

Claremont College Resident Consultative Committee Meeting

Thursday 15th February at Randwick Room, Randwick Council Building, Frances St Randwick

Meeting Notes

Apologies:

- Tadd Pike, Claremont College
- Barbara Dougan, resident (10 Heath Street)
- Bernard Roberts, resident (13/32 Coogee Bay Road)

Attendees:

Claremont College

- Doug Thomas (DT) Principal
- Lulu Mitchell (LM) Administration Manager

Claremont College Parents and Friends Association

- Lisa Lillis (LL)
- Damien Chee (DC)
- Theresa Fearn (TF)

Residents

- Costa Cominos (CC) (alternate for Barbara Dougan)
- Raymond Bowles (RB) (15 Queen St)
- Simone Turnbull (alternate for Bernard Roberts)
- Paul Freeman (17 Chatham St)
- Nick Kiosoglou (NK) (20 Dolphin St)
- Wolfgang Babeck (WB) (3 Dolphin St)

Randwick City Council

- Tony Lehmann (TL), Manager Integrated Transport

Chairperson

- Stuart McDonald (SM)

Item 1 - Welcome

SM welcomed attendees

Item 2 - Introductions

Attendees present introduced themselves

Item 3 – Council resolution of 22 August 2017 and the Terms of Reference (ToR)

- SM outlined ToR prepared by the Council and which can evolve over time subject to the Committee's wishes

- The Council will facilitate the establishment of the Committee and then hand over the ongoing operation to the members made up of school and resident representatives The Committee to work out how to move forward on the range of issues raised by the local community and by the school and not limited only to the treatment of Judge Lane
- Discussed sharing contact details around the table with various views on that. Matter unresolved at this stage
- ToR:
 - to enable direct dialogue between school and resident neighbours with a view to all stakeholders having better understanding of respective positions on various matters;
 - exchange information;
 - act as a conduit for raising issues;
 - act in best interests of all stakeholders in areas;
 - collaborate to solve shared problem.
 - NK proposed need for governance process and clear objectives to be established by the Committee
 - TF indicated safety of children is core objective
 - CC noted there are many possible outcomes of which safety of children is one but core objective has to be to facilitate managing the neighbourhood in an aligned way for all issues which arise without needing to run to Council to arbitrate
 - DT suggested that the Council may assist with expert advice on solutions

Item 4 – update on road safety audit of Judge Lane

- TM outlined:
 - Already installed new speed cushions, changes to entrance to lane with distinct red painted area, improved signposting and noted, road was narrowed at middle of last year
 - two more speed cushions on either side of the school crossing to be installed middle of next week.
 - Will undertake audit in two weeks on full length of lane during the day and night time and will consider further measures thereafter.
 - Purpose of audit: to assess appropriateness of existing measures and potentially additional measures (areas for improvement) which Tony agreed to put in scope.
 - Audit will take a week or two and audit report a further week so 5 weeks from meeting date
 - Information from audit will help refine implementation of measures and Committee will also be informed.
 - CC indicated that he will forward to TL further ideas that were presented to Council by residents in August 2017 for TL assessment.
 - DC requested from TL details of times when audit is to be conducted
 - There was a general discussion among the Committee regarding the appropriateness of extending the audit and additional measures for the wider street system impacted by the school traffic
 - TL noted that the resolution of the Council, on which he needs to act, relates to audit of Judge Lane. Any extension of the audit would require a separate resolution of the Council to

expend funds. The existing audit costs \$5k so asking for additional audits in same neighbourhood involves somewhere else missing out in terms of the limited funds available

- TL confirmed he would be conduit for Committee to recommend audit for other streets
- There was general discussion regarding the option of an overhead bridge across Judge Lane, with DT advising the Committee that the school had investigated the option previously but had issues with disability access, although lift access to the bridge may not have been considered at that time

Item 5 – Road slowing techniques – Judge Lane

- TL informed the Committee regarding road slowing techniques – options are either vertical or horizontal deflection so you “vertically displace” because the lane is narrow so horizontal deflection techniques like chicanes won’t work
- TL also noted the need for endorsement of RMS on safety measures. Illuminated slow signs like Leichhardt which tells people they are speeding is also an option. Will undertake traffic counts subsequent to the two additional cushions being installed as Options such as pedestrian crossing requires a minimum number of pedestrians and vehicles as per a formula implemented by RMS
- TL suggested that pedestrian crossings may provide pedestrians with an unjustified feeling of safety. Also RMS won’t allow traffic lights in lane as doesn’t meet criteria.

