

MAROUBRA Precinct Committee

GENERAL MEETING Minutes 29 June 2026
Juniors at the Junction, Maroubra 7.00pm

Chairperson:	Stephen O'Shaughnessy
Secretary:	Rachel Deering
Attendance:	40 Residents and Visitors attended the meeting.
1. Opening and welcome:	The Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.05 pm, welcomed all residents and visitors and undertook the acknowledgement of Country.
2. Apologies	1. Stephen Johnson 2. Kerri Hamer 3. Natalie Lubinsky 4. Jean Lewis 5. Anne Kalef 6. Ben Kalef 7. Janet Hutchinson 8. Andrew Zanitistis
3. Declaration of interests	Nil
4. Update from Council - re Council's Paid Parking Proposal	Unfortunately, both Ray Brownlee and Todd Clarke did not attend the Maroubra Precinct Meeting tonight as promised – similar to what occurred at the April 2026 meeting. Despite calls and emails from Precinct Committee Executives to Dylan Parker, Ray Brownlee and Todd Clarke following receipt of the below email from Todd Clarke earlier today – no one from Council has returned calls/emails. Again, a very disappointing outcome for the Maroubra Precinct and its members: <i>“Good morning, Rachel and John, I hope you are both well.</i> <i>Over the weekend Councillors and staff have received email from community members with concerns that our attendance at the precinct tonight is being questioned as an attempt to “salvage” the operation for the area in relation to the Visitor Pay Parking Proposal before the Council decision tomorrow night.</i> <i>As you would be aware our attendance was simply to answer any questions on the matter. I appreciate your invitation to attend tonight however, to protect the precinct itself from this perception Ray and I will attend the July meeting instead of tonight to answer any questions as that would be after Councils decision.</i> <i>I apologise for the inconvenience. Regards”</i> As well documented, at the last Maroubra Precinct Meeting the Mayor gave his personal commitment to attend tonight's Maroubra Precinct meeting. However, the Mayor did not turn up for tonight's meeting and no apology for his non-attendance was received. Paid Parking Proposal - Open Discussion It is to be noted that members in attendance at the meeting were very disappointed that Council representatives had again refused to attend the meeting, especially at short notice. Open discussion re the paid parking proposal ensued: mention was made of the various recent changes to the proposal, the radio interview on 702 with the Mayor, seeming confusion as to exactly what a resident's issued “permit” would allow in respect of parking at their local beach and if a “permit” would allow “free” parking at any beach location in the local LGA.

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	Concerns were raised in respect of the trial of 40 spaces at the Prince Henry Centre and the direct impact on residents who live in nearby streets to the proposed parking metre locations. Commonsense tells you that many motorists will endeavour to avoid paying for parking at the beach locations and park in near-by streets. The overall consensus of the discussion was that if the Paid Parking proposal was to proceed, the devil would be in the detail and hence despite the recent changes outlined in the paid parking proposal it was evident there was significant objection to the concept of the introduction of paid parking among attendees. Parking Challenges in the Local Area - Open Discussion The long-standing and ever-increasing challenges associated with “parking” in the local area were discussed. While there are many contributing factors to the parking problems, mention was made of: - the seemingly abandoned cars in Marine Parade taking valuable car spaces; - the number of “campers” in vans continuously taking up parking spaces at beach-side locations; and - increasing number of trailers, caravans and motorhomes continuously parked on roadways in the local LGA especially in close proximity to beaches. In respect of the parking of “trailers” it was noted that the boat parking regulation was varied to invoke the 28-day requirement. A “move on” notice to the owner(s) of a trailer that has been continuously parked for 28 days and if not moved, Council can impound the trailer.
5. Update from Council - re Resolution 18052026(3)	Resolution 18052026(3): In the interest of public safety, the Maroubra Precinct requests Council to investigate and reconsider its previous decision to permanently remove the swimming flags at the very north end of Maroubra Beach and reinstate a patrolled swimming zone subject to the lifeguards on duty on any day considering it safe to be able to swim. Unfortunately, Todd Clarke did not attend tonight’s meeting as agreed to advise on this resolution and has not provided any subsequent update. The Maroubra Precinct Committee will follow up with Council for an update.
6. Ratification of previous minutes:	Minutes of the Maroubra Precinct Meeting held 18 May 2026 were received. The Minutes as received were Moved: by Les Harris as true and accurate and Seconded: by Fran White. The Minutes were carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report	The Treasurer advised the current bank balance for the Maroubra Precinct Committee remains the same at \$5,284.86. Unfortunately, there has been an issue with the bank’s request on the bank account relating to increased security and, as such, the expected expenses totalling \$51.50 being reimbursement of printing costs have not been processed yet.
8. Business arising from previous minutes:	1. Update from the Chairperson – re Conduct of Precinct Meetings. 1.1 Voting Implement the protocol of conducting a vote on each resolution and including the vote outcome in the minutes.

