

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

WEDNESDAY November 29th, 2023

1. WELCOME TO MEETING

- a. Julie McAlpin (JM) welcomed Residents to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we meet: The Bidjagal and Gadigal people and welcomed any First Nations People who are present at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

- Cr Tony Kay
- Cr Ludovico Fabiano
- Cr Angela Burrill
- Kate Marshall
- Steve Bodnar

3. INTRODUCTIONS

- Intro of Mayor Paula Masselos, Nick Prell (Waverley Council, to discuss REF as part of Streetscape Upgrade)
- DC (Co Convenor) MM (DA Rep)

4. CHARING CROSS STREETScape UPGRADE

- Nick Prell from Council has provided an update.
- REF (Review of Environmental Factors) Was open for 4 weeks. Closes tonight
- 30-35 Submissions so far
- This review to consider technical suggestions from the public
- Most residents are Neutral - Positive. Most negative comments are concerns about how it will be implemented and managed.
- Council will run a campaign to encourage shoppers to visit Charing Cross during the Construction period.
- Council will be working with Contractor to make the process as smooth as possible.
- Nick Prell is available at Council to discuss any issues. You can email majorprojects@waverley.nsw.gov.au Nick will reply to all emails

5. WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

- Mayor (PM) acknowledged work of GH and SH. Volunteers in the Community
- It will be a State Significant Development
- The Waverley Council DCP should be considered by the Dept of Planning but may not.
- Recommended that the Central "K" Building on the site to be modified to protect trees
- Council wants to protect significant trees. Total of 28 trees on site

- The Habitat corridor should be protected.
- Council encouraged preserving the original entry area for site (cnr Bronte Rd and Birrell St) and opening the site to the Public from dawn to dusk
- Over last 3 years Council wrote to Dept and Minister to make War Memorial a Heritage Precinct. Response has not been a priority. New Minister Penny Sharp has promised to support us.
- HT said that there is a hesitation about Heritage listing of anything at State Level
- Residents of “Bushell and Johnson” Building are to be eventually evicted. Uniting do not want to keep any current residents on site.
- GH explained the Process. The Applicant has submitted a scoping report to Dept of Planning. Dept will respond in due course. Then an Environment Impact Statement will be released, and at that point it will be open to the Public.
- Public to register on Dept of Planning website and make a Submission when on exhibition
- It is recommended that a small Park to be created near corner of Bronte Rd and Birrell street.
- Buildings to be set back 8 metres or maybe even 4 metres from that corner.
- Building “K” in the middle of the site will be a 6-storey building and will dominate the locality
- It will take out at least 2 trees on the State Significant Tree register.
- Plans submitted exceed existing FSR.
- Friends of War Memorial are watching the progress of the Plan To keep updated please email **friendsofwarmemorialhospital@gmail.com**
- Charing Cross Precinct Facebook page can be used for updates.
- Council has done it what is can. It’s now up to Dept of Planning
- To have the proposal sent to the Independent Planning Commission for consideration, will need Council to object and 50 public submissions.
- Mayor PM has meetings with Uniting GM the Chair and Developer. They want this development. They are immovable.
- There was a discussion of Media Coverage, TV, The Beast, Social Media
- Conrad Beard Court a 90s building and is going to be demolished.
- GH and “Friends of War Memorial hospital will let us know when the Project is open for Public Submission
- CC Precinct will use Social Channels to inform the local residents of the Exhibition period.
- Waverley Council will keep an eye out for the Exhibition Period
- Group “friends of the War Memorial Hospital” are keeping an eye on the progress of the application

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – Held in October 2023

Moved by DC
Seconded by SB
Accepted and Passed

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Henrietta and Salisbury Street Intersection

- Cr Tony Kay has achieved an important safety improvement for the Henrietta / Salisbury Street intersection, including new signage, bollards, tactile markers, and road markings. The tactile markers still need to be extended. If residents think any other changes need to be made, please contact Cr Tony Kay.
- JF noted that some vehicle drivers are turning left into Henrietta Street from Salisbury Street to access the new Waverley Bowling Club car park.
- After the meeting Cr TK advised he had asked the police to monitor the intersection

