

KINGSFORD EAST PRECINCT

Minutes of the General Meeting 23 July 2026, 6:30pm

Please note that all resolutions passed unanimously unless stated.

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Precinct	Kingsford East
Date, Meeting time and venue	6:30pm, Thursday 23 July 2026 (Via Zoom)
Chair	Tim Sneesby/Jan Hart
Secretary	Heather Hibbert
Treasurer	Vacant
Welcome	
1. Attendance	Tim Longhurst, Heather Hibbert, Jan Hart, CR Philipa Veitch, CR Andrew Hay, Sally Kenny, Carol Russell, Eva Neumann, Chris Maher, Car Stevenage, Andrew Xiao, Diane Nazaroff, Matt lynch, and Danielle Wood
2. Apologies	Tim Sneesby
3. Declaration of interests	Because of a potential Sturt Street Development Jan Hart is recusing herself from discussions re: Major Developments on the agenda.
4. Confirmation of previous minutes	Tim Longhurst moved to approve the Minutes from last meeting and was seconded by residents present at the meeting. Minutes were confirmed.
5. Correspondence	N/A
6. Update from West Ward councillors	CR Philip Veitch: The June Council meeting focused primarily on the proposed introduction of parking meters (which didn't go through). Council also adopted the budget, which included fee waivers for community hall hire, further reductions in swimming lesson fees at Des Renford Leisure Centre for concession card holders, and increased funding for community development initiatives. There was also discussion regarding changes to the community consultation process introduced by the State Government. Under the new arrangements, some matters will no longer be required to go on public exhibition, while larger projects will still be exhibited but for shorter consultation periods. Three community consultations are currently open for feedback on proposed bike paths at Centennial Park, Anzac Parade and Todman Avenue. More info can be found on this link Discussion also took place regarding the proposed Special Entertainment Precinct for Kingsford, which has been delayed. Philippa commented on the matter and moved an amendment to Recommendation 2. Although Kingsford was initially identified as the highest priority location, Council staff and most councillors considered that it was not the appropriate time to proceed due to the significant development currently taking place in the area. The focus will instead remain on The Spot and Coogee, which was considered a disappointing outcome. CR Andrew Hay:

	The budget was passed at the previous Council meeting. Council also considered submissions relating to the cycleway project, and the proposal for the Kensington supermarket was approved. NB: The Councillor was boarding a flight and was therefore unable to participate in the meeting. During discussion, residents proposed that it would be beneficial to invite a representative from Randwick Council's Planning team to deliver a presentation on current planning initiatives. The presentation could provide an overview of how developers are being encouraged to make financial contributions towards improving local infrastructure and community amenities, as well as a briefing on the low- and mid-rise planning reforms, changes to public exhibition and notification requirements, and the scale and potential impact of the developments being proposed across the area.
7.	Motions NSW planning controls • Notes that the NSW Low and Mid-Rise Housing SEPP and the State's affordable housing bonuses, and Housing Delivery Authority pathway override Randwick's local planning controls, set non-discretionary development standards, and have driven development in Kingsford and Kensington that exceeds the bulk and scale developed by Council and the community as part of the K2K and Housing Investigation Areas, embedded in the Randwick LEP 2012. • Notes that more than 5,200 student accommodation rooms have been approved along Anzac Parade between Kensington and Kingsford over the past six years, against around 500 residential homes in the same period, and that this imbalance reduces housing diversity for families, workers and long-term residents. • Notes that the HDA pathway allows unsolicited proposals to bypass local controls in areas that have not been through coordinated strategic planning and land use study. This ad hoc, site-specific deal-making encourages rent-seeking and shifts city shaping from being a democratic process – where communities have a say in what their neighbourhoods and centres become – to one where powerful vested interests can put a proposal directly to government. • Supports Randwick City Council's advocacy to the NSW Government, including its submissions opposing the Low and Mid-Rise Housing reforms and its request to the Minister for Planning to allow Council to better manage the balance of student accommodation rooms and housing. • Calls on the NSW Government to restore Councils' ability to apply local height and floor space ratio controls where State provisions would otherwise override them, including:

