

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11TH 2023

1. 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 and welcomes any First Nations People who are present at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Mayor Cr Paula Masellos
Cr Tony Kay
Cr Ludovico Fabiano

3. Intro of DC (Co Convenor) Mora Main (DA Rep) and SB (Traffic Rep)

Acknowledgement of the presence of Mary Shiner (Community Liaison Coordinator) from Waverley Council and Alana Novak (Waverley Council's Community Planning Advocate.)

4. ALANA NOVAK – Community Planning Advocate – Presentation to Precinct

Alana comes from a Legal background and is working for Council in the Executive Services team. It is a unique role and no other Council in Sydney this role in Council. She will be supporting the Community in Planning matters. Alana has been in the role for around 3 months. She will be providing Education about the DCP and LEP, planning policies of Council. Helping capture the impacts of development. Collecting Data about what people think about living in their community. Help people prepare and attend the Waverley Local Planning Panel and any other Panel. Facilitate Education through webinars workshops and forums. Providing support for resident about how to write to submission on a development application. She is putting together a template of how to make a submission. She will detail how to use DA tracking .. walk through the Council's planning portal. Compliance issues and other issues. She will report issues to planning team at Council.

She cannot review DA decisions. Cannot assess DA decisions. Cannot assist with the lodgement of DAs. She will not write objections for you.

Some things to consider for the Community Advocate:

- We expect that Precinct Submissions have weight.
- Not all Elderly people have computers and some find it too hard to make submissions
- Zoning laws are not black and white and we need to be advised how to deal with the various situations that arise
- Compliance and breaches of Council Rules impact residents
- Hard copies of documents are required by some in the Community
- A template should be provided for residents to work through
- An Advocacy Toolbox with details on how the Development process works including how to make a submission and how to follow the process through to approval or

rejection by Council would be useful to residents. A printed copy would be required by some

- It was raised that DA notifications go to Lot numbers, not Unit numbers. These can often vary and many residents of multi unit developments do not get notified.
- The DA process can continue through various stages sometimes ending up in Court. How do residents cope with this?

Liveability Studies

Liveability Index. Part of Alana's role will be to collect metrics in the LGA to look at the impact of Development and overdevelopment on residents in our Local Govt Area.

Including:-

- How do people feel about the changes in the area?
- How do you define overdevelopment?
- How have breaches of compliance affected your lifestyle?

These metrics will help in resident's submissions to Council

Thanks the MS and AN for the presentation to the Precinct

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5. APOLOGIES

Mayor Cr Paula Masellos

Cr Ludovico Fabiano

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – Held in August 2023

Moved by DC

Seconded by SB

Accepted and Passed

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Waverley Council Response Report to requests from August 2023 Charing Cross Precinct meeting

Motion 1

The Charing Cross Precinct supports and endorses the Council's recommendations as proposed by Waverley Council's Executive Manager of Infrastructure Services Nick Zervos.

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 *St Cats* 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 *new* 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.

Response

Council Officers acknowledge the Precinct motion and will work with the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) to action items over the next 12- month Operational Transport Management Plan (OTMP) period.

Motion 2

Charing Precinct would like to be informed of any changes to the ecological habitat of the site heritage (War Memorial Hospital) 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.

As per the outcomes of the Council Meeting on 1 August 2023, the final decision on the War Memorial DCP is as follows:

DECISION

That Council:

1. Notes:

(a) That the Conservation Management Plan prepared by the architect Hector Abrahams:

(i) Details the historical significance of the site as an outstanding example of private philanthropy and its conversion to a war memorial hospital, which should be preserved and not obscured.

(ii) The aspects of the site that are of rare aesthetic significance should be preserved, including four Victorian houses and stables, private streetscape, Victorian and 1920s Minutes of Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting 1 August 2023 This is page 5 of the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Development Committee Meeting held on 1 August 2023 landscape planting and features, 1930s hospital and chapel.

(iii) The mansion tower and Norfolk pines should be preserved as landmarks in the surrounding areas.

(b) The significance of the historic gates at the corner of Bronte Road and Birrell Street, and that the draft Development Control Plan (DCP) preserves continued public access via these gates at a minimum of nine daylight hours per day, as well as setbacks from the street frontage that will provide opportunities for landscaping, including mature tree planting.

(c) That the Edina Estate contains 20 trees listed on Council's Significant Tree Register. Of these trees, one magnolia grandiflora tree, which is located on the boundary of the proposed building zone, may be impacted along with a significant fig near the existing tennis court.

(d) That the War Memorial gardens are part of an important, continuous ecological corridor that spans from Waverley Oval to Centennial Park.

(e) The 30% deep planting requirement within the draft DCP.

(f) The Waverley Local Environmental Plan requires at least 10% of the gross floor area of 99–117 Birrell Street be used for the purposes of affordable housing.

2. Adopts the Waverley Development Control Plan 2022, Part E7 – Edina Estate, attached to the report, subject to the following amendments:

(a) Page 41 of the agenda, clause 6.4.1, ‘Significant Fabric, Views, Spaces and Relationships – ‘Add the following additional controls: (i) Ensure that the design of the central building is such that the significant fig near the existing tennis court is retained, along with the significant magnolia grandiflora, and their wellbeing preserved. (ii) Maximise the protection of significant trees on the site and their corresponding tree protection zones.

Motion 3

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.

Response

Council’s Manager of Parking Patrol has advised that Council is very mindful of the differences in the times and dates that the different schools in Waverley actually break for school holidays, and do not generally patrol the pickup and drop off zones when we know a school has broken for holidays.

Making this official would be problematic as school zones are in effect on “any day other than a Saturday or Sunday, a day that is a public holiday or a day publicly notified as a school holiday for government schools.”, as per the NSW Road Rules 2014.

