

# Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

## Minutes

6:30pm Wednesday 15 February 2023 (*remote meeting*)

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## Terms of reference

The following information is provided so that you may be aware of the structure and operation of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee.

### **Randwick Council resolved to establish a Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee with the following terms of reference:**

1. Report to the Council;
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
4. Review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
5. Participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
6. Be consulted by Council on cycle way and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within "Sydney's Cycling Future"; and
8. Help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils.

(Council resolution references 172/17 & 87/18)

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## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair will ask for a volunteer to acknowledge the lands upon which this meeting is being held. Mr Reza Ahmed volunteered and stated the following:

*"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples; being the traditional owners who, for thousands of years, occupied and cared for vast areas along the Sydney Coast.*

*On behalf of the participants of this meeting I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and also to those Aboriginal people participating today."*

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## 2. Attendance and apologies

### **In attendance:**

|                    |          |                     |     |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------|-----|
| Ms Kate Lewis      | TfNSW    | Ms Jay Lee-Pieterse | RCC |
| Mr Elliot Jones    | BIKEast  | Mr Tony Lehmann     | RCC |
| Ms Yvonne Poon     | BIKEast  | Mr Reza Ahmed       | RCC |
| Mr Lee Roberts     | BIKEast  | Mr David Appleby    | RCC |
| Ms Kristina Warton | Resident | Mr Lachlan Wood     | RCC |
| Mr Paul Chilcott   | Resident | Ms Ruby Phillips    | RCC |

### **Apologies:**

Councillor Michael Olive  
Councillor Philipa Veitch  
Councillor Kathy Neilson  
Councillor Rafaela Pandolfini  
Jim Hope – BIKEast

### 3. Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

### 4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

### 5. Items for consideration

#### 5.1. Get NSW Active Program Funding / TfNSW Walking and Cycling Program

The status of Council's application for Get NSW Active Grant Funding Program 2022/23 and 2023/24 are as detailed in the table below.

| Applications made 2023/24  | Award Status                         | Funding stage requested | TfNSW Contribution |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| South Coogee to Kingsford - Stage 1 (Sturt Street)   | Submitted /<br>Awaiting notification | Construction            | 100%               |
| Anzac Parade Paths Project – Mid B - Fitzgerald Ave to Bunnerong Rd  | Submitted /<br>Awaiting notification | Design                  | 100%               |
| Maroubra Road Cycleway   | Submitted /<br>Awaiting notification | Design                  | 80%                |
| Heffron Park to Maroubra Beach - Separated Cycleway  | Submitted /<br>Awaiting notification | Design                  | 100%               |
| Todman Avenue and Lenthall Street Walking and Cycling Improvements   | Submitted /<br>Awaiting notification | Design                  | 100%               |
| Randwick City Council Bicycle Parking Installation Program   | Submitted /<br>Awaiting notification | Construction            | 100%               |
| Sturt Street link - Road space reallocation and pedestrian access project  | Submitted /<br>Awaiting notification | Design                  | 100%               |
| Previous application made 2022/23  | Award Status                         | Funding stage requested | TfNSW Contribution |
| Active Transport Strategy  | Successful                           | Strategy                | 100%               |
| South Coogee to Kingsford walking and cycling streetscape (Bundock Street / Sturt Street) – Detailed design finalisation | Successful                           | Design                  | 100%               |
| Randwick to Coogee – Detailed design   | Successful                           | Design                  | 100%               |
| Anzac Parade – Mid A – Fitzgerald Avenue to Sturt Street / APPP – Detailed design  | Successful                           | Design                  | 50%                |
| Todman Avenue – Implementation   | Unsuccessful                         | N/A                     | 0%                 |
| Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach – Construction   | Unsuccessful                         | N/A                     | 0%                 |

As noted above, Council is awaiting notification from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) regarding Council's submissions for the 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program. Tranche 1 for the 2023/24 program will be announced February 2023. Tranche 2 will be announced April 2023.

#### Recommendation:

That the information be received.

## 5.2. Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

*(Doncaster Avenue, Day Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Crescent, Sturt Street permanent cycleway)*

Council officers continue to work closely with TfNSW through the construction phase of this project. As previously reported, TfNSW is the project delivery agency, and they awarded the construction contract to Burton Contractors.

A number of major milestones have been delivered including construction of the first section of the separated cycleway on Doncaster Avenue, south of Anzac Parade.

TfNSW officers have agreed to provide the CABFAC with a briefing and update on the current progress of the project.

Some photos of the latest works are shown below:



Kerbs for separated cycleway - Doncaster Avenue, south of Anzac Parade, facing south



Kerbs for separated cycleway - Doncaster Avenue, south of Anzac Parade, facing south



Pavement for separated cycleway - Doncaster Avenue, south of Anzac Parade, facing north



Traffic signal works - Doncaster Avenue at Todman Avenue





Stormwater works - Day Avenue at Doncaster Avenue



Stormwater works - Houston Road at Barker Street

*Ms Kate Lewis (TfNSW) informed the Committee of the progress of the project and advised that some delays are being experienced due to essential Ausgrid works.*

### Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street Intersection

In mid-2022, the roundabout at Doncaster Avenue and Ascot Street intersection was removed and reconfigured as a priority intersection with priority given to Doncaster Avenue in line with the approved and endorsed K2CP project design (see adjacent image). Since the changes were implemented to the intersection, issues regarding the operations and safety of the new intersection design were raised. This included event days for the Australian Turf Club (ATC) as the eastern leg of the intersection is the access to Royal Randwick Racecourse (the Racecourse).

Based on the issues identified with the priority intersection, the feasibility of a roundabout with separated cycleway was assessed. Following a review of the latest guidelines and standards, the *TfNSW Cycleway Toolbox* informed the design option for bi-directional separated cycleway at a roundabout intersection. This guideline was published in 2022, which is after the designs for K2CP project were finalised.

