

MAROUBRA Precinct Committee

GENERAL MEETING Minutes 28 July 2025 Juniors at the Junction, Maroubra 7.00pm

Chairperson:	Stephen O'Shaughnessy
Secretary:	Rachel Deering
Attendance:	Ten (10) residents present as well as Todd Clark from Council Administration.
1. Opening and welcome:	The Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.08pm, welcomed all residents and visitors and undertook the acknowledgement to Country.
2. Apologies	1. Daniel Rosenfeld (from Council); 2. Bryce Riley; 3. Janet Hutchinson; and 4. Melinda Stevens
3. Declaration of any conflicts of interests:	Clara Hawker, Community Representative, Planning Panel for Council.
4. Ratification of previous minutes:	Minutes of Maroubra Precinct Meeting held 23rd June 2025 were received. The Minutes, as received, were nominated by John Burgess as true and accurate. The Minutes, as received, were seconded by Christine Baramilis. The Minutes were carried.
5. Business arising from previous minutes:	(a) Update(s) to resolutions received from Council: i. Resolution 23062025(1) - (Children's Playground Redevelopment): <i>"A review of the elements outlined will be assessed in conjunction with elements highlighted in our community consultation. These actions will be undertaken as part of our design review process."</i> ii. Resolution 23062025(2) - (Maroubra SLSC redevelopment – assured access for Maroubra Precinct etc): Still pending a response from Council. iii. Resolution 23062025(3) – <i>"Dear Precinct Chairs, I refer to the attached precinct resolution regarding the concrete area next to the anchor on Marine Parade, Maroubra. I have enquired with the relevant departments of Council and there are no plans to the area near the Tekapo Anchor. The proposed works nearby include plans to widen the footpath on the northern side of the roundabout and pedestrian crossing. These plans are for improved pedestrian access and safety."</i> iv. Resolution 23062025(4) – <i>"Dear Precinct Chairs, I refer to the attached Precinct Committee resolution requesting wheelchair access to the northern end of Mahon Pool. An initial assessment of the request has been undertaken and it</i>

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	was determined that there is scope to improve the northern access to permit wheelchair access subject to any environmental assessment and landowner approval (Crown Land). On this basis, the project has been listed for consideration in future capital work programs.” v. Resolution 23062025(5) – “In early 2025, Council received a request from the Maroubra Precinct to mark a motorcycle bay in the Maroubra Beach Carpark. Following this, the Integrated Transport Department presented the request to the Randwick Traffic Committee, which was subsequently endorsed. The Work Instruction was submitted in March 2025 for Council’s contractor to mark the bay. However, due to inclement weather, the contractor has not been able to complete the work. The contractor has informed us that the job is on its work list and will be completed as soon as possible. Sorry for the delay and thank you for your patience.” (b) Update(s) to requests made to Council: i. Status of the proposed redevelopment of Maroubra Bowling Club – “I have been informed by the representative of Catholic Healthcare that they are currently working on modifying the approved development and may lodge a new modification application in the coming months. The representative has also confirmed that they have activated the consent by showing physical commencement, which means their consent will no longer be subject to the lapsing date. Council will notify the residents once a new application has been received.” ii. Mahon Pool walkway - response to resolution 05122024(3) referred to the wrong part of the Mahon pool walkway. Photos (provided by a resident) to be sent to Council confirming the correct part of the pathway relevant to resolution 05122024(3). iii. Update on any progress on anti-social behaviour and initiatives to improve – please see response in Attachment 1.
5a. Meeting Discussion - Business arising from previous minutes:	In respect of 5 (a) iii. Resolution 23062025(3) above – In response to Council a request was put forward to please clarify that the Maroubra Precinct Meeting was specifically referring to the retainer wall slab on the ocean side, please see photograph for clarity. 

