

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT ANNUAL GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING

3 August 2022

commencing 7pm at Waverley Library

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte

Apologies: Phyllis Fong, Ian Barber, Sarah McCarthy

Councillors present: None. Councillor Burrill sent apologies

First meeting held in person after two years of Zoom meetings

Election of Committee - supervised by Graeme Jackson

- No new nominees
- Peter Cohen and Simon Swifte endorsed as co-convenors
- Roma Gillam endorsed as secretary
- Michael Ahrens, Ian Barber, Phyllis Fong and Sarah McCarthy endorsed as committee members

Minutes of meeting 25 May 2022

Motion to adopt from Peter Cohen. Adopted

Progress report on major developments

- With no Councillors present, there were no known further developments to report on either the **War Memorial Hospital proposal** or the **Charing Square Planning Proposal**.
- West Oxford St development application will be heard by the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel on Thursday 11 August at 1.30pm.
- The meeting passed the **following motion**:

As Council has always opposed the development proposed at 194-214 Oxford St and 2 Nelson St, the Queens Park Precinct meeting of 3 August requests that a Council representative addresses the Sydney Eastern City Planning Panel meeting on 11 August at 1.30pm to reiterate Council's opposition.

Centennial Park report

- Meeting was informed that Geoff Reinhard had retired. He often attended our meeting or provided information.
- Committee was unable to obtain any information from Park management but noted that the Queens Park amenities building is still scheduled to open at the end of August
<https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/about-us/parklands-projects/queens-park-amenities>

Police Report

The following information was provided by the Crime Coordinator/Crime Prevention Officer

- **Stolen vehicles:** Since May, Queens Park has had three vehicles stolen, one each in Birrell Street, Rawson Ave and York Road. One was made easy for the offenders as it was left unlocked with the key left in the car. One last month was a motorbike which was rolled away and attempted to be hot wired without success. It was located nearby.
- **Scams:** WhatsApp users have been warned about a "mum and dad scam" which has seen one woman conned out of £16,000.
- Scammers have been posing as family members to convince their victims to transfer funds, before disappearing without a trace.
- People are being contacted by random phone numbers claiming to be a son, daughter or other family member or friend who suddenly has a "new number". The scammer will then try and convince them to send money to various accounts, or pay for goods.

Draft Waverley DCP amendment – Flood Areas

- Comments about this on *Have Your Say* have now closed.
- Flood map provides information about the risk level for each residence. A resident suggested that this could possibly impact insurance policies.

Easy ways to report to Council

Council has adopted the free app for smartphones **Snap Send Solve** as a method for reporting issues to council. There was a demonstration at the meeting and all the details are available on Council's website at https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/top_link_pages/news_and_media/council_news/news/2019/report_local_issues_to_council_in_a_snap! where there are also links to the Apple App store and Google Play.

For those who prefer there is also a direct link to Council's internal system also from Council's website:

https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/top_link_pages/contact_us/request

West Bondi Junction short term parking

- A resident suggested there should be short-term free parking at the western end of Bondi Junction
- Others at the meeting pointed out that there already was free short-term parking but it requires registration with a parking meter.
- If this were not required, it would mean assigning a parking officer to that area to control short-term parking. This would unlikely be endorsed by Council.

Moriah College update

- MCCC meeting have resumed with the first one held on
- There is no date set yet for the new development. Residents commented on a recent newspaper article about a report into future enrolments at Moriah and other Jewish schools, suggesting fewer enrolments likely.
- College said that it is still difficult to get parents to let their children use buses because of continued COVID concerns.
- The behaviour of parents in cars in local streets and lanes is still an issue with residents. College is making efforts to address this with frequent monitoring. Residents are encouraged to report this to the College too.

Next meeting: 23 November 2022, likely to be on Zoom again as more residents participate this way