

RANDWICK PRECINCT

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Minutes for General Meeting 7 June 2017, 7.30 pm

Please note all resolutions passed unanimously unless stated

Precinct	Randwick
Date, meeting time and venue	7.30pm 7 June 2017 in the Randwick Room, Randwick City Council, 30 Frances Street, Randwick
Welcome:	<p>Larry Vincent , Bill Roberts – Co-Chairs.</p> <p>Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an Acknowledgement of the local Indigenous People: "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 7 as per Attendance book, Clr Kathy Neilson
2. Apologies:	Noeleen Hall
3. Declaration of interests:	Jo Chittick, minute taker (Council staff)
4. Confirmation of previous minutes:	Minutes of May 2017 meeting were accepted: Moved – Larry Vincent, Seconded Bill Roberts. CARRIED
5. Correspondence:	Bank statement, flyers, response from Precinct Coordinator
6. Business arising from previous minutes:	<p>Precinct Coordinator's response to May resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BikEast submission <p><i>Resolution: 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> <p>The installation of bike parking rings on suitable poles and locations in Belmore Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Council is procuring bike parking rings for installation at a number of key centres throughout the Council area; which will also include the Belmore Road area.</i> ● <i>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.</i> ● <i>Council's Strategic Planning team is studying aspects of the Belmore Road centre, looking at a number of issues, including urban landscape improvements. Proposals arising from this examination will be the subject of community consultation in the future.</i> ● <i>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).</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pedestrians and cyclists are important components of Active Transport. However, we have to be careful to not disenfranchise the majority component of Active Transport (that is public transport users) when we plan street changes. These issues will be addressed in the study being undertaken by our Strategic Planning Team.</i> • 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 • <i>Proposals such as this will be addressed in the study being undertaken by our Strategic Planning Team.</i> • 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. • <i>Proposals such as this will be addressed in the study being undertaken by our Strategic Planning Team.</i> • 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. • <i>Proposals such as this will be addressed in the study being undertaken by our Strategic Planning Team.</i> • 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. • <i>This option is not currently being considered.</i> • 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. • <i>Council is currently examining improvements for improved east-west bike access to the light rail terminus with the aim of delivering significant improvements by commencement of light rail operations.</i> • That within High Street, in very close proximity to the Light Rail station, covered and a high standard bicycle parking facility be provided. • <i>Transport for NSW is currently exploring options for such a facility.</i> • A high standard bi-directional bicycle facility be designed and provided between the Bondi Junction and Randwick Centres. • <i>Following consultation with the community, this route was not identified as one of the top 10 priorities for bike routes in the Randwick Council area. However, we will take advantage of any opportunities which arise to improve facilities for bike riders within this corridor.</i>
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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noted.</i> <p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Noted. Council is currently examining improvements for improved east-west bike access to the light rail terminus with the aim of delivering significant improvements by commencement of light rail operations.</i> <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. These needs and the solutions must be grasped and developed by the Randwick City Council ASAP. The current and proposed Delivery and Operational Plans will need to be further developed and amended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Council understands and concurs with the views detailed and is working on a number of projects to meet these outcomes.</i>
7. Treasurer's Report:	Balance now \$1905.75 including payment received from council \$400. Resolution 07062017(1): The precinct resolved to spend a budget of \$150 for boosting its Facebook presence. Larry/Bill. CARRIED.
8. Council & Councillor updates:	<p>Clr Kathy Neilson gave her report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amalgamation – legal advice being obtained • Kensington Community Centre to be opened shortly • Attended meeting of Coogee Beach Stormwater quality

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing in the area • Light rail photography brochure for Randwick • Concert for this month – Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen 23 June 7pm
9. Development applications and related	Nil
10. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing Resolution 07062017(2): The precinct would like to invite a Council representative to a meeting to discuss affordable housing including the cost of rent and how it works. Larry/Bill CARRIED. • Parking problem Resolution 07062017(3): The precinct requests that no development be approved in Randwick Council without adequate parking facilities; the precinct would like to know what the policy on parking is. Jennifer/Larry. CARRIED • Update on location and installation dates for bike racks Resolution 07062017(4): Would council provide an update on the location and installation dates for bike racks in the Randwick town centre. Larry/Bill CARRIED • Update on status of Randwick Literary Institute transfer Resolution 07062017(5): The precinct would like an update on the status of the community Randwick Literary Institute transfer to RCC. Larry/Bill CARRIED. • Invitation to Local Government election candidates Resolution 07062017(6): The precinct invites LG election candidates to speak at its August meeting. Larry/Bill. CARRIED.
11. Meeting closed:	8.40 pm
12. Next meeting:	Wednesday 5 July, 2017 at 7.30pm – Randwick Room, 30 Frances Street