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	1.2 Visitors at the Precinct meeting 1.2.1 Visitors allowed at the meeting, however if behaviour is disruptive to the meeting the Precinct Executives reserve the right to expel them from the meeting. 1.2.2 Sign-in sheet will include an item that requires attendees to identify as members or visitors. 1.3 General conduct The precinct commits to fostering an environment that is polite and courteous, and where all attendees feel comfortable to express their opinions 2. Resolution 18052026(1) The Maroubra Precinct requests Council to investigate the extent of use of the EV charging station located at 17 Hereward Street and provide information to the Precinct and have its rangers police this location for illegal parking: Council advised: <i>“The charger at 17 Hereward St, Maroubra is a non-dedicated charger (i.e. there is no dedicated EV charging parking signage or linemarking) which has had very low usage. It was averaging around 1 session per month until December 2025, but has not had any sessions in 2026. As requested in the motion, Council will send rangers to check if there are any trailers or vehicles left in the spaces adjacent to the pole.”</i> Resolution 18052026(2) The Maroubra Precinct requests Council to investigate the increasing safety issues around Mahon Pool carpark and to investigate the traffic flow in and out of the carpark. Confirming Council investigated as requested and advised: <i>“As part of this investigation, Council officers reviewed traffic movements at the entry and exit points, as well as the condition and adequacy of signage within the car park. It was found that sightlines at the car park exit are within acceptable standards, with upgrades recently completed at the southern gate in 2025 to further improve visibility. All existing signage within the car park was also found to be in good condition.</i> <i>Council additionally reviewed historical records and identified only a limited number of complaints relating to safety at this location. This is supported by NSW crash data, which indicates minimal recorded incidents in the area. Taken together, these findings suggest there is insufficient evidence to support safety-related changes at the Mahon Pool car park at this time.</i> <i>Accordingly, Council does not propose to implement any changes at the Mahon Pool car park at this stage.”</i> Resolution 18052026(4) In the interest of public safety the Maroubra Precinct requests Council to advise if they have any ideas or suggestions that could assist people in charging lithium batteries and e-bikes more safely especially in unit blocks. Council acknowledged the increasing popularity of electric vehicles and micromobility devices (such as e-bikes and e-scooters) within the local area, and the associated concerns arising from the growing presence of lithium-ion batteries in residential settings. Council kindly provided links to various authorities, eg NSW Fair Trading and NSW Fire and Rescue, that have provided useful information. A Precinct member also kindly provided a link re lithium-ion battery safety. A short discussion ensued noting that batteries could now be safely disposed of at various locations within the local LGA, other than the
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	recycle centre itself – namely relevant bins outside major stores at shopping centres. Members are encouraged to use these bins and not general home garbage bins. A note of thanks is expressed to both Council and the Precinct member for sharing the relevant information. 3. Resolution 10112025(4): re clearing of “fire break” zone (ie from the rear of Manwaring Avenue all the way to the South Maroubra beach area) The Secretary advised that despite multiple requests to Council for an update following the on-site meeting with Council staff and walking the entirety of the fire trial to see the issues first-hand on 7 April 2026, no response has been received. The Secretary will continue to follow up with Council for a response. A member requested the Maroubra Precinct to ask Council to ensure that when any cutting/clearing is undertaken that all cuttings are removed from the site and not simply “put in the bush” or left in piles as has happened previously. The Maroubra Precinct Committee will liaise with Council as requested. 4. Resolution 02022026(2): re loud groups monopolising Arthur Byrne Reserve especially on weekends and holiday days The following response was received” <i>“Council acknowledges the concerns raised by the Maroubra Precinct Committee regarding the use of Arthur Byrne Reserve, particularly during weekends and holiday periods, and the impact on local amenity.</i> <i>Council Rangers regularly patrol all open spaces across the local government area, including Arthur Byrne Reserve. However, it is not considered practical to station Rangers at the reserve on a permanent basis. Patrol frequency may be increased in response to favourable weather conditions or where specific information is received regarding groups using the location and potentially impacting amenity. As well as this Council Rangers frequently respond to complaints received by members of the public regarding unauthorised activities and amplified music. Where breaches of local regulations are identified appropriate regulatory action is taken.</i> <i>Council also frequently liaises with NSW Police regarding both planned and unplanned events across the local government area, including within Arthur Byrne Reserve. This coordination assists in assessing the level of impact associated with gatherings and determining whether additional resourcing or enforcement responses are required.</i> <i>With respect to the suggested use of irrigation, this matter has been referred to Council’s Open Spaces team for assessment. Notwithstanding this, Council does not support the use of sprinkler infrastructure for the purpose of dispersing groups who are otherwise making reasonable use of the reserve.</i> <i>The operating hours of public facilities, including the new toilet block, are regularly reviewed and adjusted in consultation with Council’s Public Cleansing team. Experience indicates that closing facilities too early can lead to an increase in complaints, as well as unintended outcomes such as vandalism and public defecation.</i> <i>Council currently installs variable message signage (VMS) during peak periods to communicate key rules, including the prohibition of</i>
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	<i>alcohol in public places, and will continue to utilise these tools as part of its management approach.</i> <i>Council will continue to monitor activity at Arthur Byrne Reserve and consider appropriate management responses to balance community access, amenity and appropriate use of this important public space.</i> <i>Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me."</i> While the email provides information re Council's review/management of open spaces, it does not address the noise issue at hand. On 20 May 2026 the Chairperson requested a face-to-face meeting with Council representatives and, say, five (5) residents who live near Arthur Byrne Reserve directly affected by the noisy music, etc, to share their perspectives on the problem. To date, Council has not responded to this request.
9. Council Update	1. Update from Councillor Daniel Rosenfeld 1.1 Paid Parking Proposal It was noted that Cr Daniel Rosenfeld and all his fellow Liberal Councillors are adamantly against the paid parking proposal and will be voting against it at tomorrow's scheduled Council Meeting. 1.2 Banners The banners report is due tomorrow – re Easter banners, separate banners, etc. 1.3 Coastal Walkways The Evelyn Ward house in South Coogee that was purchased has now been approved for demolition. The design for the walkway is next. 1.5 Operational Plan and Budget Noted the rate operational plan and budget, to be discussed at the June Council meeting, includes repair of the pavilion roof at the beach; Mons Avenue; upgrade playground South Maroubra village green, etc. Despite Council promising the children's playground at the beach would be completed by now, unfortunately it is still under review – with the hope to have it upgraded next financial year? 1.6 Bill smoothing on rates A Bill Smoothing on Rates notice of motion has been put forward at the June Council meeting to allow ratepayers the option to pay their rates on, say, a monthly basis. 2. Other In response to 9.1.5 above, questions were raised in connection to several items of expenditure, in particular planned replacement of the roof over the pavillion at a cost of \$0.5 million. Given that it is intended to knock down and replace the pavillion in the short term, this expenditure seemed questionable. Councillor Rosenfeld will follow up.
10. General Business	1. Update re Catholic Healthcare development – re naming proposals for the development and with the view to ensure the development meets the needs and expectations of the local community. The Secretary advised she is continuing to follow-up for a response and today had a discussion with Catholic Healthcare where it was noted that one of the people who assisted and attended the presentation to the Precinct recently resigned and now left the

