

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

26 February 2025 via Zoom at 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte
Apologies: Sarah M, Phyllis F
Councillors Paula Masselos, Lauren Townsend, Katherine Westwood had an important meeting to attend

Minutes of meeting on 13 November 2024

- Moved to adopt: Simon Swifte Seconded: Ian Barber

Centennial Park and Queens Park report provided by the Parklands

Main issues:

- Dogs digging holes is an ongoing problem on the fields and in periphery gathering points around the drinking fountains and tables. These are being addressed weekly by our service provider.
- The Playing Fields are in good condition.
- The Darley Rd Fitness Station has a damaged step that will be repaired this week with a quote being sourced to paint the steelwork on all items
- An additional part for a machine at Queens Park Rd Fitness Station has been ordered and will be installed next week
- Items that cannot be repaired at Darley Road Playground being removed and replaced

Events

- Moonlight Cinema until 30 March
<https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/moonlight>
- Knotfest Music Festival March 8
<https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/knotfest>
- Resident queried why a sign about the central pavilion adjacent to the caravan has been removed. Parklands will be contacted.

Police report

- No updated information from police for this meeting
- Police advice previously hasn't suggested any on-going issues in Queens Park except for some vehicles being entered (usually left unlocked) and having items stolen.
- Police have also stressed the need to be vigilant online for scams and frauds. Google Scamwatch details the types of scams the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is seeing.
- Scammers trying to "fix problems" and getting you to download a link and scammers posing as legitimate businesses providing fake invoices are just two of the problems.

Progress report on major developments

West Oxford St DA-400/2021 194 Oxford St 4 Nov 2024

- No further developments since the details provided in previous minutes.

Cnr Denison & Oxford DA-127/2013 45 Oxford St 04 Nov 2024

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War Memorial Hospital (Edina Estate) 99-117 Birrell Street, Waverley 05 Nov 2024

- Council's pre-DA advice has been provided to Uniting to take into consideration when developing the final design and development application which will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) as a State Significant Development Application (SSDA).
- Uniting is currently preparing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), this assesses the economic, environmental and social impacts of the project. During the preparation of the EIS, Uniting will be required to consult with various parties, including the Department and any relevant agencies.
- Council and the community will have the opportunity to provide feedback during the SSDA as part of the public exhibition.
- All information regarding the project, will be available on the DPHI [website](#).

Illegal parking across driveways

- While this is not necessarily a major issue in this area, it has been raised more broadly.
- Contact Waverley Council's Customer Service team on (02) 9083 8000 and the Compliance team can assist. Ensure all relevant is provided (i.e. number plate, location), Council's operating hours are between 8:30am–5pm, Monday to Friday),
- Lodge a request through Council's website, https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/residents/neighbourhood_issues#vehicles
- Report illegally parked vehicles using the Snap Send Solve App and it will be sent immediately to the patrol as an SMS.
- Council's parking rangers patrol over the weekend outside standard business operating hours and are able to issue fines for parking infringements but cannot have vehicles removed outside standard business operating hours unless they pose a high-risk to safety.
- Normally, parking officers are not authorised to arrange the removal of vehicles but can issue an infringement and report safety concerns to the unattended vehicle officer for urgent removal.

Moriah College DA update

- In response to the College's latest application for modifications to its approved development, the Committee wrote to the Planning Department opposing the proposed increase in height and southern footprint to the large buildings along Baronga Ave.

General Business

Proposed development of the Entertainment Quarter

- The Precinct was invited to participate in a consultation about this proposal on 19 February. Committee member Russell Chenu attended. Paddington and Chippendale areas also had a representative attend. Apparently, local Councils including Waverley have already been consulted.
- URBIS has been tasked with developing this proposal and conducting the consultation on behalf of the Greater Sydney Parklands. URBIS' representative is Kylie Newcombe.
- Very few details about the nature and extent of the proposal were provided but it was made clear that Premier's Department was placing great emphasis on providing larger entertainment venues in Sydney. Approximately 11 hectares of the site are involved.
- Russell is seeking to obtain presentation materials from the consultation day.
- On 20 February, the precinct Committee was sent an email saying it was a shame we were not at the meeting that Russell actually attended and asking the Committee to complete a form about what we would like to happen at the site, despite having very limited information and by COB 27 February.
- It was agreed that a letter be sent outlining our concerns by COB 27 February. Letter attached.
- After his request, Russell received the following:

Question	Responses
What is the lease period for Royal Hall of Industries (Hordern Pavilion)?	The lease agreement ends 17 April 2050.
What is the timing for the tender process?	The NSW Government, in consultation with Greater Sydney Parklands as the landowner and agency responsible for the operation and care of the precinct and wider Centennial Parklands, will lead the design and delivery of the open tender. More information will be provided in due course at https://www.greatersydneyparklands.nsw.gov.au/entertainment-quarter-nsw-government-open-tender-process
Can we get a copy of the most recent unsolicited proposal?	The unsolicited proposal for the renewal of the EQ submitted by Carsingha Investments Pty Ltd was withdrawn and is not publicly available.

NSW Government's changes to low and mid-rise housing policy

- Committee raised this new policy and provided the Government's indicative map for changes within 800 metres of a town centre. The map shows most of Queens Park is included. It means changes to what density is permitted in R2 areas indicated in the map.

- Council's Precinct Officer will find out what discussions Council has had, especially in regard to Heritage Conservation areas such as ours.
- Precinct Officer has since reported that Council has confirmed there are no exemptions for Heritage Conservation Areas, only Heritage items as stated in the policy

Resident's dissatisfaction at Council's poor response on issues

- A resident who moved into the area a few years ago expressed frustration at Council's poor response and lack of accountability on matters, especially those arising from impacts from Council's assets, such as street trees.
- As others agreed that this is an ongoing issue, it was suggested that Council's manager in charge of trees be invited to address the next meeting.

Next meeting AGM:

21 May 2025 at Waverley Library

(The current convenors have indicated that they won't be standing for those positions and Committee member Ian Barber has indicated that he'll be withdrawing from the Committee.)