

Chatswood West Ward Progress Association
MINUTES- Monthly Meeting
Thursday 21st May 2015
7:30 PM Dougherty Centre – 7 Victor Street – Chatswood

Chairman's welcome: In the temporary absence of the President, Vice President Kaye Frudentsein-Hayes assumed the chair and welcomed members and residents concerned about the shared use of OH Reid Reserve. The President assumed the chair at 7:45PM.

Attendance: 16 as recorded in attendance book

Apologies: Richard Lambert, Deidre & Malcolm Pudney, Kath Thornton, David Grover, Ruth Hardy, Anthony Roberts MP, Alan Hall-Watson

Declarations of Interest: Nil

SPECIAL ITEM: Passing of former Mayor Greg Bartels. A minutes silence was held to acknowledge Greg's passing. It was moved seconded and adopted *that the Association write to the family expressing our sentiments.* **LETTER ATTACHED.**

Any matters for General Business? OH Reid Reserve. Letter sent to Council requesting that the Shore School be advised of the requirement to share the oval surrounds with dog walkers.

Minutes of the April meeting were adopted. Matters arising from minutes are treated below. Actions resulting from the meeting are *shown in bold italic.*

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer. Copy attached. It was moved, seconded and adopted that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Councillor's Report: *Clr. Saville arrived later during the meeting and reported on various aspects of the agenda.*

OPEN SPACE REPORT

OH Reid Reserve: The recent allocation of the playing space for use for AFL is denying local residents access to the perimeter of the reserve as previously agreed by Council.

The Association to write to Council outlining the previous agreement about sharing the space and problems with latest sports allocation. **LETTER ATTACHED**

Edgar St Reserve: Council is seeking feedback on Landscape Plan and new name for the Park. Previously the name "Murray Playground" or Murray Park was suggested on the basis that had been heavily used by Les Murray and his son when they lived opposite the park. Terry suggested naming either the Park or playground after members of Les Murray's family. Les lived opposite the park for some years and regularly used it with his young son. A previous proposal to so name the park was rejected by Council on the basis the 'we do not name things after living people in case they subsequently cause embarrassment'. A counter to that is that Les could become a Citizen of the Year whilst alive.

See details as to how to access Council's Have Your Say website on this topic under General Business.

New Footpaths:

Council has a long term plan to provide a footpath (at least on one side of the street) for every street within the city. Current projections indicate that there are 95 footpath projects with a projected cost of \$2,098,451. Usually, \$100,000 is allocated each year for these planned works. So achieving the goal of new footpaths will take over 20 years. Each 'missing link' footpath segment has been assessed and ranked. The highest ranking West Ward segment is for Hinkler Crescent East side from No. 1-19. However, this is unlikely to be addressed until two years time. However, it would be then maybe ten years before the Ward's second highest ranking segment would be looked. A full list of the planned footpath segments is available on the Council web site. *Information noted..*

Crown Land Reserves Trust: Legal advice to Council has generally indicated that Council has been managing Trust lands appropriately. *Clr. Saville indicated that the bigger issue is the State Government's proposed changes to the Crowns Land Act.*

10/50 Vegetation regulations for fire prone land: *It was moved, seconded and adopted that the Association write to Willoughby Council requesting a similar review of fire prone properties.* No response to date from Council. It was noted that the RFS may be on the process of issuing new maps covering fire prone land.. There was some debate about this issue, as well as about matters pertinent to Council's Tree Preservation Order and storm-prone land. It is obvious that the community is divided on this matter. *It was agreed that the Association adopt a watching brief on this issue.*

Urban Bushland Plan of Management: Clr. Saville indicated that an update on the POM will go on display shortly. This will include and expanded Resource Inventory.

Wallace Park Reserve: Chatswood Rotary recently donated a commemorative seat in honour of the service of Wallace Park during the First World War. Note: Wallace Park is the name of the soldier involved.

TRAFFIC REPORT

Western Mowbray Precinct: Public meeting was held on 29 April 2015. Another meeting is planned for July. One of the bigger issues to arise was the relevance of the need to upgrade the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Mowbray Rd. The issue of the need for a Lollipop Person for the Mowbray School crossing. It appears that there is a need to undertake a 14 week course to become certified as a Lollipop Person.

North West Rail Link – No further information on when the Chatswood to Epping line will be closed.

VIVID Road Closures: During the VIVID exhibition from 22 May to 8 June, many roads in the CBD will be closed to allow pedestrian access between The displays will feature between between The Interchange Chatswood Chase including the Mall, Westfield and The Concourse.

Fullers Rd: It was moved, seconded and carried that the Association write to Willoughby Council expressing congratulations of the changes made on Fullers Rd in the past year and requesting that any consideration to change the marked islands not to proceed. **LETTER ATTACHED.**

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Proposed Optus Tower at Chatswood Golf Club: No update information.

165 Ashley Street, Roseville: Proposed 53 place Child Care Centre close to Gibson Avenue.

Mandarin Centre: Proposal for two up to 23-storey mixed-use buildings. Contravenes Council codes and may overshadow Chatswood Park.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Have your Say: During the meeting a number of people indicated that they did not know how to access Council's 'Have You Say' website. Details to access the site are:

<http://haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/have-your-say-willoughby> or via the 'Have Your Say' tab on Council's home page.

Chatties at the Dougherty Centre: It was clarified that the name for the previous 'Chatties' is probably;

BLEND

Coffee, Art and Food Café

There was concern expressed from regular users that the space could have been renamed as:

CHATTIES

Coffee, Art and Food Café

Free Rubbish Pickups: Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney reminded us recently that households are entitled to a free personal rubbish pickup per year (in addition to the 3 scheduled pickups). You can also organise your personal pickup for \$40.00 by calling Council on 9777 1000 or email them at: email@willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Amalgamations: Council recently distributed a brochure 'Fit for the Future' on this issue. There is the opportunity to comment on 'Have Your Say'. According to Cllr Saville, it has not been demonstrated that Willoughby would be better off financially if amalgamated. Terry Fogarty pointed out that it is not just financial aspects driving the governments push for amalgamation. Facilitating development is high on their agenda. Councils promoting the cooperative alliance approach could be blinded-sided if they do not develop strategies addressing the underling driver factors.

Infrastructure Levy: IPART have approved Council's request for a special levy..

Membership Drive: In association with John and Peter Hayes the Secretary have developed a flyer that could be used for this purpose.

Advertising in West Ward Bytes: Issue to be carried over.

Rubbish in vicinity of The Interchange: Cllr Saville undertook follow up via Council.

Correspondence OUT/IN – treated in main agenda.

Meeting closed: ____PM

NOTE: No meeting of the Association in June. The next meeting: Thursday 16th July.