

**St Catherine's Development Community Consultative Committee**

**Meeting No:** 42

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 February 2025, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Venue:** St Catherine's School and Zoom.

| <b>Attendees</b>   |  |
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| <p><b>Community members</b><br/>                     Danny Caretti (DC)<br/>                     Kate Marshall (KM)<br/>                     Julie McAlpin (JM)<br/>                     Eric Kleinman (EK)</p> <p><b>Waverley Council</b><br/>                     Simon Mueller (SM)</p> | <p><b>St Catherine's</b><br/>                     Andrew Grech (AG)<br/>                     Ben McCloghry (BM)<br/>                     Warwick Smith (WS)</p> <p><b>Independent Chair</b><br/>                     Professor Roberta Ryan (RR)</p> <p><b>Minute taker</b><br/>                     Isa Crossland Stone (ICS)</p> |
| <b>Apologies</b>   |  |

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Action</b> |
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| 1           | <b>Welcome and introductions</b>   |               |
|             | RR welcomes all attendees to the meeting.  |               |
| 2           | <b>Apologies</b>   |               |
|             | There are no apologies.  |               |
| 3           | <b>Minutes and matters arising</b>   |               |
|             | <p><b>1. SM to update on Waverley Council's compliance strategies for traffic around Macpherson Street. (This is a standing agenda item).</b></p> <p>SM says that there is not much of an update on this front. The leader of the compliance team has recently resigned, so they are hoping that this role will be filled.</p> |               |

**2. SM to update on Council's potential installation of a new PUDO near the School for use outside of School hours.**

*(This is a standing agenda item).*

SM says that this item is now on the list for SM's team at the Council, which has grown this year. It will be approached as a matter of priority this year.

DC notes that in previous discussions, there was some discussion about potential 'give and take' arrangements by which some resident parking could be absorbed into a new PUDO.

There are two spits beside the substation, for example, which are not particularly useful as resident parking.

DC and AG discuss how the PUDO would be delineated. They agree that the zone would be operated within specified timeframes, and not marked off to preclude other vehicle parking at hours outside of these times.

**3. SM to follow up at the Council about addressing the condition and management of the Leichhardt Street/Macpherson Street intersection, which tends to be a source of traffic complaints.**

SM updates that there is a paper going to the Council's finance operations committee next week which offers a range of three options, all of which have a focus on ongoing improvement of the Leichhardt/Macpherson intersection.

**4. SM to follow up at the council to have parking signage made consistent and parking timeframe discrepancies rectified.**

SM says that there is a need to reconcile some of this signage, after discovering that some of the signage in the Council's database is different from the actual signage on the roads. This project of reconciling will involve a somewhat lengthy

process of approvals in the system in order to sort through the discrepancies between sign times.

SM notes that there is particular focus, in terms of providing correct signage, on the unsealed lane that has previously been raised at these meetings.

**5. The School to take forward EK's complaint about parents' cars obstructing his driveway as well as Leichhardt Lane.**

EK says that he has not heard any complaints so far this year, which is a positive improvement.

AG says that the School has also not heard any complaints relating to Leichhardt Lane.

However, there have been some noise and parking complaints from other areas of the School's perimeter (including along Albion Street).

AG says that parking and traffic flow is being managed actively by the relevant staff member/s.

**6. The School to provide a status update on the potential plan to place a mural/s on the side of the PAC building that faces the 4 Macpherson Street property.**

AG updates that a decision has been made not to place a mural on this wall, while a mural will be placed elsewhere in the School property.

Along the side of the PAC building that faces 4 Macpherson street, artificial foliage will be placed instead.

EK asks if there is any update in the palm trees that are currently on that wall. Will they be removed since they are so slow-growing?

AG says that they will not be removed at this stage; they will stay in place to grow alongside the new plastic foliage, with the hope that they will eventually grow to function as a wall.

EK asks when this plastic foliage wall will be installed.

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|   | <p>AG says that it will likely be during Term 1. The School will be in touch with the strata committee at 4 Macpherson Street to organise installation.</p> <p>They will also provide a copy of the plans to the strata committee for their review.</p>  |  |
| 4 | <b>School update – AG</b>  |  |
|   | <p><b>4.1. General School update</b></p> <p>AG says that Deb McGill is the new Headmistress of the School. She will attend the next meeting.</p> <p>The student head count is 1125, which is the enrolment cap.</p> <p>AG updates that two new school buses have been added to the existing fleet, bring it up to 5 vehicles which travel to a wider range or areas in which students live.</p> <p>AG updates that the School is also considering the addition of a new bus service with a route that travels West or in the direction of Paddington.</p> <p>DC asks if this means that there has been an increase in students catching buses.</p> <p>AG says that the School has aimed to reorganise the busses and bus routes in order to make the bus services more attractive. There has not really been much of an increase in students catching buses.</p> <p>DC asks if there has been any progress on plans discussed previously to encourage teachers to catch public transport to the campus, or on the plan to create more on-site parking spaces for teachers who drive.</p> <p>AG says that there has not been major progress on these objectives yet. He notes that the increase in student numbers has not meant an increase in staff numbers. However, the data does show that the number of staff driving to work is increasing (partially as a result of their increasingly living at greater distances from the School campus).</p> |  |

