

Precinct	Bays and Beaches Precinct
Date, meeting time and venue	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, 7:00pm. Prince Henry Centre, 2 Coastal Road, Little Bay
Chair	Charles Abela
Secretary	Eric Ooms
Opening	Meeting opened at 7:10pm
Attendance	19 attendees Speakers: Sergeant Matt McGee (Maroubra Police – Co-ordinator Crime Prevention; Ted Plummer (Sydney Airport - Community Liaison Officer) Crs: Bill Burst, Noel D’Souza and Danny Said.
Ferry Wharf	<p>Points emanating from meeting discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Secretary for Transport NSW stated to NSW Govt Budget Estimates Committee in September 2022 that the La Perouse ferry wharf was all about providing a ferry service to Kurnell but in February 2023 he stated that it was not about providing a ferry service.( HANSARD).</li> <li>• Originally, RCC had written to the State Government requesting the wharf not to be built. However, at the last council meeting, the council resolved not to oppose the wharf but work with the development of it.</li> <li>• Danny: The rationale is that the State Government has approved the building of the wharf. The decision was made, and there is no longer a point to oppose. It was decided to work with the built so that the area’s interests are protected or managed. Of all the money invested in the project, the RCC has not received any funds. Council is now advocating to get something out of it, to pay for the services.</li> <li>• The meeting was incredulous and extremely concerned as to how an original contract price of \$16 million could escalate to \$84 million before onsite work had even started.</li> <li>• There is no business plan for a ferry. There may be a tourist boat, but the waves and the weather are not amenable to these enterprises.</li> <li>• The lack of parking spaces in the area is already a huge issue. How will extra traffic be managed and the extra demand for parking be accommodated? Do we need a gate keeper to limit the number of cars going into the area. The meeting was concerned that any additional parking spaces will take upspace that is currently green.</li> <li>• Meeting decided not to invite the Ferry Committee. At the recently held “Consultation Day” they were very evasive about answering questions.</li> </ul> <p>The ferry service itself was stopped in 1965 due to lack of patronage and in 1974 the ferry wharf was washed away.</p> <p><b>Resolution 24072023(1):</b> Randwick Council to write to State Government asking for the rationale behind building the wharf. (Harry Wallace 2<sup>nd</sup> Rose). All in favour. None against.</p> <p><b>Resolution 24072023(2):</b> That Randwick Council investigate and consider making Frenchmen’s a designated swimming beach. (Carol 2<sup>nd</sup> Adrian) (Which would make it boat free)</p>
Crime Prevention presentation	<p>Sergeant Matt McKee from Maroubra Police. Coordinator Crime Prevention unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime in the Maroubra area is down, however kids from Western Suburbs starting stealing cars around the district. Prevention is the key: keep car locked</li> </ul>

	<p>and leave no valuables in car. Vehicles were recently broken into. Several people were arrested and are now in front of court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parcel theft is the largest crime in the Maroubra/Little Bay area. Prevention strategies also entail the police doing letter box drops and face book posts.</li> <li>• Police does patrol around the La Perouse / Little Bay areas, actively looking for ways to reduce crime. Police are normally aware of the offenders. Police will door knock and check CCTV.</li> <li>• Q: Hoons along Bunnerong Rd. Is the new vehicle-noise-triggered CCTV operational yet? Council is trialing.</li> <li>• Mail theft is often related to fraud offences, so ensure that you empty your mailbox on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Unregistered motor bikes in Yarra Bay area. Maroubra police does have a trail bike squad, but retaining staff on a long-term basis is challenging.</li> <li>• It was mentioned by the audience that in the past having a liaison officer was very effective. (Currently the position is open but hard to fill).</li> <li>• Q: is the incidence of crime on the rise? Police: looking at the last quarter, crime is down. Police time is also spent attending to a multitude of “unseen” crimes, such as domestic violence incidents and fraud. Other time-consuming issues are drug addicts having an “episode”, suicide, people passing away, tracking down doctors. Eg a domestic violence issue can take the team some 4 hours.</li> </ul>
<p>Airport noise presentation</p>	<p>Ted Plummer – community Liaison officer from the airport. Talk about airport noise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aviation has recovered after Covid, and now we are back to 90% of normal activity levels. That is a steep increase in noise “activity”. Randwick LGA is affected by 4 flight paths. La Perouse particularly. The airport is working on a solution and in a few weeks noise frequency and levels should abate.</li> <li>• Curfew breaches are now happening too, about once every 5 nights. Flight paths are subject to noise sharing and flights are directed to low density areas such as golf courses.</li> <li>• Currently there are new (airplane) parking bays being constructed, which were delayed by Covid. Basically, the use of East-West runway will be reduced. Communications about this will be distributed by the airport.</li> <li>• Q. La Perouse used to be relatively quiet, but lately this has not been the case. Pilots are not using the flight path, which is causing this. Previously the flight route was midway through Kurnell and La Perouse corridor, which is not an issue, but that has changed. Flights are now much closer to the La Perouse peninsula. The long-term operating plan has not been changed. Would it be possible to go back to the old flight paths, of flying through the mid-point not to the drifting to the north towards La Perouse. Ted: This issue is being addressed and this change will happen going forward.</li> <li>• Who decides to drift? Normally the pilot decides, taking into consideration wind etc.</li> <li>• Up to recently flight noise was not a problem in La Perouse, it’s only lately that it has become an issue. At one stage it was only Jetstar, now all liners are doing it.</li> </ul> <p>All said, it is positive that the airport authorities recognize the issues raised and are working on solutions.</p>

General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Noel reported that this sort of meetings are important, and are showing successes: Stopping the Yarra Bay Cruise Terminal; Stopping the Incinerators; Stopping the over-development of Little Bay Cove by Meriton.</li><li>• Adrian: Recognise Emily Strautins, Bushcare Officer, for all her good work in organizing bush care groups.</li></ul>
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