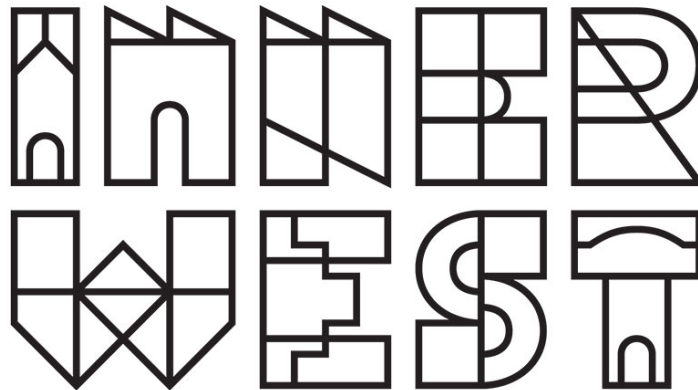


SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 3

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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2021

6.30pm

Location: Remote Meeting

MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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Item No: C1121(2) Item 16
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: THANK YOU
From: The Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Porteous

MOTION:

THAT Council thank all Councillors, staff and community members for their commitment and dedication to our community and their service on the Inner West Council.

Background

Tonight, we mark the last meeting of the four-year first term of Inner West Council. I want to acknowledge just some of what we achieved together – staff, community members and Councillors and to thank everyone for the contribution they have made.

We have worked hard in often difficult circumstances to deliver significant environmental, social, cultural, economic and civic outcomes for the Inner West community.

Together we stood with the community and faced the challenges of COVID-19 while providing unprecedented support to those who were most affected. In both years of the pandemic, Council allocated \$250,000 to 10 local organisations enabling direct assistance to vulnerable people. We provided extra funding to support local businesses, created arts resilience grants and are now implementing support for the local hospitality sector. We continued to deliver frontline services to the community throughout the lockdowns, and we were one of the first councils to offer Libraries click and collect services.

In mid-September, because of the lockdown, we had 1,130 people waiting to become Australian citizens. We couldn't run in person citizenship ceremonies but found out that we could run small online ceremonies of approximately 45 people instead so every Monday evening and some weekends we have been running online citizenship ceremonies. I want to thank the great work and dedication of Council staff – Denise Watson, Grace Gallo and Kim Fagan in making this happen. We will have given almost 1,000 residents citizenship in the last 2 months by next week.

Inner West has become one of the greenest councils in New South Wales, well on our way to fulfilling our pledge to become 100% renewable and carbon neutral by 2025. We rolled out food organics recycling to all apartments in the Inner West. And we achieved our target to be 100% divested from fossil fuels. We adopted the Climate and Renewables Strategy to help the Inner West respond to the climate emergency and the Zero Waste Strategy which will help stop over-consumption and redirect resources from landfill.

We have built major infrastructure from which the community will benefit for generations to come. These projects have all been legacy projects from our 3 councils - Ashfield, Marrickville and Leichhardt. Projects that, despite difficulties and let's be honest significant escalations in costs, we committed to delivering and did so. From the \$45 million Ashfield Aquatic Centre to the magnificent, award-winning Marrickville Library to saving and restoring the heritage Dawn Fraser Baths, we also delivered the upgrade of Haberfield Centre and Library, footpaths, town centres and we are still working on the delivery of the 5.8km environmental and active travel corridor, The GreenWay. Other highlights included the Youth Facility at HJ Mahoney Reserve, Petersham Park Grandstand, and the upgrades of Camperdown Park, Cooks River Parklands, Tempe Reserve and Henson Park.

The Inner West has one of the strongest creative industries sector in the country which shapes local identity in unique and highly valued ways. In these difficult days we have stood with our local artists, our creative industries, our musicians, performers and our live music venues with grants and practical support.

Council provided \$1.5million in grants for local environment, community, history, multicultural and arts initiatives. And we implemented programs to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents, young people, seniors, people from a range of cultural backgrounds, LGBTIQ+ community, and refugees.

Our strategic location in the inner west of Sydney has seen us constantly having to take up the fight against developers and the state government. We have advocated against State Government projects such as WestConnex and the Western Harbour Tunnel, fought to save Callan Park from commercialisation and to get better outcomes for our residents on many major developments. We have been a strong voice in support of our LGBTIQ+ community, our multicultural communities and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people.

We have also acknowledged that our community was not happy about never getting a chance to vote on the forced amalgamation of our three councils – Ashfield, Marrickville and Leichhardt in May 2016. To redress this the Inner West Council will be funding a poll at the Council elections to give residents the right to vote on whether they want to see their council de-amalgamated to the three councils or remain amalgamated as one large council.

