

# Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

## Minutes

6:30pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (*remote meeting*)

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## Terms of reference

The following information is provided so that you may be aware of the structure and operation of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee.

### **Randwick Council resolved to establish a Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee with the following terms of reference:**

1. Report to the Council;
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
4. Review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
5. Participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
6. Be consulted by Council on cycle way and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within “Sydney’s Cycling Future”; and
8. Help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils

(Council resolution references 172/17 & 87/18)

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## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair will ask for a volunteer to acknowledge the lands upon which this meeting is being held:

*“I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples; being the traditional owners who, for thousands of years, occupied and cared for vast areas along the Sydney Coast.*

*On behalf of the participants of this meeting I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and also to those Aboriginal people participating today.”*

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## 2. Attendance and apologies

### In attendance

Councillor Kathy Neilson	RCC	Mr Jed Finnane	Resident
Councillor Philippa Veitch	RCC	Mr Paul Chilcott	Resident
Councillor Michael Oliva	RCC	Mr Owen Shepherd	Resident
Councillor Kym Chapple	RCC	Mr Alec Walker	Resident
Mr Lee Roberts	BIKEast	Ms Kristina Warton	Resident
Ms Yvonne Poon	BIKEast	Mr Alec Walker	Resident
Mr Dick van den Dool	BIKEast	Mr Tony Lehmann	RCC
Mr Jim Hope	BIKEast	Mr David Appleby	RCC
Ms Angela Greenlees	TfNSW	Mr Reza Ahmed	RCC
Ms Virginia Baker	TfNSW	Mr Jesse Grazotis	RCC
Ms Kate Lewis	TfNSW		

## Apologies:

Councillor Rafaela Pandolfini

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### 3. Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

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### 4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

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### 5. Items for consideration

#### 5.1. Bicycle facilities FY 21/22 budget – prioritisation of projects

At the meeting of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee (CABFAC) held on the 18th August 2021, the committee reviewed the priority cycleway and bicycle facility project list for FY 21/22 and future years.

To help with prioritisation of projects and funding, Council officers and committee members reviewed the issues listed in the Initiatives for Bicycle Riders (IBR) spreadsheet. The IBR was updated to consider different criteria in the prioritisation of projects, which may influence the desirability or feasibility of delivering the projects.

Council officers have had further meetings with members of the Committee to simplify and improve the readability of the IBR document. Council officers have updated the document to reflect the recommended changes:

- Separately listing the priority bicycle routes.
- Grouping items according to the three main categories, being Major projects, Minor projects, and Asset maintenance;
- Repeating column headers on rows; and
- Adding page numbers.

Projects prioritised for progression in FY 21/22 are coloured in green.

**Note:** The updated IBR list will be circulated prior to the meeting. The projects highlighted in the IBR list for prioritisation in FY 21/22 are an initial estimate only and may be subject to change depending on budget allocations and changes during the financial year.

#### **Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

#### 5.2. Update on temporary and permanent cycleways

Progress on plans of funding and implementation regarding cycleways in the Randwick LGA (temporary (pop-up) and permanent).

##### Todman Avenue Cycleway Project

Council resolved in late 2020 to discontinue scoping of the pop-up cycleway option on Todman Avenue due to design challenges and safety concerns. In the meantime, Council has been working with a transport consultant to investigate more permanent cycleway line-marking opportunities, along a significant length of Todman Avenue. The proposed design explores the introduction of a kerb side running lane for bike riders traveling south east (from South Dowling St toward the Lenthall Street intersection).

Council has recently received draft design and provided feedback to the engaged consultant. The final plans and opinion of probable cost is currently being finalised by the consultants. Once the design is finalised by the consultant, the plans will be referred to BIKEast for information.

### High Street pop-up cycleway

The High Street pop-up cycleway officially opened in March 2021. Ridership has been steady, and Transport for NSW are providing regular updates to Council to monitor numbers.

### Queens Park permanent cycleway

Construction commenced in Sep / Oct 2021 and is almost complete. Most of the areas of construction have been opened to the public with some minor works outstanding. The project is due to be completed by the end of February 2022 (weather permitting).

