

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
21 May 2025 at Mill Hill Community Centre Hall at 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte
Apologies: Mayor Nemesh, Sarah McCarthy, Phyllis Fong, Russell Chenu
Councillors in attendance: Paula Masselos, Katherine Westwood

Election of Precinct Office Bearers

Peter Cohen stepped down as Convenor. Ian Barber and Phyllis Fong stepped down from Committee.

Councillor Masselos convened the election process, with the following results:

- Convenor: Simon Swifte Nominated by Roma Gillam, seconded by Ian Barber
- Secretary: Roma Gillam Nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Ian Barber
- DA representative: Roma Gillam Nominated by Peter Cohen, seconded by Simon Swifte
- Committee members
 - Sarah McCarthy Nominated by Roma Gillam, seconded by Simon Swifte
 - Russell Chenu Nominated by Peter Cohen, seconded by Simon Swifte
 - Peter Cohen Nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Ian Barber

Centennial Park and Queens Park report provided by the Parklands

Work at Queens Park

- Installation of new goal posts on fields 7 and 14 (\$20,000 investment)
- Extend pad around drinking fountain near Queens Park Rd and install new turf (\$5,000)
- Planned removal of weeds species on the Queens Park rock ledge
- Ongoing issues of dogs digging holes on sports fields and around park furniture. Contractor filling holes weekly.

Recent pruning work at Centennial Park on Grand Drive - near Loch Ave some rubbing branches etc; near York Road gates - major deadwood; near Randwick gates - overextended, low hanging branch above footpath

Events coming up at Centennial Park are :

- Bush Tucker Tour - two-hour guided walk-through Centennial Parklands with First nations guide, exploring the rich history and traditional uses of native plants. Designed for adults and families with children aged 8 and over.
When: SUN 11 MAY & SUN 15 JUN 2025 Price: \$30
Where: The WILD PLAY Discovery Centre Contact: education@gsp.nsw.gov.au
- First Nations Cultural Tour
An immersive tour through Centennial Park with First Nations guide, discovering the cultural traditions, stories and knowledge that have shaped this land for thousands of years. Suitable for adults and families with children aged 8 and up.
When: SUN 25 MAY, 10:00AM - 12:00PM Price: \$30
Where: The Wild Play Discovery Centre, Dickens Drive, Centennial Park NSW 2021
Contact: education@centennialparklands.com.au
- Introduction to Outdoor Learning, Bush School and Nature Play
This full day, hands on, NESA Accredited PD Course is for anyone who wants to learn new and innovative ways to deliver early years education with nature and in the outdoors. A professional development program for educators, carers or parents who wish to deliver nature play, bush kinder or any program or activity which uses nature pedagogy as its practice and delivered by Centennial Parklands Education Staff.
Date: Saturday 24 May 2025 Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm Price: \$160 per person
Location: WILD PLAY Discovery Centre, Centennial Park

Police report

- Once again, no on-going issues in Queens Park
- Stressed the need to keep vehicles locked to prevent items being stolen

- 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.
- Resident reminded the meeting about a recent house break-in where car keys were taken and then vehicle stolen.

Major developments update

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

- Developer has submitted to the Planning Department to significantly increase the height and floor space ratio of the development under the Infill Affordable Housing SEPP.
- Proposal is to include 17 affordable housing units on two lower floors and to increase the height of one or both the towers by multiple floors.
- It was pointed out that the approved development is already over twice the height and floor space ratio of what was originally permitted on that site.
- Comments are due by 27 May and the meeting agreed that the Committee prepare an objection to the proposal because of the added negative impact both visually and on parking and traffic grounds. Individuals can also make submissions. Council will be making a submission.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/shop-top-housing-infill-affordable-housing-oxford-and-nelson-street-bondi-junction>

War Memorial Hospital (Edina Estate) 99-117 Birrell Street

- Uniting has prepared the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) together with other application documents. These applications documents were on exhibition from Thursday 13 March 2025 until Wednesday 9 April 2025. All submissions are now available on the DPHI portal.
- Uniting is now required to provide written responses to issues raised in the public submissions and respond within two (2) months (or until 10 June 2025). Once Uniting has lodged their submissions report, DPHI will begin their assessment process of Uniting’s application.

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

Moriah College DA update

- Meeting with the College scheduled In February was cancelled by the College. Simon will contact the school to arrange another meeting.

Minutes of meeting on 26 February 2025

- Moved to adopt: Simon Swifte Seconded: Ian Barber

General Business

Speeding in laneways

- A Denison St resident complained about speeding in O’Sullivan Lane and its use as a rat-run. Not safe for children or residents backing out of driveways.
- It is an ongoing issue in a number of laneways, especially those in the western end of the Precinct near the school. Various remedies were discussed e.g. signage, speed humps etc. Councillors Masselos and Westwood agreed to jointly explore the issue.

Council’s action on share bikes

- Council has developed its Bike Strategy and Action Plan 2025 – 2035 and invited feedback on the draft strategy and action plan from 12 May to 8 June.
- Council has also signed an historic MoU with Share Bike Operator Lime.

- Lime has agreed to take clear action to better manage and regulate their share bikes, contribute to the provision of parking infrastructure and establishing parameters on how and where bikes can be ridden and parked.

Community Planning Advocate

- Residents were reminded of the role of the Community Planning Advocate, including following up the status of DAs and compliance issues
- The Advocate will not assess or review DA decisions.

- **Alana Novak**

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Next meeting: 30 July via Zoom

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