

Malabar Precinct Committee

GENERAL MEETING Minutes 12th March 2025

Malabar Juniors: 7:00pm

Next Meeting 14th May 2025

Chair:	Jason Lister
Secretary / Treasurer:	Alex Hutchison
Assistant Secretary:	Gloria Papayianakis

	In-Person	Online
NUMBER OF IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:	(41)	(5)

APOLOGIES: Noel D Souza, B Burst

Agenda

Agenda	Detail	Time
Open Meeting	Open Meeting at 7:05 pm Welcome Visitors & Residents	GP/JL 2Min
DEC'N INTERESTS OF	None	GP

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING	OF Previous minutes (January General 2025), circulated via email It was resolved to approve the Minutes of January 2025. Proposed by: Bob Cameron Seconded by: Lucia Ho Result: Unanimous	JL 3 Min
Chair Update	The Chair thanked the members for such a large turnout and the increased participation in community matters.	JL 2 Min

ADDRESS BY COUNCILLORS	None	(BB,ND,DS) 2 Min ea
ADDRESS BY VISITORS	Mr Ross Mills – Open Spaces and Assets Council update on Proposed Pump Track Jo Ingegneri - Amanda Maher - Mr Mills presented the Open spaces updated to the community, which covered items such a street scapes, planting guides, half court basketball courts etc.	20 Min Q&A 10 Min

	Ross then presented the two locations for the Proposed Pump Track at Upper Pioneer and Cromwell Park, which will be included in the consultation expected towards the end of March 2025 Questions Q R.Horton – Given the larger population in northern LGA, why was the location not chosen closer to the population centre? Q D.Phillips – Bayside Council is building a Pump Track in Sir Joseph Banks, funded by the Airport. Other Pump Tracks which are not properly planned in adequate spaces have seen adjacent areas used as de facto tracks. Is it not a possibility we are trying to squeeze a track in a location which is not suitable (either location) Q Oris – Can the process of consultation be explained, as there is a general concern of transparency in consultation? There is also a concern about the safety for children with access to roads and containment A Jo Ingegnari explained how the consultation survey happens, the report is prepared with the details from the consultation, a survey period via your say, and the Chair explained the Precinct Meeting is a form of consultation and showed where on the Council consultation website. A Jo Ingegnari addressed the concern about safety, explained that the council conducts risk assessments and installs safety mechanisms as part of the concept design, further consultation will occur once the design is drafted. Chris C & Jean S both spoke with passion about advocating for the Pump Track, both were focused on the benefits of Upper Pioneer, Jean reinforced the issue about Traffic and proper planning outcomes, we may end up with a small substandard facility (no winners) Athony Spies – expressed his concerns that the residents would be the most adversely impacted by the wrong location being used, traffic is already a major issue, and residents' wishes should carry weight over Ratepayers who are not directly impacted by adverse planning outcomes. Zac – Was concerned with the transparency in the online consultation process, how are the voters verified within the LGA, people have to register at the Precinct Meeting, we also cannot see in the response who is commenting. Amanda M – Commented that email, phone calls, are considered, the report will include the comments from the survey as detail in the report.							
Treasurer Update	RCC Returned balance (November 2024) <table> <tr> <td>Opening Balance:</td> <td>\$ 2,073.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Fund RCC:</td> <td>\$ 400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outgoings:</td> <td>\$ 00.00</td> </tr> </table>	Opening Balance:	\$ 2,073.66	Annual Fund RCC:	\$ 400.00	Outgoings:	\$ 00.00	GP 2 Min
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	Bal as at 13/03/25 \$ 2473.66 NOTED by the Treasurer. Note: Chair will process a claim December Food TBA, Invoice for appreciation Award TBA.	
Correspondence	None	JL 2 Min

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	Note: Council resolution responses are stored in Digital Drive and can walk through the resolution log update. 1. Chair to cover resolution responses and updates to resolutions from the previous 2. Local Consultation – Food Trucks 17th March 3. Update on timing of Plan of Management Review – Delayed until 2027 earliest	JL 15 Min
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AGENDA ITEMS – General Business

