

Minutes of meeting of the Rose Bay Precinct held on Monday, 1 July 2024:

Chairperson: Bruce Woolf

Attendees: 11 resident plus Committee members; Sanday & Woolf & White

Councilors: Cr Sally Betts

Apologies: Cr Steven Lewis
Cr Will Nemesh
Julia Hatsatouris

Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 October 2023 were read and accepted by the meeting.
Note: The previous RB Precinct Meeting scheduled for 26 February 2024 was cancelled, owing to our inability to access St Anne's Church Hall.

Matters arising from the Minutes (and Agenda).

None.

Agenda.

1. Eastern Suburbs Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy 2023.

Precinct was hoping that we would be able to secure a speaker from the Council as well as to hear from local residents about their experiences with EV cars. Unfortunately, the meeting was unable to confirm a speaker from Council.

Convenor Bruce Woolf led the discussion by way of reading the project Executive Summary. Waverley, Randwick and Woollahra Councils jointly launched consultation on the [Draft Eastern Suburbs EV Infrastructure Strategy 2023 - "Leading the Charge"](#), which outlined the vision and required EV infrastructure needed through to 2030. The number of installations to date has been very low across the three (3) Councils areas.

The responses from the residents was also very lukewarm. None of the residents in attendance has an EV vehicle and as such weren't able to add to the conversation. Residents from Warners Ave did say that the one public charging unit in their street did not appear to be very heavily used. No-one living close by the unit could recall seeing too many cars using the unit and/or waiting to do so.

Note: At this point Chairman Bruce Woolf moved away from the published agenda and invite the residents from the Warners Ave Parking Scheme Group to present to the meeting,

2. Warners Ave Resident Parking Scheme Group.

A presentation by Dabriella Quayle on behalf of the residents in Warners Ave and some surrounding streets, namely:

- Warners Avenue, North Bondi NSW 2026
- Brassie Street, North Bondi NSW 2026
- Niblick Street, North Bondi NSW 2026
- 36, 38 & 40 Blair Street, North Bondi NSW 2026

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2. Warners Ave Resident Parking Scheme Group (contd).

The residents group have put together a Petition and submitted to Council for a Residents Parking Scheme for the above listed streets. A total of 113 residents signed the petition.

This area of Bondi has become extremely congested and busy due to a number of factors:

- The commercial rejuvenation of ‘Seven Ways’, with new modern units replacing the old garage, new restaurants and coffee/café outlets.
- Nearby Barracluff Park which has been designated an ‘off leash dog area, as well as a training ground for budding soccer players!
- Nearby Bondi Tennis club and also the very popular Bondi Bowling Club.

All these of the places/events attract large groups of people all trying to find some place to park! For the local residents this places unnecessary pressure on the local residents trying to park near where they live.

Cr Betts advised the meeting that she was working/had worked with another Warners Ave resident, Layla ?? (Note: Cr Betts could not confirm the surname during the meeting), on a similar parking scheme for Blair St and GlenAyr Ave. The Motion was defeated in Council.

Waverley Council is undertaking a full review of the Residents Parking Scheme, which could take months.

Cr Betts proposed that the Warners Ave Group request an interim Residents Parking Scheme solution before the full Council review.

Resolution:

That the Rose Bay Precinct support the request being made by residents that the Council should take action to approve a Residents Parking Scheme for the following streets:

- Warners Avenue, North Bondi NSW 2026
- Brassie Street, North Bondi NSW 2026
- Niblick Street, North Bondi NSW 2026
- 36, 38 & 40 Blair Street, North Bondi NSW 2026

3. Traffic and Parking

3.1 Victory Street – traffic and speed issues

Development at #3 Victory Street

A resident from Victory St informed the meeting that the development has significantly impacted the safety of the local residents’ safety and the safety of 323 bus commuters alighting at the bus stop in front of 4 Victory Street.

The safety risk arises from the recently constructed brick wall at the boundary corner of 4 Victory Street. This new wall has significantly reduced the line of sight of cars travelling down Victory Street from the direction of Military Road. Accentuating this risk is the frequent speeding observed on Victory Street heading towards Dover Road.

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3.1 Victory Street – traffic and speed issues (contd.)

Development at #3 Victory Street (contd.)

Residents say that they now have limited visibility and lack the necessary sightline to safely enter and exit their driveways. Bus commuters also do not have the line of sight needed to safely cross Victory Street from the 323 Bus Stop at 4 Victory Street.

Residents say that there is no speed restrictions and that the road needs speed humps and mirrors similar to what was installed in Beaumont St, who have similar traffic/speed issues

Cr Betts offered to work with the residents and take up the issue on their behalf with the Council's traffic experts.

3.2 Murriveri Road and OSH Rd

A resident from The Avenue brought up the issue of traffic congestion and safety at this intersection. Similar issues exist for other streets such as Owen, Roe and others along OSH Rd. A solution proposed by the resident that a roundabout be built to enable better and fairer traffic flow for residents trying to enter OSH Rd.

3.3 Pedestrian Crossing – Seven Ways

Given the volume of people in the Seven Ways area, residents discussed the possibility of a pedestrian crossing across Blair St near the roundabout.

Cr Betts advised that there was a pedestrian 'safe area' opposite the butcher shop, cnr Blair and Plowman) and Ray White Real Estate also cnr of Blair and Plowman. And another at the cnr of Warners and Glen Ayr Ave.

Cr Betts said Council wouldn't approve a pedestrian crossing as it would slow down the buses!

Flood Risk Management Strategy

Cr Betts reminded the meeting that the Council's Flood Risk Management Study & Plan community consultation has launched and will be open to until 15 July 2024. Council is seeking input from the community about their experience with flooding.

Cr Betts reminded the meeting that the intersection of Warners Ave and Niblick St is flood prone area. Niblick St floods quite often.

This fact was verified by two residents who confirmed that their cars had been recently 'written off' by Insurance companies following the heavy rains in June.

Cr Betts encouraged residents to reply to the study.

Note: Given the late hour it was decided to end the meeting at this point. Agenda items: Development Applications, Council projects and General Business were held over to a future meeting.