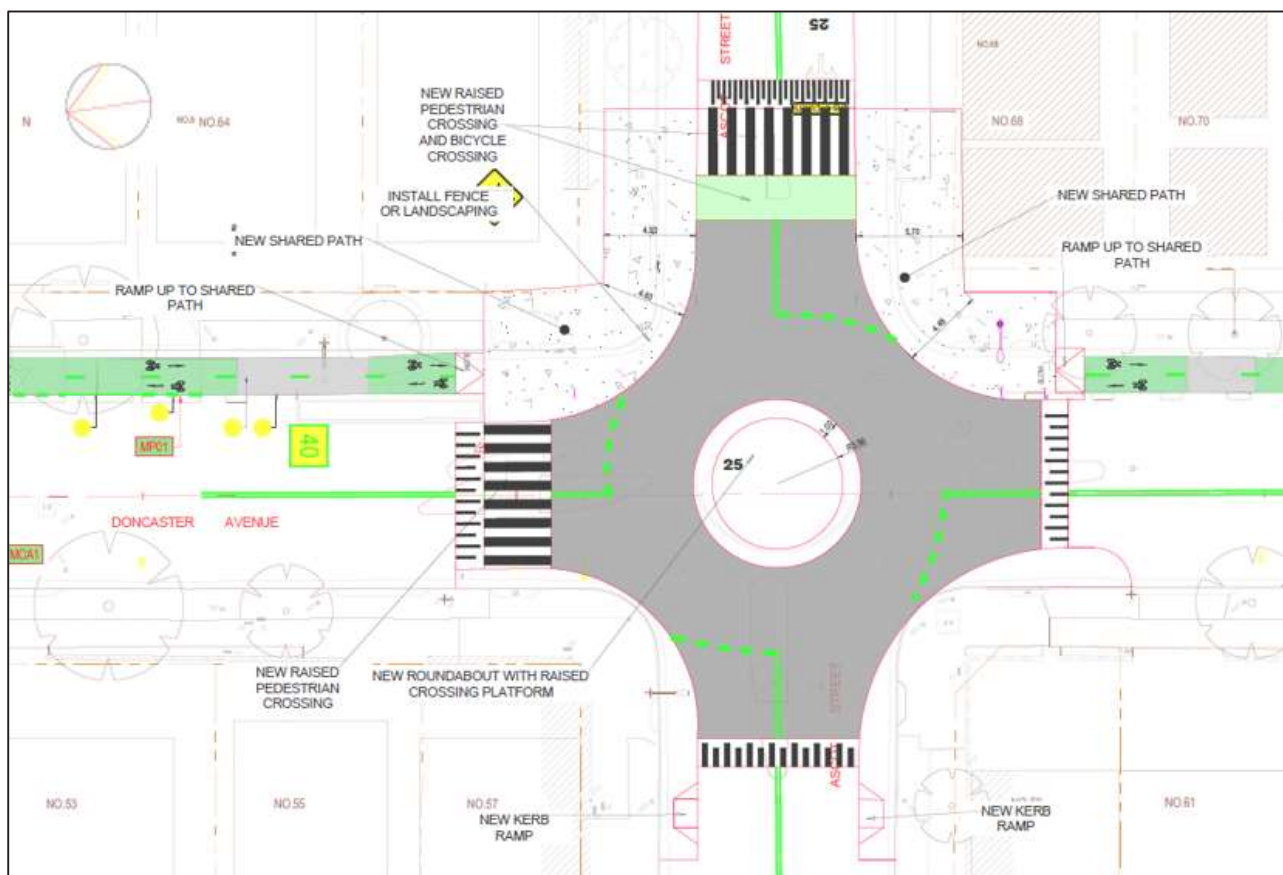


With the guidance of the *Cycleway Toolbox*, two concept designs for the roundabout were considered to assess the safety of both pedestrians and cyclists:

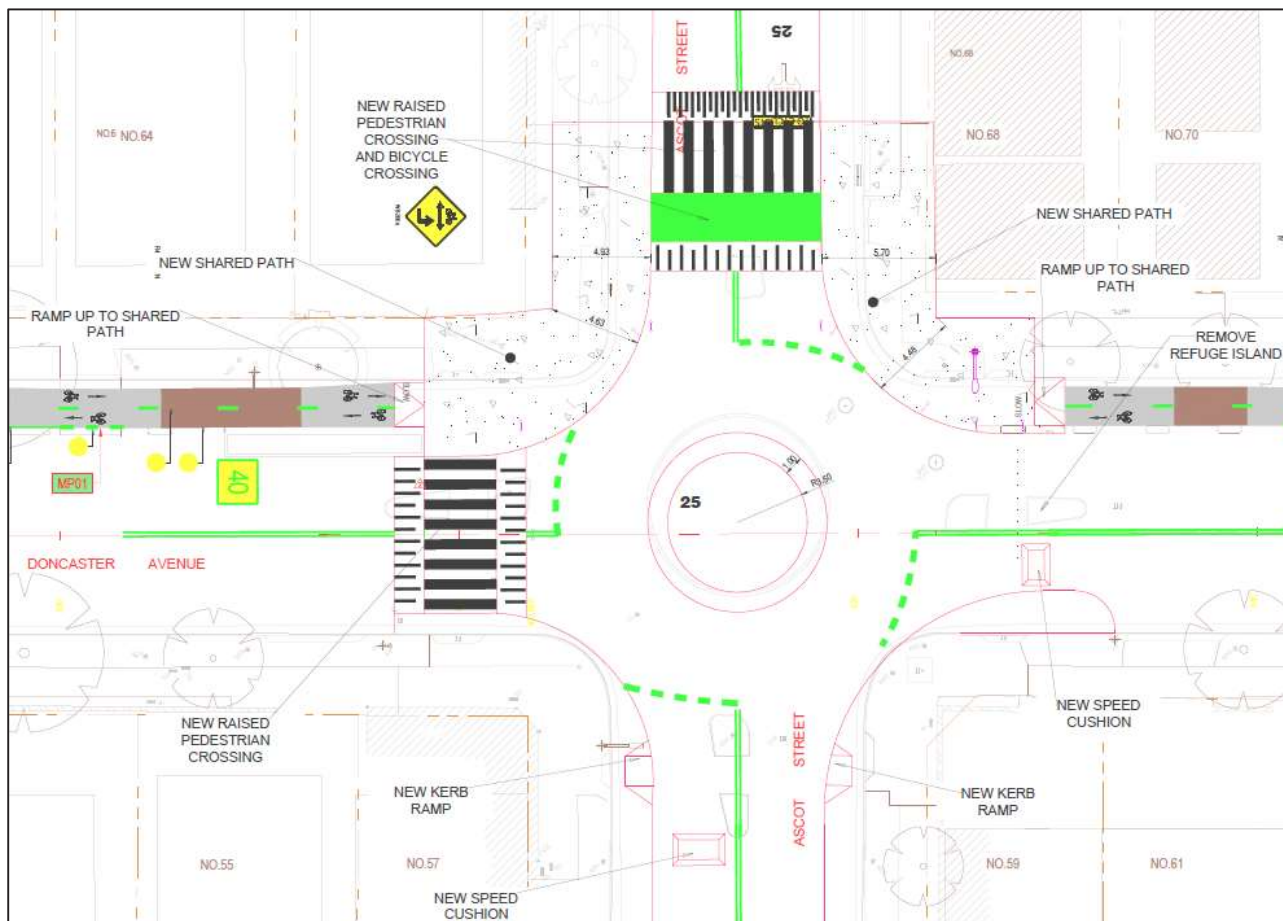
- Option 1: Proposed fully raised roundabout intersection design
- Option 2: Proposed roundabout with raised crossings and speed cushions

