

Precinct	Bays and Beaches
Date, meeting time and venue	27 November 2023, 7pm Prince Henry Centre in Little Bay
Chair	Opening: Charles Abela After AGM: Peter Fagan, Chris Hanson
Secretary	Eric Ooms
Opening	Meeting Opened 7:15pm AGM at 7:30pm Meeting re-commenced 7:45pm
Attendance	26 residents, including Councillors Noel D'Souza and Bill Burst
Apologies	Councillor Danny Said and Gail Tring
Guest Speaker	Peter Maganov, Sustainability Manager Randwick Council
Resolution 1	That the Bays and Beaches Precinct community places on record: - its appreciation of the many years of service Charles Abela has given to the Bays and Beaches Precinct and its predecessor, the La Perouse Precinct - its appreciation of the support Carol Abela has given to Charles in his work for precincts. - agrees that a Thank You address by Co-Chairperson Peter Fagan and comments from Co-Chairperson Chris Hanson and Councillor Bill Burst be written into the minutes of Charles' final meeting as Chairperson. (Chris Hanson/ Eric)
Resolution 2	That Randwick City Council request a community representative from the South Eastern Suburbs be appointed to Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) to represent La Perouse residents affected by the noise impacts of southbound take-offs from Sydney Airport's Third Runway. (Peter Fagan /Carol Abela)
Environment Levy	<p>The meeting commenced with a presentation from Peter Maganov, Sustainability Manager, Randwick City Council. Peter explained that Randwick City Council has to seek feedback from the community every five years regarding the continuation of the Environmental Levy.</p> <p>The levy is used for funding specific environmental projects, such as the annual community fair to raise environmental awareness, stormwater use and storage (saving \$1m in water cost), constructing the coastal walkway etc. Every rate payer will receive a survey pack with question about the subject to complete. Submissions are considered in deciding the continuation of this levy, but community feedback must be submitted on the RCC website. (search: "Have Your Say Randwick Council Environmental Levy").</p> <p>In the governmental approval process by IPART, the environmental levy is included as part of the council rates and subject to be capped.</p> <p>Feedback from the meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • why is this levy not part of the normal budgeting process? • why is this levy singled out for special treatment • it should be a flat levy not a percentage, because higher rate-payers will pay more than, for example, people who live in units.

<p>AGM</p>	<p>The meeting was paused and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) commenced. Councillor Noel D’Souza chaired the AGM as returning officer.</p> <p>The current Chair, Charles Abela, did not stand for re-election as his reappointment would have exceeded the two-year time limit for office holders and there were alternative candidates nominating for the role. Peter Fagan and Chris Hanson nominated as co-chairs and the meeting unanimously approved a co-chairing arrangement, where they are to chair three meetings each next year and share the other duties of Chairperson. Eric Ooms agreed to be re-appointed as Secretary, after no other candidate nominated.</p> <p>The meeting was advised Gail Tring had agreed to be re-appointed as Treasurer after no other candidate nominated.</p> <p>The meeting thanked Councillor D’Souza for chairing the AGM which was then closed.</p>
<p>Meeting resumed</p>	
<p>Minutes previous meeting</p>	<p>The minutes of the 25 September 2023 precinct meeting were accepted (Chris Hanson / John Featherstone)</p>
<p>Thank you to Charles Abela</p>	<p>As agreed in Resolution 1, newly elected Co-Chairperson Peter Fagan’s Thank You address and comments from Councillor Bill Burst are written into the minutes:</p> <p>Peter Fagan: Charles has given many years of dedicated service to the community. A highlight was the successful campaign to stop the waste transfer station at what is now Chifley Reserve. Charles was always available to offer advice and share experience to community members, to Councillors and to Council staff. Charles represented community interests at Development Proposal site inspections and hearings. Charles regularly attended Randwick City Council meetings to represent the precinct and the broader community. Charles supported me with advice from his experience when I joined him as Co-Chairperson. I recorded in a document that I often refer to many pieces of advice from Charles' that I gleaned from his emails. Charles, we all thank you: - for your service, your professionalism and your friendship, and, - for making the precinct meetings a relaxed and positive environment where members of the community could express their concerns and opinions, When we thank Charles, we should also thank his lovely wife Carol who has supported Charles in his many years of service and has therefore also supported all of us.</p> <p>Councillor Bill Burst expressed his sincere and deep appreciation of the contributions Charles had made over the many years of representing the community through the precinct meeting he chaired.</p>

Life Saving Service - Little Bay and Malabar	<p>Chris reported that Life Savers will be on patrol at Little Bay and Malabar beaches from 01/12 to 01/03, for 7 days a week. Initially it will be determining the level of demand of life guarding needed. The four full timers and 10 part timers will have access to Malabar stored life crafts and they will have a tower as well. The two life guards in Malabar on jet skis will support the LB life guards.</p>
Prince Henry Community Association	<p>Chris Hanson reported: EV chargers – nothing further. Telstra equipment has been removed from the former coms building (lot 1) and the building has been rented out to the Community Association’s gardeners. Chris asked for residents to provide any feedback on the PHCA website. Feedback can be sent to: baysbeaches@gmail.com</p>
Bush fire concerns	<p>Peter: Bush fire concerns in Gubbetah Rd Reserve and in Bunnerong Rd / Wassell St.</p> <p>For the Bunnerong Road section, Matt Leary (Supervisor Bushland Randwick) organised clearing of a fire break.</p> <p>Gubbetah Rd (owned by Crown Lands) – bush care volunteers looked after the site. With invasive weeds now eliminated and after heavy rain, the bush is now very dense.</p> <p>Matt and Peter inspected the site. Matt organised to have the dead wood removed and some invasive species trees chopped down. The site is relatively safe, as the fire service has good access to it, residents have good escape routes and there is plentiful mains water. There is adequate space between the bush and the units and townhouses. Matt is confident that it is not a high-risk site.</p> <p>Future plan is to reduce vegetation for bush care reasons, primarily the encouragement of biodiversity.</p>
Future meetings	<p>Chris suggested some ways to shorten meetings and make them more interesting, e.g.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having an external guest speaker for each meeting 2. Having time limits on speakers 3. Having residents email any items they wished to raise at the meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting. <p>Those present agreed with this approach. Chris requested residents email any ideas for guest speakers to: baybeaches@gmail.com</p>
Flight paths	<p>Items from floor leading to Resolution 2:</p> <p>Carol Abela: Recently there have been changes in the flight paths used, and aircraft noise has increased over La Perouse.</p>

	<p>Sydney Airport authorities are allowing the southbound Third Runway flight path over Botany Bay to drift closer to La Perouse. A resident of Kurnell is a member of Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).</p> <p>However, there is not an equivalent representative from La Perouse, which is most affected by the flight path drift, and that community's concerns are not being represented.</p>
Elaroo Ave	The matter of traffic noise abatement strategies in Ellaroo Ave was raised. Councillor Noel D'Souza and Bill Burst will follow up on this issue. (See correspondence below).
Bus Stop Gubbeteh Rd southbound	There was no news on moving the Gubbeteh Road bus stop to the Anzac Pde interchange near Pine Ave. Councillor Noel D'Souza to follow up.
Anzac Parade Illegal Parking	The issue of illegal parking of boats, caravans, trucks, trailers and cars on the median was raised some 12 months ago. Possible solutions were building low visual impact barriers and moving people on. Nothing concrete has happened so-far, and the problem is now creeping north, with more vehicles using the median strip as a permanent parking facility. Councillors Noel D'Souza and Bill Burst to follow up. (See correspondence below)
Treasurer	Thank you in absentia to Gail for her role as Treasurer.
	Meeting closed.

Correspondence received after the meeting

Anzac Parade Illegal Parking	<p>Received 01/12/2023 from Randwick Council Mark Bush, Manager Waste, Cleansing and Public Safety: Council response:</p> <p>"Council Rangers have been advised to investigate reports of illegal parking activity in the centre of Anzac Pde between Jennifer St and Bunnerong Rd in respect to the Road Rules 2014 and the Public Spaces Unattended Property Act and will take appropriate regulatory action."</p>
Elaroo Avenue	<p>Received 27/11/2023 from Tony Lehrman, Manager Integrated Transport Council response:</p> <p>"The proposed Elaroo Avenue speed reductions devices do not include any vertical (speed hump style) elements."</p>