It is understood that the total cost of this project (730m of cycleway) is approximately \$3.75m.



### Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

Please see **item 5.3**, below, detailing the current status of this project.

### Anzac Parade Walking and Cycling Paths

Council officers are currently in the process of procuring a lead design consultant to deliver the concept and detail design for 'Anzac Parade Bikeway – Mid A' as identified in the Bicycle Construction Priority Routes. Council will closely work with the CABFAC as a key stakeholder during the design development of the project.

*Ms Poon, on behalf of BIKEast, expressed frustration with the delays to the Todman Avenue project. Mr Lehmann acknowledged these concerns, explained how examination of the proposed pop-up caused delays and informed the Committee that plans were well advanced for a new linemarking layout – incorporating a kerbside running lane.*

*Mr Roberts sought an update on the Queens Park facility. Mr Lehmann stated that he understood that opening of this facility was only a few weeks away.*

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## **5.3. Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway**

*(Doncaster Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Circuit, Sturt Street permanent cycleway)*

Council officers are working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) through the early construction phase of the project. TfNSW, the project delivery agency, has awarded the contract to a tier one construction company. Advanced services investigation and early construction work has commenced.

The TfNSW project manager, Ms Angela Greenlees, has agreed to provide the CABFAC with a briefing and update on the current progress of the project.

*Ms Greenlees provided a verbal update and answered questions put to her. Some of the items discussed included:*

- *Notifications regarding project commencement have distributed to more than 11,000 residences*
- *Major construction works commence in March 2022*
- *The proposed construction staging plan is yet to be finalised however delayed commencement has been identified for the northern part of Doncaster Avenue*
- *TfNSW would be pleased to directly inform BIKEast of upcoming detours / changes to bike routes (BIKEast agreed to distribute any notifications through their social media links)*

- *It is acknowledged that, during construction of the cycleway, lengths of parking will be affected*
- *Night works will be minimal and generally only at busier / signalised intersection*

*Clr Veitch asked about impacts on wildlife with the proposed removal of some trees. Ms Greenlees informed the meeting that TfNSW has dedicated environmental officers who will be attending the sites. And, that there are significant penalties for the contractor if there are any environmental non compliances.*

*Clr Veitch also sought assurance that Councillors would be kept informed of upcoming works / construction staging. Ms Lewis (TfNSW) confirmed that TfNSW will forward advance notifications to the Council for forward distribution to Councillors.*

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.4. TfNSW Walking and Cycling Program

TfNSW's Walking and Cycling Grant Program is currently active. Grant application submissions are being accepted up to the 25th February 2022. Council officers are currently collating data and submitting grant applications for the following projects:

- Preparation of an Active Transport Plan / Strategy
- Anzac Parade – Mid A – (Fitzgerald Avenue to Sturt Street) – Detailed / Construction Design
- Todman Avenue – Implementation
- Bundock Street and Sturt Street – Design finalisation
- Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach – Construction
- Randwick to Coogee – Design

Council officers will keep the CABFAC informed of the progress / outcomes of these submissions.

*Questions were raised with regard to the proposed Bundock St/ Sturt St/ Cycleway. Mr Lehmann explained that the design was 90% complete and that Council is seeking funding to finalise the design. The issue of pedestrian crossability of Sturt St and Bundock St, at Avoca St was raised. Mr Lehmann said that council officers will be seeking additional funds for construction. It is understood that TfNSW will announce funding allocation in May 2022. Mr Lehmann stated that, if design investigations show that it is possible to install a pedestrian refuge in Bundock St and Sturt St, at Avoca St, and if no funding is allocated for the construction of the cycleway, he will recommend installation of these pedestrian refuges in the 2022/23 financial year.*

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.5. Darley Road / York Road – slip lane

Waverley Council is currently investigating the option of removing the slip lane at the Darley Road / York Road intersection; subject to reviewing the impact on traffic flow. Recent discussions have been held with Waverley Council and TfNSW to assess the best methodology to remove the slip lane and to minimise impacts on all road users.

