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Dear Rona,

Coogee Precinct Meetings – October and November 2013

Thank you for the minutes of these meetings of the Coogee Precinct. The council notes the contents of these minutes and I am able to provide you with the following information in response to resolutions of the meeting.

Resolution: 40/13: The Precinct would like the heritage look of the Coogee Beach toilet block retained, and requested that there is no expansion of the built form or foot print or any loss of green space. The Precinct also suggests that investigations be made as to whether the facilities could be built underground.

Council notes and is considering the Precinct's comments on the Coogee Beach toilet block, and is also reviewing more than 200 responses from the community that were received to the recent survey regarding works to be undertaken at that facility.

I have passed on the precinct's comments to the Coordinator, Buildings for our Community, and Council will keep you informed regarding the next stage of the project.

Resolution 41/13: The Precinct requests Council question the methodology of the consultation process for the UAPs and call for the State Government to commit to full, open, and transparent consultation.

In August Council resolved to:

"make representations to the Minister for Planning to:

- a) cease any further work involving the two Urban Activation Precincts affecting Randwick City until the State Government commits to a full and open consultation process of no less than 12 months for any rezoning proposals in the UAP areas;
- b) make Randwick City Council the determining authority for any future rezoning proposals; and
- c) send a copy of Council's report dated 22 May 2012 on our Comprehensive LEP and request confirmation from the State Government that they will undertake a community consultation process that is no less extensive than the consultation process Council undertook for its LEP."

And in addition:

On 26 November 2013 Council resolved to oppose the UAPs.

That Council:

- a) confirm that Council's position on the urban activation precinct proposals is that they are opposed to the extent that they differ from Council's current LEP controls, on the basis that Council's pronouncement of what it sees are appropriate planning controls for our local area are reflected in its recently adopted and gazetted LEP 2012 (and, as appropriate, communicate that position to local residents);
- b) distribute appropriate information, including the current study map, to local residents (by letter, e-news and other mediums) regarding the specific sites identified for rezonings as part of the Urban Activation Precincts proposals exhibition;
- c) re-affirm its resolution passed on 28 August 2013, viz that Council call on the State Government to confirm that they will undertake a community consultation process that is no less extensive than the consultation process Council undertook for its LEP 2012 and ensure planning decisions in our local government area rest with Council;
- d) assert the position that the return of light rail to Randwick and Kingsford is justified by the current densities built into the LEP 2012;
- e) in the event a decision is made to proceed with a UAP proposal in Randwick, that Council immediately obtain legal advice on its position; and
- f) the General Manager bring back a report, including costings, to the next Planning Committee meeting looking at a potential metropolitan

media campaign on its position on UAP's, stating that Council does not want its LEP touched and that controls must stay with Council.'

Resolution 42/13: The Precinct requests Council call on the state government to add more frequent stops/reinstate bus services to cater for the elderly who travel short distances and ensure the focus of the light rail stops should be to cater for everyone and not just for the entertainment precincts and the university.

I have referred this to the Manger, Integrated Transport, and will provide information to you as soon as I receive it.

Resolution 43/13: The Precinct seeks confirmation that the current sewerage treatment is that sewerage is pumped over the ridge from as far away as Kensington and Kingsford to the sewerage pits at the north end of Coogee Beach adjacent to the Palace Hotel and then taken by trucks to the treatment plant at Malabar.

Also Resolution 49/13: The Precinct seeks clarification regarding whether sewerage from as far away as Rockdale is being handled by the Coogee sewerage pit.

The Director, Technical Services has advised that enquiries regarding sewerage treatment should be directed to Sydney Water.

Their website has some useful information:
<http://www.sydneywater.com.au/SW/index.htm>

Under the 'Water and the Environment' section there is detailed information about how Sydney's water is managed and the wastewater network. Sydney Water can also be contacted 24 hours a day on 13 20 90.

Resolution 44/13: The Precinct requests that a stop be put to the cementing of our nature strips and that instead our verges consist of greenery that is low maintenance and highly water resistant.

