

## **P&C Meeting 01-05-2019**

**Attendees:** Rachel Applewhite, Lee Smith, Heather Cervantes, Melanie Macri, Hatice Delaney, Stephanie Hicks, Wendy Bourne, Sue Dooley, Mark Chaffer, Linda Gee, Elaine Timmer

**Apologies:** Sabrina, Kathie, Taryn, Emma

Minutes - Started 7.30pm

Introducing LS, speaking about safety of crossing proposal on Regents St  
LS - Last year in Sept – residents sent out a letter and plan of proposed pedestrian crossing that council were going to put in street  
Brought to my attention this year, resident for over 12 years, seen before and after work – we have limited car spaces as it is, teachers parking, b-line bus parking, women’s refuge parking, council workers parking, no room for parents to drop off and pick up children  
43% of car spaces lost as a result of pedestrian crossing  
several issues...

parents park in driveways and they double park  
parents park in bus stop and another bus having to double park to let children off

Regent St cannot afford to lose more park spaces  
cutting bus zone from 30m to 15m, where was 2<sup>nd</sup> bus to go? Pointed out to council

moved 5min parent parking in front of letter box which is not allowed to park in front of - Fines apply.

Children would have to cross the road to school  
so much squashed into small space

327 signatures to put crossing at traffic lights which means everyone can use it  
parents come up from Westminster and Fisher – only children crossing in middle of road are those under parental supervision, otherwise cross at lights where safe

I door knocked, but very difficult, all Regent St residents were opposed, everyone wants it at the lights

Lights are so old, means the whole light system need to be upgraded

I spoke at council, I’m very passionate about children’s safety

Crossing in middle would put more children in danger

They started putting the crossing in place, I put a stop to it

Contacted the Northern beaches CEO & Director for Transport and Civil Structure – gone way above trying to get sorted out

I can talk to Brad Hazzard

Are we in agreement that the crossing goes at the lights?

Community and parents of school can lobby the moving of crossing to the lights  
Post box sign, and bus stop, can they move those and make room for parking?

Do buses park there? Could they park on Fisher Road

No pedestrian crossing in Regent St but extra parking and school bus on Fisher Road, issue if kids drop off

MC – school buses for excursions use that stop

LS - Crossing is going to remove many car spaces, and parent parking as a temporary parking  
Temporary crossing, huge tree, curbing in, concrete, kids can hide behind tree  
The space for 2 cars is tiny  
SD – safety of children, teachers taking class out on Regent St, sit them on wall and get them on to bus, safety is paramount. If bus stop on Fisher Rd, safety of children, wider street, lined up and teachers are there to put children on.  
MC- excited LS is meeting Brad Hazzard, we approached them 2 years ago for some crossing, but was never enough traffic, last we heard 18mths ago was going to be down Westminster, now the talk about crossing on Regent St. The RMS owns Fisher Rd, would have to go through them, only when school expands over the road, we need a better way for crossing.  
LS – Crossing unmanned – concerned  
MC – we need a car count, got to have high traffic  
LS – would need to get volunteers to help crossing  
MC – parking issue, getting everyone on board  
MC- PCYC parking go in and drop off and pick up and not get charged, and walk kid down  
SH – what’s school projected growth?  
MC – 60 extra children per year  
SH – tree would need to be removed, and cars need to reverse out, access for crossing very close to driveway 14 & 16, car would go on to crossing  
SH – not a zebra crossing, they can’t fit a wombat crossing in there  
LS – don’t want tree removed, but it’s a safety issue, blocks view of cars reversing - this is what we would like done, got to get Council, Brad and schools support  
SD – child was knocked over 2 years ago, ran away from parent and Fisher Rd one boy was knocked over, we do need the lights critically, its dreadful that it requires a fatality  
MC – RMS is where we need Brad to apply pressure, getting a proper light crossing  
LS – Have a paper petition - could we get a petition so people can quickly sign online? Need enough people to sign  
HD – how many is enough people?  
HC - get very clear bullet points, so everyone understands the issue  
LS – temporary crossing, could be permanent - we could be here in 10 years time  
MC – need to get RMS and Brad to get the lights crossing to start and leave the council crossing  
ET – could get an iPad to get people to sign after school on change.org, quick way on getting signatures  
SH – to form a Safety Committee, I’m happy to represent the majority of school and we can propose we have 5 days to get everyone’s support and represent the schools best interests  
MC – If under the umbrella of the P&C, stays under P&C business  
LS – took me a lot of hard work to get this meeting with Brad on Monday, I know its tight, but can’t cancel the meeting  
MC – Even taking the paper petition already have to Brad is very important and Brad will want to know why, the council have limited push with RMS, but Brad does

