# Randwick Precinct Meeting Minutes Precinct meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024, 7:00pm, Via Zoom Please note all resolutions passed unanimously unless stated.

Welcome:	Meeting opened: 7:03pm
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1. Attendance:	14 Residents: Katrina Drewer, Elena Gildina, Chris Daly, Vanessa Joubert,
	Carmen Avila, Tara Roach, Kristina Warton, Maddy Treacy, Andrew Begas, Bill
	Roberts, Mary Gallaghem, Helen Gallaghem, Christine Carrington, Paul
	Chilcott, Clr Kathy Neilson
2. Apologies:	Elliott Jones, Clr Pandolfino, Lindy Morrison
3. Declaration of interests:	Carmen Avila (interest in Waratah Plaza as a resident of Waratah Plaza)
4. Confirmation of previous minutes:	Katrina put forward the motion confirming the April minutes and Elena Gildina confirmed
	The Chair has noted that Elliott Jones has resigned from the committee and his role as a secretary. The Chair has thanked Elliott for his service and commitment over the years and expressed best wishes and best of luck for Elliott's future.
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Correspondence:	Noted the email from Constable Emma, NSW Police Force who has offered to come to a meeting & give us an update and to take questions. Has been asked to June meeting.
	DA at 40 The Avenue to build a hotel – to be discussed in New Business
6. Business	1. Govett St gates
arising from	Carmen Avila has provided an update on her meeting with the Tony Lehrmann,
previous	her observations from the April site visit and the proposed actions around
minutes:	improved signage and tree pruning
	Tara Roach raised the issue of pedestrian crossing being on the wrong side –
	on the left side, same as where the cars are turning into. It should ideally be
	located on the right side.
	Residents noted that they wish for the gates to remain open and are able to exit
	the park at that point.
	Kathy noted that safety has to be paramount and need to be central to all solution
	Alec had previously requested a sign stating that pedestrians have priority over cars
	Resolution 01052024(1): Carmen Avila to write to the Council with the proposed solutions, the suggestions raised at the meeting around improving safety and follow up on the status of pedestrian crossing
	Resolution 01052024(2): Follow up with the Council on previous motion to have a community consultation on any decision that is made to close Govett St Gates. Council not to close the gates without community agreement (13 for, 1 against (Chris Daly)). Previous resolution to Council that has not been responded to Resolution 06072022(2): Randwick Precinct does not support the permanent closure of the Govett Street gates suggested by council and requests that council continue to investigate the design of a pedestrian refuge in this location.

## 2. Frenchmans Rd crossing

Carmen Avila has provided an update on her site visit and observations of the Frenchmans Rd crossing and her discussion with Tony Lehrmann. Tony Lehrmann's team will resurrect the previous discussions on this topic with State Government and advise on its current status.

#### 3. Waratah Plaza

Carmen Avila provided an update that the antisocial issues are continuing at the Plaza after hours and continues to require a management plan from the Council. Previous **Resolution 03042024(4)**: Council to continue with the current security measures and consider continuing in the future

#### 4. Proposal for Taxi rank at Short Street

Carmen Avila provided an update that proposal on taxi rank on Short St was voted down at the Traffic Committee and an alternative suggestion at Arthur St was suggested for an investigation.

#### 7. Cr report

Clr Nielson noted that 2025 budget will be coming out for consultation. Council has endorsed location for a pump park at Cromwell Park at Malabar Beach, with construction starting later in the year. Council has banned fishing for blue groper (refer to Council papers for details) as well as having a number of exciting art programs taking place in May and June.

# 8. Treasurer's Report:

**Opening Balance (as at 1 April 2024):** \$4,261.53

Interest: \$5.07

Closing Balance (as at 1 May 2024): \$4,266.6

### 9. Guest Speaker

n/a

# 10. New Business

#### Dangar Rd and Darley Rd intersection

Kristina Warton has noted the absence of pram ramp on refugee island. She has asked for a pram ramp to be installed in this spot (screenshot below)

**Resolution01052024(3)**: Request Council to assess whether changes can be made to the refugee island to improve pedestrian safety. (10 in favour)



12. Next meeting:	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7pm via Zoom
11. Meeting closed:	8:41pm
	<b>Resolution01052024(4):</b> Precinct expresses concerns regarding a number of matters relating to DA/225/2024: water waste, water drainage, inadequate area infrastructure, inadequate deliveries arrangement, amenity of the residents, parking and increased traffic. Precinct insists on protection of the heritage facade facing The Avenue.
	40 The Avenue DA At present, 40 The Avenue is a boarding house offering affordable housing. The DA proposes to turn the current boarding house into a \$3.5 million development to create a hotel accommodating up to 28 hotel guests, employing up to 11 staff members. The DA seeks a liquor licence, kitchen facilities for meal preparation, outdoor dining, and permission to excavate a 2-level basement at great depths. We are also very concerned about the precedent this could set if the DA is approved. This part of The Avenue is mainly a residential area of highly-significant heritage. Submissions due by 10 May -