

**Waverton Precinct Meeting
5 August 2025
MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 7:40pm at the Waverton Uniting Community Hall.

Chair: Ian Grey

Minutes: John Bohane

Attendance: 19

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, including 4 guests from Euroka Precinct. There was one apology, from Jeremy Dawkins.

2. Previous Minutes

The July 2025 meeting Minutes had already been distributed to our Precinct mailing list. There were no queries or corrections.

Moved KA, Seconded VY

"The Minutes for July 2025 be confirmed as approved"

Carried unanimously

3. NSC response to previous resolutions

The Chair read these for the last 2 meetings. There were no queries.

4. Existing Business

- New Park at Berrys Bay

John Bohane and a small group had gone through the material provided recently via a letterbox leaflet from Acciona. While pleased that the new Park remains non commercial, there are still some issues with various aspects of the proposed design. All these issues have been raised by the Precinct in previous consultation phases.

It was noted the company is currently seeking comments and attendees were encouraged to make submissions.

Items that are still of concern were for example the unnecessary and oversized amphitheatre walkways (as opposed to modifying the existing walkways to meet standards for wheelchair users); the lack of any teenage sporting facilities (like rock climbing on the bund wall, a basketball or a tennis court on the flat area); the landscape generally having too much hard surfaces and almost no bush coverage; the odd design of the community hall (we'd prefer a boatshed to an upside down boat look); the suggested placement of the community hall (the community hall should be adjacent to and overlook the water); the lack of actual access to the water at a nominated safe area; the lack of kayak and dinghy racks; the lack of any wharf or jetty or floating pontoon to get on and off visiting boats, and to safely launch kayaks or sailing dinghies from the beach area.

It was also noted Acciona are saying they might organise for the derelict wharves and marina piles in the Bay to be removed before the Park opens, as has consistently been advocated by the Precinct, but no contract has yet been let for this work. This work is not part of the project, but a responsibility of Maritime NSW. There was extensive discussion about all these and other items as well, for example the idea that some of the funds be put aside for later modifications by NSC (which will have 'care and control' of the area once the Park is open), once we all see how the area is actually used by the public and so can make further adjustments.

Moved KA, seconded JB

"The Waverton Precinct put in a submission to Acciona as part of the current community consultation phase. This should focus on :

- a. The location of the community shed and its intended use and hence design**
- b. The need for safe access into the water and in clearly nominated locations**
- c. The provision in the new Park for active facilities for teenage youth (and adults)**
- d. The setting aside of some money for NSC to be able to fine tune the Park once the community uses of the area becomes clear"**

Carried unanimously

- The future of Euroka Precinct

The attendees from the Precinct brought the meeting up to date on discussions held with Lavender Bay Precinct. They noted this has resulted in a firm suggestion on the respective boundary changes and they tabled a map showing where the new boundaries would be. The Chair noted he had been approached to leave John St and Munro St in Lavender Bay and not in Waverton.

The Euroka attendees noted their view was the suggested boundaries will keep the relative Precinct sizes more uniform.

Moved VY, Seconded KA

"That the map presented by Euroka Precinct with the new boundaries be supported and that we request Council to implement these changes"

Carried unanimously

-NSC rate increase

It was noted in the most recent Precinct news, the Council is asking for community input on how it deals with its financial problems. The Chair noted the Council has already pretty much finalised how it is going to cope with the financial problem it will have for the next 5 or so years and that the North Sydney Pool reopening is being talked about as happening next year.

- Cape Don

The recent circular from the 'Save our Sydney Harbour' campaign was tabled and the section relating to the Cape Don was read to the meeting.

The Chair asked PK to bring a copy of the current insurance cover to the next meeting and she confirmed she would - while not conceding any of the points made by the campaign in its update report.

- e-Bike parking

The letter from Council about this annoying issue was read to the meeting.

It was noted Councils have virtually no power to control this industry.

The meeting wants this issue solved not only in North Sydney but more generally and with some form of docking racks (like in Paris, New York, London) to be implemented consistently across Sydney.

- State Government housing density levels

It was noted the State Government has now actioned the new zonings. We will see how this now plays out across NSC areas over the next few years, in particular.

-Western Harbour tunnel project

The updates from this project team were summarised and tabled. It was noted Acciona are actively doorknocking and mailing affected households in Waverton to get condition surveys completed before the tunnelling arrives under the suburb.

5. New Business

- Cost Compliance Notices

The recent NSC explanatory document was read out and tabled.

6. DAs

Nil

7. Community activities and News

It was noted a World Peace Day event to mark 80 years since the bombing of Hiroshima in WW2 will be held in Peace Park at 0900 on August 6.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm