

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10TH 2024

1. WELCOME TO MEETING

Julie McAlpin (JM) welcomed Residents to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we meet: The Bidjigal and Gadigal people and welcomed any First Nations People who are present at the meeting.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Introduced Jessica Ilacqua from Waverley Council who is liaising with Precincts
- b. Noted this Precinct Meeting was a Hybrid Meeting where Speakers and Residents could attend the meeting online. Today was a test event.
- c. JM welcomed Nick Prell (Project Manager, Major Projects) representing Waverley Council via internet link

3. APOLOGIES

- Cr Tony Kay
- Cr Angela Burrill
- Cr Paula Masselos
- Cr Ludovico Fabiano
- Mora Main
- James Forsyth
- Jennifer Jungheim

4. CHARING CROSS STREESCAPE UPGRADE – UPDATE

Nick Prell (Project Manager, Major Projects Waverley Council)

- The Undergrounding of Cables is expected to commence in April / May
- Quality Management and Constructions (QMC) has been contracted to underground power lines down Bronte Road.
- The changes to Charing Cross and Bronte Road / Albion St / Carrington Road / Victoria Road have been approved by Waverley Traffic Committee held on March 28th 2024.
- https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2024/03/TC_20240328_MIN_781.PDF
(The Traffic Committee (TC) is a committee of Council that operates under guidelines from Transport for NSW (TfNSW), an agency of the NSW Government)
- The Traffic Committee Minutes will go to Council for adoption on April 16th 2024
- There has been a late start to works because there have been issues resolving Certification.
- QMC will start to execute works on Southern end East side of street of Bronte Road / Albion Street and start to move North
- They will then move down on the Western side of Bronte Road South (this will include works impacting the row of shops at the Northern end of Carrington Road)

Contractors will make sure pavements are safe. Ramps will be installed and where necessary covered with artificial grass

- Work areas will be around 30-40 metres long
- For safety reasons there will be barriers in certain areas where works are occurring
- Waverley Council has appointed a Community Liaison officer to liaise with Shopkeepers
- Victoria Park on Queens Park Road will be established as a base for Management of the Works
- The Civil Works will follow down the street by mid to late May. Work from South moving North starting on Eastern side.
- Pedestrians will be allowed to walk around site works.
- Council will be promoting that during the Upgrade works, Business are still open.
- There will be a direct line established with Council to address any concerns that the Community may have.
- It will take approximately 6 months to complete all the works
- There was general discussion about the works, parking and the loss of the Slipway turning left at the intersection of Bronte Rd and Carrington Rd
- Buses will run as normal
- Discussion of Electrical Vehicle Parking spots on Bronte Rd in the Charing Cross area
(At the time of recording the Minutes it was suggested that the work would commence on the Eastern Side of Bronte Road and head north in a "U shape pattern Upon confirmation, from QMC, it should be noted that with regard to the staging of the electrical works, they will commence in Albion Street and will proceed in a "zig zagging pattern" commencing on the Southern Western Side of the Village. The works will then cross over to the Eastern Side of Bronte Road heading north. Plans have been distributed via letterbox drop)

MOTION

Charing Cross Precinct requests that during the Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade works Waverley Council ensures that Parking Rangers monitor parking restrictions for on-street parking and makes sure that vehicles are not over staying due to limited parking options because of street works.

- JM thanked NP for his presentation and noted that there will be further updates at future Precinct Meetings

MOTION

- **JM to write to Waverley Council to register our concerns with the Traffic Committee's decision to remove the Slipway at the corner of Bronte Road and Carrington Road and request Council review the recommendation and reject it.**

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Moved by SB
- Seconded by JM
- Unanimous

6. MATTERS ARISING

- **Charing Cross Streetscape Upgrade**

Motion

Cr Fabiano and Jessica Ilacqua to follow up resident JV's submission

Response

Project Managers have emailed JV with a response

- **St Catherine's**

Motion

Could Council consider a Roundabout at on the Corne of Macpherson Street and Albion Street to improve traffic flow?

Response

Macpherson Street is a key bicycle route. Roundabouts can improve traffic flow but can create additional safety issues for cyclists, and by extension other street users. There may be alternate control options, but this would require a broader investigation. Council is working with local schools to improve active transport and encourage fewer school related trips. Council is planning on implementing improvement to the Roundabout at Albion and Macpherson Street

It was also noted that works to the Roundabout at Macpherson Street and Leichhardt Streets will commence in mid-April

- **Waverley Park**

Motion

Playground at Waverley Park some issues with kids climbing on roof. Are there any issues with danger to kids in the new playground at Waverley Park?

