St Catherine's Development Community Consultative Committee

Minutes Meeting No: 43

Date: Tuesday, 27 May 2025, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Venue: St Catherine's School and Zoom.

Attendees	
Community members Danny Caretti (DC) - in room Kate Marshall (KM) - online Eric Kleinman (EK) - in room **Waverley Council** Jae Morse (JMWC) - online	**St Catherine's School** Deb Magill, Headmistress (DM) - *Introduction to Committee* – in room Andrew Grech (AG) - in room Ben McCloghry (BM) - in room Warwick Smith (WS) - online **Independent Chair** Professor Roberta Ryan (RR) - in room **Minute taker** Zoey Mackey-Craig (ZMC) - online
Apologies Simon Mueller (SM) - Waverley Council Julie McAlpin (JM) - Community Member	

Item	Description
1	**Welcome and introductions**
	Members confirmed the minutes. Roberta Ryan (RR) introduced members joining online, being Warwick Smith (WS) and Jae Morse (JMWC), and in the room being Danny Caretti (DC), Eric Kleinman (EK), Andrew Grech (AG) and Ben McCloghry (BM). Special welcome was given to Headmistress, Deb Magill (DM), as guest for this meeting. DM introduced herself, mentioning that she has lived in the Eastern Suburbs for 20 years, is very interested in being part of the conversation for this meeting, and ensuring that the school is a good neighbor in the long term. Chair Notes - Kate Marshall (KM) joined the meeting online around 15 minutes later.
2	**Apologies**
	Simon Mueller is an apology for this meeting. Jae Morse (JMWC), Senior Traffic Engineer at Waverley Council is attending online to provide updates on behalf of Waverley Council.

3	**Confirmation of the previous minutes**
	Minutes were confirmed by members.
4	**Matters arising from previous minutes**
	4.1 Standing Item: SM to update Waverley Council's compliance strategies for traffic around Macpherson Street. SM was an apology for this meeting. Jae Morse (JMWC) provided an update on behalf of Waverley Council • The Council is looking to maintain the existing number of pickup/drop-off areas due to limited space and to avoid inducing more demand. • Private vehicle trips to school have decreased by 8-9% since the OTMP started in 2014. • The area around Leichhardt Street is problematic due to the roundabout and traffic flow. • The road could be painted at the end of Leichhardt Lane where it meets Leichhardt Street to prevent cars from queuing across the intersection. • Signs are missing in Leichhardt Lane and are on the list to be reinstalled. • JMWC agreed that the need for rangers to enforce parking regulations is important for both residents' and students safety. • DC raised that the issue is very much about compliance and seeing if the Council can get rangers to police the area more regularly. Particularly for the illegal parking during pick up and drop off times in the residential areas. Additionally, he mentioned that Nick Zervos was exploring upgrading the drop-off area around Leichhardt Street. DC and members agreed that it would be good to have an overall look at the area and see what can be done to improve traffic flow. **4.2 Standing Item: SM to update on Council's potential installation of a new Pick Up Drop Off (PUDO) near the School for use outside of School hours.** SM was an apology for this meeting. Jae Morse (JMWC) provided an update on behalf of Waverley Council • Members discussed the issues leading to the Council's consideration of installing a new PUDO near the School for use outside of school hours. It is noted that this has been on the Agenda for a while. • Members discussed that this idea arose from the Robinhood Hotel, which has a PUDO style space outside. The PUDO would be time-restricted to school pick-up hours, possibly 3:10 to 3:35 PM, to address issues with after-school activities causing street congestion. • DC advised that some parents are stopping right at the front of MacPherson near the roundabout, instead of moving down the line. The school is considering trading parking spaces with residents in exchange for the PUDO. This would mean the school would give back the very end of the drop-off area to residents as parking. In return, residents would allow a PUDO for specific hours after school activities. The parking spots on MacPherson Street, on the eastern end of the drop-off zone, are the ones being considered to give back.

- The last two spaces in the queue could be shared for drop off and pick up for a period, then revert to general parking sooner in the afternoon instead of one being PUDO, to eliminate illegal behavior after hours.
- The logic is to address the risk of people stopping illegally when there's nowhere to pick up their children after hours. The two spaces are immediately west of the pedestrian crossing on the north side.
- JMWC raised concern around the "no stopping zones" near pedestrian crossings to improve sight lines, and issues around enforcement after hours.

Chair Notes – Following the meeting, JMWC advised that he would investigate the concerns around the pick up and drop off north of MacPherson Street.

New Action Item (A):
JMWC and AG to engage outside of the CCC meetings, to discuss and progress the potential installation of a new Pick Up Drop Off (PUDO) near the School for use outside of School hours.
Responsible: JMWC and AG
Due: Progress update to be provided by 30th June 2025

4.3 SM to follow up with Waverley Council about addressing the condition and management of the Leichhardt Street/MacPherson Street intersection, which tends to be a source of traffic complaints.
SM was an apology for this meeting. Jae Morse (JMWC) provided an update on behalf of Waverley Council

Chair Notes – This item was missed off the Agenda and has been reinstated following discussion in the meeting.

- **DC** raised the issue regarding the intersection of MacPherson and Leichhardt Streets which seems to have been dropped from the Agenda. He stated the intersection is congested in the mornings due to school drop-offs, with parents making U-turns at the roundabout. DC notes that previously, there was discussion about moving the drop-off area and relocating the crossing to alleviate congestion.
- **JMWC** advised that work is being done in the background on Leichhardt Street in response to recent risks.
- Waverley Council Finance, Operations and Community Services Committee met Tuesday 4 March 2025. Nikolas Zervos (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services) brought a paper forward offering three options for the ongoing improvement of the Leichhardt-MacPherson intersection.
- The paper, linked below, recommended that Council:
- Notes that the speed limit in Leichhardt Street, Waverley, will reduce to 40 km/h in the next four to six months, in accordance with the 40 km/h speed limit changes south of Bond Road.
- Consults the community on the following three options to improve traffic calming in Leichhardt Street, as set out in the report:

- Option 1 – Traffic calming devices.
- Option 2 – One-way southbound and traffic calming devices.
- Option 3 – One-way northbound.

Please find the links to the report, and the Council determination, for the Leichhardt Street Traffic Study/ Calming:

Report (starts on Page 18):
https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2025/03/FC_20250304_AGN_801_AT.PDF
Determination (starts on Page 3):
https://waverley.infocouncil.biz/Open/2025/03/FC_20250304_MIN_801.PDF

Chair Notes – JMWC advised post meeting that while the current determination only considers Leichhardt Street South of MacPherson, he will consider including concerns for the Leichhardt/MacPherson intersection, and the PUDO north of MacPherson, and that when this matter progresses to consultation St Catherine's school and this committee are included specifically.

4.4 SM to follow up the Council regarding parking signage being made consistent and parking timeframe discrepancies rectified.
SM was an apology for this meeting. Jae Morse (JMWC) provided an update on behalf of Waverley Council

Chair Notes – This item had been missed from the Agenda and was reinstated post. JMWC advised that 40k speed limits are believed to be going live the week of the meeting, and signs should be corrected and consistent, with limits officially enforceable.

4.5 SM to follow up at the Council with respect to the intersection of Bronte Road and Albion Street, noting residents' road safety concerns about that turning area.
JMWC advised that the layout of the intersection is subject to change due to ongoing construction of the Chairing Cross works. The construction is expected to take a year, causing temporary congestion.
Members raised that the main concern is regarding the corner of Bronte and Albion, which relates to the existing layout, particularly pedestrian access from Bellagio's.
JMWC is happy to engage on behalf of the CCC with the Council team, who is managing these works and raise this concern.

New Action Item (B):
Engage on behalf of the CCC with the Council team managing the Bronte Road/Albion Street works. Raise concerns regarding layout of the intersection, particularly the corner of Bronte and Albion, and determine if any measures can be taken to improve the flow of traffic and safety for residents.
Responsible: JMWC
Due: ASAP

	4.6 WS to review the approvals for works on the school property to identify who is responsible for overseeing the replacement of the brickwork enclosure around the water meter at 4 MacPherson Street. • This item relates to the water meter at the frontage of 4 MacPherson Street. Residents have reported to CCC members instances of the unit being tampered with, and that it appears to be unlocked. • AG advised that the school cleaned up the boundary, replaced the retaining wall, arranged a land license, and cleaned up the area where the meter was. A bollard was installed for protection from cars, which still enables Sydney Water access to the water meter. AG believes that this current situation reflects an agreement on the boundary. • RR confirmed that in this instance, the strata committee for 4 MacPherson Street would need to engage with Sydney Water directly to discuss any further issues, including the locking of the unit to prevent any tampering. **Chair Note –** KM joined the meeting online. RR invited KM, EK and DC to introduce themselves properly to DM. Brief introductions followed.
5	**School update – AG**
	5.1. General School update AG provided an update on behalf of the school. • Student numbers are at the limit of 1,125. • There were complaints about parking and light spillage from the Aquatic Center, detailed below. • The traffic controller remains in place and reports illegally parked cars. **5.2 Summary of complaints received** Parking around the driveway of 4 MacPherson, and a bit of light spill have been the only real complaints of note. AG notes that sometimes there are cars parked illegally. If this is during the time when the traffic controller is on duty, they will report, and where possible, rangers will come out and fine the person parked illegally/move them on. There have been no other complaints escalated to AG. **New Action Item (C)** Share the complaints register with members for review. **Responsible**: AG **Due**: ASAP, and then again with the OTMP prior to the August meeting. **Bus services** Bus services have been consolidated from five to three. Parent feedback was to stick with the three routes. The bus from Taran Point is often delayed due to traffic. **Travel surveys** Traffic surveys were conducted during the term break (April 15-21) and weeks two and three of term two.

	Surveys for staff and students have been administered in the senior school and for staff. Junior school surveys will be followed up by AG. **Next phase of Master Plan** AG advised that there are no major projects planned. The next break in term at the end of June is three weeks, and the school will conduct extensive maintenance, but nothing requiring a DA. AG confirmed that the school is still considering what the next project may be, from the approved projects within the master plan. Once the next project is determined, an SSD or DA will be put forward, dependent on the scale of work. **Nursing home** AG requested that it be noted that the school objected to the recent request from the nursing home asking for a modification to their approved boarding house. The nursing home had previous consent for a boarding house and manager's office, for residents over 55 years of age. The recent request was to remove the over-55 restriction. The school objected on the basis that these are not the same conditions for which is was approved. Objections closed on the 15th May, 2025. On behalf of her Strata Committee, KM noted objection to the recent request from the nursing home regarding modification to their approved boarding house. DC mentioned this is a common occurrence and happened recently in Bondi. **Green Wall** AG advised that the green wall is complete, and that this is a permanent installation, similar to the one at Moore Park, which requires no ongoing maintenance.
6	**Standing Item: OTMP 2025 – status update**
	6.1 WS to provide any relevant updates to the OTMP document for 2025. WS advised members that the OTMP will be ready mid-June. The first version will be reviewed by AG and WS and provided to members for review 7-10 days before the August CCC meeting. AG on leave until 14 July, 2025.
7	**Standing Item: OTMP Review Document**
	7.1 WS to provide any relevant updates to the OTMP Review document for 2024. The OPTMP document summarises key traffic-related issues raised between projects and includes a running list of key issues, both development-related and community-related. The 2023 and 2024 items to watch will be included for reference. **Resident Parking Scheme Consultation** Consultation will be conducted by the Council with all resident parking schemes, with a committee set up for residents to voice concerns. The Council is working through North Bondi first, and JMWC will advise the CCC when consultation for Waverley may occur.

	It was noted by community members that previously Council had sent out letters with a poll to vote yes or no on the scheme. JMWC assured members that Council's proposal is for a more developed engagement approach and that he would advise on a rough timeline for the consultation. **New Action Item (D):** Advise CCC when consultation in Waverley Council for the resident parking scheme may occur. **Responsible**: JMWC **Due**: Before next meeting
6	**All other business**
	DC shared that he has noticed some Waverley College students using various types of electric bikes and wondered if there had been any increase in St Catherine's students using bikes as a form of transport since the increased space in the bike garage. AG and DM advised that while senior students are allowed to bike to school, there has been minimal uptake at St Catherine's. Additionally, DC raised issues around there being no sandwich boards on some occasions. EK raised residents of 4 MacPherson have reported driveway leakages, some caused by sprinklers being left on during landscaping, spilling water onto 4 MacPherson Street and potentially leaking into garages. EK requested that the grounds staff ensure sprinklers are not left on so long as to cause leakage across the border. Additionally, he requested that growth be trimmed where it is coming through the border fence. KM confirmed that her son in law, who lives in 4 MacPherson, also saw instances of the water meter unit being tampered with. Recommendation from RR stands that the Strata Committee for 4 MacPherson is to contact Sydney Water. KM acknowledged and noted that there is nothing further other than interest in the chance to review the OTMP in the following meeting. No other business was raised. RR thanked members and following discussions of availability, the next meeting date was set for Tuesday 5th August, 6.30-8pm.
7	**Next meeting**
	Tuesday 5th August, 6.30-8pm.