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|  | <p>The School's sports programs and cocurricular programs have begun and are in full swing.</p> <p>The School traffic controller is allocating every available car space in the interests of traffic flow.</p> <p>In relation to the DA at the neighbouring Summit House property, AG says that the School has not been informed of any updates or progress on this plan.</p> <p>DC says that he has made some observations in the last few days:</p> <p>At 8am, some people using the pool are parking in the drop-off zone and not leaving by 8am as required.</p> <p>DC says that he also noticed yesterday that there were a ute and a van parked in the car line. These should have been reported by the ranger to prevent it happening again. The vehicles being parked there also gave the impression to other drivers that the paring line was at a standstill, and the traffic flow was interrupted. The traffic was not directed around it.</p> <p>In instances like these, the parking ranger and traffic managers should be proactive.</p> <p>DC says that buses seem to be parking in the Albion Street bus zone after dropping off the students at the School. He says that the buses stopping here seems unnecessary. The buses parking here have been the subject of a complaint, as recorded un the complaints register shared by AG with the CCC.</p> <p>DC notes that the streetscape upgrade is underway. This will involve various stages including widening of footpaths, and is expected to take a year.</p> <p>JM confirms that they are currently working on finalizing the underground electrical work, and the next step after this will be the footpath widening.</p> <p>DC notes that this lengthy process can be expected to have some disruptive impacts on the traffic flow.</p> <p>EK updates the group that his building is raising funds to renew their gutters and roof.</p> |  |
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|   | <p><b>4.2 Summary of complaints received</b><br/>AG provides an overview of the complaints detailed on the complaints register circulated to the CCC members previous to this meeting.</p>  |  |
| 5 | <p><b>OTMP Review Document</b></p>  |  |
|   | <p><b>The Committee to review and discuss the OTMP review document, taking inventory of 2024 objectives and setting objectives for 2025.</b></p> <p>WS updates that when the schedule for the OTMP is finalised, he will circulate it to the CCC.</p> <p>The School holidays are from approximately 12 April to 27 April, so timing for the survey will consider this period of different activity and traffic levels.</p> <p>EK asks how many years into the future the OTMP process will be repeated.</p> <p>RR explains that it is a necessary process and document for as long as the School intends to keep raising the student caps.</p> <p>WS refreshes the group on the purpose of the <b>OTMP review document</b>, which includes an inventory of the key objectives and/or issues that are the focus of the CCC’s review of the OTMP document, and a monitoring of progress on these objectives.</p> <p>WS notes that the key points that were listed in the previous OTMP document and set as objectives/priority areas for 2024 are the objectives/priority areas that continue to be raised in these meetings (including this current meeting).</p> <p>WS will take on the update of the OTMP Review document for 2024 and provide it to the CCC for review.</p> <p>JM adds that the intersection of Bronte Road and Albion Street should be monitored as planned roadworks (including road widening) will cause issues here. Turning right from Bronte Road is increasingly difficult and slowed here due to construction.</p> <p>KM asks for the Council to take a serious look at this intersection and its operation (current and future) as there</p> | <p>WS will take on the update of the OTMP Review document for 2024 and provide it to the CCC for review.</p> |

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|   | <p>are some major safety concerns associated with the turning area.</p> <p>SM will follow this up.</p> <p>SM says that this area will continue to be monitored. He notes that pedestrians will continue to be a priority at this point, which may slow down the turning flow at the intersection somewhat.</p> <p>JM understands the prioritization of pedestrians, but she notes that it is to be expected that frustrated drivers at this intersection will make speedy turns which may cause safety issues.</p>   | <p>SM to follow up at the Council with respect to the intersection of Bronte Road and Albion Street with respect to residents' major safety concerns about the turning area there.</p>                     |
| 6 | <b>All other business</b>  |  |
|   | <p>KM says that the water heater attached to 4 Macpherson Street, which the School planned to re-enclose for safety reasons, has not yet been enclosed.</p> <p>KM understands that the enclosure of the water heater (which is understood to have been removed due to the School's works) was supposed to be replaced but has not been.</p> <p>WS says that from memory, there was brickwork around the existing meter. This brickwork wall was demolished in accordance with the approved works on the School property, and therefore access to it did change.</p> <p>WS will take a look at the approvals, but suggests that the strata committee of 4 Macpherson Street should approach Sydney Water independently to seek advice on how this should be dealt with.</p> | <p>WS to review the approvals for works on the School property with an aim to identify who ought to oversee the replacement of the brickwork enclosure around the water heater at 4 Macpherson Street.</p> |
| 7 | <b>Next meeting: TBD</b>   |  |
|   | <p>WS says that the OTMP draft will be progressed to a stage for review by the CCC in July.</p> <p>The group agrees that they should aim to meet prior to July.</p> <p>The date for the next meeting is set as <b>Tuesday, May 27.</b></p>   |  |