

## St Catherine's Development Community Consultative Committee

**Meeting No:** 24

**Date:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 6.30 – 8pm

**Venue:** Zoom

<b>Attendees</b>	
<p><b>Community Members</b>                      Danny Caretti – Charing Cross Precinct/neighbouring resident                      Kate Marshall – resident</p>	<p><b>St Catherine's</b>                      Andrew Grech                      Warwick Smith</p> <p><b>Richard Crookes</b>                      Belal Afyouni – Project Manger                      Cameron Waller – Construction Manager</p> <p><b>Independent Chair</b>                      Roberta Ryan</p> <p><b>Minute Taker</b>                      Sophie Alais</p>
<p><b>Apologies</b>                      Julie McAlpin – Charing Cross Precinct                      Chelsea Hunnisett – Bronte Beach Precinct representative                      Tony Pavlovic – Waverley Council                      Dom Egan – Resident</p>	

Item	Description	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
	RR welcomes everyone.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	
	CH, JM, DE and TP are apologies.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b>	
	RR asks DC and WS to okay the last meeting's minutes.	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Idling cars initiative</b>	
	<p>Last meeting, KM brought up an initiative to deal with idling cars.</p> <p>AG updates the group. AG sent the initiative out to the parents and shared to an environmental group that is run by the students. AG has not heard back from the environmental group. AG said he was not expecting to hear back from the parents, but they were informed.</p> <p>DC says that he has also noticed idling cars outside his home in the afternoon.</p>	

	<p>AG said he had received communication from KM about idling this morning. AG said he was surprised given he knew there was an issue near the Church at Lugar Brae Ave. AG says he has sent additional communication to the parents about pick up from there. AG says he will send another reminder.</p> <p>RR asks KM is she has any comments.</p> <p>KM says it is fantastic that the school has looked into it and KM says she has noticed less idling of parent's cars. KM said it would be good if the committee could encourage further uptake and if the school could send more reminders.</p>	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Interim traffic update</b>	
	<p>WS provides an interim traffic update to the group with the results from the traffic survey expected in full at the next meeting.</p> <p>The traffic engineer has asked for but not yet received the traffic data from Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) regarding CV19 impacts. So, the traffic engineers provided the below data, recently released from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today, one in seven Australians (14 per cent) reported using public transport in March 2021, compared with nearly one in four (23 per cent) who reported regular use before COVID-19 restrictions began in March 2020.</li> <li>• ABS Head of Household Surveys, Lisa Scanlon, said the latest Household Impacts of COVID-19 Survey conducted from 12 – 21 March 2021, showed that public transport use had increased compared with 9 per cent reporting regular use six months ago in September 2020, but normal patterns of usage had not returned for everyone.</li> <li>• Of the people who reported regularly using public transport before COVID-19 restrictions began, around one in six (18 per cent) reported they had not used public transport since March 2020.</li> <li>• There is also some data showing more people are working from home, therefore there is likely a balance between more people driving instead of</li> </ul>	

	<p>taking public transport and more people working from home, and not driving at all.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABS Head of Household Surveys, David Zago, said the latest Household Impacts of COVID-19 Survey conducted from 12 – 21 February 2021, showed two in five people with a job (41 per cent) worked from home at least once a week in February 2021, compared with 24 per cent at least once a week before March 2020.</li> </ul> <p>Furthermore, WS shared the following data from the traffic engineer, regarding preliminary observations from the 2021 survey data for St. Catherine’s.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff car usage has seen a slight increase when compared to 2019 data.</li> <li>• Staff car passenger usage has seen a slight increase when compared to 2019 data.</li> <li>• Staff public transport usage has seen a 9% reduction when compared to 2019 data.</li> <li>• Staff walking has seen a minor increase when compared to 2019 data.</li> <li>• Student travel has remained constant, and still an improvement over 2014 data.</li> <li>• Mid-block surveys generally demonstrate a reduction in daily traffic during the school term and holiday periods. The exceptions were the Wednesday and Thursday within the school term period.</li> <li>• The drop-off and pick-up surveys demonstrate there was a decrease of 44 students being dropped off in the mornings and a decrease of 24 students picked up in the afternoon when compared to the 2019 data.</li> </ul> <p>DC said he read in the Sydney Morning Herald (SMH) that there had been a decrease in public transport, given the continued prevalence of Covid. DC interested to see the results at the next meeting.</p> <p>KM said she has been speaking to neighbours on MacPherson and Leichardt St who say that traffic has gotten worse. Particularly from 7.30am around the MacPherson St/Leichardt St roundabout where people drop off their children at the junior school. KM wonders if the traffic is worse due to the decrease in the use of</p>	
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public transport. KM suggests that the school starts running buses from major hubs, like Bondi Junction.

