

WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING

Tuesday 4th March 2025

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting commenced at 7.35

Chair: IG

Minutes: KA

Attendance : 12

Apologies: JD

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The confirmation of the previously circulate draft minutes was moved by PK and seconded by KA “That the February 2025 minutes be accepted”.

Carried unanimously.

3. EXISTING BUSINESS UPDATE

Rates Increase

The council meeting to discuss the proposed rate increase was so well attended it was difficult to get into the chambers. There were approximately 30 presenters with only 1 supportive of the proposed increase. The majority of Councilors supported the increase. The Precinct believes the proposal is

excessive, but we still want a well-funded Council where services currently provided can continue. The next step is submission to IPART. The tribunal will consider if the proposed increase is justified. KA to present on behalf of the Precinct.

Rail Noise

This has been an ongoing issue over many years. A lubricant from the US had been trialed but it was deemed to be unsatisfactory. Another lubricant from Slovenia was thought to be superior and is to be tested in the near future.

Carradah Park

The Precinct Executive had undertaken a walk through with the Council GM Gary Parsons. Several lookout areas had vegetation growing in inappropriate locations have been restored. However, there is now a wall of Banksias growing on the mid-level which need to be thinned, as they are forming a wall blocking harbour views from the parkland. The area on Larkin St., just south of Wood St has vegetation which is difficult and expensive to maintain and is only partially useable by the public. With increases in density in North Sydney this parkland area needs to be reevaluated to lower its maintenance costs and make it more accessible to the public.

West Harbour Tunnel and New Park at Berry's Bay

The headers continue boring toward Waverton. Representatives of Transport for NSW will attend the next Precinct meeting to discuss tunnel progress and the new Berry's Bay Park which is part of the project.

Some parking spots may be lost around Carradah Pk and Balls Head Rd during the tunnelling though this area.

Woodley's Shed will be reimaged and developed as a community facility as part of the WHT project. Its adaptive reuse and redevelopment are now under consideration by NSC and the tunnel contractor. IG and JB are to meet with Councils GM. Concern was expressed that the new Woodley's Shed should not become a money pit for Council.

Noakes Issues

There are various issues here. Air pollution from the site is to be monitored by the State EPA. A carbon filter system is to be installed with Council approval. An unauthorized structure on site has been demolished and a fire safety order has been issued to bring these systems up to standard.

While the Precinct has made submissions in the past on these issues, others are encouraged to also make individual submissions particularly on the air quality filtration proposed. A current DA is under consideration in relation to a carbon filtration system.

Cape Don Restoration

Moored at the Coal Loader, it is due to be moved to dry dock later this year. Concern has been expressed about its sea worthiness, but funds from the firm JR Richards have meant its restoration can continue. An Open Day is scheduled for May 24th.

Tours of the MV Cape Don are now available every Friday and Sunday at a cost of \$10pp. More information at seaheritagefoundation.org.au/tours

4. NEW BUSINESS

Revised Federal Election Boundaries

There has been a change to Federal Electoral Boundaries with Waverton no longer being part of the North Sydney Electorate. This seat has been abolished as the Electoral Commission looks to balance up numbers in the various electorates. Waverton now sits on the western edge of the

Warringah Electorate. Some other small parts of the former North Sydney electorate have gone to the Bennelong and Bradfield electorates.

Coal Loader Wharf

It is advised that the wharf, although in a poor state of repair, is not to be demolished. It is to be made safe and some of the material from the structure will be retained.

Trailers and Boats on Local Streets

This issue has been raised numerous times in the past. These non-motorized vehicles are often left for weeks at a time and include sail boats and trailers.

Motion: Council be asked to provide some suggestions as to how these vehicles might be controlled. Carried.

Balls Head Heritage Listing

Balls Head is proposed for listing on the State Heritage. Submission may now be made. As the reasons for its listing were not known, the Chair advised that further information will be obtained for discussion at the April meeting. Questions were raised as to why it couldn't be part of Sydney Harbour National Park.

Community Awards

These awards are presented annually to those making a valued contribution in North Sydney. The categories are Community Builder, Eco Warrior, Living Legend, Next Gen and Trail Blazer. It was agreed to recommend *Bruce Donald in the Living Legend category.*

5. DA's

Noakes Carbon Filtration System (See above)

6. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

No new activities

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be **Tuesday 1st April** and will commence at 7:30pm in the Uniting Church Community Hall, Bay Rd.

All residents are welcome.