

RANDWICK PRECINCT

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Minutes for General Meeting 6 June 2018, 7.30 pm

Please note all resolutions passed unanimously unless stated

Precinct	Randwick
Date, meeting time and venue	7.30pm 6 June 2018 in the Malabar Room, Randwick City Council, Avoca Street, Randwick
Welcome:	<p>Larry Vincent, Chair.</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 Chair, 8 residents as per Attendance book
2. Apologies:	Bill Roberts, Jonathon Milford, Noelene Hall, Mary Gallagher
3. Declaration of interests:	Jo Chittick, minute taker (Council staff)
4. Confirmation of previous minutes:	Minutes of May 2018 meeting were accepted.
5. Correspondence:	Response from Precinct Coordinator
6. Business arising from previous minutes:	<p>Precinct coordinator's response to May resolutions:</p> <p>DA 183/2018 1 Cowper Street, Randwick Resolution 02052018(1): Randwick Precinct would like to extend an invitation to UNSW to present their proposal at our next meeting.</p> <p>Verge Gardens Resolution 02052018(2): Randwick Precinct would like to invite RCC's Helen Morrison to present at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Unfortunately, Angus Palmer, Council's Landscape Architect is unable to attend the June meeting. Residents are invited to send questions to Angus before the meeting or call with any questions.</i></p> <p>Darley Road Pedestrian and Cycle Way Resolution 02052018(3): Randwick Precinct requests that Randwick Council communicate with Centennial & Moore Park Trust to create a pedestrian and cycle way on Queens Park south side on Darley Road from Avoca Street to Carrington Road.</p> <p><i>The area defined by the precinct for a path on Darley Road is within the Waverley Council LGA. IN 2017 Randwick Council agreed to assist the project by co-funding the design costs of this pathway. Waverley Council, with the support of Randwick Council and the Centennial Park Trust, subsequently made application to Roads and Maritime Services for funding to assist in the design of the proposed shared path. A decision from RMS is pending.</i></p> <p>Cowper and Church Street roundabout Resolution 02052018(5): Before any further works are undertaken, Randwick Precinct requests:</p>

- that traffic counts be undertaken at all approaches to this intersection and compared to those counts taken before the roundabout was installed;

The Traffic counts have been ordered and will be undertaken soon.

- that pedestrian safety crossing Church Street (north and south of Cowper St), be considered;

During the roundabout design process, it was spatially very difficult to consider traffic islands within Church Street at Cowper Street, however we will again review the design from the perspective of the 'Pedestrian traversing Church Street'.

- prior to any amendments for cyclists are made, Council consider where similar roundabouts (with nearby bus stops and pedestrian crossings) have been modified for cyclists.

We are unsure of any similar sites with each of these attributes, however we will undertake further research to see if there are any.

Coogee ocean pools

Resolution 02052018(6): Could Council advise what lease/licence agreements are for McIver and Wylies pools and what public consultation arrangements will be undertaken when the current arrangements expire.

McIver Baths is licensed to Randwick & Coogee Ladies Swimming Club Inc, and is scheduled to expire on 30/12/18.

Wylies Baths is sub-leased to Wylies Baths Trust Inc and is scheduled to expire on 30/12/18.

Council refers to our Community Facilities Management Policy for the renewal processes of their facilities.

Frenchman's Road Shopping Centre – Traffic and Pedestrian conflict

Resolution 02052018(7): Randwick Precinct expresses its concern about traffic and pedestrian conflict on Frenchman's Road between Clovelly Road and Searle Avenue. and requests Council explore options to improve conditions for pedestrians in this area.

Frenchmans Road is a State Road under the care and control of Roads and Maritime Services. The Precinct's request has been forwarded to RMS asking that they investigate the concerns raised.

Parking in Randwick City Council area

Resolution 02052018(8): Randwick Precinct expresses its concerns at the increasing development approvals and building amendments which reduce street parking in established areas with existing limited parking availability.

Council's parking requirements are contained in the Randwick Development Control Plan 2013 (DCP). The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 requires Council to apply development controls in a flexible manner. This is reinforced in Council's DCP in Part B7 Section 3.3, which states:

Explanation

*Council transport investigations note that Randwick City's car parking rates are higher than adjoining comparable councils and the recommendations of the RMS. The rates for residential and business uses have **not** been altered in this DCP, except for minor adjustments made for specific development types (e.g. business premises in residential zones and backpackers' accommodation). The DCP provisions continue to acknowledge that applicants may seek variations where suitable and sustainable transport alternatives are considered and incorporated into the development.*

There may be circumstances where it may not be physically possible or aesthetically desirable to provide parking (e.g. the provision of off street parking in the frontage of a heritage item or in areas of significant streetscape value).

It is the responsibility of the applicant through the development assessment process to demonstrate that the proposed level of parking provision is adequate, or that the overall planning benefits of the proposed development outweigh the deficiencies.

Controls

- i) Any variation to the parking rates must address the following issues (as relevant to the particular development):*
 - (a) Type and scale of the development and its potential impact on local traffic and parking conditions.*
 - (b) Survey of parking provision in comparable recent development.*
 - (c) Existing parking facilities already provided prior to further development.*
 - (d) Site and building constraints.*
 - (e) Heritage and urban design considerations including significant streetscape elements such as sandstone retaining walls, significant mature trees, etc.*
 - (f) On street and public parking in the area, as well as proximity and access to public transport.*
 - (g) Location of local services, employment, retail and recreational facilities.*
 - (h) Safety of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.*
 - (i) Provision of any integrated, sustainable transport options on site.*

In accordance with the above criteria, Council is required to assess each application on its merits and is obliged to consider the likely demand generated by each development on a case by case basis as well as the availability of on-street parking and access to public transport in considering any variation to the numerical parking controls.

Suggested Tree locations

Resolution 02052018(9): Randwick Precinct supports suggested tree locations and agreed they should be forwarded to Council for consideration.

Council's Coordinator Tree Management, Mr Bryan Bourke assessed the precinct's suggested tree planting locations and has advised the following:

- Lingard St – there is no adequate space available to be able to realistically plant street trees along this narrow roadway. It is a well-used thoroughfare for motorists and there are a number of restrictions such as garages, driveways and narrow footpaths that require clear lines-of-sight and unimpeded pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare.*
- Avoca St – we have requested a quotation from Council's tree planting contractors to cut out 20 x 1.5m wide x 1 m deep tree squares in concrete along the west side of Avoca St between Rae St and Cowper St (where space allows) and to plant and maintain 20 Watergums in those tree squares, bearing in mind restrictions such as signs, lights, driveways, etc.*
- Carrington Rd/Coogee St – Council will plant 2 Cheese trees in Carrington Rd, either side of the intersection of Coogee St. The scope for planting any more than this is limited by intersections, bus stops and the requirement for clear lines-of-sight.*
- Alison Rd – Council will plant 20 Watergums on the north side of Alison Rd between Dutruc St and St Marks Rd in the vacant nature strip and 8 Watergums on the south side along the same section where space allows.*

Invitation to Mayor or Deputy Mayor to attend meetings

Resolution 02052018(10): Randwick Precinct would like to invite the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to attend meetings and give a short presentation on what's happening with Council.

Larry had a response from the Mayor – she has meeting clashes for this meeting and the next meeting but might come in August.

Extension of Clearway hours on Belmore Road

Resolution 02052018(11): Randwick Precinct requests that the Clearway on the east side of Belmore Road between Alison Road and Avoca Street be extended by one hour in the evening. *A reduction in the number of evening hours when Belmore Rd parking is available would likely be perceived poorly by local businesses. Randwick Council is undertaking a Planning Strategy for Randwick Junction and this process would be the best forum for considering this Precinct request. This Strategy will be developed this year. Although the original consultation on this project has now closed, many of the resources and comments are able to be viewed at this website: <http://www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/randwickjunction>*

7. Presentations: Nil

8. Cr report Nil

9. Treasurer's Report: Nil

10. General Business

Parking on Darley Road

Resolution 06062018(1): The Precinct invites the Coordinator of Ranger Services, Janine Bourke, to the next meeting to provide information on roles and responsibilities of Rangers in regards to oversized and abandoned vehicles. Chris/Larry CARRIED
Buses – Chris spoke to manager Randwick depot about buses using Dangar St to return to the bus depot. Yes, it occurs. Why Dangar? Drivers just like using Dangar St. Paul – signs that say no STA entry are advisory signs only. Buses are entitled to drive on roads. Chris concerned about safety. Speeding? Next meeting - monitor what you see. Traffic committee has someone attend meetings. Could be raised at traffic meeting.

Rope swings on public land

A resident raised safety issues regarding rope swings erected on public land, not built to Australian Safety standards, and their legality.

Resolution 06062018(2): The Precinct requests that Randwick Council formulates and issues a clear-stated policy on the issue of rope swings installed by the public in parks, reserves and verges (nature strips), existing and future, and whether they are or are not permitted. Stefan/Larry. 1 against. CARRIED.

Randwick Campus Redevelopment Community Group

Helen distributed forms available for people interested in participating in the community group for the Randwick Campus Redevelopment. The Precinct is concerned about loss of trees on High street and would like them to be reinstated. Chair to circulate consumer participation form for Randwick campus redevelopment to all members of precinct. Fill out and mail to campus. Public meeting in town hall, to be advertised. Asked Helen to identify issues for us to escalate to council.

Recycling – Community Education programme

Resolution 06062018(3): The Precinct requests that

- Randwick Council initiates a community education programme via a detailed pamphlet that clearly identifies in detail what is appropriate for the recyclable bin, how it is prepared for the bin and what is suitable/unsuitable.
- Identify soft plastics – what they are and how they can be recycled (i.e. take to Coles/Woolworths).
- A leaflet-drop to the letter boxes stating the environmental dangers of plastics and Randwick Council's advocacy that their residents adhere to their policies which can be obtained on-line or a written version obtained.

Resurfacing Belmore Road and footpath.

Resolution 06062018(4): Randwick Precinct thanks Council for the recent upgrade to footpaths and road surfaces in Belmore Road, south of Alison Road and requests details if the works undertaken included provision to provide footpath protection for pedestrians and for future undergrounding of overhead utility wires. We also request details if the footpath and resurfacing works will continue along Belmore Road. Paul/Peter CARRIED

Roundabout at Church and Cowper Streets

Resolution 06062018(5): Regarding the roundabout at Church and Cowper Streets, Randwick Precinct thanks Council for undertaking traffic counts at the approaches to this roundabout and requests comparisons (direction, number of vehicles and speed) be undertaken with data

obtained in 2017 and that this be provided to the Precinct prior to any proposed changes being considered by Council. Paul/Larry CARRIED

Improvements for pedestrians in Frenchmans Road

Resolution 06062018(6): Randwick Precinct, as part of improvements for pedestrians in Frenchmans Road (between Clovelly Road and Searle Avenue) request Council also request NSW Roads and Maritime consider the installation of a "High Pedestrian Activity Zone" - in addition for the intersection of Clovelly Road and Frenchmans Road, for the roadway to St Marks Road at this intersection which does not have any specific pedestrian crossing measures.

Resolution 06062018(7): The Precinct supports a public exhibition of the proposed extension of the Dudley Street Heritage Conservation area in Coogee. Larry/Paul CARRIED

Resolution 06062018(8): The Precinct supports council's initiatives for 'active transport/safe cycling', including the planned streetscape improvements from Kingsford to Centennial Park, including a new cycleway. (The improvements will provide safer walking and cycling connections to key destinations in our City, including to Centennial Park, UNSW, local shops and the new light rail stops along Anzac Parade.) Larry/Paul CARRIED

Resolution 06062018(9): The precinct supports a new Street Garden Policy and Guidelines to help our residents grow and maintain beautiful street gardens or planter boxes that complement the location, include suitable plantings and are safe for all users of the street. Larry/Paul CARRIED

Resolution 06062018(10): the precinct invites Mr Bruce Notley-Smith to the July meeting. Larry/Paul CARRIED

11. Meeting closed: 8.40 pm

12. Next meeting: Wednesday 4 July, 2018 at 7.30pm – Malabar Room, Avoca Street