

Clovelly Precinct Committee

Meeting

When: Monday 11th August 2025, 7.30pm

Where: Clovelly Surf Club

Draft Minutes

Type of Meeting: Ordinary **Chair:** Bill Brennan **Note Taker:** Bill Brennan

1. Attendees: Bill Brennan, John Duffy, Edwin Osbourne, Clare Willington (North Ward Councillor), Peter Kahn, Martin Venier, Phillipa Di Makis, Zoe Velez, Toni Wren Kara Taylor (Randwick Council), Julian Lee (Randwick Council)

2. Apologies: Mary Henning, Pauline Wall, , Lori St John

3. Declarations of Interest.

Nil

4. Minutes of the May 12th and June 9th 2025 meeting:

The May and June minutes have been circulated.

Corrections: Nil

Receipt and adoption:

Moved: Phillipa Dimakis

Seconded: Nick Herd

5. Matters Arising:

Nil

6. Presentation:

The Draft Urban Forest Policy- presentation on the policy and other tree related issues by Kara Taylor, Manager Sustainability and Resilience and Julian Lee, Sustainability Coordinator.

Kara and Julian outlined the Policy's main aims, of improving local biodiversity, reducing urban heat, and supporting water-sensitive design. It is an important component of the Council's Resilience Strategy. They will be providing further detail with the production of the Randwick Tree Master Plan, the Register of Significant Trees.

The policy identifies the tree canopy target of 22% by 2040. That is 6% up from the 2022 canopy survey finding of 16% cover in Randwick. The reasons for the lower target related to the following factors:

- The Council has limited control over tree coverage on private land.
- Tree planting is limited or not possible when there are other uses on public land, such as sporting fields or spaces such as national parks where Council has no control.
- There is a high cost associated with the planting and maintenance of trees. For 6,000 trees it cost approximately \$2,000,000 for planting and maintenance.
- The Council has a limited control over private land usage for tree planting.
- The 22% target was revised down from the previous 36% target by 2035 as being more achievable due to the above factors. It was developed by looking at what similar councils had determined for their areas of responsibility. It does not mean that a higher level could not be achieved.
- Residents are able to request a tree from Council who will come to the property and plant it.
- Although Centennial Park is in the Randwick boundary it is managed by the Centennial Park and Moore Park trust , an agency of the NSW Government's Office of Environment and Heritage.

Comments and questions from the members were:

- Has an interim target been considered as 2040 is a relatively long way off? No interim target has been developed, to date.
- What constitutes a tree for the purposes of canopy? A tree must be at least 3 metres tall and acceptable as a species for the Randwick area.
- How and how often will progress toward the target be assessed and who will receive the report?
- Are there areas, not currently covered with trees, that have been identified that can be used for tree planting, and can we nominate an area we think would be appropriate?
- What consideration is given to promoting indigenous flora by the type of trees being planted?
- Is there research on the original flora of the Clovelly area which can guide the choice of trees planted now?
- When will the of Randwick Street Master Plan and the Register of Significant Trees be completed?

At the end of the presentation and questions, Bill tabled an email he had received from a local resident about a notice pinned to a tree on the verge in Fern Street, notifying its imminent removal. The notice stated:

As part of the development of this property Council wishes to advise that this tree has been scheduled for removal.

The tree will be removed within approximately four weeks

A replacement planting will be arranged at the completion of the construction

Her concerns were that it was a substantial street tree and though she had written to the Council as offered in the notice had not received a response. Kara and lee took the details and said that they would follow it up and get back to the committee.

thanked Kara and Julian very much and hoped to follow up with them on progress on this very important endeavour.

7. Action Sheet update:

Here is the Council response to our request for a rail on the stairs in Cliffbrook Parade in Gordons Bay

Joe Ingegneri

Joe,

Here is a picture of the stairs on Cliffbrook Parade Clovelly that we are recommending for consideration of the installation of a rail on the cliff side from top to bottom. It is a very popular pathway in both spring and summer with people of many levels of mobility. The rail will provide an important measure of safety.

Could you also consider highlight paint on the edge of the stairs that could do with another coat.

Thank you for considering these matters.

Bill Brennan

Chairman

Clovelly Precinct Committee

Hi Bill,

Thank you. I have passed on the information to our Coordinator Assets to assist with planning of a new handrail.

Yours sincerely

Joe Ingegneri

Manager Technical Services

Randwick City Council

Bill will follow this up to see what that means in practical terms of time and resources.

8. Correspondence Incoming and Outgoing

Incoming:

The Council has published the **Carry Over Schedule 2024-2025** identifying the status of projects. An item of interest for the precinct the: 11088 Clovelly Bay Plan of Management (POM) review for which \$120,000 has been allocated. Unfortunately, its status is *Delayed*. As the precinct committee has been very keen to see this review underway as soon as possible.

Outgoing:

Bill has written to the Traffic Committee asking when the Residents Parking Scheme CL1 for the Clovelly are will be tabled at the Traffic Committee and is awaiting a response

Resolution 11082025(1)

The Clovelly Precinct Committee requests the Council to reverse its decision to delay the Clovelly Bay Plan of Management and to allow for the plan to be updated to meet the need for a plan of management that addresses the current needs and opportunities of Clovelly Bay.

Moved: Nick Herd

Seconded: John Duffy

Carried

Other projects relevant to Clovelly in the schedule are;

Clovelly Pool – Access Improvement / completion expected in September 2025.

11061 – Town Centre Upgrade Program – Clovelly and Burnie Street Plaza / work in progress , second consultation completed. Report to Council in August 2025

9 Treasurer's Report

The balance is \$4807.07

There were a number of suggestions for the expenditure of the Precinct Committee's funds including:

- Promotional activities to entice new members to join the committee;
- An item of equipment or furniture for Burnie Park or the coastal walk or children's playground at the beach;

- A statue of the Committee president (humbly declined);
- There will be further discussion at the September meeting.

10. Reports from Randwick Councillor/s

Clare Willington gave a report on recent council decisions including the following resolution she moved regarding Burnie Park Community Centre:

Notice of Motion from Cr Willington - Increase the Utilisation of Burnie Park Community Centre (F2024/00633) 207/25

RESOLUTION: (Willington/Magner) that Council:

- a) notes the importance of Council's community centres as gathering spaces for community and cultural activity; when a community hall is well utilised the community benefits and thrives in many ways (ref Page 32, Service Review Community Halls Management, 10 June 2025);*
- b) notes the decline in utilisation of Burnie Park Community Centre over the past two years;*
- c) notes the enquiries from Clovelly residents about the possible activation of Burnie Park Community Centre as a small local arts hub; and d) requests that Council officers investigate the options for activating Burnie Park Community Centre to increase its utilisation and prepare a report to be brought to Council.*

MOTION: (Willington/Magner) CARRIED

11. General Business

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Meeting Closed 845pm
Next Meeting Monday September 8th @7.30pm
Clovelly Surf Club