DC said that on MacPherson St, he saw the Richard Crookes trucks unloading during school drop off time, so there was heavy congestion at the roundabout on Albion/Macpherson Streets. DC surprised that school drop and construction trucks would happen at the same time.

WS says the traffic survey will have specific counts for the roundabout.

AG says they are aware that Richard Crookes does deliveries. Sometimes, Richard Crookes lets the school use the construction zone as a drop off, particularly at MacPherson St. Sometimes the trucks do need to unload, so this is communicated to the parents, so they know when they have the full frontage. AG is aware the construction trucks do cause additional delays.

RR asks about KM's suggestions about buses coming from major hubs.

AG says that the school's private buses are running at capacity including the newer route from North Bondi that goes through Bondi Junction. The buses are done at a huge cost to the school because they are heavily subsidised. AG says the challenge with the buses is that Albion St can only take three buses at a time, there is not sufficient frontage for more buses. AG says they would look towards other measures before looking to a hub bus solution.

DC asks if alternative bus drop offs could be considered such as at Queens Park or near the old Commonwealth Bank near Charring Cross.

AG says if they found a bus zone that they could use, they would look at that.

KM asks if AG could encourage more car-pooling.

AG says he is happy to look at more carpooling again, especially since it is part of the original traffic management plan.

	<p>RR says that those suggestions should be taken forward, and carpooling is a helpful reminder.</p> <p>DC suggests that St. Catherine's looks at other inner-city schools.</p> <p>AG says they communicate with another inner-city schools that like St. Catherine's, is not near a train station.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Construction Update</b>	
	<p>BA gives a construction update. BA says the site had moved on and the structural steelworks for the theatre and multipurpose hall have been completed. The foyer structural steelworks will be completed this week. Roofing to the multipurpose hall had been completed. The theatre roof will be done this week, and the foyer roof will be done next week.</p> <p>BA says they are removing the scaffold and doing the front glazing to the fourth floor.</p> <p>BA says that last week, the tower boom was moved and they began installing the pool. BA says they are closing the walls up and adding gyprock.</p> <p>BA says the removal of the tower crane has been pushed back. It was meant to be removed two days ago but due to weather and other issues, it has been moved to the 30<sup>th</sup>. BA says they wanted it to be removed earlier but it was not enough notice for Sydney Transport Authority (STA) . Council, NSW police, TfNSW and STA have agreed to new removal data. Awaiting to hear back from DPIE. BA says he will let the group know once DPIE gets back to them.</p> <p>KM asks how long dismantling the crane will take.</p> <p>BA says that assembling the crane took them from 6am to 8pm last time, so he expects dismantling the crane to take the same amount of time.</p> <p>DC asks if there is bad weather will it be delayed again?</p> <p>BA says yes, bad weather would delay it and they would have to start again.</p>	

	<p>RR asks BA about people saying there is more traffic from the trucks.</p> <p>BA says there has been no increase in trucks. BA says he always liaises with the school. BA says there will always be material going in and out. BA says there will be fewer large trucks given that works like structural steel and pouring concrete will be done.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Communications and complaints</b>	
	<p>BA says there have been 27 complaints in total since the last meeting. Most complaints about smoking, parking, the boundary conditions between the school and MacPherson St. BA says there have been a lot of new workers on site and he has been reiterating the rules with them.</p> <p>BA says there have been inquiries about the newsletter picture not working, and about the site working hours.</p> <p>BA updates the group on site hours. BA says the Covid enforcement order will end on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, and so from June 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be no more works on Sunday or public holidays unless prior approval is sought from the Department.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<p>WS says a resident of 4 MacPherson had concerns with about the landscaping. WS liased with this resident through DE. Resident's balcony looks out to Leichardt Lane. There had been a change in the original landscape between the DA and Mod 1. WS, DE, a site engineer, and the resident met up to discuss and went to the resident's apartment. WS says the solution was to approach the landscape architect to design 3 options for the boundary between the school and 4 MacPherson St. Currently, BA is looking at the proposed three options to see what is feasible.</p> <p>WS also says that one resident was concerned about the potential for carcinogens in some of the material. BA passed on the data on the material, and it has been shared with the residents. The material is not hazardous.</p> <p>WS says there some concern over the sewer vent that is 20m south of Leichardt Lane, a sewer vent that came as a shock for the residents of 4 MacPherson. WS reports that the sewer vent belongs to Sydney Water. The vent</p>	<p>WS will make an enquiry with Sydney Water about having the sewer vent moved.</p>

and man hole is for the pool plus buildings from 6 – 14 MacPherson St. It is on one of the Sydney Water drawings.