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company during the Manager's scheduled leave. The Manager is due back from leave on 1 July 2026 and it is hoped to have an update in the next couple of weeks.

2. Dog Beach Plan:

It was noted that at its scheduled meeting on Tuesday, 24 March 2026, Randwick Council again voted NO to considering a dog beach plan for the local LGA.

General discussion ensued at the meeting re the merits of having a dog beach plan in the local LGA v the history of the views of precinct members and the Councillors over time that were seemingly divided. However, despite the division it was noted that today there are reportedly many more pet-friendly households in the LGA now looking to support consideration of a dog beach plan. Mention was made of the potential fear that dogs could interfere with native fauna in bush regeneration areas and that dog droppings would not be cleaned up if a dog beach plan was implemented.

While it is noted that the Paid Parking Proposal has been in focus, widely reported on many mediums and top of mind for many, the concept of a Dog Beach Plan is gaining momentum with the petition on change.org. To access the information on-line go to the website change.org and search for "Randwick needs a dog beach plan".

3. Other:

3.1 Update Precinct's Co-ordination Committee (PCC) meeting

held at Council on 25 June 2026 and chaired by the General Manager of Council.

A number of issues were discussed at the PCC meeting with the main topics being:

- 3.1.1 Need for review of the current Precinct Rules and Procedures. The current rules are deemed to be no longer fit for purpose and a number of changes were recommended to Council for consideration.
- 3.1.2 The timing for each Precinct's AGM and Committee elections will be normalised as no later than the end of November annually.
- 3.1.3 Council is keen to have the Moverly Precinct (around the Randwick defence site) operational again and is suggesting that perhaps a merger with one or more adjoining Precinct Committees might be an option. It was agreed in principle that the Maroubra Precinct would be willing to consider a merger with the southern extreme of the existing designated Moverly Precinct area; Coogee Precinct would do likewise for the northern extreme of the existing Moverly Precinct - north of Bundock St and Coogee. Council will consider these options in due course.

3.2 Maroubra Beach: north end pedestrian walkway - eastern side of Marine Parade adjacent to Severn Street

It is noted that for in excess of approximately 18 months, there has been temporary plastic covers over the bases for two of the rusty lights that were removed and were expected to be replaced at the time other dilapidated beach lights were replaced. This is not only an eye sore and a trip hazard, but it has been questioned if there is potentially a danger to life associated with exposed wiring.

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The Maroubra Precinct requests Council to advise:

- what is going on at this site;
- why is it taking so long to resolve; and
- why has the site been so poorly secured throughout this time??

3.3 Anzac Parade – its current deplorable state of disrepair (including but not limited to through Maroubra Junction shopping and commercial precinct, thence southward to Jenner Street). General discussion ensued at the meeting in regards to the continuing decline in the state of repair of Anzac Parade to its current unacceptable deplorable state.

In discussion at the meeting, many members made mention of concerns with the deplorable state of Anzac Parade that included but not limited to:

- there being more than an acceptable number of unattended potholes;
- small resurface patches from underground utility repairs that are unacceptable in their bumpy final finishes;
- there is a “temporary” road plate that has been in-situ for more than a couple of years now (and seems to be forgotten); and
- there are various sites along said stretch of roadway where lane markings and other painted road markings are worn away to become virtually non-existent.

While the Maroubra Precinct understands Council is not directly responsible for the maintenance of this roadway, it is very keen for Council to liaise with the relevant authorities to address members’ concerns. The Maroubra Precinct will liaise with its members to seek relevant photographs, etc of the directly affected areas causing concern and in due course prepare an itemised list.

Mention was made that the roadway has been ground and resurfaced on a regular basis at multiple yearly intervals but commonsense leads to knowing that at some point in time the foundations of the Anzac Parade roadway – especially given how busy Anzac Parade always is – need renewing as well.

Resolution 29062026(1): The Maroubra Precinct requests Council to fully investigate the abovementioned key items with those entities/authorities directly responsible for their maintenance and seek solutions and scope of works necessary and, most importantly, timeframes for solutions to be implemented to fully restore Anzac Parade to an acceptable condition to ensure safety for road users. **Moved** Bryce Riley: **Seconded** Led Harris. **Vote:** A show of hands vote resulted in 0 Against the resolution and hence a **Unanimous** Decision

3.4 Cleanliness of Maroubra Junction medium strip carpark

Concerns were expressed about the cleanliness of the carpark in the medium strip at Maroubra Junction (especially near the Maroubra Road intersection). It was noted the causes of concerns relate to both excessive bird droppings and cigarettes butts.