The design plans are shown below, and they will be further discussed at the meeting.

## Option 1: Proposed fully raised roundabout intersection design



## Option 2: Proposed roundabout with raised crossings and speed cushions



Council has engaged a consultant to assess the concept designs for the roundabout. This includes drainage, traffic assessment and detailed design. Council is working with TfNSW and ATC to determine the best intersection design that is safe for the pedestrians and cyclists as well as improve the level of service for vehicles generally and on the Racecourse event days.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

### 5.3. Anzac Parade (Walking and Cycling) Paths Project (APPP)

Following the success of Council's Get NSW Active Program submission - for 50% funding of the detailed design documentation package of the Anzac Parade Walking and Cycling Paths Project - a primary consultant has been engaged. The surveyors have completed the draft survey plan for Council to review. The Consultant is in full progress of undertaking the Strategic Framework (Stage 1) for Anzac Parade in its entirety (from Phillip Bay to the Kingsford Light Rail Terminus).

Council officers have also recently undertaken a workshop with the internal communication team and the principal consultant to develop a comprehensive community consultation plan for the project. Stage 1 consultation is planned to be undertaken in March 2023, which may include interactive mapping (pin drop exercise) and surveys. The consultation objective is to understand the needs and concerns of the community, and to generate ideas for the project. It will assist in setting the vision and design principles for the project. Following community consultation, the principal consultant will assess all the community responses and feedback.

Council officers will organise a workshop with interested members of CABFAC to provide their initial input and drive design outcomes for the Anzac Parade Paths Project. The workshop is to occur during the consultation period (March 2023).

*Ms Kristina Warton enquired about the likely cost for APPP and Mr Ahmed explained that high level costings would not be available as such time as the concept design is developed.*

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

### 5.4. South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape

Following the success of Council's Get NSW Active Program submission for 100% funding of the finalisation of the detail documentation package for the South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape project (Bundock Street/ Sturt Street), Council has re-engaged the primary consultant to complete the detail design of the project.

As outlined in section 5.1, Council has recently applied to the 2023/24 Get NSW Active Program seeking funding for construction for Stage 1 of the South Coogee to Kingsford Walking and Cycling Streetscape project (see plan below). The scope includes:

- Construction of fully separated cycleway and pedestrian links along Sturt Street.
- Upgrade signalised intersection – Sturt Street and Avoca Street
- Upgrade signalised intersection – Bundock Street and Avoca Street

Construction of Bundock Street (Stage 2) is excluded from the 2023/24 grant application. Council is in the process of completing the detail design, currently at 80%.