Randwick Council officers have raised concerns that the proposed change to the traffic signals will introduce significant delays and queue lengths, particularly along Darley Road eastbound. We have asked TfNSW and Waverley Council to take these concerns into account with the proposed changes to the signal operations.

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## 5.6. Darley Road / Govett Street – pedestrian refuge

Council officers are currently finalising concept design options for an improved pedestrian / bike rider refuge and for other changes to the intersection. Once finalised, the Council will consult with local residents, Centennial Parklands and BIKEast.

*Mr Lehmann provided an update on the project and advised the committee that the community consultation will commence soon.*

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## **5.7. Bike bypass links of the High Street LR Terminus**

Council has been consistent in its response to development applications / documentation for the Randwick Hospitals' Campus by recommending the installation of a shared path on the southern side of High Street between Botany Street and Randwick Junction. Following Council's submission and detailed Advisory Committee Recommendations on widening the footpath provision of a shared way on High Street, the Department's assessment concluded that the existing footpath is adequate for pedestrians and land dedication and amendments to enable the provision of a wider path shared way cannot reasonably be required in this case.

However, conditions are recommended to ensure further improvements to connections through the hospital campus are given consideration by the applicant (NSW Health) in conjunction with Council. An Integrated Transport Working Group is to be established between NSW Health and Council to ensure the adequate transport planning for the overall masterplan of the Prince of Wales Hospitals' Campus, and in particular, integration of east-west and north-south bicycle and pedestrian routes.

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation**

That the information be received.

## **5.8. Maroubra Junction - Oasis Project**

Council is currently undertaking design works for an underutilised green space in the Anzac Parade central median strip, Maroubra Junction (between Maroubra Road and Green Street). The concept plan and consultation are now complete. At this stage it is proposed to table a report on this matter at the February Council meeting. Detailed design documentation for the project is underway.

*Councillor Chappel enquired as to the provision for bike riders in the proposed Oasis Project. Mr Lehmann informed the committee that this matter is being reported to the council at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. He then displayed the plans of the proposal and highlighted the proposed paths for cyclists.*

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation**

That the information be received.

## **5.9. Maroubra Road Corridor Study**

As reported in the previous meeting, a strategic corridor study of Maroubra Road, between Bunnerong Road and Malabar Road, is underway. It will examine the road safety performance, the existing and future operation of the road and conditions faced by vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. Early consultation with regard to this Study has been undertaken.

Currently, the consultants are examining community feedback and assessing possible design options along the route. Following an assessment of the options, further community consultation will be undertaken.

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

## **5.10. Active Transport Plan / bicycle route construction priority**

As an outcome of the Randwick City Council Integrated Transport Strategy (adopted 2021), Council has committed to deliver the Active Transport Plan by year 2023. The project is expected to commence in the second half 2022.

The validation of bicycle route construction priority list and associated consultation will be incorporated within the 'Active Transport Plan'. The study will undertake a detailed data assessment including existing cycle networks, gaps, trends and demands to assist in the formulation of the Active Transport Strategy. The strategy will validate existing and / or proposed new bicycle routes to develop a clear action plan over the next 10 years.

Community consultation will be an integral component of Council's consideration of the proposed bicycle routes.

### Advisory Committee Recommendation:

That the information be received.

## 5.11. Alison Road/ Wansey Road Bike Path – Landscape maintenance

It has been reported that there are issues with the existing trees, vegetation and plantings along Alison Road and Wansey Road becoming overgrown, severely narrowing the paths. BIKEast seeks clarity from RCC if further maintenance works will be undertaken to maintain width of these paths.

These routes have now been placed onto a four-week maintenance cycle.

*During discussion on this item, Mr Finnane raised concerns that north bound Alison Rd bike riders are not provided with any directional signage, at the intersection of Wansey Rd and Alison Rd, informing them that there is a shared path cycleway on the other side of the Light-rail Tracks. Mr Lehmann agreed to investigate the matter.*

### Advisory Committee Recommendation:

That the information be received.

