

Draft Charing Cross Precinct Meeting Minutes

27 November 2024

To be endorsed at the next Precinct Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting

- Julie McAlpine– moved to accept the minutes
- Danny Caretti – second
- Minutes passed unanimously

Nick Prell – Charing Cross upgrade

- Appreciation for patience
- Works south of Carrington Road will be complete by Christmas (trenching and pillars)
- 7-10 days prior to Christmas will see a significant reduction in activity
- Demobilisation on 19 December
- 4 weeks of no construction
- Carrington Rd is state-owned – therefore, there are limitations and complexities with access and changes (must be done at night)
- Transport for NSW requires ON works
- New year? Jan- Feb: similar state of work
- Feb – Ausgrid will commence removing cabling to put it underground
- Ausgrid – complexity due to industrial action
- Compliance officers have been no-shows due to industrial action – the progress is contingent upon their ability to certify stages of progress
- Trees, curbs, and pedestrian crossings are on schedule
- Civil works will start south end of the site (Albion St and Bronte Road intersection)
- Electrical at the north end of the site (Carrington and Bronte Rd intersection)
- Road narrowing is to proceed – confirmed
- No left turn at Robin Hood – the slip lane will be removed, and the radius is too tight for a left turn
- Traffic will be redistributed down Victoria Street and Edmund Street
- Macpherson and Carrington Road are very short light phases
- NB – Carrington Road is a state road-
- Albion to Bronte – where does the narrowing commence? How will the RH turn traffic be managed?
- Lane width will be narrowed – no loss of lanes
- Buses v local traffic road categories – different statutory width
- Phasing on Carrington / Bronte / Victoria St – Dept of transport
- Dept of Transport deals with the intersection – remove the arrow and speak with Marjorie O'Neill

- Stage 2 – no date set (first or second week subject to contractor)
- Includes all finishes presented in concept plans
- Tentative completion is Christmas 2025, but the likelihood is of a 2026 finish with 4-6 weeks of shutdown over Christmas
- 5.3 mill + everything around the intersection
- Total spend 7.9 million appx
- Stage 3 will follow

Pubs & Residents Report

- Steve – an apology
- World-famous watering system working well

St Catherine's update

- No update since the last meeting as there has been no meeting with the committee
- Danny C– invitation to new committee members
- Julie M must stand down as she is no longer a member of the Charing Cross Precinct Committee

War Memorial Hospital update

- Wentworth Courier article reports 300 apartments (up from 220)
- Residents were unaware or didn't understand that they were going to be ousted to make way for the development

Men's Shed:

- This is the only Men's Shed between the East and Botany
- Councillor Catherine Westwood said the loss is temporary – 3-4 years
- Randwick Council – potential for co-location
- Bundock St option
- Wayside Chapel option (too small but possible in an emergency)
- Application with State govt has not yet been lodged
- Community display occurs after application
- Bridgit = two weeks' notice only generally at Xmas – this is the most difficult time of year to arrange responses

Motion

- Council requests State Govt extend the public consultation period to six weeks over significant national and public holidays
- Jessica Plumb seconder
- Carried unanimously

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Community Safety

- Danny C advises that the meetings are a collective of all Precincts, held quarterly
- “Police safety precinct meeting” See minutes on the website
- Send someone along when you get the notice from the Police
- Quite a lot of things are being stolen currently
- Graffiti – tagging is an issue
- CCP requests Waverley Police presence to monitor the behaviour and speed of electric bikes, especially around the Waverley Park area

