

Precinct	MAROUBRA PRECINCT RESIDENTS MEETING MINUTES
Date, meeting time and venue	Tuesday April 1 April 2025 at 7.00pm at Juniors at Maroubra
Chairperson	<i>Stephen O'Shaughnessy/ Co Chair John Burgess</i>
Secretary	<i>Position Vacant</i>
1. Attendance:	<i>40 residents present as well as Councilor Daniel Rosenfeld, Commander Paul Simpkins, Inspector Paul Grace, Constable Emma Phelan (NSW Police), Duncan Scott (Mgr Ranger Services), Trina Soulos (Mgr Community Development), Leki Mafoe (youth development officer)</i>
2.	<i>Welcome to Country.</i>
3. Apologies:	<i>None</i>
4. Declaration of interests:	<i>None</i>
5. Confirmation of previous general meeting minutes:	<i>Minutes of Meeting 24 Feb 2025 were received and noted.</i>
6. Police Report:	<i>Commander Paul Simpkins introduced himself and Inspector Grace (Crime Manager) and Constable Phelan (Maroubra). Inspector Grace and Constable Phelan jointly delivered a presentation on "Crime Overview" and some interesting statistics on crime in the Maroubra area over period 1 Jan to 31 March 2025 eg - Alcohol related crime increased over past 3 months due to warmer weather.</i> <i>Domestic and family violence / assault decreased.</i> <i>Break and Enter - spiked since December.</i> <i>Steal from Cars - diminished.</i> <i>Malicious damage top crime category -166 incidents Maroubra / 117 Randwick.</i> <i>It was acknowledged youth crime in Sth Maroubra, Malabar and Matraville involving local kids has increased notably. A local shopkeeper at Lexington stated that his shop was regularly terrorised by local youths who knocked over shelved stock and threatened violence. He has called the police many times but there is little they can do and often by the time they have arrived the offenders have moved on - many times he asked the question what can he do to protect his business and himself.</i> <i>Police are aware of what's happening at Coral Sea park area and Lexington and are doing their best with available resources but their powers are limited. They cannot charge offenders under 10 years and there restrictions on what can be lawfully done in respect of 10 to 14 year olds.</i>

	<i>Mention was made re installation of CCTV in problem areas but Council rejected this measure at its last meeting.</i> <i>It was agreed more action by Police was warranted supported by more engagement with community service groups to deal with root causes of anti social behaviour which is often intergenerational and linked with socio / economic disadvantage and broken family life structures.</i> <i>Commander Paul Simpkins understood and sympathised with the community concerns and will increase patrols in the known problem areas – using both uniformed and plaincloth officers</i>
7. Council Report:	<i>Councillor Daniel Rosenfeld provided an update in relation to a number of matters including:</i> <i>• Modifications planned for Green St</i> <i>• A motion he put forward in relation to installing more CCTV (which was not passed)</i> <i>• Council voting to remove shark nets</i> <i>• New roundabout to be constructed on Flower St</i> <i>From the Randwick council also in attendance were Duncan Scott (Manager Ranger Services), Tina Soulos (Manager Community Development) and Leki Mafoe (Youth Development Officer).</i> <i>On CCTV Mr Scott noted there is limited evidence that CCTV acts as a deterrent.</i> <i>On youth social issues Ms Soulos and Mr Mafoe offered to work with a community sub group to formulate and implement initiatives to deal with youth social issues in the area. Community members interested in joining this group should contact Ms Soulos and Mr Mafoe directly or email the Maroubra Precinct Committee (maroubraprecinct@gmail.com).</i>
8. Correspondence:	<i>None</i>
9. Business arising from previous minutes:	<i>None</i>
10. Matters arising from Correspondence:	<i>None</i>
11. Treasurer's Report:	The Treasurer Sam Damianos advised that the current balance of the Precincts Bank Account is \$4,765.89

12. General business:	Snape Park Development <i>Resident Michael Capon spoke about the proposed construction of a cricket and rugby training centre at Snape Park. He expressed community concerns about such matters as the loss of green space, \$6.3m cost of stage 1 of the development and parking. Councillor Rosenfeld noted that this project will be voted on at the council meeting on the 29th of April, 2025.</i> RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED AND CARRIED <i>Resolution 01042025 (1) Randwick Council consider the resident's objections to the stage 1 Snape Park upgrade proposal and work with residents, Randwick Petersham Cricket Club and the Maroubra Lions on an alternate proposal that does not see the loss of public parkland.</i> <i>Resolution 01042025 (2) That the stage 2 of Snape Park upgrade proposal be prioritised within the existing amenities block footprint</i>
13. Other business	None
14. Next meeting:	15 th May 2025
15. Meeting Closed	925pm at 7.00pm at Juniors at Maroubra