Finally, I would like to thank all Councillors. We thought we were signing up for three years and we got four – then a further three months – all due to the COVID Pandemic. So, thank you everyone for staying the distance!

Every one of us is here because we want to help and support our local community and we have all brought our passion, skills, knowledge and commitment to our role as Councillors. There are seven Councillors who are not standing for re-election. Amongst these Councillors not standing again, we have three former Mayors including myself who started on Leichhardt Council in 2004, Councillor Lucille Mckenna OAM who started at Ashfield Council in 2004 and Councillor Sam Iskandar who started on Marrickville Council in 2000. In addition, Councillor Hesse also brought with him four years on Marrickville Council from 2004 to 2008. Councillors York, Kiat and Steer are also not standing for re-election. All capable, skilled and passionate Councillors - this is a big loss to council. I thank all of you for all you have done for our community and for your contribution to Local Government.

I would also like to thank our staff. You have gone through some challenging times over the last four years, but you have always put the community first and enabled us to navigate in a constantly changing environment. I thank the volunteers, the residents and our local community and cultural groups. The Inner West a special place.

I also thank Councillors Byrne, Da Cruz, Drury, Lockie, Macri, Passas, Raciti and Stamolis and wish you all well as candidates running in the current election.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as a Councillor and Mayor of Leichhardt Council and now Inner West Council for the last 16 years. The Inner west is a great community and I wish everyone the very best for the future.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1121(2) Item 17
 Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: ST PETERS TRIANGLE
 From: The Mayor, Councillor Rochelle Porteous

MOTION:

THAT:

1. Council urgently write to Transport for NSW requesting that the proposed traffic plan advised by Transport for NSW for May Street St Peters and the St Peters Triangle, including Hutchinson Street, Lackey Street and Applebee Street St Peters, be immediately amended;
2. Transport for NSW consult directly with residents of May, Hutchinson, Lackey and Applebee Streets regarding precise proposals regarding traffic access, pedestrian crossings and parking;
3. This consultation be on site, in person, and on the weekend so as to allow maximum community involvement;
4. Council note that a considerable number of residents have expressed serious concerns regarding access to and from Hutchinson, Lackey and Applebee Streets if the right hand turn from the Princes Highway into May Street is removed, and the right hand turn from May Street onto the Princes Highway is removed;
5. Council note that should access be restricted into the St Peters triangle that emergency services access would be impeded, and that this could threaten the lives of residents in an emergency;
6. Council note that should an accident block the Princes Highway south of May Street that should access to May Street be closed from the Princes Highway that access to suburbs south toward Sydenham, Tempe and St Peters could be seriously compromised;
7. Council note that the planned restriction of traffic entering and leaving May Street would likely cause an increase in traffic on Lord and Alice Streets Newtown, Railway Road Sydenham and Campbell Street St Peters;
8. Council note that earlier Notice of Motions have expressed serious concerns about the impact of increased traffic on Campbell Street, particularly the safety of children walking to and from St Peters Public School;
9. Council requests Transport for NSW to restrict May Street to vehicles of less than 2 tonnes, light trucks, but no trailers;
10. The proposed pedestrian crossing on May Street be located south of Applebee Street; and
11. The above matters be referred to the Traffic Committee of Inner West Council for further advice.

Background

During the week beginning 15 November Council and some residents of St Peters received advice from Transport for NSW regarding their response to the community consultation regarding the proposal to remove the right hand turn from the Princes Highway into May Street St Peters, and to remove the right hand turn from May Street St Peters onto the Princes Highway.

In response a number of residents contacted Councillors expressing serious concern with the advice given by Transport for NSW.

On Saturday afternoon 20 November Cllrs Hesse and Macri attended a meeting of thirteen residents in Simpson Park to discuss the Transport for NSW proposal. A number of apologies were also given, including one in support of the Transport for NSW proposal to restrict traffic in May Street.

Residents at the meeting included those who'd lived in the area for many decades through to more recent residents.

Sympathy was expressed for the idea that it was better to reduce the number of cars on the road, however residents also understood that for a range of reasons many residents needed access to cars.

Support was offered for bike lanes and landscaping along the Princes Highway, however the consensus view of those in attendance, and many others on local social media sites, was that the proposal by Transport for NSW would make local traffic conditions more complex, dangerous, and could impede access during emergencies.

Given that local government elections and the summer holidays will not see a meeting of the elected Council until February 2022, it is requested that the above motion be granted urgency and considered immediately.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.