	○ to confirm that any in-fill affordable housing bonus is applied to the maximum permissible standards in the Randwick LEP rather than stacked on top of State override standards, ○ giving councils greater discretion to require genuine housing diversity, including family housing, in town centre and R3 medium density areas, ○ abolish the Housing Delivery Authority Pathway. • Write to the local State Members for Coogee, Maroubra and Heffron expressing the above. Carried <i>Anzac Parade bike and pedestrian paths</i> • Supports the proposed Anzac Parade bike path and footpath, on the basis that it provides a safe, separated route for riders and pedestrians, reduces conflict with motor vehicle traffic and encourages active transport. • Notes that a safe, separated route of this kind matters most for the riders currently least willing to share the road with traffic, including children, women and families, and that it will support the growing number of residents riding to school, to the light rail and to local shops. • Notes that a separated bike path gives food delivery riders a safe alternative to the footpath, a number of whom currently ride on footpaths because they do not feel safe on the road, and that moving this activity onto a dedicated bike path will improve safety for pedestrians and those on bikes. • Recommends that, wherever possible, the bike path and footpath remain in the centre of the median strip rather than along its edges, to maximise retention of the existing tree canopy, and encourages the minimum possible removal of mature trees along the route. • Recommends that the sections of shared path identified in the concept plan be redesigned as separated cycleways wherever practicable, with pedestrians encouraged to use the existing adjacent footpaths to improve safety, reduce potential conflicts between path users, and provide a more consistent active transport route. Requests a fair and balanced approach to managing parking impacts for residents, businesses and visitors. • Requests that Council consider, as part of the design, adequate lighting along the route for evening safety, secure bicycle parking at the Juniors Kingsford light rail terminus and other key destinations, and clear wayfinding signage linking the route to the Kingsford to Centennial Park and Todman Avenue bike paths, so the three projects function as one connected network rather than three separate routes. Carried
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Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway, Stage 3

- Supports the completion of Stage 3 of the Kingsford to Centennial Park cycleway.
- Notes that a significant number of young families in the area regularly travel into Centennial Park with children, and that a safe, separated cycleway would let them make this trip directly, without navigating traffic on surrounding streets or sharing footpaths with pedestrians.
- Notes that the Stage 3 concept plan does not currently include a signalised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Bunnerong Road and Sturt Street. Given this is a busy intersection on a State road, a signalised crossing is required to ensure the route provides a safe and continuous connection for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Requests that Council prioritise funding and delivery of Stage 3 and confirm a construction timeline once the current exhibition period closes.

Carried

Kennedy Street traffic volume and pedestrian safety

- Notes that Council's traffic survey (Report TC49/25) recorded average weekday traffic volumes on Kennedy Street of close to 4,000 vehicles per day, significantly exceeding the volume generally considered appropriate for a local residential street. This reinforces the need for improved pedestrian safety measures, particularly for school children travelling to nearby schools and residents crossing the road.
- Notes residents' ongoing concerns regarding the lack of a pedestrian crossing on Rainbow Street between Kennedy Street and Anzac Parade. This section is heavily used by school students accessing nearby schools, public transport and local facilities, yet there is no safe designated crossing in this priority area. While a pedestrian crossing exists further along Rainbow Street at Botany Street, it does not adequately serve those crossing closer to Kennedy Street and Anzac Parade.
- Requests that Council refer Kennedy Street to the Local Traffic Committee to urgently investigate traffic calming measures and peak-hour turn restrictions. This investigation should not be deferred pending completion of the Newmarket development and should be undertaken as soon as possible.
- Requests that Council investigate the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing on Rainbow Street between Kennedy Street and Anzac Parade to improve pedestrian safety, particularly for school students and other vulnerable road users.
- Requests that Council also investigate the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing near the Juniors Kingsford car park entrance to provide safer access to the light rail terminus, nearby bus stops and surrounding community facilities.

Carried

	<i>Matt Lynch declared a conflict of interest due to employment with Roads and Maritime Services and did not participate in the vote.</i> Soft plastic recycling – request that Council ascertain community interest in a Curby-style soft plastics scheme (yellow bag in the yellow bin) • Requests that Randwick Council ascertain community interest in a Curby-style kerbside soft plastics recycling scheme, of the kind already adopted by Central Coast, Tamworth and Newcastle Councils. • Requests that Council report back to the Precinct on the feasibility of introducing such a scheme in the Randwick local government area. <i>Carried</i>
8. Meeting closing	8:00pm
9. Next Meeting	17 September 2026