



Claremont College Resident Consultative Committee Meeting – Via Zoom
Tuesday 22 September 2020
4.00pm – 5.00pm

Meeting Notes

Item 1 – Attendance and apologies

Apologies:

- Damien Chee (DC)
- Tony Lehmann (TL)

Attendees: Claremont College

- Doug Thomas (DT) Principal
- Gaye Crafts (GC) Administration Manager
- Tadd Pike (TP)

Claremont College Parents and Friends Association

- Lisa Stamatelatos (LS)
- Theresa Fearn (TF)

Residents

- Costa Cominos (CC) (3 Gray St)
- Nick Kiossoglu (NK) (20 Dolphin St)

Item 2 – Update on Roads and Traffic by Tony Lehmann

As TL was not available for the meeting the update will be presented at the next meeting. Attendees would be keen to know if there are any other public works on the agenda that we should be aware of.
(Action 1 - TL to update at next meeting)

Item 3 – Update on Property Acquisition

DT advised that in this regard there is not a lot to tell. DT stated that a house went up for sale in Heath Street but the College declined to make an offer. DT reassured all that he would keep everyone in the loop and would be transparent and would work closely with the residents too when there were any updates.

Item 4 – Pick Up Etiquette by School Parents

DT noted that a parking ranger was booking parents on Coogee Bay Rd who were waiting in the pick-up queues who were moving forward slowly but not stopped. DT spoke to ranger about previous discussions held with TL where it was agreed that moving slowly forward in queue was okay but stopping was not. The ranger said Council had not provided any notifications and proceeded to issue tickets. All in attendance on Zoom agreed it was okay to slowly move forward in queue and that it was counter productive to have those queued to circle the block as this just added to the congestion on Dolphin, Judge and St Luke Streets.

(Action 2 – TL to speak to the Rangers Department that our understanding of this traffic management rule as previously discussed with TL is communicated to the Parking Rangers)

NK stated that the morning drop offs are a lot better but afternoon pick-ups could still improve.

DT advised that when people park illegally in the school zone this affects the flow of the pick up traffic. DT also advised that the painted bay lines in Judge St have been good and that currently the staff have been putting numbered cones at each bay and directing parents to a cone number and this has been quite successful.

CC asked if we put notes on the illegally parked cars. GC noted that the council rangers are usually rung about the offending vehicle/s but Claremont hasn't been putting notes on cars so far this year but could definitely start doing this again.

(Action 1 – GC to commence putting notes on illegally parked cars)

CC suggested that we stagger pick up times so it's not so congested. LS stated that to stagger times would probably not work as that would pose a problem with siblings as they are spread across different grades.

CC noted that cars turning right into Coogee Bay Road from Judge Street causes problems. LS agreed that this does stop the flow of traffic and it can bank up. TF suggested that maybe there could be a timeframe for a no right turn. DT ask if everyone would be happy for a no right turn from Judge St as he would ask TL about it – everyone agreed. DT also mentioned that he wanted to talk to TL about angle parking on Coogee Bay Road as well. It was noted by attendees that due to the speed with which people drive up and down this road it could cause problems. LS added that maybe the introduction of speed humps would slow the traffic down as traffic speeds down Coogee Bay Road at times. NK suggested an island. CC also added that he would be in favour of a speed camera on Coogee Bay Road. CC suggested that he could speak to the Minister for Roads. DT advised that he would be happy to meet in person with TL and CC if that was better.

(Action 1 – DT to speak to TL about the 'No Right Hand turn' from Judge St and other traffic calming suggestions)

TF also noted that the Claremont newsletter encourages parents to come closer to 3.30pm to alleviate some of the traffic. NK stated that after 3.30pm the traffic clears up considerably. NK further stated that 99% of behaviour was fine. Occasionally some people park across driveways and some have their radios or music on very loud. LS pointed out that again in the newsletter Claremont does ask parents to be quiet when in the community.

DT advised that if staff note parents are doing the wrong thing he does ring them or write to them on it. DT cautioned that if residents are finding parents are not abiding by the traffic management guide that it is preferable to write the car rego down and let Claremont know rather than calling the people out on it.

DT asked that with new neighbours would CC be happy if Claremont gave his email address so they could talk to him and CC could advise them about what has been achieved thus far and that this committee does exist. CC happy to do this.

(Action 1 - CC and DT to work on some wording)

Item 5 – Next Meeting Date

It was agreed that at the moment that two meetings a year was sufficient. CC suggested the next meeting be late Feb/early March

(Action 2 – GC to send through some meeting dates for 2021)

Meeting closed at 4.40pm