

West Ward Bytes

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Mosman?

The NSW Boundaries Commission has now released a second proposal on amalgamations that would see **Willoughby amalgamated with North Sydney and Mosman** Councils. It is unlikely that this proposal would be in the best interest of Willoughby residents. Such a proposal is North Sydney-centric, leaving Willoughby out of frame. **Perhaps an option might be to include Lane Cove into the mix.** This might balance any North Sydney influence. Willoughby City Council is inviting residents to express their views on the State Government's Mosman, North Sydney and Willoughby merger proposal at a **PUBLIC MEETING** from 4pm - 5.45pm on Monday 21 March, 2016 in the Council Chambers at 31 Victor Street, Chatswood. Speakers will be required to register on arrival.

Council will listen to views expressed at the public meeting to assist with its preparation of a submission to the Delegate, Ian Reynolds, as part of the Public Inquiry into the merger proposal. The Council meeting is separate from the formal Public Inquiry being conducted by the Delegate.

Council will finalise its submission on the Mosman, North Sydney and Willoughby merger proposal at the Council Meeting of Tuesday 29 April, 2016.

There will be **PUBLIC HEARING** on the 22 March, 5-10PM at the Chatswood Club. To register, phone 1300 813 020 or via councilboundaryreview.nsw.gov.au. Final submissions are due by Friday 8 April.

Sydney Metro

There are two separate projects for the new driverless train system between Rouse Hill and the city and beyond. Metro North (to Chatswood from Rouse Hill) and Metro South (from Chatswood to city and beyond). The EIS for Metro South is expected mid-year. The main areas of concern are:

METRO NORTH

- * Buses replace trains for 9 months between Epping and Chatswood. Chatswood gridlocked with buses
- * Overcrowding on Chatswood Station when trains terminate

METRO SOUTH

- * Dive site construction Mowbray Rd, Pacific Highway, Nelson St and railway line
- * Construction of 33Kv power line between Artarmon and Chatswood North. **Council has proposed a route along the Pacific Highway**
- * Closure of Nelson St bridge
- * Changes to traffic Pacific Highway and Mowbray Rd

Post-completion construction of high-rise towers on the dive site.

The construction of post-completion high rise apartments on the block bounded by the Pacific Highway, Nelson St, the railway line and Mowbray Rd has only just come to light as part of a city-wide program promoted by the State Government. It is not known how high these buildings might be, but based on previous projects initiated by the State Government they are likely to tower above surrounding buildings. They may even be as tall (or taller) than the buildings in the Chatswood CBD. This might also be the start of high rise development along the rail corridor between Mowbray Rd and Boundary

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 April 2016

7:30 PM

Dougherty Centre
7 Victor Street, Chatswood

Beaconsfield Lights

After refusal by RMS to consider another alternative for the lights, Willoughby Council Officers have been talking to Lane Cove Council Officers to attempt to achieve a positive outcome.

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Office Space

New research indicates that demand for office space within the Chatswood CBD is returning. The recent upswing in demand has been described as a "perfect storm of demand for commercial space". Commercial leasing is heating up as population grows. New residents means new workers, this then generates demand for office space.

In Chatswood over the past five years, commercial vacancies bottomed around at 21%. Now the figure is 12%. Over the past five years on the Chatswood CBD, the State Government approved many conversions of commercial buildings to residential use. It was argued at the time that such a move was very short-sighted. Maybe the next news we will hear is that there is an undersupply of office space in Chatswood?

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