

MAROUBRA Precinct Committee

GENERAL MEETING Minutes 23 June 2025

Juniors at the Junction, Maroubra 7.00pm

Chairperson:	Stephen O'Shaughnessy
Secretary:	Lindsey Gallagher (not present)
Attendance:	Thirteen (13) residents present as well as Councillor Daniel Rosenfeld and Ross Mills, Co-ordinator Open Space Assets, and Amanda Mather from Council Administration.
1. Opening and welcome:	The Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.05pm, welcomed all residents and visitors and undertook the acknowledgement to Country.
2. Apologies	Nil
3. Nomination of Secretary:	The Chairperson noted that due to unforeseen circumstances, Lindsey Gallagher was no longer able to undertake the role of Secretary and the Secretary position was declared vacant. The Chairperson wished Lindsey Gallagher all the best in the future. The Chairperson put forward and nominated that Rachel Deering undertake the role of Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Anne Kalaf. Rachel Deering's nomination for secretary was carried.
4. Declaration of interests:	Nil
5. Ratification of previous minutes:	Minutes of Maroubra Precinct Meeting held 15th May 2025 were received. The Minutes, as received, were nominated by Bryce Riley as true and accurate. The Minutes, as received, were seconded by John Burgess. The Minutes were carried.
6. Treasurer's Report:	The Chairperson noted the funds as advised at the 15 May 2025 meeting, ie \$4,762.89 were available. The Chairperson called for any feedback and/or ideas in due course for spending the funds on Community initiative(s).
7. Council Update:	Councillor Rosenfeld provided the following updates: 7.1 Boyce Street upgrade: Aiming to commence in late July. Works will include to fix up footpaths, remove bus shelter and tree planting. 7.2 Anti-social behaviour: Confirmed Council Representatives met with Police. The objective of the meeting was to investigate any potential actions the Council could undertake to minimise the anti-social and threatening behaviour especially near Maroubra Road and Anzac Parade intersection that also includes alcohol consumption. Suggestions

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	discussed included more lighting in the area, more signage and the removal of benches/chairs. 7.3 Roundabout: Cooper Street and Mons Avenue. A consultant has been appointed to design the roundabout. 7.4 Maroubra Beach playground upgrade <i>Have Your Say</i> closes Wednesday, 25 June 2025. 7.5 Mason Street and Hammer Street have insufficient “No Parking” signs resulting in unnecessary danger to both drivers and pedestrians. Matter will be referred to the Traffic Committee.
7a. Council Update – discussion:	In respect of item 7.2 above, Anti-social behaviour, it was noted the anti-social behaviour was routinely an issue in the later part of the day/evenings and unfortunately exacerbated by the consumption of alcohol. To routinely remove the seats and benches would, on the one hand, perhaps potentially have a positive impact on the anti-social behaviour but, on the other hand, would definitely negatively affect the wider Community – especially the many elderly residents – who currently use the seats/benches at other times of the day. The removal of the seats/benches was suggested as being the taking away of a public facility. Questions arose as to what other options/support there would/could be – ie a Drop-in Centre or use of Council Social Workers?? Rachel Deering, Secretary, advised she attended a meeting organised by Council at the Lexington Hub on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 with the view to investigate initiatives at addressing the ever-increasing anti-social behaviour. While the initial meeting was positive no further update and/or meeting has been provided/organised. Council to ask Mr Leki Mafoe and Ms Trina Soulos to attend the next Maroubra Precinct meeting to provide update on any progress on anti-social behaviour and initiatives to improve. In respect of item 7.3 above Roundabout: Cooper Street and Mons Avenue – a query was asked in respect of the centre of the roundabout why large tree(s) could not be planted to enhance the environment noting large fig trees were removed for town house development in Mons Avenue many years ago. In the ensuing discussion it was noted that there is a need to be very conscious of the height of any landscaping in the centre of the roundabout re the inherent danger posed to safety of vehicles navigating the roundabout.
8. Maroubra Beach playground discussion with the Randwick Council Co-ordinator of Open Space Assets:	Ross Mills, Co-ordinator Open Space Assets, Randwick Council noted the Maroubra Beach playground upgrade was in concept design phase – and welcomed any questions. Concerns expressed included the proposed location of the Flying Fox and the safety of the flooring to be used in the park – ie any pine bark.