Item 5a – reorganisation of traffic to remove congestion on the local streets

- CC suggested workshop issues for traffic in precinct and solutions to refine scope so that it helps TL and/or others to review a refined list of what’s possible and what’s not.
- The Committee agreed that should form focus of next meeting
- WB noted that there has been no traffic management plan for 10 years and external guidance would help that along. 2nd best is to come up with our own plan.
- LM noted school needs to update its traffic management plan developed in conjunction with Randwick Council 10 years ago.
- DT noted that the school puts a lot of people on traffic management at key drop off and pick up times and school has staggered pick up times to alleviate congestion.
- WB raised re-arranging timetables re children needing to cross Judge as way of brokering solution that works for school and residents.
- TL provided photos from the same afternoon which showed how at 2.43pm there was no one and then at 3.07pm there was a queue all the way down Dolphin St to Courland St intersection. Total of 35 minutes congestion
- TL noted that the school runs efficient pick up process with name tags on car sun visors etc
- TL noted if school told parents to come into Carrington and then Dolphin, that would avoid parents pushing in from St Luke St causing further bank up on Dolphin St.
- TL noted that he could solve congestion by removing parking from Dolphin St and Judge St but that would affect residents.
- TL other suggestion to ban right hand turn on school days in school hours from Judge St into Coogee Bay Rd.

- CC asked to explore having pick up on southern side of Coogee Bay Road for people coming from the south and east to see how we can do that eg. bridge or tunnel or timed signals. CC suggested some “blue sky” ideas for further technical analysis.
- TL not keen on traffic lights or pedestrian crossing at Coogee Bay Road.
- NK suggested asking OLSH for ideas (TL noted they have their problems too).
- WB proposed school bus service as part of solution to be discussed.

Item 5b – implementation of road safety legislation

- WB tabled traffic management plan for school and he mentioned that new transport legislation applies
- WB noted his concern that the vehicle line ups were against traffic rules
- General discussion interpretation of the road rules, particularly associated with queuing
- TL noted that the Tuesday traffic committee meeting of the same week was attended by the traffic sergeant and he asked via email subsequently to put in school newsletter that if you are not pulled over to kerb and are first vehicle waiting, you need to move on otherwise \$256 obstruct traffic fine, double park in school zone, fail to drive on after police instruction \$330 etc.
- DT noted people do irrational things when they see police booking people.
- RB noted that people in the line-up of cars on Coogee Bay Road in the morning could also be booked based on his experience because Coogee Bay Road is wide enough for those cars to proceed eastwards without needing to join the line

Item 6 – other matters

No additional matters discussed as a result of the wide ranging discussion associated with earlier items.

Item 7 – invitation to traffic sergeant

TL to arrange a meeting with the traffic sergeant in order to best work out how to communicate to school with, DT, NK and RB requesting to also be present

Item 8 – sharing of Committee member contact details

This matter dealt with above under Item 2

Item 9 – other business

- SM asked members to circulate ideas on email via him so they then form basis of brainstorming discussion at next meeting as key agenda item, together with governance and objectives. Matters already raised include: pedestrian bridge across Judge Lane, with lift access for users rather than relying on disabled ramps; a pedestrian crossing across Coogee Bay Road; and enhanced school bus run(s) with collection/drop-off at selected sites.
- CC raised communicating outcomes of meeting to school parents and residents to take heat out of situation and show we are serious about identifying issues and solutions.
- DT noted to address complaints or concerns received to this forum so we can address as part of the working committee.

- DT also noted school website has section committed to traffic management plan and suggested placing information from this meeting there. **DT to action**
- LL noted that she can go to P&F meeting and take the positive messages from tonight back to that community. **LL to action**
- CC suggested the same for residents to go to the 6 streets in the immediate precinct with notes from meeting and request their feedback via their relevant committee member. **CC and other resident members to action**

Item 10 – next meeting

Next meeting 6pm Wednesday 28th March following the Judge Lane audit report being issued