood Areas | Have Your Say Waverley \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say/draft-dcp-amendment-10-flood-areas)

The DCP controls have not been endorsed by Council and further investigation is currently being undertaken by Officers to assess the suitability of the Controls proposed and the relevant assigned flood affected properties. This is likely to be presented to Council prior to the end of the calendar year.

Stormwater Management:

Council has updated its requirements for stormwater management for all developments. Council has released a new Water Management Technical Manual in October 2021. Link:

[GD00815 Waverley Council Water Management Manual V5.pdf \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/water-management-technical-manual)

The manual outlines all the technical provisions developments need to comply with when altering water runoff from a site. As an example: if you knock down and rebuild a new home, you are now required to install an Onsite Stormwater Detention (OSD) system to hold back water. This reduces downstream effects and in essence protects other properties from any reduction in impervious soils, heavy downpours and blocked drainage systems. On an individual

property level the resultant benefit seems small, but as an aggregate across a precinct with many properties servicing similar systems can have a significant reduction in flood risk to downstream properties.

Council has also developed a “Stormwater” page on its website that provides some very useful information to residents. The topic area of flood management and stormwater runoff is complex and therefore the website tries to provide high level information including some FAQ’s. Link:

[Stormwater - Waverley Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/stormwater)

If precinct members have any specific questions, we encourage them to reach out to assets@waverley.nsw.gov.au for assistance.

- **(Carried over from June Meeting)**

MOTION: *That Council investigates the drainage issues in High Street, and the easement adjacent 21 Prospect Street, as a matter of priority, due to recurrent water pooling and resent flooding.*

Moved: MV: Seconded; AH Carried

MOTION: Council investigate Drainage issues in High Street

Response from Council

MV resident of High Street reported it that the drainage has been cleaned
JM reported that the Manager asset systems is looking at prioritizing the drainage on this street as the pit as a matter of priority. This will be included in the Capital works planning for next year

7. Pubs and Residents

- JM and SB, as nearby residents, had a meeting with the Pubs and agreed with Managers that if any issues were to arise in the future, they would get together ASAP to resolve before any escalation
- SB talked about pick-ups and drops at the Hotel. Patrons are uncertain where to they are picked up. They cross dangerously across the intersection at times. This is very unsafe. This continues mainly on weekends to around 3am in the mornings
- Pubs are not cleaning footpath directly outside venue leaving unsightly mess the following day

8. St Catherine’s Community Consultative Committee Report (DC)

- New Road Crossing and walkway work has now commenced on Macpherson Street
- The **Operational Management Transport Plan (OTMP)** was presented at the last CCC meeting. There is concern that more Teachers are now driving to school compared to last year. While they are occupying more parking spaces in the school there has been an uptake of on Street Parking by teachers. The “Trafix” representative who wrote the report argued it was

because of COVID however Precinct reps believe that driving to school by teachers has now become a habit that is hard to break

- There is also an increase of students being driven to school compared to last year, and while it is less than a base measurement level established in 2014, it shows again that this habit of driving to school is increasing
- While the school has not breached the 2014 baseline there is concern that they are not doing enough to stop the rising level of staff and students using cars to get to school. As the Student population increases, they need to address these issues including encouraging more use of Public Transport and Car pooling
- There was general disappointment about the Headmistress's comment in the SMH on Oct 2nd
<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/sydney-private-schools-warn-students-will-be-turned-away-unless-enrolment-caps-raised-20220916-p5bil6.html>
She inferred that the school was trying to increase its Student Cap to 1200 immediately. The school already has approval to go to 1200 students but only by 2030, if there is no net increase in Traffic. DC believes the article was aimed at pushing Caps in Private schools in NSW and not accurate in its reporting
- There was concern about the Paperbark trees on Macpherson Street now that footpath remediation is happening. The mayor reported that a Council Arborist has checked and is monitoring the Trees and all seems to be OK at this stage

9. Charing Cross Village Street Scape Upgrade

- The main shopping strip needs an upgrade. It needs to be soon rather than later. It has been delayed
- There are trip hazards and unsafe footpaths that need to generally be upgraded
- Main issues discussed were the potential disruption to business during works
- The Mayor reiterated that the Council would work to minimise impacts on the businesses and residents
- The eventual upgrade with help businesses in the local shopping area thrive and improve shopping for locals as well as improve the appearance of the area once the electrical wires are moved underground
- Any issues around preserving Heritage will be addressed
- There is to be an Awning Study
- The Mayor advised she has walked the shopping area with Business chamber. Shopkeepers generally are in favour of the upgrade

10. MAYORS REPORT (Mayor Paula Masselos)

- Newly appointed positions

Waverley Council has a Director of Planning, **Fletcher Rayner** and a there will also be a new Director of Compliance (TBA)

A new "Planning Advocate" will also commence work at Waverley Council. The person appointed will help residents understand their rights, especially

those who are confronted with Development applications. The Planning Advocate will help them navigate the process and educate them about the Planning system.. The Advocate will be independent of the Planning Department and work in the General Manager's Unit

- **Social Impact Assessment Policy**

This is now Policy. Applies to developments \$10 million or more
It forms part of our Liveable Place ... Council continues to fight over development

- **Verge Garden Policy**

Verge Gardens are plantings on Council land between the private property boundary and the road kerb. This area is usually turfed and contains street trees, footpaths, driveways and other above and below ground infrastructure. While verges are public land, residents are expected to contribute to their upkeep, through mowing or maintenance of a planted garden.