*The status of Defence Department developments was sought. Mr Lehmann provided some feedback with regards to the current status of the development. Concerns about the exposure of pedestrians to moving traffic at the Avoca / Sturt / Bundock Streets intersection were raised. Mr Lehmann advised that the decision regarding Stage 1 of this project (including the proposed traffic signals) is likely to be made in April / May of this year. Ms Warton suggested that if the funding is not realised then Council will be strongly urged to implement pedestrian refuges at this location.*

#### **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## **5.5. Bike Bypass Links of the High Street LR Terminus**

As detailed previously for the CABFAC, the Council has been consistent in its response to development applications / documentation for the Randwick Hospitals' Campus by recommending the installation of a shared path on the southern side of High Street between Botany Street and Randwick Junction. Following Council's submission and detailed recommendations on widening the footpath provision of a shared way on High Street, the Department's assessment concluded that the existing footpath is adequate for pedestrians and land dedication and amendments to enable the provision of a wider path or shared way cannot reasonably be required in this case.

However, conditions are recommended to ensure further improvements to connections through the hospital campus are given consideration by the applicant (NSW Health) in conjunction with Council. An Integrated Transport Working Group is to be established between NSW Health and Council to ensure the adequate transport planning for the overall masterplan of the Prince of Wales Hospitals' Campus, and in particular, integration of east-west and north-south bicycle and pedestrian routes.

Subsequently, Council officers have undertaken an initial Integrated Transport Working Group meeting with Health NSW to discuss bicycle and pedestrian options within the site. Council officers have highlighted the importance to establish the North-South and East-West routes as a key outcome for the proposed masterplan of Prince of Wales Hospital Campus with endorsement from NSW Health. Negotiations with NSW Health is ongoing through the established Integrated Transport Working Group. Council will seek a new meeting with NSW Health in the near future.

At a recent Traffic Committee meeting, Councillor Veitch expressed concern about the shared path being installed on the east side of Botany Street, between Magill and High Streets. Council officers are seeking an onsite meeting with Councillor Veitch (and representatives of BIKEast) to examine this matter. A verbal report will be made regarding the outcome of this meeting (if the onsite meeting did eventuate).

#### **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.



## 5.6. Maroubra Road Corridor Study

Following a review of multiple cycling typology options, a preferred cycling facility along Maroubra Road between Bruce Bennetts Place and Garden Street was presented to key stakeholders in late December 2022. Subsequently, feedback from the key stakeholders has been received and they are currently being investigated to be resolved. Once resolved, the corridor study report will be finalised.

The Maroubra Junction Master Plan is earmarked for consultation during the first quarter of this calendar year. The bi-directional cycleway has been included in the Master Plan and hence would be consulted with the Master Plan. It is intended to integrate both the Master Plan and the Corridor Study together to ensure a co-ordinated design is achieved. Thus, further design work will be required to consolidate the public domain design with the concept traffic design.

### **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.7. Todman Avenue Cycleway Project

As noted in section 5.1, Council was unsuccessful in securing funding from the 2022/23 Get NSW Active Grant Funding Program for the construction of short-term cycleway design. As a result, Council has submitted a 2023/24 Get NSW Active Grant Funding Program application for the permanent cycleway design for entire length of Todman Avenue as well as Lenthall Street.

In the interim, the provisional (most cost effective) line marking plan was prepared. It follows the existing alignment of the on-road bicycle lanes but with improved line marking definition to better guide drivers and bike riders. The design was tabled before December 2022 Randwick Traffic Committee meeting where Transport for NSW and bus operators requested to be consulted independently. Council officers have met with both stakeholders and received positive feedback. As such, the design will be updated and it will be taken back to February 2023 Traffic Committee meeting with a likely recommendation that the plan be released for community consultation. Council officers will also generate a cost estimate and construction schedule based on the updated design and scope.

### **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.8. Active Transport Strategy / Bicycle Route Construction Priority

As an outcome of the Randwick City Council Integrated Transport Strategy (adopted 2021), Council has committed to deliver the Active Transport Strategy, by year 2023. As mentioned in Section 5.1, the Council was successful with its grant application for the development of our Active Transport Strategy.

The validation of the Council's bicycle route construction priority list, with associated community consultation, will be incorporated within the 'Active Transport Strategy'. The study will undertake a detailed data assessment including existing cycle networks, pedestrian behaviour studies, gaps, trends and demands to assist in the formulation of the Active Transport Strategy. The strategy will validate existing and / or proposed bicycle routes to develop a clear action plan over the next 15 years.

Council is currently in the final procurement phase to engage a primary consultant for the project. A lead consultant will be engaged by March. Community consultation and stakeholder workshop will occur in April 2023.

*BIKEast raised the question of proposed bicycle route maps and Mr Ahmed responded that it is not included in the scope of works for Active Transport Strategy. Active Transport Strategy will review the priority routes and the map update will follow separately.*

### **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.9. Alison Road bike path – Landscape maintenance

During the August CABFAC meeting it was noted that the planting adjacent to the shared path along the south side of Alison Road had become overgrown. Vegetation had grown over the path at ground and eye level, narrowing the effective width of the path, thus increasing risk of collision.

This issue has been raised with our maintenance team and the works are on-going with the row of plants closest to the shared path being trimmed or removed. The works started with the plants along the racecourse side of the path being removed first as these are encroaching on to the path more. The plants along the Light Rail side of paths will also be removed during winter this year as they are also growing bigger.

*The vegetation along the south side of the shared path (between the path and the Royal Randwick Racecourse fences) have been trimmed and the works will continue along the northern side (between the path and light rail tracks) in the autumn.*

### Recommendation:

That the information be received.

## 5.10. Paine Reserve shared paths

The Paine Reserve east-west shared path extension project has been completed. Construction was completed in December 2022 with pavement markings and signage finalised mid-January 2023 prior to schools re-opening. The green pavement marking also has been applied for the existing east-west path. The shared path now extends from southeast corner to southwest corner of Paine Reserve, parallel to Rainbow Street. It provides a better connection for the cyclists as well as pedestrians, especially families for those in surrounding schools.



As for the north-south path, Council officers are still investigating the issue with the two parcels of land near the Scout Hall are Crown Land. Whilst the land matters are being resolved, the concept design is 50% complete. Once the land matters have been resolved and the concept design completed, community consultation will commence. The north-south path will provide the connection to Fennelly Street to the north and through future Jane Street to the Hospitals and the greater bicycle network.

*Ms Warton stated that the new path looks great and that she had seen many bike riders utilising the path. She had observed various types of bikes using the path, including cargo bikes: "It's fantastic. I love the way that it is".*

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.11. Alison Road (between Darley Road and Doncaster Avenue)

Council officers has been investigating the provision of a full shared path along the southern side of Alison Road, from Doncaster Avenue (future cycleway) to the Light Rail yard and Royal Randwick Racecourse (the Racecourse) accesses. The shared path project will include:

- Widening the existing footpath from 2.1m to 2.5m or greater
- A 'bypass path' around the back of the existing bus shelter (as discussed in previous CABFAC meetings)
- Blue shared path line marking between the Racecourse access to Darley Road intersection.

In order to deliver these shared paths along the southern side of Alison Road, some moderate design and construction works may be necessary. Detailed plans and cost estimates are currently being developed for the widening a section of the path.

As per the previous advice to CABFAC, the shared path around the back of the bus shelter will require that the Council enter into a lease arrangement with TfNSW. This is because the land behind the Bus Shelter is not owned by Council. Once finalised, the detailed plans will be forwarded to Transport for NSW, so as to commence the lease processes.

For consultation, Council officers met with representatives of Australian Turf Club and discussed this proposal for a shared path at this location. The ATC representatives raised no objection to the proposal. Council will now put the proposal to the ATC in writing.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.12. Darley Road / York Road – slip lane

Waverley Council is currently investigating the option of removing the slip lane at the Darley Road / York Road intersection; subject to reviewing the impact on traffic flow. Recent discussions have been held with Waverley Council and TfNSW to assess the best methodology to remove the slip lane and to minimise impacts on all road users.

Randwick Council officers have raised concerns that the proposed change to the traffic signals will introduce significant delays and queue lengths; particularly along Darley Road eastbound. We have asked TfNSW and Waverley Council to take these concerns into account with the proposed changes to the signal operations.