And: Resolution 45/13: The Precinct inquires what the policy is for future years regarding concrete versus greenery/vegetation of our verges.

Upgrade works to nature strips, verges and footpaths across Randwick City depend on the circumstances and immediate surrounding environment.

Generally, if there is existing turfed nature strip, we continue with that arrangement. Full width concrete is preferable in some areas, particularly where there is high pedestrian activity, or in front of large unit blocks where maintenance might be challenging.

Resolution 46/13: The Precinct requests that Council have the appropriate officers ensure dogs are not off leash in inappropriate areas and that the playground and bushes at the children's playground be cleared of rubbish and maintained adequately.

I referred the issue of dogs off leash to our Coordinator, Ranger Services who advised that Council Rangers undertake daily dog patrols, as well as attend to other customer requests. Unfortunately, the unleashed dog issue is a constant one, and is not easily resolved.

It is an offence to walk an unleashed dog outside the owner's property unless the dog is in a designated off-leash area. To take regulatory action, Rangers need the dog owner's name and address. Often dog walkers will not volunteer this information so a penalty notice cannot be issued.

The Coordinator Ranger Services undertook to create a service request for Rangers to increase their presence around Wylie's Baths, however Rangers cannot stay in that area indefinitely in anticipation of unleashed dogs.

To report dogs off leash, please contact our Call Centre on 1300 722 542, or outside normal business hours phone 9937 2450.

Council also regularly promotes responsible dog ownership through its various communications channels, and a story about this issue will feature in an upcoming edition of Randwick eNews which is distributed each week to almost 10,000 residents.

The Manager, Waste and Cleaning Services advised that rubbish is collected from bins and the playground at Grant Reserve and surrounding area daily (early morning), and the area is also checked during the day for rubbish.

Resolution 47/13: As the Coogee Senior Citizens Centre is being remodelled, the Precinct suggests it be redesigned to accommodate a permanent Police presence.

Council notes the Precinct's comments regarding the Coogee Senior Citizens Centre. The Coordinator, Buildings for our Community will be in contact with the Precinct early in 2014 regarding the concept design for the facility.

The locations where police have a presence is an operational matter for the Eastern Beaches Local Area Command. Council does work closely with the Local Area Command to enhance community safety in Coogee, especially over the busy summer months.

Resolution 50/13: The Precinct seeks clarification as to whether the Federal and/or State Governments have contributed funds (to the Fallen Lifesavers Memorial) and if so, how much, and if not, will they be doing so?

From its inception the Fallen Lifesavers Memorial project has been a partnership between Council, the Returned Services League, Surf Life Saving Australia, and the State and Federal governments.

Council resolved to fund the cost of construction, and to seek funds from the State and Federal governments. We are continuing to liaise with them to seek funding for the project.

Resolution 51/13: The Precinct expresses concern about the impact on privacy should drones be used by Council and does not support such use.

At the November 12 Works Committee it was resolved:

"That Council consider any recommendations from Surf Life Saving Australia regarding the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for coastal safety and request their protocols regarding privacy and safety."

As a result of this resolution, Council is no longer pursuing the investigation of unmanned drones.

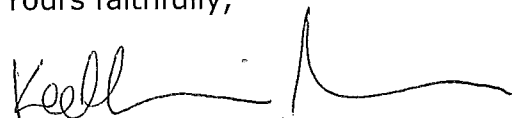
Resolution 52/13: The Precinct requests that Council make changes to the fence enclosure (around the Fishing Club) to make it more in tune with the surrounds by painting it blue to match the light poles and the boardwalk, to reduce the size of the enclosure, to remove spearheads atop the fence for safety, and to move the nearby viewing seat to a scenic area.

I have forwarded the Precinct's comments to the Coordinator, Projects, and I will send through information to you as soon as possible after I receive his response.

My initial understanding is that the recent works at the north end of Coogee were the result of a risk assessment, and the fencing and associated works were installed to enhance community safety.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, and the other members of the Coogee Precinct a restful festive period.

Yours faithfully,



Katie Moses
Precinct Coordinator