## 5.12. Paine Reserve shared paths

With regard to the proposed shared path in Paine Reserve, the preferred alignment for the shared path has been developed and handed over to Council's project design team for detailed design and construction. A particular focus of this project is ensuring the constructability of the proposed path alignment over existing services, tree roots and having regard to the load bearing capacity of two underground water recycling tanks.



### CONCEPT SKETCH

PAINE RESERVE  
DETAIL PLAN - 1:200



*Mr Lehmann responded to Ms Warton's enquiry regarding the status of this project, by informing the committee that councils project engineers will receive a report from the structural engineer within a few weeks. This will provide the necessary information to ensure this project can proceed.*

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

### 5.13. Alison Road (between Darley Road and Doncaster Avenue)

The Council is currently investigating the specific dimensions of the current footpath on the south side of Alison Road, between Darley Road and Doncaster Avenue, to better understand whether the existing facility meets the required TfNSW and Austroads Standards.

Council officers will report on their findings and recommended actions, at the CABFAC meeting.

*Mr Lehmann explained to the committee that he is seeking clarification as to the owner of the land behind the bus shelter just east of Doncaster Ave, so that he can seek permission to provide a path behind the bus shelter. Other than this localised pinch point he advised that rest of this route was satisfactory for a shared path.*

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

### 5.14. Safer Streets to School program

A resident has asked that this matter be discussed at the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee meeting.

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That this matter be discussed at the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee meeting.

*Mr Sheppard had requested an update from council and provided a short presentation on the Safer Street to School program. Mr Lehmann informed the Committee that the identification of streets to undergo the safer Street to school 30km/h speed trial will be captured as an output of the Active Transport Plan to be delivered by 2023 (as identified as an outcome within the Integrated Transport Strategy).*

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That information be received.

### 5.15. Standardising design for pedestrian facilities along bike paths

BIKEast has requested that Council ensures appropriate bike logos etc are proposed as new traffic facilities are installed. This is requested has been acknowledged by council officers and will be acted upon.

**Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That information be received.

### 5.16. Proposed committee dates 2022/23

The following dates have been confirmed for committee meetings in the next 12 months:

- Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 7.30am
- Wednesday 17 August at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 16 November 7:30am
- Wednesday 16 February 2023 at 6.30pm

Based on currently scheduled Council meetings and briefings, it has been confirmed that there should be no conflict with the proposed CABFAC meeting dates.

*It was agreed that the regular attendees of CABFAC be surveyed to establish their preferences as to how and when future meetings of this advisory committee are undertaken.*

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation:**

That the information be received.

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## **6. Urgent matters or matters for future investigation**

### **6.1. Oxford Street Cycleway**

*At the meeting, Mr Lehmann informed the advisory committee that he was attending a meeting with Waverley Council officers the following day concerning the proposed extension of Waverley Council's Oxford St Cycleway into the Randwick LGA, west of York St.*

*(Subsequent to the meeting, it can be advised that an initial meeting was held on Thursday 17, February 2022 between Waverley and Randwick Council officers. The Waverley officers explained that there is a missing link between its current Oxford St Cycleway and the existing cycleway traveling along the northern edge of Centennial Park. They displayed detailed diagrams and it was agreed that a further, more extensive, meeting be held between the councils to ensure that the details provided are satisfactory for both council).*

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation**

That the information be received.

### **6.2. Acknowledgement**

*The Chair, Councillor Veitch, informed the advisory committee that she considered it would be appropriate to acknowledge the efforts and inputs of Councils Shurey and Matson over recent years, with regard to this committee. She stated that both Councillors were regular attendees and provided valuable input. She also recognised that this committee was formed following a notice of motion by Councillor Matson. It was agreed that a token of the communities' thanks be provided to these two councillors and BIKEast indicated that it would provide a certificate of appreciation for each of these Councillors as well.*

*Councillor Veitch also suggested that a message of gratitude be forwarded to Jonathan Milford for his valuable contribution over the years.*

### **Advisory Committee Recommendation**

That a token of the communities' thanks be provided to these two councillors and BIKEast indicated that it would provide a certificate of appreciation for each of these Councillors as well.

That a message of gratitude be forwarded to Jonathan Milford for his valuable contribution over the years.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm