

Randwick Precinct Meeting Minutes– Wed 1st July 2026 at 7pm (Zoom only)

Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country:	Leanne Bergan (Chair) opened the meeting at 7:02pm, welcomed attendees and gave Acknowledgement of Country - Randwick Precinct acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal clans, who traditionally occupied this area of the Sydney Coast and pays respect to Elders past and present. Special mention was made about NAIDOC week commencing Sunday 5th July.
1. Guest Speaker(s)	Councillor Andrew Hay Cr Hay provided an overview of the housing and planning challenges currently affecting the Randwick precinct and surrounding areas. He outlined recent State Government planning reforms that have increased building height and density across Sydney, including the expansion of State Significant Development pathways and the role of the Housing Delivery Authority in approving developments. Andrew advised that developers may receive a 30% height bonus where 15% affordable housing is included. He also discussed proposed development outcomes for the Randwick Junction area, including Royal Randwick Shopping Centre, Randwick Plaza, and other key activation sites. Council specifically allowing 12-13 storey buildings in the Randwick Junction Town Centre area to encourage developers to work collaboratively with the community rather than seeking state approval, which would mean Council planners would have no say in the outcome. Attendees raised concerns about the impact of increased density, student housing targets not included in housing targets, traffic generation, parking shortages, public transport at capacity, community space cautions (from recent Waratah Place experience), and the effect of development on local businesses and neighbourhood character. Cr Hay also updated the meeting on: ● Randwick Barracks: the federal government is considering selling the eastern half of the site, with a proposal for 991 residential units and potential return of an oval to the community, though the 8-stage divestment process has only just begun. Info session Tuesday 14 July 2026 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Randwick Community Centre, 27 Munda Street, Randwick. ● Moore Park Supacentre/Moore Park South - City of Sydney's proposal to redevelop the site with residential units above retail space. Concerns about contamination as Moore Park South was previously a garbage dump and incinerator site. ● West Precinct Development Concerns with high density student housing
2. Attendance	(14 residents): Leanne Bergan, Brian White, Robert Mason, Lindy Morrison, Marnie Feneley, , Katrina Drewer, Paul Chilcott, Kathy Neilson, Margaret Astar, Cameron McMorrow, Max Setz, Rachel Bell, Vanessa Joubert, Bill Roberts. Cr Carolyn Martin
3. Apologies	Elena Gildina, Cr Aaron Magner, Louise Crowle
4. Declaration of interest	Rachel Bell (Chief of Staff to Dr Marjorie O'Neill, Member for Coogee)

5. Confirmation of previous minutes	Confirmed meeting minutes Wednesday 3 June moved by Katrina Drewer, Seconded by Paul Chilcott. Minutes
6. Business arising from previous minutes	1. Status of resolutions (Traffic - see General Business) – Leanna and Elena met with Randwick Council to progress traffic matters forward. A brief status update was provided and the document will be shared. 2. Randwick Council City Planning – agreed Cr Hay’s update and Council Planners at a previous meeting have covered this area sufficiently.
7. Councillor address	Cr Martin provided the following updates: ● the rejection of beach parking meter proposals - Council will now look at other ways to fund the beaches. ● Approved Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) trial at Coogee and The Spot (initially), followed by a subsequent trial in Kingsford (allowing businesses to operate until 2am) ● other local council matters including Bieler Park upgrade. ● Two issues have gone to the traffic forum (relocating bus stop at Belmore Road and crossing safely at top of Coogee Bay Road)
8. Correspondence	1. Precinct Rules and Procedures – there have been some updates but nothing significant. Leanne will share the new document once available. 2. Council notifications re: a. Baker Park upgrade b. Visitor Paid Parking outcomes c. Special Entertainment Precinct trial: The Spot, Coogee Beach d. Resilience Strategy Randwick
9. Treasurer’s Report	Opening balance 1st June 2026 - \$3,058.19 Closing balance 30th June 2026 - \$3037.30 Interest +\$3.02 Debit -\$20.89 (Mailchimp) Treasurer’s Report was received and noted.

10. General business	1. Resident raised concern that the public toilet at Allison Park is still closed. Cr Hay advised that Alison Park and Meek Street Plaza are getting new public toilet blocks. Concern also raised that Alison Park has inadequate lighting at night, especially as it's a direct pedestrian link between Randwick Junction Light Rail/Buses and North Randwick/Clovelly. 2. The NSW Government is providing grants for local councils to target dockless shared-bike clutter. The grant will assist Council to establish designated parking areas/infrastructure. Resolution 20260701(1): Randwick Precinct supports Council applying for a grant under the Sharing Scheme Grant Program. 3. Marnie reported on the Eastern Suburbs Private Hospital's plans to install a large generator in a residential area, which has raised concerns about noise, vibrations, and visual impact. The development application is currently under review by a local committee and will be decided on August 13. This is even though illegal work commenced without an approved DA in place and two stop works orders were issued by Council. 4. Robert Mason discussed the issue with turning right out of Centennial Ave onto Clovelly Road with one lane blocked for school pickup/dropoff and the other turning right onto Avoca Street. Requested signage "Do Not Queue Across Intersection" at Centennial Avenue and Clovelly Road. Resolution 20260701(2): Could Randwick Council investigate signage to stop cars queuing across Centennial Ave.
11. Meeting close	The meeting closed at 8:40pm
12. Next meeting	Wed 5th August 2026 at 7pm - via Zoom (with hybrid meetings from October).