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	In respect of 5 (b) i. Status of the proposed redevelopment of Maroubra Bowling Club above – The Maroubra Precinct noted it will need to keep a close eye on developments going forward. In respect of 5 (b) iii. Update on any progress on anti-social behaviour and initiatives to improve above – in respect of The Shack Youth Services queries to Council, firstly, are there any statistics available as to the numbers attending on Thursdays and, secondly, is there any scope to provide the same services on a second day? Resolution 28072025(1) The Maroubra Precinct Committee request Council to provide the minutes of the 6 May 2025 meeting (that was organised by Council with the view to investigate initiatives at addressing the ever-increasing anti-social behaviour) and any follow-on actions Council is undertaking. Nominated Andrew Williams Seconded Clara Hawker In respect of previous Resolution 05122024(1) – The Maroubra Precinct Committee again notes that this previous resolution of erecting a new precinct sign board at Maroubra Beach has still not been installed. The Maroubra Precinct calls on Council to either action this item as a matter of urgency or to provide a status update why it has not been completed to date. In respect of 5 (a) v. Resolution 23062025(5) above, The Maroubra Precinct Committee is pleased to advise this item has now been actioned and the white lines have now been clearly painted for motorcycle parking at the beach. The Maroubra Precinct Committee expresses its appreciation to Council for attending to this item.
6. Treasurer's Report:	The Chairperson noted a Treasurer report was not available for the meeting due to the current absence overseas of the Treasurer. An update to be provided in the near future and will be advised to members.
7. Council Update:	(a) Redevelopment of Maroubra SLSC Update Todd Clarke, Director City Services, attended the meeting and provided the following update: The Community Consultation period in respect of the redevelopment of the Maroubra SLSC has now ended and noted much feedback and many submissions were received by Council. The Council has undertaken a significant amount of work in regard to this redevelopment process including investigating the proposed cost differences between refurbishing the existing premises v building a new premises. As the cost differential was deemed negligible between the two options while noting a new premises would provide many other benefits, the decision was made to build a new premises. The estimate cost of construction is currently \$15,000,000.00.

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	The design and construction processes are being managed internally by Council. Following many visits and reviews of other SLSC developments, Council opted to benchmark the Maroubra SLSC redevelopment on the successful Mona Vale surf club. The redesign process permitted proposed better use of space to enhance the day-to-day operations of the SLSC activities – re access to equipment, storage of items, etc. One new function in the redesign is that of a “Barista Window”. Following feedback and submissions received in the Community Consultation process Council is currently looking at the proposed design again.
7a. Meeting discussion - Council Update:	In respect of 7 (a) Redevelopment of Maroubra SLSC Update above, it is noted there was ample discussion about many aspects of the redevelopment plan. The significant concerns to the Maroubra Precinct Committee are: i. The lack of transparency at this stage in respect of the deemed full use of the proposed new facility – in particular, the if, when and how Community Groups will be able to access the facility. What will any shared Community arrangements be, etc? While the Maroubra Precinct Committee in particular and the wider community in general fully supports and appreciates the Maroubra SLSC in all they do to keep our amazing Maroubra Beach as safe as possible and need absolute priority in using the facilities as required, it is noted that in the not busy times and especially during evenings, etc, there is scope to allow Community Groups to access the facilities – and hence making greater use of the outlay of funds to build the new facility for the benefit of the wider community. ii. The area at the rear of the Maroubra SLSC could be used as private parking for patrons using the function room(s) facilities. iii. Disappointment was expressed that the Maroubra SLSC redevelopment was not being undertaken in conjunction with the planned redevelopment of the Bastic Pavillion to potentially gain both significant cost and community benefits including, but not limited to, perhaps locating both developments into one building and thus creating more open space and viewing of the beach. iv. Children’s Playground: The final design to fully incorporate a flying fox structure cohesively in the limited space available – noting it is estimated to install the flying fox structure safely a land area of 40m x 8m would be needed. It was suggested that the flying fox structure be located either behind the Maroubra SLSC or the footprint of the playground extended 10m east to cater for the flying fox. The latter option has safety benefits and left the area currently occupied by the gym free to be a beach viewing platform – a very positive benefit for the wider community. The Maroubra Precinct Committee very actively awaits the final design of the proposed new facility.

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8. General Business:

(a) **Newly installed phasing of traffic lights at the intersection of Beauchamp Road and Anzac Parade.**

It was noted in discussion that the newly installed phasing of the traffic lights is seemingly causing traffic chaos especially at busy traffic periods with some vehicles detouring via Ferguson Street/Jersey Road to access Anzac Parade from Beauchamp Road.

The significant issue with the new phasing is that when you are travelling west on Beauchamp Road and need to turn right at Anzac Parade to head North there is now a red arrow with a very limited timed green arrow to turn. It is this red arrow that is new in the phasing.

The Maroubra Precinct requests Council, if possible, to provide the reason(s) behind the change in traffic lights phasing at the corner of Beauchamp Road and Anzac Parade.

Todd Clark from Council who was in attendance at the meeting kindly advised the meeting he would follow up within Council and also with the State Transport Committee and would respond in due course.

(b) **Large pothole located at 214 Maroubra Road**

It was noted in discussion that there is a large pothole located outside the Holy Family Church on Maroubra Road that is a potential risk especially to elderly church attendees.

Todd Clarke advised the meeting he would have someone look at the issue in due course.

(c) **Beach Break Carnival 20 July 2025**

Following discussion and feedback at the meeting, the Maroubra Precinct Committee would like to pass on thanks to Council for a job well done in organising this year's Beach Break Carnival – the event was enjoyed by the many who attended.

