

## QUEENS PARK PRECINCT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

29 May 2024

commencing 7pm at Waverley Library

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte

Apologies: Mayor Paula Masselos, Councillor Angela Burrill, Sarah McCarthy

Councillors present: None

### Election of Committee

– overseen by resident Grahame Jackson after all positions declared vacant

### Co-convenors:

**Peter Cohen** elected, nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Phyllis Fong  
(Peter informed meeting that he wouldn't be standing again next year)

**Simon Swifte** elected, nominated by Roma Gillam, seconded by Ian Barber  
(Simon also declared he would not be standing again next year)

### Secretary:

**Roma Gillam** elected, nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Russell Chenu

### Police Safety Committee representative:

**Ian Barber** elected, nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Phyllis Fong

### Committee members

**Phyllis Fong**, nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Ian Barber

**Sarah McCarthy**, nominated by Roma Gillam, seconded by Simon Swifte

Long-time resident **Russell Chenu** is joining the Committee.

Michael Ahrens officially resigned from the Committee prior to the meeting.

- Convenors reminded residents that most meetings were on Zoom but the AGM had to be in person.
- Since Council started delivering flyers, a number of streets have not been receiving them and so Committee probably needs to resume responsibility for delivery.

### Progress report on major developments

#### West Oxford St (DA-400/2021 194 Oxford St) 23 Mar 2024

- On 29 November 2023, applicant lodged an amending development application (DA-360/2023) for alterations and additions to the basement and ground floor levels of an approved shop top housing development, including consolidation of basement car parks. Currently being assessed by Council.
- In January 2024, applicant lodged a modification (DA-400/2021/C) to alter internal layouts, communal open space, windows, new air conditioners and condenser enclosures added to balconies, private pool to building B and various other changes. Currently being assessed by Council.

#### Cnr Denison & Oxford (DA-127/201345 Oxford St) 23 Mar 2024

- DA granted deferred commencement by the Waverley Development Assessment Panel on 5 August 2014 and deferred commenced matters were satisfied on 29 January 2016, with consent then expiring on 29 January 2021. Legislation enacted during COVID-19 extended the consent for a further two (2) years until 29 January 2023. No further updates on this development application.

#### War Memorial Hospital 99-117 Birrell Street, Waverley (Edina Estate) 23 Mar 2024

- In Aug 2023, Council adopted the Waverley Development Control Plan 2022, Part E7 – Edina Estate, subject to amendments: 2a, 2b, 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Council resolved to engage independent Landscape, Environmental and Heritage Consultants to assess all trees on the War Memorial site to identify any additional trees that should be placed on the Significant Tree Registry (STR). The independent assessment

recommended eight (8) additional trees be placed on the register and Council endorsed this on 7 Nov 2023. No further updates on this development application.

- Wentworth Courier of 29 May 2024 included a brief item on this proposal quoting the developers Uniting Church, suggesting the development could be imminent.

#### **Centennial Park and Queens Park report** provided by the Parklands

- Queens Park playground will be closed tomorrow 30/05/24 from 7.00am - 3.00pm for emergency repairs.
- Upper Queens Park repairs to storm water are currently underway to fix a suspected cracked pipe. Works are expected to be completed by the end of this week.
- Greater Sydney Parklands will be running an advertisement in The Beast (June/July issue) to promote a volunteer opportunity to help clean up weeds and rubbish at Queens Park. Will be led by Centennial Parklands' Volunteer Coordinator working with a specialist team of volunteer bush regenerators to protect and manage the natural spaces around Queens Park. Registrations open at <https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/12ba7c35-2837-4593-8026-7f87d95c8b05/1>
- Venues NSW provides notification of temporary parking at Moore Park from 7 June 2024 during construction of the Village Precinct and Car Park at Allianz Stadium.
- A range of winter school holiday programs is on offer at Centennial Parklands. For more details visit: <https://www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson> Centennial

#### **Police Report** - from Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting conducted by the Eastern Suburbs Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command

- No new information or specific issues for Queens Park were reported by the police.
- Just a reminder to be extra cautious about online and phone scams that are increasing. In particular, beware of text message asking for a link to be followed to confirm your address for a missed delivery.

#### **Birrell St renewal update**

- Despite previous correspondence from the Committee about the range of problems from this project, residents are still frustrated at the lack of action to resolve them, especially because of the **safety issues**.
- Residents again raised the danger of having to venture out into Birrell St when exiting side streets because of the lack of visibility caused by parked cars and gardens.
- There was general agreement about the danger this posed and fear of a major tragedy.
- **The meeting agreed to request a meeting with Council engineers and Ward Councillors about this situation as a matter of urgency.**
- The other ongoing issue is the intersection of Birrell St at Bronte Rd for eastbound traffic. For years, traffic has banked up at certain times of the day because of there being only one lane for both left hand turns and forward traffic.
- The Committee has written about this a number of times, starting in 2013 and of course raised it when this renewal project was planned. Residents cannot understand why this problem continues to be ignored.
- A relatively simple idea that could alleviate the problem to some extent would be to change the right hand only lane into right hand or straight ahead and sequence the lights accordingly as is done on many intersections in the area e.g. Newland St at Ebley St, York Rd at Darley Rd.
- The meeting agreed that this proposal be included in the letter requesting a meeting with Council engineers and Councillors.

#### **Commercial bikes blocking footpaths**

- Many residents expressed frustration at the problem of share bikes littering our neighbourhood and often blocking footpaths, citing the danger involved for people with mobility issues and those with prams, especially at night when visibility is poor.
- Who is responsible when someone has a nasty fall on a Council street because of a discarded bike?
- NSW laws require riders to not cause obstructions but this is not enforced by Council or the operators.

- It is understood that Waverley Council has made some attempts to have docking stations in Bondi Junction, for example, but cannot enforce this.
- Residents were reminded that they could use the Snap, Send, Solve and that Lime bikes is connected to this site.
- The meeting agreed to write to our local State member (copying in Council) to request laws on these bikes for docking stations that other cities have introduced.

#### **Moriah College report**

- Committee members met via Zoom with Moriah representatives on 9 May 2024.
- Ms Goot felt that traffic issues were well controlled and parents are contacted for any breaches.
- York Rd pedestrian crossing is part of the school's DA. Project could commence in 2025.
- Security has been increased in recent times.
- At the end of May there will be 2 Music Festival Nights. The school expects a big audience but most cars will park on Campus, not on the road. The Campus can fit up to 300 vehicles.
- Parent / Teacher nights will be occurring next term.
- Next meeting is scheduled for 29 August

#### **Minutes of meeting on 28 February 2024**

- Motion to adopt from Ian Barber; seconded Phyllis Fong. Adopted

#### **General Business**

- Residents were advised that on Council's *Have Your Say* website, there is a proposal for a one year trial of extended hours that businesses can operate in Bondi Junction mall – until 3am.
- Council's report does not address security concerns in the Mall as well as surrounding streets, parking issues or traffic.
- Comments close 21 June 2024.

**Next meeting:** 31 July 2024