Lastly, WS says that there was a deed signed between Richard Crookes and 4 MacPherson about the boundary. Since Richard Crookes would be reconstructing the boundary walls and then Richard Crookes would do landscaping work.

BA says that WS covered the information well. BA says it is disappointing that the strata at 4 MacPherson St failed to pass on important information to the residents, resulting in some confusion.

DC says that Sydney Water can move the vent if it is requested.

WS says that in his experience, a school attempted to have sewer vent moved but after 4 years they gave up. WS says additionally, this is a new sewer vent. Sydney Water has special requirements on where a sewer vent can go, rules that have recently become more stringent like being a certain distance from a power pole. WS says he can make an enquiry.

On behalf of the resident already mentioned in the minutes, DC asks several questions.

- 1) DC asks about dust management and says the dust at the resident's place is terrible.

BA says they manage the dust from their side. The resident has not raised this concerned before with BA, so BA says he would call the resident tomorrow.

- 2) DC says the plans for the planting area have been reduced over time. DC asks when these changes were made?

WS says the main reduction was between DA and the mod 1. Issue is that there needs to be a 3m egris (?) outside the theatre in the case of an emergency. Residents did not see it as a concern, but this resident would be the most affected, so WS why they are upset.

3) DC asks about the removal of a tree at 4 MacPherson.

WS says he remembers anecdotally that the area was in disrepair, so it was seen as an improvement.

BA says the tree in question was a noxious weed and thus did not require council approval to be removed. BA says they had inquired with council but was told approval was not required.

KM asks if the tree can be replaced.

WS says if the tree was in the planter, it cannot be replaced. WS says it is possible to plant on the south side. Landscape architect has been given a picture of what it looked like before, and the report has also been given to DE.

4) DC says that the resident is concerned about the removal of the greenery.

BA says that the deed was agreed upon in 2019 with the strata company. One option was to keep the planter boxes and fix it up. But the strata company said to knock the boxes down because it was a repair nightmare.

5) DC asks about a sewer pipe that makes noise.

BA and WS say that the sewer pipe is buried but there is a temporary storm water drain that may be the cause of the noise.

6) DC says that in terms of landscaping, there was an agreement about the storage of the bins. The resident says that the bin storage area is not large enough. DC says that given all the changes, could BA or WS go through the current agreement.

WS says that anything that is an obligation under the deed will be fulfilled. There is a discrepancy between the MacPherson driveway height and the schools ground levels. WS says if the school can secure land, then they can give the residents some space for their bins.

DC asks if there are meeting with the resident regularly.

	<p>WS says they go through DE. WS says when they have the alternative landscaping, they will go through DE.</p> <p>DC asks RR is this resident can be involved in the meetings. RR says to leave it with her.</p> <p>KM says that a different resident has complained about bad smells coming from the construction site.</p> <p>BA says there are no smelly chemicals on site but he will go out after the meeting.</p> <p>AG says it cannot be coming from the school's lab because they are on the other side of the school, near Albion St.</p> <p>DC brings up a non-CCC related matter. Says that Phillip House have submitted an application to be knocked down and replaced with a boarding house for older people. Their argument is that since St. Cath's have gone high, so can they. It would be a 12 million development. DC says that boarding houses for older people, often are actually occupied by young professionals.</p> <p>KM says they have arranged a meeting with their local State MP.</p> <p>DC says that he has mentioned to AG about the 'Gurney (high pressure water cleaner) extremely noisy being used for 6 hours continuously on a Saturday during school holidays. DC says that school needs to be more considerate and do the work at a more appropriate time. DC says that it is overwhelming to have it going from 9am to 2pm directly adjacent to his property on a Saturday morning.</p> <p>KM raises the issue of parking across driveways which she says is very dangerous because people cannot see pass the trucks. KM says that in the morning, a concrete mixer blocked the driveway.</p> <p>BA says he will keep reminding people. He says they are not meant to do that under any circumstance, and he will refuse to have that driver back.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	<b>June 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm – site visit.</b>	

	<p>Next meeting time was chosen to view the boundary site during sunlight hours. Date was chosen to hear the traffic management report, school holidays, and the precinct meetings.</p> <p><b>THESE MINUTES ARE SIGNED AS FINAL: ROBERTA RYAN</b></p>	
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