(d) **Urban Forest Policy / Tree Planting and Tree Maintenance**

The Urban Forest Policy was mentioned and the discussion quickly turned to future tree planting and current tree maintenance. Concerns of the Maroubra Precinct Committee include:

- i. the seemingly mass planting of trees that are then not regularly maintained/watered that often lead to the demise of some trees;
- ii. the species of trees planted in some areas; and
- iii. the number of trees that have grown and are now entangled in power lines in the local LGA.

Todd Clarke advised the meeting that Council has a pro-active scheduling of tree maintenance; that Council no longer plants trees in nature strips directly under power lines; that Council do not plant trees outside a resident's home on a nature strip

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	without the owner's authority; and made mention that tree vandalism was an increasing issue within the local LGA. The Maroubra Precinct Committee welcomed Todd Clarke's assurances and, in particular, that Council does not plant trees outside a resident's home without express permission of the owner, as this statement reconfirmed the previous assurance from Mayor Dylan Parker that residents will have the right to decide if they want or don't want Council trees on the nature strip outside their homes. Despite Todd Clarke's assurance to the meeting today and Mayor Dylan Parker's previous assurance that Council would not plant any trees outside a resident's home on the nature strip without the owner's specific authority to do so, it is noted this was not the recent personal experience of one resident in attendance. (e) Maroubra Road intersections upgrades A query arose as to the status of the Maroubra Road intersections upgrades and in particular to the Cooper St/Mons Avenue roundabout upgrade. It was noted Council is proceeding as planned. (f) Parking of trailers, caravans, etc in the middle of Anzac Parade Mention was made of the now seeming inability – due to recent Council fines being issued - to park trailers, caravans, etc in the middle of Anzac Parade is now causing further congestion on busy roads. It was noted Council is actively looking into this issue.
11. Next Meeting:	The next Maroubra Precinct Meeting will be held: Date: Thursday, 4 September 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 8.53pm

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Attachment 1

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Background:

The Maroubra Precinct Committee meeting on 1 April 2025 was attended by Randwick City Council representatives, Trina Soulos (Manager Community Development) and Leki Mafoe (Youth Development Officer) to participate in a discussion about children and young people of the South Maroubra area.

At this meeting, Council Officers discussed the intent to develop a Randwick Youth Plan in collaboration with young people and the local services that support them. Council Officers also overviewed the objectives of the Youth Development Officer position, being a new role for Randwick City Council.

This Memo is prepared at the request of the Maroubra Precinct and reports on youth engagement activities that have occurred since the 1 April 2025 meeting, and on the commencement of new initiatives in the Maroubra area that target children and young people.

Updates and activities:

1. **Follow-Up Meeting with Maroubra Precinct Representatives:** On 6 May 2025 at the Hub@Lexo, a follow-up meeting occurred with representatives of the Maroubra Precinct met Council Officers, Leki Mafoe (Youth Development Officer) and Josh Sutton (Community Development Officer). Special Guest, Samey Minkara (CEO and Founder of Street Sports Industry), attended to participate in the planning of new youth initiatives for the Maroubra area.
2. **Randwick Youth Forum:** On 13 May 2025, a Youth Forum was held at the Matraville Youth and Cultural Hall. Over 100 people attended, including approx. 80 young people and 20+ representatives of local youth and community service providers. A pre-event survey among local young people helped shape the agenda and guide the selection an appropriate keynote speaker. Roundtable discussions were facilitated to identify key themes and potential Actions that need to be considered by the Randwick Youth Plan.
3. **Local youth programming:** A series of youth sport, recreation and creative programs have been recently introduced to the Maroubra and surrounds. These include:
 - Street Sports, Saturday afternoons at Heffron Park: A free drop-in sports program launched on 24 May 2025, delivered by Street Sports Industries with the support of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation and Randwick City Council.
 - South Maroubra Youth Boxing, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at Coral Sea Park: A free community-run drop-in outdoor boxing program.
 - School holiday programs (2 sessions) at Coral Sea Park: Free sport and recreation programs delivered by The Shack Youth Services, PCYC, Street Sports Industries and the South Maroubra Youth Boxing group.
 - Music Workshops by Kobie Dee on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, at Kobie Dee's music studio.
 - Digibats music program: to commence in August 2025 in partnership with Weave Youth and Community Services, the La Perouse Youth Haven, Kobie Dee and with the support of Randwick City Council.
4. **Youth drop-in spaces:**
 - The Shack Youth Services continues to provide its drop-in at the Hub@Lexo on Thursdays from 3.00pm-6.00pm.
 - La Perouse Youth Haven continues its drop-in service at its location in La Perouse, every Friday from 5.00pm-9.00pm.
 - A new youth drop-in will commence weekly at the PCYC on Fridays.

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