This notification is made on <https://www.nsw.gov.au/about-nsw/school-holidays>.

Sign posting the different private school holiday dates would be virtually impossible and likely end up being unenforceable.

Changing parking restrictions on a school-by-school basis would lead to some confusion as the NSW Police would still enforce speeding and other traffic offences during the legislated school zone times

Motion 4

There was concern about Precinct Flyers not being delivered to some areas. Council to check delivery of Leaflets.

Council asks the Precinct to advise which streets did not receive the flyers so that we can alert our Distributor.

Please note, we have tried a number of different distributors over the years – some with tracking systems, some that are more expensive, and we still seem to get feedback that people haven’t received flyers. To compensate for this issue, on Council’s front, we’ve upped our communication and advertising efforts to ensure more people are aware of Precinct meetings through other channels.

This includes:

- Advertising in the Beast 1x per month**
- Advertising on Social Media**
- Promoting via Council’s eNewsletter Waverley Weekly**
- Promoting in Council’s Print Newsletter Waverley News**
- Promoting on Council’s website in the What’s on Calendar**

MATTERS ARISING

6. COMBINED PRECINCT MEETINGS

James and Bridgette represented Charing Cross Precinct at the Combined Precinct Meeting. They found attending the meeting useful. There was a discussion on Heritage. The Council Officers recommended using “Snap Send Solve” to alert Council on various issues. Bridgette realised that the Precincts do have power to influence Council.

7. PUBS AND RESIDENTS REPORT

- The Licensees of Pubs attended the Precinct meetings last meeting
- SB and JM have met with the licensees outside the Precinct Meeting when issues arise
- SB noted that a Legion Club patron urinated in his driveway
- The Charing Cross Pubs generally have been quiet lately

8. ST CATHERINES

- The School Entrance on Macpherson street near Albion Street has been closed to make parents drive further down the drop off zone to the other school entrance at the new Performing Arts Centre. This is relieving congestion at the roundabout on the corner of Macpherson and Albion Streets.
- Issue with Junior School drop off Zone. Junior school students not being unloaded fast enough. Senior girls were helping with opening car doors but some parents had parked in the drop off zone. Congestion was occurring at the roundabout on Macpherson and Leichhardt Streets
- Nick Zervos of Waverley Council is going to look at the drop off area in Leichhardt Street possibly looking at making some changes to the road including moving the pedestrian crossing
- The OTMP 2023 was presented at the meeting and the school achieved no net increase in traffic. There was however an increase in the number of school teachers driving to school. 72% of the 212 staff members drive to school and that is an increase in 2023
- School argues that teachers are driving for fear of catching Covid and they are coming from further afield because the School finding it difficult to attract local staff
- Nick Zervos explained that they are reviewing resident parking schemes and this will eventually impact the school and those that drive to the school and park on the streets
- The times of school drop offs and pick ups are to be reviewed by Council as the school is not using all the allocated time.
- The OTMP did not have any stats on the Junior School pick up times in the afternoons
- The CCC is Considering using PUDO spots for after school pick ups
- CCC work is currently not being reported via the OTMP and there is a move to have a review by the CCC sent to the Dept of Planning along with the OTMP

- Having a Council Rep (Nick Zervos) at the meeting has been important
- A new development on Albion Street at St Caths will start next year
- JM talked about revisiting assumptions that were made in the ARUP baseline.

9. CHARING CROSS STREETScape UPGRADE

- Nick Prell from Council has provided an update
- Council has put out a tender for an Electrical Contractor
- Once the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) takes place they will start on works
- Works due to start in March 2024
- REF document will explain how works will be undertaken and how construction is to be managed
- Opportunity to liaise with the contractor
- Main civil works to commence in April May next year
- Another update at the December meeting
- We have not seen the Awning / Heritage Study. It will eventually be on public display

10. SALISBURY STREET AND HENRIETTA STREET

Councillor Tony Kay advised via email that:-

- The intersection signage and bollards have significantly improved safety.
- He is still not comfortable with the location of the Stop line and the swept path some vehicles are taking. No Vehicles (ZERO) stopped at the stop sign whilst he was on site.
- He will continue to progress this matter on behalf of the community and the Charing X precinct.

DC visited the site tonight and the Bollard on the right hand side going East has been knocked down. The Stop Signs are too far back and their location needs to be reviewed

11. WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

- State Govt told Council they must follow the site specific DCP
- Residents have been taking photos of the existing trees as a record of existing canopy
- Residents of the War Memorial will have a year's notice before they have to leave
- Residents should keep watching the progress of the Development
- Keep an eye on the Dept of Planning

12. PHILLIP HOUSE

The Land and Environment Court has ruled:-

Development Consent is granted to Development Application DA-94/2021/A for demolition of existing structures; and construction of a 3-storey boarding house for persons aged over 55, containing 40 rooms plus a manager's unit and basement carparking at 319-321 Bronte Road, Waverley,

The Precinct argued to keep the Boarding house for over 55's to prevent it from becoming a party house for affluent young professionals

13. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

BRONTE SURF CLUB

- MM thinks it has an inefficient floor plan
- Is not state of the art environmentally and needs reevaluation.
- Charing Cross Precinct wrote an objection and made some recommendations.

17 HIGH STREET / 19 PROSPECT STREET

- Planner came out to the site
- Concern about digging close to the Terrace Houses
- It was noted that you cannot excavate original sandstone
- The DA is now going before the WLPP (noted on October 21st)*

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

Traffic Noise from Motorcycles at Night

Concerns about noise at night from noisy motorcycles

Speeding in Prospect Street

Motion to put these issues on the Agenda of next Police Precinct meeting

15. NEXT PRECINCT MEETING

Wednesday November 29th