

**WAVERTON PRECINCT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2 December 2025
MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 9:00 pm at the Waverton Uniting Church Community Hall.

Chair: Ian Grey

Minutes: Jeremy Dawkins

Attendance: 30

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Mark Bayly, Kevin Heys, Bavara Hush, Susan Prescott, Libby Salkeld and Caroline Thornton.

2. Previous Minutes - December 2024

MOVED KA, seconded VY:

That the minutes are adopted.

CARRIED.

3. Reports

IG presented a brief review of Precinct activities during 2025 (attached).

KA presented a financial report (attached).

4. Election of officers

KA took the chair and called for nominations for Chair.

Ian Grey was nominated and accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations KA declared IG elected.

KA called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

Jeremy Dawkins was nominated and accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations KA declared JD elected.

KA called for nominations for Secretary.

Shelley Kirkwood was nominated and accepted the nomination.

There being no further nominations KA declared SK elected.

KA called for nominations for Treasurer.

There being no nominations KA said that he would continue in the role in the short term.

5. Any other business

IG resumed the chair.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:30 pm.

Waverton Precinct Chair's Report for 2025

While the activities this year have not been as dramatic as some years – like opposing the floating dry dock and running a legal argument to the tribunal via a separate registered community association – it has still been a very solid year.

Importantly, we have been closely involved in the design and creation of the new Park in the western arm of Berrys Bay. We have an open and positive dialogue with both Acciona and Transport for NSW and meet regularly with them.

This does not mean we get everything we ask for of course, but the input has been well received and the conversations are mutually respectful and the Park is coming together well.

The final design for the community facility is still under active discussion and we note the Council will be trying to get a grant to build an access wharf for kayaks – and kayak racks will be installed by Acciona.

A notable contrast is the former lawn bowling site where we cannot even get a conversation started – but neither can North Sydney Council.

Of course, there are a lot of other issues happening, not only in Waverton, which we need to follow and anticipate developments and comment upon – in particular, the State Government's approach to housing development within 800m of rail stations and major bus interchanges which overrides all the normal Council processes and their current Plans and Strategies.

Plus, of course, the impact on the Council's finances arising from a massive blowout on the costs of one single project – the restoration of the Olympic Pool; is having a huge impacts on Council's services and priorities and we have to try to understand these and comment on their plans and keep our residents up to date on this critical situation. To do so, we have needed to be at every Combined Precincts meeting through the year.

Noticeably this year, usually due to their age, we have lost several longstanding and high contributing members of our core meeting attendees – often individuals who were the key person tracking a specific issue or a campaign. This has put more pressure on our executive to be more closely across a broad list of issues and initiatives, which is a significant additional workload.

Lastly, we took over a section of Euroka Precinct late in the year which has opened up several issues that we now need to lead – for example, all the issues at Noakes Shipyard. Fortunately, we also have gained fresh faces and new skillsets.

We significantly rebuilt our mailing list through the year and will look to steadily continue that process and better integrate that with our Precinct website (which was totally redesigned in 2024) through next year as an internal priority.

Ian Grey

Treasurer's Report

2nd December 2025

Precinct Working Account

Precincts in North Sydney are eligible for a fund's contribution from North Sydney Council of \$1500 per year if the balance in the operational account of the Precinct falls below \$3500. A request for the contribution for 2026 will need to be submitted to Council shortly.

The recurring costs for Precinct in 2024 have been:

1. Payments made for assistance with the establishment of a new Precinct web site.
2. Payments for the distribution of fliers for our monthly meetings.

Opening Balance (Dec 2024)	\$105.90
Income (Council Contribution)	\$ 1,500
Balance of funds from Euroka Pct	<u>\$1036.96</u>
Total Funds	\$2,642.86
Expenditure (Fliers and web site)	<u>\$ 1626.00</u>
Closing Balance (Dec 2025)	\$ 1016.86

Precinct Donation Account

This account contains funds donated as part of the Save Berry's Bay Campaign.

Funds remaining \$1529.50.

Looking to 2026

Central Coast Websites was retained to establish and maintain a new web site for the Precinct and as required, update information on the site. This would be one of the main methods of keeping residents informed on Precinct activities, agenda and minutes. This all comes at a cost. Precinct pays a 3 monthly fee of \$264 for maintenance and with other additional matters to be put onto the web the annual cost is estimated to be about \$1100pa. It was hoped that additional funds might be made available by Council to enable development of a system which all Precincts could use. This has not happened although the contribution of funds from the wind up of Euroka Precinct is welcomed. Additional funds will be required, if the website is to continue to function as it should. A fund raiser like a car boot sale or a trivia night could be considered.

Kevin Alker

Precinct Treasurer