

Precinct resolution

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MEETING DATE: 18 December 2024 **FILE:** F2004/07372

ACTIONED TO: Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport

RESOLUTION NUMBER: Resolution 18122024(1)

Resolution

Resolution 18122024(1): Precinct observations regarding the Active Transport Plan:

1. There is now a Transport Mode Hierarchy which guides strategic planning for transport (1. Walking 2. Public Transport 3. People Riding 4. Private Vehicles), how will Private vehicle congestion impacts be impacted if lower priority?
2. A planned Cycling Route along Dacre/Bay Pde, is this a bike lane?
3. Completion of Coastal Walk, noting the Southern route seems to avoid the RGC and remains on residential streets, whereas previously it was proposed along the course proper?
4. Malabar Schools to Beach walking zone, does this include safety improvements from Transport links 399 BusStop outside the Heritage Cafe?

A resolution is proposed to request further detailed information on the design & timing on the above precinct observations #2,3,4

- #2 Details of the Bike Route along Dacre, is it a dedicated lane?
- #3 What is the status of the Coastal Walk, is it still proposed via RGC or on residential streets?
- #4 Details on the Schools Zone and if this includes safety issues at 399 bustop outside Heritage Café?

Council response

With regard to your numbered queries:.

1. The Council has resolved to prioritise people who walk, people who catch the bus and people who cycle over car share use and freight delivery, as well as over people who use private cars. However, we will always try to address congestion issues as they arise and will generally treat all vehicle types similarly. However, on some occasions we may give the walking, “bussing” and riding modes a priority (such as installing Bus Zone signs to better control motorists parking private vehicles too close to a Bus Stop etc..).
2. The specific details of the Tier 2 route which extends generally along the coast, as indicated within the “Active Transport Plan Walking and Cycling”, are not determined as yet. When this route is examined, any proposals would be the subject of community consultation. Given the priority of other more major cycle routes, this route is not likely to be examined for some many years.

3. Contrary to the small diagram within the Active Transport Plan, the coastal walk is still intended to run along the edge of the Randwick Golf Course.

4. The details of the W9 Malabar Schools to Beach improvements are not as yet determined. Community consultation will occur prior to any specific improvements.

Council contact

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ACTIONED TO: Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER:** Resolution 18122024(2)

Resolution

Resolution 18122024(2): The Precinct supports the concept to address the safety aspects of the Centre median parking along Anzac Pde, however not at the expense of moving the problems to residential streets and requests council to review the plan as a whole of Precinct/Ward Issue noting the resident concerns and suggestions through formal consultation.

Council response

It is understood that a Notice of Motion regarding this matter is being considered by the Council at the upcoming Council meeting – 25th February 2025. The Precinct may wish to examine the Notice of Motion once it is published (which should be very soon).

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ACTIONED TO: Roman Wereszczynski, Manager Health Building and Regulatory Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **Resolution 18122024(3)**

Resolution

Background: Malabar Waste Water Treatment Plant – Biomethane Gas Burn Incident

On the 17th December social media posts on 'Malabar God's Country' reported the smell of gas around many residents, it was a strong westerly wind but people were reporting gas within their houses.

Other comments were people left the beach.

Fire and Rescue were notified and 3rd hand comments later stated Fire and Rescue had confirmation that it was a gas burn from the Biomethane plant operated by Jemna/Zinfra at the Malabar Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The Precinct has contacted the MWTP manager to confirm the reports and if this was planned or unplanned. The Mgr is assisting the community by requesting the operators to provide all available information this request whilst we await the formal confirmation from Fire and Rescue. This is possibly the second incident within a month and has rightfully concerned many in the area as the odour was quite intense and filled peoples' homes.

A report to the EPA has been lodged.

Resolution 18122024(3): Members support the actions of the Precinct in requesting the information on the incident, notifying RCC and requesting RCC to also support this request to both the Fire and Rescue and Plant operators so we can update residents.

Council response

Council officers made representations on behalf of the Malabar Precinct to the NSW EPA, please find below the response from Sydney Water regarding the matter:

'The Malabar Water Resource Recovery Facility was operating normally and did not release any biogas. No Sydney Water activities contributed to elevated odours.

The Malabar Biomethane Plant, operated by Jemena/Zinfra, was conducting maintenance on their odorant pump on 17 December 2024. The odorant used was mercaptan, which is added to otherwise odourless gases to help detect leaks. This is likely the "gas smell" reported by the community.

On 18 December 2024, Jemena attended the Malabar Community Reference Group hosted by Sydney Water to update community members on the incident.

Jemena's investigation led to several recommended actions, including:

- Modifying maintenance techniques to reduce the need to open mercaptan equipment.
- Conducting a bow-tie assessment to enhance preventative measures.
- Retraining personnel on the impact of mercaptan releases.
- Using odour-neutralizing agents and notifying the local community before conducting similar works.

Sydney Water has confirmed that there were no other known sources of odour in the area.'

Under Section 148 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (POEO) Act 1997*, Sydney Water is required to immediately notify relevant authorities, including the NSW EPA, Fire & Rescue NSW, the local Council, the Ministry of Health, and SafeWork NSW, if a pollution incident occurs that causes or threatens material harm to the environment.

Residents experiencing any odour concerns are encouraged to contact the NSW EPA as the appropriate regulatory authority, to log their concerns and for follow-up and investigation on the details below:

Phone: 131 555 or via www.epa.nsw.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/contact-index

We acknowledge and support the Precinct's request for information and the notification of Randwick City Council, and we will advocate to ensure residents receive timely updates on these matters.

Council contact

Roman Wereszczynski

Manager Health Building and Regulatory Services

18 February 2025