Development Applications

Alterations and additions to Waverley College

- Hugh F advises this is a four-stage development to occur over 15-20 years. See:
- <https://waverley.nsw.edu.au/information/waverley-college-stage-1-master-plan/>
- <https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/prweb/PRRestService/mp/01/getContent?AttachRef=PDA-38597532%2120220419T224900.514%20GMT>
- Demolition of houses on Henrietta Street + Carrington Road
- Development of state significance
- Refurb Centenary Quad, Common Building
- Demo 5-7, 9-11, 17-19 Henrietta Street
- Construction of new car park
- New aquatic centre, etc.
- Barry and Byron – live in the Langlee (the old bowling club)
- Huge impact on Henrietta Street
- Huge impact on the Birrell Street pedestrian access to Waverley Park
- Body Corp cannot take action; it must be an individual
- Implications of college submissions must address the impacts
- Note the 15–20-year duration of the project
- NB – traffic impact
- Heavy vehicles + plant and machinery on a narrow, one-way street
- No detail on the mechanism for project management
- Limited detail on quantum and construction plans for buildings
- The future plan involves entry and exit into Henrietta – an increase in traffic on Henrietta
- Currently, traffic enters via Henrietta and exits via Birrell
- Massive excavation work planned for the area where tennis courts are – retention tank planned for underground - threatens the heritage-listed fig tree which is subject to a protection order by Council
- east of the courts on the college grounds arching over Henrietta Street

- The plans acknowledge the risks to the tree
- The tank is intended to capture stormwater – but can be relocated
- Note there is no master plan
- The exhibition and consultation period was this year (March to November)
- Mora suggests a WC rep comes to the next meeting to explain the process
- Danny notes the parallels with St Catherine's
- Explained the process of community action to manage the collective objections
- Submissions closed 21 November 2024
- Council has a representative who liaises with the State govt – this person needs to be contacted to advise of CCP concerns
- Planner: Sam Kelly – 02 9995 5733 /at sam.kelly@planning.nsw.gov.au
- The precinct can put in a submission to the College
- Reference: Alterations and Additions to Waverley College (SSD-42425537)

Motion

- CCP is extremely concerned about the impacts of changes at WC and requires more information from WC
- Council must make a submission / and or make public any submissions

Motion:

- Request a report from the Council Officer responsible for the carriage of the development application and attendance at the February 2025 CCP meeting
- Moved Byron
- Second -Claire O
- Carried Unanimously

Motion

- This precinct invites a rep from WC to the 2025 Feb meeting
- Moved: Claire
Seconded Byron
- Carried unanimously

Motion

- This precinct forms a Waverley College subcommittee to report back to the Precinct at each meeting and this is a standing item on the agenda
- Moved: Danny
- Seconded: Julie
- Carried: Unanimously
- Barry S
- Claire O
- Invitation to WC and Waverley Council to report at each precinct meeting
- Barry – will contact Marjorie O'Neill
- James – no acknowledgement of submission to Council - inconsistent process and response – his submission was not included in the council's assessment of a recent development

Motion:

- CCP seeks an improvement to the process of acknowledgement of DA submissions
- Moved: Hugh

- Seconded: James F
- Carried: unanimously

Councillor Catherine Westwood and Councillor Ludovico Fabiano

- State Govt legislative / regulatory reform intended to increase density
- The development intention is to bypass Council
- An announcement is planned for the upcoming week
- Standardisation of developments intends to streamline design and thereby justify bypass of council approval processes
- BJ masterplan has not been revised since early 2000s
- Review due in December 2024?

Carols by the sea

- 5-8 pm, Wednesday 11 December
- Bondi Pavillion

Street Upgrade Project

- Planning and execution have been underway for 6 years – it is going ahead, there is no question of changing it now

Motion:

- Future developments must include an economic impact study
- Moved by: Robyn B
- Seconded by: Lynne J
- Carried: Unanimously

High Street Rat Infestation

- Possibly caused by digging on Bronte Road
- Anita George has a garage on High Lane and made a submission on 21 November, ref 2428061
- Closed by council without action

Motion

- Waverley Council to address with the increased number of rats in Charing Cross and surrounding streets
- Moved: Anita
- Seconded: Claire O
- Carried: Unanimously

Waverley Park

- The gate doesn't serve its purpose – too low
- The gate needs to have a spring-loaded closure

- Sydney Water owns the part of the hill with the fence that needs to be removed with the issue fixed
- No seating at netball courts to allow less mobile spectators to watch
- Pine trees look like they are dying
- Cr Ludovico Fabiano will report back to the precinct via email

Legion Club Mobile Telephone Transmitters

- Privatised benefit of rental payments but public health impact
- Cth govt, not local govt
- Areas have to be zoned to carry a transmitter
- Request council advises who provides permits and zoning for mobile transmission infrastructure

No further business, meeting closed 8:35 pm

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