1.	Bike Pump Park – Alternate Location The community reinforced its opposition to locating the proposed Pump Track in Cromwell Park, noting the council has not addressed any of the concerns from residents raised at previous meetings. Its preference regarding designating passive recreation in Cromwell, its quietness, significant mature trees, and use for native animal rehoming, Upper Cromwell has natural and fencing barriers, which would be suitable for off-leash dogs The significant concerns regarding summer traffic congestion and the potential for antisocial behaviour given that it's not in an observable location. The community engaged in passionate discussion on the benefits of the facility to younger families, that Upper Pioneer is better connected to existing bike trails, lighting, Toilet facilities, making it more observable and safe. Moving the Off-leash dog zone to upper Cromwell also addressed the increasing safety issue of active sports with no barriers to off-leash dogs. The current configuration by the council increases its liability for injury in a result of adverse conflict between off-leash dogs and users of the park for active recreation. Field 4 is being used by Off-Leash dogs and the council has by lack of action set a precedent for Field 4 being an off-leash zone. The lack of consultation in the original location proposal was also noted and the historical and repeated requests by the community on the Master Plan for Malabar and updating its Plan of Management will result in a poor outcome for local residents	JL 3 Min
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	D. Phillips mentioned Bayside Council was building a Pimp Track in Sire Joseph Banks Park which was funded by the Airport. Councilor Said suggested the community pass a resolution to delay the RCC proposal in lieu of the Bayside Council, Sir Joseph Banks Park news and wait for a report from Randwick on that facility. This was not supported in the meeting due to concerns this would not see a facility created at all. This was noted by the Chair as a distraction and would result in further delays, as there is support for such a facility in this LGA The community's support of the Pump Park Concept is not opposed. The Residents only oppose Cromwell Park. The significant period of consultation via the Precinct and successful bipartisan support from all were noted by the members and appreciated. Resolution – MAL20250122-A The Precinct members support Upper Pioneer Park as the preferred location for a Pump Track and Cromwell Park would not be suitable. Proposed by: Troy Kennedy Seconded by: Jason Lister Result: Carried 40 for 1 against Resolution – MAL20250122-B Should RCC delay the Pump Track and investigate combining with Bayside to have 1 Pump Park at Sir Joseph Banks Park Proposed by: Alex Hutchinson Seconded by: Jason Lister Result: Failed (13 For – 21 against – 5 abstained)	
2.	Beach Debris – Safety Hazard (Placeholder) Old demolition/storm debris from the old surf club exist between the southern end and middle of Malabar Beach, within the upper and lower tidal zone. The debris is restricting full use of the beach and causing some minor-medium ankle/foot injury. Council to investigate and propose options to remove the debris (<i>ref the DPI letter</i>) Background: Building rubble from the storm-damaged Malabar surf club had been deposited into the ocean at the southern end of Malabar Beach.	JL 3 Min

	Issue/Impact: This has significantly reduced safe access to the water, often resulting in foot injuries to beachgoers who are unaware, and causes people to congregate in 1 area. Resolution – MAL20250122-C Request/Resolution: That the council investigate the removal of the debris, and engage the relevant agencies for approval, if needed, and invoke the same practices used for the recent construction of the Kamay Ferry Wharves when carrying out actions to minimize environmental impacts Proposed by: Richard Horton Seconded by: Lucia Ho Result: Unanimous	
3.	Operational Budget and Plan It's that time of year when we canvass the local community for your suggestions to put forward to council and our Sth Ward councilors as part of the 25/26 Operational Plan and Budget. These are the works & improvements that the council will, after consideration, include in the next Budget cycle This is why we like to get you to tell us: 1. A small Improvement - street furniture, footpath, garden or planting etc 2. A medium Improvement - Roadworks, Local Event, playground upgrade, accessibility change 3. A large Improvement - New building, public amenity refurbishment, significant capital works or major event We can't always be guaranteed it will be adopted but we will consolidate the list and put it up for a community vote, we will also encourage our Sth Ward councilors to represent your suggestions. So far we have: - Upgrade Ruby Reserve Playground (Adam's av) - Continue the road upgrade of Victoria Lane from Raglan through to Ireton and Franklin st. - Refurbish the nth side boat ramp - Restoration of open space land end of Fisherman's Road (other side of rifle range fence to NPWS Walkway) - a couple of weathered bus shelters in the eastern section of Malabar Proposed by: Jason Lister Seconded by: Gloria Papayianakis Result: Unanimous	
4.	Email Topics or Floor Items - None Received by email	

	1. Nix Ave Bus Route Accidents Council to write to Transurban about Buses swiping car mirrors and minor damage to parked vehicles, council to investigate if there is adequate access 2. Pool Maintenance – Coping deterioration Council to provide an update on the Pool coping works, which were completed and have now started to break up again 3rd time 3. Incinerator – Power from Waste – Community Health Hazard a. A resident addressed the forum that the Incinerator issue has arisen again as the EPA has varied some details in the past findings if natural gas is used to burn the waste – this is seen as a way to circumvent the concerns of residents. b. Councilor Said addressed the members about the council resolution to oppose the varied laws, and that people need to write to the EPA via the provided link c. Don't use a templated letter, make it your words that count write to by 8th April energyfromwaste@epa.nsw.gov.au Resolution – MAL20250122-D Request/Resolution: The Precinct is in support of RCC opposition to the changes to EPA laws, which will increase the possibility for Waste from Energy Incinerators and risk to residents' health.	
5.	Malabar Capital Works Improvements – Update See table in Appendix – additional notes below 1. Pool Toilets a. The chair has requested RCC to inform the community on the status of the funding to progress the project. b. Projects are funded over a 5-year funding program when announced. What has changed? c. Council needs to be transparent on Capital works programs and funding; any changes to funding need to be communicated to the community	
6.	Current Consultations - Link 1. Food Trucks	JL 5 Min

NEXT MEETING	14 th May 2025 7pm Juniors Malabar 1 st Floor	JL
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MEETING CLOSED	9:15 PM	AH
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Appendix – Malabar Capital Works

Project	Project stage	Forecast completion	Status
Malabar Pool Pumphouse	Site investigation of pool wall structures (North and West)	October 2024	Completed
	Analysis of findings		On track <i>Underway</i>
	Structural Assessment Report – including options address identified structural defects, and the development of three (3) high-level options to address the existing defects		On track
Malabar Pump Park	Planning (currently in site survey)	September 2026	On track
Malabar Ocean Pool – toilet	Tender documentation completed	Construction program TBC (based on available funding)	Planning stage completed
Malabar Library Refurbishment*	Tender documentation 95% complete	Feb 2025	On track
Pioneer Park Amenities Upgrade	Concept design in progress and stakeholder consultation to begin	Feb 2025	On track