RA – need to focus on the lights crossing  
LS – we can't look at alternates, be clear what we want, highlighting the issues with temporary crossing  
HC – clear bullet point facts to make it clear for parents  
MM – I thought residents losing parking spots, but solution offered is unsafe, and parking for parents is limited  
MC – wanting to have the safest option for crossing  
LS – having a temporary crossing more dangerous  
WB – no point unless crossing is manned  
MC – even still lose parking, I would like proper light crossing and Zebra crossing further down  
LS – going to lose parks on Westminster, I'm for a crossing on Westminster and they will lose parking spaces  
MC – more crossings, more walking, cycling to school, but parents don't feel confident letting the child walk by themselves  
SH – parents still block crossing on Holborn Ave  
HC – temporary fix will cause more safety concerns  
WB – aim for surrounding residents to sign petition  
MC – Brad might allow another meeting if think it's a worthy issue, his job is to find out what we are after, a crossing at the lights would be fantastic  
Council said would have more luck if have school across the road  
HC – thanks so much to LS for coming, and we are happy to know all about it, and there are passionate people here to help support getting this issue out there. We need to form a Safety Committee.  
SD – P&C undertaking further survey and we can add that as support  
MC – school has grown in size  
MM- Pacific Lodge Development on Fisher Rd – apartments being built, increased population, more students.  
ET – approach PCYC, library, local shop, surely they want a safe crossing? Families walking there after school, need to get there safely.  
LS – education of parents that were doubled park, why don't they park at PCYC?  
ET – seen parents doing 3 point turns in the children's crossing in front of us whilst we were crossing and another that accelerated towards the crossing while 2 children were crossing and beeping the horn.  
MC – P&C stands for Citizens – including local community  
LS – working for best solution, united finding best interest  
HC – work on wording for petition, get back to LS on Sunday

HC- no new members, approve minutes, I would like to approve minutes

WB – I second

MC – ET to email me minutes and I will hold them until Approved

HC – email minutes to Execs first then MC and then public. AGM meeting, a lot of things came up, I was sick, a lot of people away, and Execs not present. I want to remind everyone, be kind to each other, conduct ourselves respectfully, and we are volunteers. But employees are required to act professional, and quite a few issues came up and I had a few people message me to say they had read the minutes and don't want to come to future P&C meetings, I would have liked to have set a few things straight, will need to address at another meeting. Bringing up things from last year.

Would like to say we are grateful for this freezer, time and money and to MC & KW for financial support. I'm upset that impression was given that we were not appreciative.

MC – you're welcome, happy to help.

HC – it was unappropriate and unprofessional

MM – I would treat this as a job situation and move on, I could see some issues, lets look at bigger issues and move on, that's my choice.

HC – important thing is that this doesn't happen again at the P&C meeting, we need to be respectful of each other

MM – we need more P&C members, so need to make it more attractive, exciting

## **Principal's Update**

MC – public speaking workshop last term, fantastic, big thank-you to Sue for organising. Music Camp was wonderful end of last term, over 100 kids there over 2 days. I walked into hall and entire hall was covered in kids & pyjamas, in sleeping bags, they had a great time. Big thank-you to Sascha and Yenny, and all parent volunteers. Lovely Easter and Grandfriends Day – great day and big thanks to P&C for help with that. Kids off to the Rocks for walking tour. Mothers Day morning tea and 2020 Kindergarten and another incursion Kaboom

HC – Move on to reports - **Uniform Shop**: Olga very efficient and doing well, waiting for zip jackets to come in but fully stocked and doing well. Could use with a couple more people to help out, she needs a bit more help during week.

MC – cupboards are all good, all full, filled really quickly. Olga is doing a great job!

HD – where does soft plastic go? From uniform shop?

LG –we re-use it for some deliveries

HC –it doesn't get thrown out

HD & ET – if any left over we can recycle the soft plastic

HC – nominate Hattie for official executive position, so many things coming up, need more execs positions filled. Sustainability Co-ordinator

Everyone agrees

No-one opposes

HD – **Sustainability Sub-Committee**: met on last week of last term, Mr O'brien, Mr Freeland and Ms Higgins and parents, they do a lot of work. We support them and get the teachers and parents onboard to make more sustainable. There was 60kgs of waste in one day still no appropriate bins, wrong coloured lids, with funding we can move forward... We are getting new bins - 3 landfill, 3 return and earn and 3 soft plastic and 3 more compost bins, need parent support to getting this to work, soft plastic can only be recycled at Coles and Woolies. Roster for soft plastic collections.

