

Randwick Precinct Minutes – 2 July 2025 at 7pm via Zoom

Welcome:	Randwick Precinct is for residents and ratepayers within the boundaries defined by Randwick Council, who sponsor the Precinct which operates on a democratic basis, run by elected volunteers. The traditional lands of the Bidjigal and Gadigal people were acknowledged.
1. Attendance:	RCC: Stella Agagiotis, David Ongkili, Matthew Salamone 19 residents: Andrew Wilson, Brian White, carmen AVILA, Elena Gildina, Helen Gallagher, Jason king, Jonathan Milford, Kathy Neilson, Ky McC, Lyn Stewart, Margaret Astar, Nadeem C, Pamela Mattos, Paul Barnicoat, Paul Chilcott, Katrina Drewer, Rob Mason, Samuel Mehta, Vanessa Joubert Councillors: Cr Clare Willington, Cr Andrew Hay, Cr Carolyn Martin
2. Apologies	n/a
3. Declaration of interests (including any media representatives) :	Carmen Avila is a resident of Waratah Plaza, Randwick
4. Confirmation of previous minutes:	Minutes of meeting on 4 June 2025 moved by Elena Gildina, seconded by Margaret Astar
5. Guest Speaker	Stella Agagiotis, David Ongkili , Matthew Salamone covered a range of topics with regards to Randwick Planning Draft Affordable Rental Housing Strategy - Randwick City Council has introduced a draft Affordable Rental Housing Strategy aiming to deliver over 300 new affordable homes in the next 15 years. The plan addresses rising rents and housing stress, supporting local key workers and families. Currently, the Council manages 33 affordable dwellings through community housing providers. Future housing will be developed via contributions, land purchases, and partnerships. The draft strategy will be open for public feedback later this year. A copy of the presentation is available here Randwick Junction Planning Proposal • Randwick is identified as a Strategic Centre expected to grow in employment and housing, driven by its Health and Education precincts. • Councillors have endorsed a plan to revitalise Randwick town centre, which will soon be open for public comment. • The proposal aims to increase building heights and densities, unlocking: ○ 800 new homes (including 62 affordable units) ○ Around 750 new jobs • Key sites such as Royal Randwick Shopping Centre, Randwick Plaza (Coles), and the Randwick Club may see building heights rise to 45m (13 storeys) to encourage renewal and investment. You can read the Randwick Junction Planning Proposal here • The Royal Randwick Shopping Centre site is proposed for redevelopment with 237 apartments across 13 storeys. This is an NSW Government State Strategic Development, overseen by the NSW Government Housing Delivery Authority. https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-05/housing-delivery-authority-record-of-briefing-20250516.pdf

6. Business arising from previous minutes:	1. Integrated Transport responses to last month's meeting – there has been no further progress on any of the items 2. The Spot Upgrade resulting in loss of parking and the proposal to create car spots on Coogee Bay Road to compensate, generated a lot of discussion. The general feeling was that the consultation had not been run properly and that the resulting planning outcome was not well thought through. Resolution 02072025(1): Randwick Precinct expresses its disappointment with the recent Council decision regarding The Spot streetscape changes, particularly the process and outcome of the vote by Mayor Parker and Councillors Magner, Wilson, Luxford, Gordon, Said (ALP), and Willington, Veitch, and Asgari (Greens). We are especially concerned about the proposed footpath extensions in St Pauls Street, which will result in the loss of 21 short-term parking spaces, and the plan for angle parking in Coogee Bay Road, which is too far from the commercial centre to be a practical alternative. We urge Council to reconsider these aspects of the proposal in consultation with local businesses and the community.
7. Correspondence:	Deferred until August meeting 1. Resolution 05032025(5): Given Waratah Plaza was opened in April 2024, moved that Randwick Precinct requests more activation for Waratah Plaza. Response: Council activated Waratah Plaza throughout December 2024 and January to February 2025 with weekly performances as a part of our Summer Sounds program. Council continues to consider Waratah plaza as a possible location for future events and activations on a regular basis. 2. Resolution 07052025(2): Randwick Council to urgently install lights along the footpath through Bob's Garden. Response: Council officers have reviewed the resolution and note that there are 2 lights on long brackets off power poles at each end of the pathway between Dudley Street and Carrington Road. This lighting will be inspected at night to determine if the lights are working and whether the vegetation obscures the lighting. After the lighting design is finalised, the project will be listed for consideration in a future capital works program. 3. Monthly Minute Taker for Precinct
8. Cllr Report	Various topics were discussed – ebikes and what other Councils are doing, status of bike paths in the precinct area, The Spot upgrade and Coogee Bay Road parking issues.
9. Treasurer's Report:	Deferred until August meeting
10. New Business	1.The number of homeless residents at Waratah Plaza is increasing Discussion centred around what could be done to help, RCC Social Inclusion plan was mentioned.
11. Meeting closed:	9.15pm
12. Next meeting:	6 August 2025 at 7pm - will be via ZOOM only during winter months