Resolution 29062026(2): The Maroubra Precinct requests Council to organise attending to cleaning up the carpark in the medium strip at Maroubra Junction (especially near the Maroubra Road intersection). **Moved** Lucia Malkun: **Seconded** Mary

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Richards. **Vote:** A show of hands vote resulted in 12 Abstaining the resolution and hence a **Majority** Decision

3.5 Reported dangerous traffic conditions at Anzac Parade/Franklin Street/Austral Street southbound

The Precinct has been made aware of on-going dangerous traffic conditions at Anzac Parade/Franklin Street/Austral Street southbound especially at afternoon school time. The concern is that when there is a vehicle parked southbound on Anzac Parade before Austral Street, vehicles merge from the right lane off Franklin Street and simultaneously other vehicles including bicycles and buses must merge into the one same lane.

In October 2025 Council noted that it had secured funding from Transport for NSW to upgrade the existing signalised intersection at Anzac Parade/Franklin Street. At the time, Council was actively progressing the design to address road safety concerns and improve traffic flow at the intersection, but no timeframe could be provided in respect of an anticipated completion date.

The Maroubra Precinct Committee will follow up with Council for an update.

3.6 Escalating violence and general anti-social behaviour at South Maroubra, the Maroubra Junction Shopping Centre and Maroubra Junction Reserve

Concerns have been raised by members re the poor quality of social housing in the South Maroubra area and ongoing anti-social behaviour posing a threat to local resident safety. Similar concerns were also raised concerning anti-social behaviour by homeless people and drunks in and around Maroubra Junction Shopping Centre and the adjoining Maroubra Junction Reserve. Dumping of shopping trolleys outside the shopping centre, in particular, near Billy's café was also a concern.

It is noted that Council is well aware of these escalating issues and Council advised its representatives were due to have a meeting in the last week of June 2026 with Police and Support Services to discuss.

It is noted that as at the date of this Precinct meeting (ie 29 June 2026) no update from the planned Council/Police/Support Services meeting has been provided. The Maroubra Precinct will follow up for an update.

3.7 Security cameras and use of drones in the vicinity of Glenugie Street, Maroubra

A member raised concerns in regards to:

- a possible invasion of privacy issue due to the many cameras installed on both the upper and lower level of the newly built townhouses in Glenugie Street, Maroubra;
- the continuing need for a camera installed on Council land on a pole on the corner of Glenugie and Camira Streets, Maroubra; and
- the legality of drones flying low over residential properties in Glenugie and Camira Streets allegedly capturing footage.

It is noted that while no one has any issue with home owners protecting their individual properties via the use of surveillance cameras, residents of Glenugie Street are concerned by the constant street and wider surveillance by the multiple cameras

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	and question the validity/legality of this type of surveillance. It is reported that these cameras overlook neighbouring properties and therefore may present an “invasion of privacy” issue? The camera on the pole was reportedly installed during the construction of the townhouses. The townhouses have been completed and residents are questioning the continued need for the camera. On Saturday, 20 June 2026 for approximately 20 minutes a drone operator was hovering a drone low and presumably taking footage over the back deck area of a Glenugie Street property before proceeding up and down the backyards of the properties in Camira Street, down to Fitzgerald Street and then returning to Glenugie Street. The drone operator was questioned by a resident who advised that he had been engaged by the real estate agent to capture footage of the area for each of the real estate agency selling the newly built townhouses?? Again, residents questioned if there was an “invasion of privacy” issue and why it was necessary for an agent to have footage of other residents’ backyards especially when they live on the opposite side of the street?? The question of privacy was discussed in general and mention was made that: • the definition of surveillance cameras is lost at a distance and therefore may not be an issue; • the Civil Aviation Authority monitors the use of drones; and • a member had reportedly written directly to Council questioning if there was any policy or regulation? The Maroubra Precinct Committee will liaise with Council to seek clarity and any guidance on the issues raised with the view to seeing if anything can be done for the concerned residents. The resident raising concerns re Glenugie consented to her correspondence to the Precinct Committee being redirected to Council for action. 3.8 SLSC Redevelopment - Increase in Cost A member raised concerns in regards to the proposed increase in cost for the SLSC redevelopment as noted in the recent Council Budget papers. How is this increase to be funded?
11. Next Meeting:	The next Maroubra Precinct Meeting will be held: Date: Monday, 10 August 2026 Time: 7.00pman Venue: Juniors at the Junction, Corner Anzac Parade and Haig Street Maroubra
12. Meeting closure:	The Chairperson confirmed there was no further business and declared the meeting closed at 8.54pm.