7. PUBS AND RESIDENTS REPORT

- We no longer meet with Pub Representatives at the Precinct Meeting
- Pink Party Bus pulled outside SB's property and urinated in his driveway
- SB has contacted police who will contact the Party Bus
- Patrons from the bus headed to the Robin Hood Hotel
- Suggestion of putting Porta a Loos around the locality
- Not many Anti-Social reports lately

8. ST CATHERINES COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – REPORT (DC)

- Last 2023 St Caths Community Consultative Committee meeting was held in November
- St Caths Drop Off Zone in Macpherson Street flow of traffic has improved since the Gate near Albion Street was closed for drop offs. Sandwich boards have been put up informing drivers to move down the line
- Parents are moving their cars closer to the entry gate in the Performing Arts Centre
- However, congestion is now mainly around the intersection of Leichhardt Street and Macpherson Street.
- Some Senior School Parents are using the Roundabout to do a U Turn back up Macpherson street
- Council is planning to improve Pedestrian Safety at that intersection and add road blisters so pedestrians can be protected.
- PUDO (Pick up and Drop Off) areas are needed for after-hours pick-ups of students and for Ubers and Taxis. These should be placed around the school. Council to consider. It will help stop double parking and illegal pick ups in after school hours
- St Cath's OTMP has been delivered to the Dept of Planning and they have achieved no net increase in traffic around the school. In future years as their student and staff numbers will increase, achieving this outcome will become increasingly difficult with more students and staff at the school
- The school chose not to build a substantial carpark when it built the Performing Arts and Aquatic Centre. Currently up to 95 Staff members park on the street

because of a lack of parking at the school and there has been an increase of the number of staff driving to school compared with last year

- Next Construction phase at the School will be on Albion Street at the location of the Jane Barker Hall
- The Research Centre at the Rear of the Aquatic Centre has also not been built, so that is also up for consideration by the school.
- The dirt road off Macpherson Street has been used for teacher parking. Council is endeavoring to find out who owns the road

9. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (MM)

- Bronte Park Beach Plan of Management – Admin Changes
- Bronte Pool Changes – See “Have your Say” Waverley Council
- 25 Gipps Street- Additions
- 320 Bronte Rd – Footpath Seating at Bakery
- Shop 4 284-292 Bronte Rd – Disabled Toilet
- 11 Victoria Street – Pool
- 3 O’Dowd Street – New Garages
- 20 High Street – Internal Layout

- 17 High Street – Approved by Council. MV disappointed. Believes the Waverley Planning Panel was dismissive of objectors. Neighbours will lose sunlight. Planning Officers recommended approval. Loss of trees will be substantial. Approximately 8 trees will be removed. Neighbours were supported by DA Rep MM and by the Charing Cross Precinct including presenting to the Waverley Development Assessment Panel

- JF asked about DA for the former Telephone exchange. DA was withdrawn before the end of the exhibition period. JF notice a lot of internal works happening

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- High Street Flooding
Waiting for new Pits due in this financial year. Nick Zervos is aware of the project.
The Mayor PM will find out where Council is at with this project

- Bondi Pavilion
BC talked about Yoga Class in High Tide Room
Mayor PM said that there is a high demand for space in the Pavilion and it is difficult to assign priority to the various groups. She will talk to the Manager and Council Officers to discuss how the space can be assigned fairly

- Boot Factory and Mill Hill Centre
Original Builder went broke. New Builder is working on it. Expect the builders to finish March/ April next year

“Thinker in residence” has been advertised

- E Bikes on Footpaths
Electric Bikes are being left on footpaths leaning on buildings and doors and in the way of pedestrians
Mayor PM to follow up. Mayor PM has asked Council Officers to look at legislation as to whether they can confiscate bikes as litter
There are 3 E-Bike Operators now. Originally there were five.

- Trees removed from Macpherson Street
Flowering Gum and Quandong Street were being removed.
This was a private job removing trees. It is reported that the roots were affecting building foundations.

11. NEXT PRECINCT MEETING

- Wed February 7th 2024