A recent request has been received asking that Randwick Council consider the installation of speed cushions within the slip lane at this intersection. This request is not supported as speed cushions within a curved slip lane may be unsafe for motorcycle and bicycle riders.

*Mr Chilcott raised a number of questions with regards to this project and these were responded to by Mr Lehmann.*

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.13. Darley Road / Govett Street – Pedestrian Refuge

Council officers are currently examining this location in conjunction with the adjacent Grand Drive and Parkes Drive intersection. An option being explored is the closure, full time, of the Centennial Park gates at the Govett Street intersection. This will address, to a significant degree the poor bike rider crash record at the Grand Drive and Parkes Drive intersection.

Council continues to liaise with Great Sydney Parklands with regards to this option.



*Mr Chilcott raised a number of questions with regard to this location. Mr Lehmann explained that, whilst examining this project and in conjunction with Council's annual Blackspot review, it was realised that a simple and positive outcome could be permanent closure (except for bike riders and pedestrians) of the Centennial Park gates. Mr Lehmann stated that Randwick Council was working closely with Greater Sydney Parklands on road safety improvements near the subject intersection.*

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.14. Darley Road Maintenance and Upgrade

The shared path along the western side of Darely Road, from Alison Road to Centennial Park entrance was damaged by tree roots and so it has been replaced with new concrete and line painting in mid-January. The upgrade will service the many pedestrians and cyclists entering Centennial Park and provide better connection to the Alison Road shared paths.

Before Photos:



After Photos:



## 5.15. Snape Street Proposal

Following the listing of the Snape Street proposal within the Randwick Traffic Committee agenda, feedback was received from BIKEast. They submitted that BIKEast supports efforts to slow car traffic and create safe intersections for all users. Irvine and Snape streets are significant bicycle routes and have been identified as part of a priority route for safe bicycle infrastructure. However, they state, many cyclists are uncomfortable riding through roundabout intersections, and typical roundabouts pose safety and convenience risks for bicyclists and pedestrians.

BIKEast has requested input and liaison regarding the design process.

*During discussion of this item, Ms Poon raised concerns of the current linemarking layout and the risks for bike riders. She also indicated that roundabouts may be problematic for bike riders as well. Mr Lehmann assured the Committee that BIKEast would be invited to review any design plans prepared.*

### **Recommendation:**

That BIKEast have input and liaison regarding the design process for the new roundabouts proposed along Snape Street, Maroubra.

## 5.16. Bicycle Parking Installation

As part of the Integrated Transport Strategy, Randwick Council has agreed to “provide 200 new bicycle parking spaces across our beaches, local centres and key destinations across the LGA by 2027”. To achieve this goal Randwick Council will be aiming to install 50 new bicycle parking spaces per year, which is approximately 40 bicycle racks. Randwick Council are currently working on a map for internal use that will improve planning of new locations for additional bicycle parking.

Requests for new bicycle rack locations are welcomed and will be considered.

*Ms Poon (BIKEast) enquired as to best method alert Council to request for bike racks. Ms Lee-Pieterse responded stating that simple email from BIKEast members would suffice.*

### **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.17. CABFAC Maintenance Requests

Council officers are well advanced in exploring a more efficient way for CABFAC members to submit and track cycling-related maintenance requests or queries. Council officers will provide an update of this proposal at the CABFAC meeting.

*Council officers informed the advisory committee that this project remains a work in progress and an update will be provided at a future meeting.*

### **Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.18. Proposed committee dates 2023/24

The next meeting has been confirmed to be Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7:30am.

The following dates are proposed for committee meetings in the next 12 months:

- Wednesday 16 August 2023 at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7:30am
- Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7:30am.

Based on currently scheduled 2023 Council meetings and briefings, it has been confirmed that there should be no conflict with the proposed 2023 CABFAC meeting dates. 2024 CABFAC meeting dates will be confirmed against 2024 Council meeting schedule has been established.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and that CABFAC determine the proposed timing of future meetings.

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## **6. Urgent matters or matters for future investigation**

Meeting Concluded at 7:42pm.