

**QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING**  
**31 July 2024** via Zoom at 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte  
Apologies: Mayor Paula Masselos, Councillor Angela Burrill, Russel Chenu  
Councillors present: None

**Minutes of meeting on 29 May 2024**

- Motion to adopt from Peter Cohen; seconded Ian Barber. Adopted

**Progress report on major developments 22 Jul 2024**

**West Oxford St DA-400/2021 194 Oxford St**

Since November 2023, the applicant has lodged two development applications with Council. In November 2023, application to amend DA-360/2023 for alterations and additions to the basement and ground floor levels of an approved shop top housing development (associated with DA-400/2021), including consolidation of basement car parks. Deferred in July 2024. In January, the 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. DA-400/2021/C is currently under assessment.

**Cnr Denison & Oxford (45 Oxford St) DA-127/2013**

The Waverley Development Assessment Panel on 5 August 2014 granted the deferred commencement of the DA to 29 January 2016, with consent expiring on 29 January 2021. Legislation enacted during COVID-19 extended consent for further two years until 29 Jan 2023. Question from meeting 29 May 2024. Height is 12.5 Mt  
Question from meeting 29 May 2024. As approval expired on 29 Jan 2023 does this have to be re-approved?

Approval has not expired as it has not been activated (no Certifier has been appointed; no work has been conducted), as such they are still classified under Deferred Commencement. This means they do not have to resubmit at this stage, but they do need to satisfy the conditions before any work can commence.

**War Memorial Hospital 99-117 Birrell Street, Waverley (Edina Estate)**

No further updates on this development application.

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

- **Tree failure** on Wednesday 12 June around midday, a mature *Erythrina x sykesii* (coral tree) failed at structural roots due to windthrow in extreme weather with SE wind gusts exceeding 90km/h. Fell towards Queens Park Road and over powerlines and parked cars causing electrical hazards. Greater Sydney Parklands promptly collaborated with Ausgrid and various Emergency Services to control the hazards and coordinated emergency tree contractors to safely remove the tree. The whole tree was removed by 4pm that day.
- **Weed Control** - Broad leaf weed control program will begin on 1 August 2024 with Queens Park scheduled in for treatment on 6 and 7 August.
- **Sport Field Renovations** – Sports fields including upper Queens Park fields will be closed to bookings from 2 September 2024 for field renovations that will include the removal of goal posts, aeration, mowing at a reduced height, fertilising, soil amendments, turf replacement and a pre-emergent weed control. Additional day time watering will be required to establish the new turf.
- **Wicket maintenance** will be completed on 2 September 2024. Most wickets require cleaning and some are being repaired / replaced.
- **Dogs** - Maintenance required to fill in holes from dogs in popular dog walking areas.
- **Bike tracks** - Greater Sydney Parklands continues to address off-road bike tracks which have been created along Darley Road and Carrington Road.
- **Volunteers** - Volunteers will be initiating a new 'volunteer activity day' monthly, targeting weeds, rubbish, bush regeneration and planting in Queens Park in August. Residents can register with our online volunteers site which will provide details and

rostering information. The volunteer days will commence on Sunday 11th August and continue on the 2nd Sunday of each month. GSP has promoted volunteering opportunities recently in The Beast publication.

- **Events** – events calendar highlight for August is the return of *Science In The Swamp* on Sunday 18 August. For more details, please visit 'What's On' webpage: [What's on at Centennial Parklands - Centennial Parklands](#)

#### **Police Safety Committee report (2 July)**

- New contact person for this area – to be advised
- Couple of high performance cars stolen. Thieves often access premises through unlocked windows or doggie doors and steal car keys
- No specific issues reported in Queens Park but police issued the usual warnings about need to be wary of online scams and also making sure parked cars are locked and nothing left inside to attract thieves
- In the past couple of weeks, a woman walking her two dogs was attacked at 3pm in Bourke St by a teenager high on drugs. She was knocked over and suffered severe bruising to the face. A number of residents responded to her yells for help and called police who responded immediately.

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

- Following the last meeting, Committee wrote to Council to request a meeting with Council engineers and Ward Councillors as a matter of urgency to discuss safety issues including 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.
- The letter also included a suggestion to solve the other ongoing issue at the banking up of cars west of the intersection of Birrell St at Bronte Rd for eastbound traffic.
- Neither Council nor Councillors have responded.
- Residents commented on the cycleway rarely being used and a resident cyclist endorsed previous comments from resident cyclists that he wouldn't use the cycleway because of the steep hill.
- Residents requested Council undertake an assessment of usage by cyclists of the cycleway and contact Council about our previous letter requesting a meeting.
- A Bourke St resident once again cited similar plans are afoot for Bourke St despite inadequate consultation and opposition from residents of that street.

#### **Baronga Ave long-term parking**

- Photos were provided of boats and commercial vehicles parking for long periods in Baronga Ave and Queens Park Rd now that York Rd is limited. This means fewer parking spots for visitors to Queens Park and the neighbourhood as well as having a negative visual impact.
- It was suggested that some type of restriction be imposed without transferring the problem to neighbouring streets that do not have resident parking such as Alt and Cuthbert Streets.

#### **Non-resident parking in laneways**

- A York Rd resident raised this issue because people outside the area park in the laneway between York Rd and Ashton St. Most laneways have parking restriction signs.
- As this resident was unable to attend the meeting, it will be discussed at the next one.

#### **Moriah College report**

- A Denison St resident is alarmed at the speed of cars down Denison St at peak times (7.30-9.30am and 3-4.30pm) and believes that a number of the drivers are linked to the school.
- He said that the 40kph sign at Birrell St needed restoration but this has now been done.
- It was agreed that the speeding issue be raised with Moriah and also the Police who could do random speed checks.

#### **General Business**

##### **E-bikes**

- Committee wrote to our local member again and copied in the Member for Vaucluse who was on ABC radio speaking about the safety issue of bikes being dumped in our streets.
- Residents were reminded of the State Govt survey on the matter that closes 18 August [https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3052&ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_10\\_17\\_2022\\_14\\_59\\_COPY\\_01\)#tab-submissions](https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3052&ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_10_17_2022_14_59_COPY_01)#tab-submissions)
- Council has announced the opening of a parking area for bicycles near the BJ interchange under Syd Einfeld Drive.
- A resident asked about the rules relating to airconditioning units being placed near the side of her home. She was directed to the State laws relating to required distance, times of use and decibel ratings.

**Next meeting:**

13 November 2024