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	Queries arose as to: (a) the potential to expand the Maroubra Beach playground upgrade design to also include a small track around the new park for young children to cycle; (b) to relocate the Flying Fox to the site behind the Maroubra Surf Club; and (c) the cost. In general discussion, it was noted the Bayside Council has undertaken some great work with its parks and playgrounds as has Woollahra Council at Rose Bay. Ross Mills confirmed the Concept design of the proposed Maroubra Beach playground upgrade has a sand play area to create a sensory experience for young users; the flooring would include rubber soft ball – especially under the flying fox; there would be no pine bark; and the estimated cost would be \$900,000.00 – funded by multiple sources. Ross Mills encouraged residents – who have not yet responded to the Maroubra Beach playground upgrade <i>Have Your Say</i> - to do so ASAP – especially those with additional suggestions to be considered in any final design. Resolution 23062025(1): Council in addition to the Maroubra Beach playground upgrade <i>Have Your Say</i> survey the Maroubra Precinct Committee believe a much larger, comprehensive design is needed incorporating a young child bike track and also a relocation of the flying fox onto land located between the Marboura Surf Club and the old tram shed. Nominated John Burgess Seconded Bryce Riley In general discussion re a bike track for small children Ross Mills noted the proposed new Pump Park would be built at Cronwell Park and would cater for different age groups. Questions arose as to why Arthur Byrne Reserve would not be used for the Pump Park. Questions also arose about costs and the potential further blow out of costs and then quickly focused on the redevelopment of the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club – with original estimated costings at \$10 million now estimated at \$15 million and the benefit to rate-paying residents. It was also noted the Club and its facilities were used exclusively by members of the SLSC. While everyone is fully supportive of the SLSC and its endeavours for the Community at large a query arose to investigate if other local groups could use the new facilities when not in use by the SLSC. Resolution 23062025(2): The Maroubra Precinct Committee calls on Council to investigate putting a binding obligation on Maroubra Surf Club to provide access to the Maroubra community eg the Maroubra Precinct monthly meeting: Nominated Stephen Bennett Seconded Christine Baramilis
9. Updates to resolutions received from the Council:	The Chairperson tabled Council's responses to the following previous Precinct Resolutions: Resolution 05122024(1) The Maroubra Precinct Committee notes that previous resolution of erecting a new precinct sign board at

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	Maroubra Beach has still not been installed. The Maroubra Precinct calls on Council to action this matter. Resolution 05122024(3) The Maroubra Precinct Committee calls on Randwick City Council to extend the width of the footpath at the southern side of Mahon Pool near the amenities building (heading north). Resolution 05122024(4) The Maroubra Precinct Committee request the installation of filtered water bubbler in and around the Mahon Pool Precinct. Councillor Rosenfeld noted that two (2) bubblers were being installed at Maroubra Beach and also where the Markets trade. Ross Mills noted that given the seeming common issues with filtration systems the new bubblers may not be filtered. Resolution 05122024(5) The Maroubra Precinct Committee notes the deterioration of public transport (that being bus services) in and around the Randwick City Council area as a result of changes made in December 2021 and now calls on Randwick City Council to seek feedback from the community and other precinct groups in relation to this matter and report any concerns to our local State members of Parliament. Resolution 15052025(1) What is the state of progress of the Maroubra Precinct noticeboard installation?
10. Other General Business:	10.1 Boardwalk concept for north corner of Maroubra – Stephen Bennetts – general discussion re new boardwalk at anchor located at north end of Maroubra Beach. Resolution 23062025(3) The Maroubra Precinct Committee request Council to reconsider investigating the use of the cement area next to the anchor near the roundabout at Maroubra Beach. Nominated Stephen Bennetts Seconded Christine Baramilis.
	10.2 Other Business 10.2.1 Appreciation to Council. It was specifically noted to express appreciation to Council for replacing the three lights at the north end of Maroubra Beach – thank you. 10.2.2 Mahon Pool: it was noted that residents in wheelchairs were having difficulty accessing Mahon Pool from the end of the northern Council access road. Resolution 23062025(4) The Maroubra Precinct Committee request Council to explore the possibility of creating wheelchair access to Mahon Pool from the end of the northern Council access road. Nominated Stephen Bennetts Seconded John Burgess 10.2.3 Trees maintenance/care post planting by Council – general discussion re the seeming lack of maintenance/care from Council post planting of trees. It was noted at Arthur Byrne Reserve Council planted gum trees but they were never

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	watered and now most trees have perished there. Overhanging trees were a problem in many areas likewise trees growing and penetrating power lines were also a problem. At the corner of Maroubra Road and Marine Parade trees were removed/vandalised. 10.2.4 Resolution from last year re motorcycle parking at Maroubra Beach. It was noted there had been some issues of vehicles parking illegally in the designated motorcycle parking area at Maroubra Beach which in turn caused unnecessary dangers to pedestrians, passing traffic as well as unfairness to motorcycle riders. Resolution 23062025(5) The Maroubra Precinct Committee request Council to organise the painting of white lines (or distinctive markings) on motorcycle parking section at Maroubra Beach. Nominated Christine Baramilis Seconded Bryce Riley 10.2.5 In general discussion it was requested if Council could please advise the current status of the proposed redevelopment of Maroubra Bowling Club for the Catholic retirement village. 10.2.6 In general discussion re the deterioration of public transport in the LGA, it was suggested to raise the matter with the local State Member of Parliament. The Chairman noted he would invite Mr Michael Daley, State Member for Maroubra to attend the next Maroubra Precinct Meeting.
11. Next Meeting:	The next Maroubra Precinct Meeting will be held: Date: Monday, 28 July 2025 Time: 7.00pm Venue: Juniors at the Junction, Corner Anzac Parade and Haig Street Maroubra
10. Meeting closure:	The Chairperson confirmed there being no further business and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm