

RANDWICK PRECINCT

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Minutes for General Meeting 3 May 2017, 7.30 pm

Please note all resolutions passed unanimously unless stated

Precinct	Randwick
Date, meeting time and venue	7.30pm 3 May 2017 in the Randwick Room, Randwick City Council, 30 Frances Street, Randwick
	<p>Larry Vincent , Bill Roberts – Co-Chairs.</p> <p>Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a Welcome to Country:</p> <p>"I would like to acknowledge that we are here today on the land of the Bidjigal people of the Dharwahal Nation. The Bidjigal people are the traditional owners and custodians of this land and form part of the wider aboriginal nations of the Sydney area. On behalf of Randwick Precinct Committee I would also like to acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders both past and present, and the many rich cultures of the people who live in Randwick."</p>
1. Attendance:	Larry Vincent and Bill Roberts (Co-Chairs) and 12 as per Attendance book, Clrs Kathy Neilson and Geoff Stevenson
2. Apologies:	Nil
3. Declaration of interests:	Jo Chittick, minute taker (Council staff)
4. Confirmation of previous minutes:	Minutes of April 2017 meeting were accepted: Moved – Noeleen Hall, Seconded Bill Roberts. CARRIED
5. Correspondence:	Response from Precinct Coordinator
6. Business arising from previous minutes:	<p>Response from Precinct Coordinator to April resolutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traffic in Belmore Road <p><i>Resolution 1: Would Council consider extending the clearway on Belmore Rd to ease the current congestion, the new traffic lights becoming a scrambled crossing and being synchronised to Barker St and Alison Rd.</i></p> <p><i>Response – the suggestion has been forwarded to the Integrated Transport team for their consideration and advice.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pruning of trees in Doncaster Ave <p><i>Resolution: Could Council please investigate the pruning of trees that impact on cyclists on the eastern side of Doncaster Ave?</i></p> <p><i>Response – the request to prune the Peppercorn trees on Doncaster Ave will be actioned in the new financial year when funds are available.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Earth Week event at Bundock Street Community Centre

	<p>Resolution: <i>The precinct would like to acknowledge and thank Council for collaborating and putting on the excellent solar energy event in Bundock Street Community Centre on 25 March.</i></p> <p><i>Response – comments have been passed on to Council's Sustainability team, who thank the precinct for their support.</i></p>
7. Treasurer's Report:	Balance \$416.86
8. Council & Councillor updates:	<p>Larry invited Clr Geoff Stevenson to the meeting. Clr Stevenson reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council amalgamations, high court appeal of Woollahra council and Council elections 9 September. • Planning processes • Spot rezoning, densities and development • Light rail <p>North ward councillor Kathy Neilson gave her report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amalgamation and future of councillors under administrator • Draft operational plan and budget – good idea to have a look and have your say. • Attended meeting of Coogee Beach Stormwater quality • Roundabout at Church and Cowper Street and crash data details • Affordable housing in the area <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloe Shorten guest speaker Randwick library tomorrow night. • 75th anniversary battle of Coral Sea. Coral sea park, Maroubra, Saturday 11.15 to noon commemoration ceremony, free BBQ, unveiling of plaque. • Coogee corroboree Fri 26 may 1pm to pay tribute to various things we are remembering. 50 years since counting in census, way forward for reconciliation.
9. Development applications and related	Nil
10. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BikEast submission <p>Resolution: <i>Following feedback from BikEast (A bicycle user group representing people on bicycles in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney) that the Randwick Precinct Committee recommends Council consider:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The installation of bike parking rings on suitable poles and locations in Belmore Road - Slow traffic speeds - introduce 40kph speed limit; introduce landscaping elements and street narrowing and pedestrian crossing thresholds to make this self-evident and self-regulating

- Redesign the street profile at key crossing locations to give pedestrians and cyclists priority crossing; possibly make part of the southern end of Belmore Road a 'Pedestrian Priority zone (10kph speed zone)
- Provide a protected bi-directional bicycle route all along Belmore Road's High Street to give safe and convenient access to all its services and facilities to bicyclists
- Relocate consequential lost kerb-side parking into perpendicular streets by introducing angle parking along these side-streets and reducing speed to 30kph in these access streets; re-designed and landscaped to make the speed self regulating, with high amenity and safety for all users
- Ensure at the southern end of Belmore Road, that access to the Light Rail Station across intersections of both Belmore Road and Avoca Street give priority and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists to that Station
- On High Street, the one-way traffic lane past the station should be on a platform with Pedestrian Priority provided (10kph speed zone) along the length of the station platform
- The bicycle access from adjoining residential areas - east-west - and from The Spot, for bicyclists to reach the Light Rail station must be designed forthwith and constructed for completion by the time the Light Rail is operational. This was an original commitment made when the Light Rail project was approved
- That within High Street, in very close proximity to the Light Rail station, covered and a high standard bicycle parking facility be provided
- A high standard bi-directional bicycle facility be designed and provided between the Bondi Junction and Randwick Centres.

Note: The last four items are primarily to ensure that commuter behaviour in gaining active transport and travel access (walking and bicycling) to the Randwick Centre and the Light Rail system and for shopping in Belmore Road's 'High Street', is established concurrently with these important street-scape and public transport infrastructure improvements being completed.

As part of the case in support of the above points, with emphasis on bicycling:

Above all, the Council should think about how is Belmore Road going to accommodate cycling infrastructure connecting to the Light Rail stop and to the planned cycling network in the vicinity of and too, Belmore Rd's 'High Street' shops and facilities. This consideration must include funding commitment to provide the bicycle facilities from the Coogee Beach Bay area as well as to and from the western side of Randwick. Belmore Rd's 'High Street' will remain the heart of the Randwick's strategic centre, which also comprises the hospital and university, all of which need to be connected by bicycle infrastructure to each other and beyond.

	<p>The NSW Government's plan as per Sydney's Cycling Future is to invest in connected bike routes that are within five kilometres of major centres and public transport. The Randwick Centre is specifically mentioned in the Greater Sydney Commission's Central District Plan as such a Centre and improving connections between it and Bondi Junction and to and between the Randwick Racecourse, Prince of Wales Hospital and the UNSW precinct with the Light Rail station and all the residential areas these places serve, is essential. This is to gain good access, amenity service delivery convenience and sound business and commerce outcomes for Randwick.</p> <p>These needs and the solutions must be grasped and developed by the Randwick City Council ASAP.</p> <p>The current and proposed Delivery and Operational Plans will need to be further developed and amended.</p> <p>Moved Larry Vincent, seconded Bill Roberts CARRIED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to ward and other councillors to attend alternate meetings <p>The Committee discussed inviting other councillors to attend alternate meetings.</p>
11. Meeting closed:	8.54 pm
12. Next meeting:	Wednesday 7 June, 2017 at 7.30pm – Randwick Room, 30 Frances Street