

WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING
4 November 2025
MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm at the Waverton Uniting Church Community Hall.

Chair: Ian Grey

Minutes: Jeremy Dawkins

Attendance: 15

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Peggy Knot.

2. Previous Minutes - October 2025

Moved KA, seconded AG:

THAT the minutes be adopted. CARRIED.

3. NSC response to previous resolutions

Shore wishes to buy the southern end of Edward Street. At its October meeting the Precinct saw an opportunity to achieve one of the Precinct's highest priorities: informal recreational resources for teenagers.

- The Precinct asked the Council to seek out-of-hours public access to Shore's Edward Street basketball court,
- Alternatively, the Precinct asked the Council to negotiate a land swap resulting in a public basketball court that Shore would use during school hours.
- The Council advised that the proposal has been referred to the relevant officers.
- IG said he would raise the matter with those officers.

Merger with Euroka Precinct (north)

The meeting expressed its welcome to members previously in Euroka Precinct and hoped to see them at Waverton Precinct meetings.

KA reported that on 22 October 2025 Euroka Precinct had transferred their remaining balance of \$1,036.96 to Waverton Precinct, to complete the merger process.

4. Existing business

New park at Berrys Bay (update)

IG and JB met with Acciona this morning, and thanked Acciona for their extensive work in clearing the bay of jetties, piles and other decaying structures. They found that the soft landscaping is appropriate, and has been modified in response to the Precinct's input to reduce hard areas and replace some grassed areas with vegetation. Acciona were interested in the proposal to allocate a proportion of the budget to a reserve fund to allow adaptation and support for emerging activities in the future.

Disappointingly:

- The Council has decided that the entire budget should be spent immediately.
- The community building continues to look like an architectural competition entry.
- A basketball ring will not be included. Is it because it would be incompatible with a *landscape architecture* competition entry?
- There will be no provision for those visiting the park in small boats, although the Council may construct a parking place for small boats.

Progress on the Western Harbour Tunnel (update)

Heading south from Cammeray, the massive twin tunnels of the Western Harbour Tunnel are already under Waverton and will be under Waverton in November and into December.

Members were advised to find out now if they live over the route of the tunnel, and if so to ensure that a condition report is obtained *before* the tunnel reaches them.

Clean Up Sydney Harbour campaign (update)

IG told the meeting about numerous matters reported to him by Mary Curran. The good news is that RMS has removed fifteen decaying boats from moorings and will soon remove twelve more. The largest decaying vessels are still too hard, although RMS seemed to agree that removing the Aquacube is a priority.

Absence of fire equipment at Noakes

Noakes boat yard is now in the Waverton Precinct. The EPA is serving orders on Noakes to install fire control systems.

Redesigning the southern end of Larkins Street

The headland at the southern end of Larkin Street, a notable landmark with impressive views, is unresolved as a public space. The Chair was requested by the meeting to initiate discussions with the Council on ways to improve the area.

5. New business

Inviting new executive members and members to take on special projects

There are many ways to support the Precinct – joining the executive, communicating with the community, leading projects and campaigns, being the contact for specific issues – and IG encouraged members to consider taking on such a role.

The meeting agreed that participation in the Precinct is greater when there are campaigns or significant issues. The website will become a more effective source of information and connection when the mailing list has been restored. VY suggested coordinating with the Hub (300 members) to share information and links.

Development applications

- 366/2025, 39 Balls Head Road

IG outlined what is proposed and tabled the design.

The Precinct has no objection to the proposal.

6. Community updates

There were no updates.

7. Other items

The site on Balls Head where termites are bred for the zoo

KA suggested that termites could possibly spread from the site to nearby houses. IG agreed to ask the Council if this might be possible and, if so, whether the site should be netted.

Leaking water main or drain at the end of Ross Street

AG asked the Precinct to notify the Council that water continues to flow into the street from an unknown source, since previous attempts to fix the problem have not succeeded.

Speeding and noisy vehicles at the end of Larkin Street

Calling the police when vehicles gather on Friday and Saturday evenings does not work, since they have left by the time the police arrive.

Moved KA, seconded MB:

THAT the police be requested to limit anti-social and dangerous behaviour at the southern end of Larkin Street by including the area in patrol schedules on Friday and Saturday evenings. CARRIED.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is the December monthly meeting and the 2025 AGM. The AGM includes the election of our Precinct Executive for 2026.

The meeting will be held at the Uniting Church Community Hall on 2 December 2025

Please bring a plate and a bottle to celebrate the year with your fellow residents