

# Charing Cross Village Precinct Meeting Minutes

Mary Immaculate Parish House, 27 November 2024

## Welcome to meeting

Mia Vaux, Convenor, opened the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Bidjigal, Birrabirragal, and Gadigal People and welcomed any First Nations people at the meeting.

## Attendees Present

Cr Catherine Westwood and Cr Ludovico Fabiano  
Mia Vaux, Emily Edwards, Julie McAlpine, Danny Caretti, Mora Main, Jessica P, Barry S, Byron, Claire, Hugh French, James F, Anita G, Lynne J, Bridget, Robyn B, Melissa S, Alistair C.

## Apologies

Cr Masselos, Brooke Thompson, Steve Bodnar

At the commencement of proceedings at 7.00 pm, those present were as listed above.

## Adoption of minutes of previous meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

- Julie McAlpine– moved to accept the minutes
- Danny Caretti – seconded the motion
- Minutes passed unanimously
- Matters arising to be addressed during the meeting

## Charing Cross Upgrade

- Nick Prell (Acting Senior Project Manager Waverley Council), via video-link, expressed Council's appreciation for the community's patience, and advised:
- 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

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Apologies: names  
You received an apology from Cr Masselos via me (apologies for the delay in notification)

- 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 is appx 7.9 million
- Stage 3 will follow

### Pubs & Residents Report

- Steve Bodnar is an apology, however the 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 Village 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

- Charing Cross Village Precinct requests that Waverley Council asks that the State Govt extend the public consultation period for developments of state significance to six weeks over all major national and public holidays, including Easter, Christmas, New Year, Australia Day and Anzac Day.
- Moved by: Bridget
- Seconded by: Jessica Plumb
- Carried: unanimously.

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- Seconded by: Jessica P
- Carried: unanimously.

### 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
- Charing Cross Village Precinct requests that Waverley Council requests that Waverley Police provide a presence to monitor the behaviour. and speed of electric bikes, especially around the Waverley Park area
- Post meeting: Council advises precinct meetings with Waverley Police have ceased and the committee has been disbanded

### 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

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**Commented [J15]:** Is this a motion or a simple request?  
Please also note, speed of bikes is managed by the Police. Council has no jurisdiction.

- 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](mailto: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**

- Charing Cross Village Precinct requests that Waverley Council note and communicate to State Government the extreme concerns held in the community regarding the impacts of changes at Waverley College and that Waverley Council requires the college to provide publicly available, detailed, current, and plain English information regarding the project.
- Moved by: Byron
- Seconded by: Claire O
- Carried: Unanimously.

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- Charing Cross Village Precinct requests that Waverley Council make available the planning officer with carriage of the development at Waverley College to

provide a report on the development status from the Council's perspective at the next precinct meeting (February 2025).

- Moved by: Byron
- Seconded by: Claire O
- Carried: Unanimously.

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- Moved by: Claire  
Seconded by: Byron
- Carried: Unanimously

**Motion**

- Charing Cross Village Precinct forms a Waverley College subcommittee to report on the development at each meeting, and this development is a standing item on the agenda.
- Moved by: Danny
- Seconded by: Julie
- Carried: Unanimously
- Barry S and Claire O asked that Charing Cross Village Precinct extend a standing invitation to Waverley College and Waverley Council to update the community on the status of the College redevelopment at each precinct meeting
- Barry – will contact Marjorie O'Neill to note the community's concern regarding the development
- James advises he received no acknowledgement of his submission to Waverley Council, noting there are inconsistent processes and responses from the Council and that his submission was not included in the Council's assessment of a recent development.

**Motion:**

- Charing Cross Village Precinct requests that Waverley Council review and improve the development application submission process and acknowledgements.
- Moved by: Hugh
- Seconded by: 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

Commented [J16]: What is this in regard to?

- 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

### Charing Cross Shops 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:**

- Charing Cross Village Precinct requests that Waverley Council includes an economic impact study in **future** developments.
- Moved by: Robyn B
- Seconded by: Lynne J
- Carried: Unanimously

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### 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
- Waverley Council noted its response on 21 August with the following advice to Anita and all property owners in the area:

*Rat numbers increase when there is an abundance of food and places for them to live and breed. Under NSW legislation, it is the responsibility of owners and residents to prevent rats from harbouring and breeding on their property.*

*Residents can help reduce rat numbers by doing the following:*

- *Use bins and don't allow rubbish to overflow*
- *Ensure your bins have tight-fitted lids with no holes or cracks*
- *Make sure you place your recycling and rubbish out ONLY on your scheduled collection day*
- *Vermin-proof your premises by making sure there are no cracks, crevices, holes or other potential access points*
- *Ensure access to cupboards containing food and food preparation materials are blocked*
- *Make certain pet food is eaten soon after it is placed out and removed as soon as practicable*
- *Ensure your home, shed and yard is free from overgrown vegetation and rubbish. Remember to trim vegetation away from roofs and external walls*
- *Restrict access to water or water sources*
- *Engage regular services of a professional pest controller.*

*Council undertakes baiting in and around Council facilities. In certain circumstances Council will consider engaging professional pest controllers to conduct baiting on public land.*

*Your message about rats has been recorded in our request system as feedback.*

### Motion

- Charing Cross Precinct requests that Waverley Council address with the increased number of rats in Charing Cross and surrounding streets with pest management.
- Moved by: Anita
- Seconded by: 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

- Mobile transmitters are emblematic of the privatised benefit of public costs: a landowner receives rental payments, notwithstanding the generalised public impact
- It was noted that regulation is a Commonwealth not local government area of responsibility and that areas must be zoned to carry a transmitter

#### Motion:

- Charing Cross Village Precinct requests that Waverley Council inform the precinct regarding the team responsible for, and approval process of the permitting and zoning of mobile transmission infrastructure.
- Moved by: Melissa S
- Seconded by: Lynne J
- Carried: Unanimously

No further business

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm

Signed and confirmed:

E.M. Vaux  
Charing Cross Precinct Chair

Commented [J19]: Is this a motion? And what do you mean by who?

There is a team that assesses Permits