Waverley Council has relaxed its policy on verge gardens to encourage more people to apply to grow them.

For more information on what it is permissible to plant please check the Council's website

https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/11098/Verge_Garden_Guidelines.pdf

- **Shark Nets**

Waverley Council does not support Shark nets
There is concern that the shark nets kill animals that are not dangerous, and the effect of Nets is minimal and haphazard. There is currently a pilot program running with Waverley Lifeguards who are using Drones to detect Sharks that come close to beaches

- **Bondi Pavilion**

Now open, final works to be completed in the coming months

- **Boot Factory**

It is hoped that works will be complete in March / April 2023
There will be a "Thinker in Residence" – First theme will be Climate Change

- **Dinner En Blanc**

This event has been approved after strict assessment by Council
It is the only high impact event approved of late
It will be 3 hours only
They will adhere to rigid conditions including managing waste
This is not setting a precedent for "Amalfi on Beach"
Mayor does not support "Amalfi on the Beach"

- **Net Zero 2035**

Undertaking to have specific innovations especially in construction
Council planning to get community involved particularly in their own environments and reducing carbon footprints

- **Bronte Surf Club**

The has DA submitted
There will be a temporary Staging area while the Construction happens

Bus Stop at St Charles

The Bus stop is to move to facilitate a longer drop off zone, and less banking up of traffic

Bondi Junction Mall

Upgrades are happening to make it a more appealing area to shop and live

Round Tables for School Principals

Mayor to have meetings with local School Principals to discuss and encourage walking to school including Safe Walking Routes

Prospect Street

Discussed poor footpaths in Prospect Street and speeding drivers. Mayor to inquire about installing a “40” Speed limit sign

Privatization of Buses

After public consultations the Mayor encouraging the return of the 400 , 361 and 378 buses

EV Charging Station

4 Super Chargers in Eastgate
Tesla Super Chargers in Waverley Library

Intersection of Albion Street and Macpherson Street

Discussion about garden adjacent to St Catherine’s and the lack of maintenance

11.DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (MM)

- DA-421/2022: 320 Bronte Road. Kebab shop to Bakery
- DA-140/2021/A: War Memorial Hospital 125 Birrell Street
Modification to increase the floor size of the outdoor gym area, tree removal and various other alterations PAN-251615 closed 12 Sept)

- DA-216/2022: 318 Bronte Road: Amended - Alterations to restaurant Passeggiata including new cool room and kitchen exhaust PAN-227432 (submissions closed 6th Sept)
- DA-330/2022: 6A Gipps Street. Alterations and additions to semi-detached dwelling including two storey rear addition PAN-247199 (Submissions closed 1st Sept)
- DA-269/2022: 3 Gipps Street. Alterations and additions to semi-detached dwelling including excavation to accommodate basement storage/plant area and cellar PAN-237073 (submissions closed 17th Aug)
- DA-410/2022: Waverley Bowling Club, 163 Birrell Street. Installation of signage strategy to Waverley Bowling Club, including building identification, business identification and wayfinding signage PAN-265520. Submissions by 10th October
- DA-364/2022: 26 Carrington Road. Alteration and additions to attached dwelling including first floor addition PAN-253873. Submissions by 29th Sept
- DA-454/2021/A: 77 Henrietta Street. Modification to alter internal layout, glazing, roof pitch and various other alterations PAN-254149. Submissions closed 27th Sept
- DA-409/2020/B: 5 Campbell Street. Modification to windows, driveway, entry gate and new sliding gate PAN-257049, Submissions closed 22nd Sept
- **17 High and 19 Prospect DA183/2022**
Awaiting determination from Council Officers and the subsequent consideration by the planning Panel
WLPP AGENDA October 26th

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Tree Policy

Discussion on a new tree Waverley Council policy

Please see link below and have your say

<https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/tree-management-policy>

22 Gipps Street

Tree is stretching across driveway and impacting the property with bird poo and rubbish. Owner has contacted Council 4 times

Action: JM to contact Council and ask that Council consider trimming the tree

Residential Parking in the Local Area

Action: Precinct through Convenor to seek Clarification on proposed Zone 25 residential parking restrictions. There is confusion about the applicable area

High Street

High Street is a no through Road

People entering the Street who do not realise it is a dead end

No through road signage needs to be placed on Street sign to stop drivers entering the street and then discover it is a no through road

Action: Council to be contacted to consider installing new signage on the Street Sign

Waste Survey

SB received email received about survey sorting rubbish

Food and Organic Waste in Green Bins? - What is happening with this and when will it commence?

Action: Ask Council to advise when Organic waste will be allowed to be included in green bins

13. **Meeting Closed** at 8:50pm

14. **Next Meeting** Wed Nov 30th 2022