Response

The Precincts feedback has been shared with the Major Projects team who will continue to monitor and assess the Playground.

- **Electric Scooters**

Motion

Ask Council who is responsible for policing electric scooters.

Response

Personal e-scooters remain illegal on NSW Roads and road-related areas including footpaths shared paths and bicycle lanes. You can only use them on private property.

- **Motorcycle Parking at Bondi Beach**

Motion

Council to report back on the state, or lack of Motorcycle Parking at Bondi Beach

Response

A solution for motorcycle parking on QED will be addressed this year. Two standard parking spaces will be considered for conversion into 4P motorcycle parking. This will be raised in the Traffic Committee for approval.

7. PUBS AND RESIDENTS Report

- SB reported that on Easter Sunday Hotel Patrons were urinating in his driveway
- SB reported this to Peter licensee of Robin Hood
- There is a new Licensee at Robin Hood

8. ST CATHERINE'S UPDATE

- Works to Commence on the roundabout at Macpherson Street and Leichhardt Street in mid-April. Tidy up kerb ramps and traffic islands to improve pedestrian safety. It will add a few additional parking spaces.
- Pick up and Drop offs (PUDO) to be added on Macpherson Street and Leichhardt Street for out of hours pick up of students. To be explored in the coming quarter
- Dirt Driveway between 8 and 10a Macpherson Street is a "road reserve". It is owned by Waverley Council and services the garages of the two potentially three properties on Leichhardt Street
- Two or potentially three car parking spaces could be returned to public parking on Macpherson Street. These spaces are at the end of the car line for St Catherine's drop offs and are not being used because of the electrical box adjacent to the street.

- School enrolments are at the maximum capacity of 1110 students. There is currently a waitlist.
- The drop off zone for years 3-6 has been moved to Macpherson Street because of the congestion on Leichhardt Street
- There have been some noise complaints about a school bus idling in the early morning. There were some complaints about parents parking across driveways in the evenings.
- The CCC meeting are due to come to an end as the construction of Stage 1A of the School's Masterplan is now past 2 years. The CCC was only due to run 2 years after the completion of the works.
- The school is interested in keeping the dialogue open with the community.
- In the future the OTMP will be reviewed by Council
- The next traffic survey will commence in the School Holidays and in Term 2
- Next meeting July/August

9. WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UPDATE

- No updates relating to WMH. Residents to keep an eye out for the DA to go on Public Exhibition by the State Government
- There is an upcoming event residents may be interested in. *Tour of the Edina Estate* on 19 & 26 May, to tour and learn more about the site & history
- For more information

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/event/the-edina-estate-tour-and-tea-family-faith-fortune-in-victorian-sydney/>

10. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

- 8 Gibson Street
- 109 Henrietta Street
- 17 Albion Street
- 25 Gipps Street
- 3 Gipps Street

- Voluntary Surrender of a Development Consent

The voluntary surrender of a development consent for 17 High Street / 19 Prospect St was tabled and discussed.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- **High Street Flooding**

MV reported that the residents of High Street reported they have recently experience flooding once more through a severe rain event. The flooding has been extensive with water coming into their homes. The flooding event has been reported to Council. Nikolaos Zervos (*Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services*) from Council has reported that the proposed works of enlarging the drains on High Street will commence shortly after the school holidays. The proposed works will assist with some flood mitigation in High Street but may not stop flooding. The works will lessen the blockages from leaves and assist with clearer flows so will improve conditions.

MOTION

Residents are concerned that this solution will not fully abate the problem and wish the Council to reconsider enlarging the pipe through the easement from High Street to Prospect Street

- **Making Power Lines Safe for Building Works**

RI lives on John Street and reports that repairs on the front of his apartment building cannot commence because Ausgrid would not put Tiger Wire Coverings on the electrical wires because the building is too close to the supply wires. The building cannot therefore not be repaired and there are maintenance issues which cannot be ignored. RI reported his efforts with contacting government officials. He has had no help in resolving this problem and is now trying other avenues to solve his problem. Various solutions were discussed by the attendees of the meeting.

- **Birrell St Cycleway**

MOTION

Can Council confirm as to whether there are plans to continue the cycle way from the intersection of Birrell Street and Bronte Road down Birrell Street, East towards Tamarama?

12. Next Meeting

Wednesday June 5th 2024 at 7pm

13. Meeting closed at 8.45pm