Compost bins where kids have lunch

Make some signs for return and earn and bins that are clear

W – bins need to be same colour

HD – its confusing, return and earn will be pink, considering this kids have done well with wrong coloured bin lids!

Bins to be placed around school

What goes into landfill? Lots of fruits from crunch and sip and uneaten food. Mr Freeland said kids get in trouble if kids don't eat food. How do we minimise this?

What can we do about this? More education of parents? Now blurb in newsletter

put info out on FB – show ideas how much you can save on plastic and money, buy big bags and put in tubs, see ideas.

MM – practical thing, make it easier to eat don't have to open packaging, more efficient

W – do waste free lunches etc

MC – waste free Wednesdays etc

HD – sushi packaging, fish plastic soy, comes in plastic. Get sushi on platter, and serve into cardboard packaging, kids can take own box, and collect sushi and take home to wash.

HC – need enough volunteers to help with this

HD – we need to recycle and we need to reduce, canteen needs to be more sustainable

ET – not many adults supervising the kids while eating, running around eating, maybe bin monitors will help kids rethink food disposal?

HD – green team needs to be formed

HD – plastic free July, prepare a bit more for it – put up posters around the school

Fundraising ideas go into later. Newsletter to support Josh, Erin and Joel, need more dry stuff for compost – newspapers, untreated straw etc

Solar Panels?

MC - just finished Air-Con grant. Now moving to Solar Panels, Dept will go halves in application. They assess in Jan.

HD – do we need to wait to Jan to pass?

MC – need to get application done then they come and assess school

HC – apologies from Taryn. Overall account balance 29,518.31, term deposit - 4880.88, we renew it for short term, overdue invoices to pay, due to issues meeting over holidays and busyness with events, will meet up asap and new execs signed on to new bank account

LG – have we got some forms to sign?

HC – we will get those

HC – presidents report, term 1 absolutely amazing, got a lot done, school activities. Great tea and tissues, over 100 families at welcome picnic, Easter and Grandparents Day, this year spent less than 200 – much less than last year Getting a mailbox, for feedback at the office, a box that locks, we miss something that doesn't get into pigeon hole, we lost volunteer replies. Suggestion box, ideas, MM - a lot of new parents, a bit happy to contribute, do a survey monkey thing to collect opinions, what would you like us to fundraise, hear ideas on the playground, but they don't reach the P&C

RA – need a physical box with poster on top, can put a poster on top, eg. With sign that says, 'we are asking for opinion on this...'

HC – extremely important to get volunteer return forms, and then surveys and things we can get online

MC – can add form in newsletter and the replies go straight to Gmail.

We can get you a mail box, we will organise

HC – Disco - track things better. Disco went really well, problems with way tickets being sold, trying to streamline and next time more clear with big sales and more pre-sales, and record sales and keep track of kids names, safety issues

WB – I agree need to know for safety

MM - sausages, husband who is a chef wondered if we had another better sausage, where do you get sausages from, what about Devitts?

HC – Looking into Devitts for next time.

Mothers Day – doing an event, morning tea, simple, need more fathers to volunteer

Need another meeting to make more things official for positions

RA – Election Day BBQ – Gazebo to go over top of BBQ, and gardening bees, no shade, could fund raise for that, and also some tarps for sports day like today, or gazebo... shade and protection fundraising ideas

MM – why no proper playground?

MC – one over the road and wanted to put one near where the de-mountables are, need to wait until we move across road

MC – expensive to upgrade existing playground over the Rd

RA – separate account for fundraising account? Do we have one?

HC – we have the amounts noted so we know what money is for fundraising and for what, trying to support the canteen

SH – **Canteen Update:** apologies as Kathie won't be attending this evening's P&C meeting. A little canteen news...

New menu items such as the Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli & canteen made fruit muffins are a hit. Kathie has purchased a bench mixer and brought in from home 3 storage shelves, a patty dispenser and muffin trays. She will be looking at purchasing muffin trays for the canteen soon as canteen baking is a preferred method by the Healthy Canteens Australia. In addition, each muffin can be sold at a lesser price while carrots, soft bananas etc can be used in making them.

The menu will continue changing for a short while.

The children have responded positively to healthy everyday items during recess and the posters on the brick wall by the canteen.

Rubbish...

While separating plastics etc is creating less general waste, disposal of the soft, hard plastics, glass & tins is an on going issue. Whose responsibility is the disposal of all canteen rubbish?

While the school's large bins are available, supporting the P&C, sustainability committee & environment by separating for recycling. Who is responsible for canteen rubbish?

HD - Bins coming into for school – Kathie can use those for canteen rubbish

All agreed

HD – thank-you to Heather for all her hard work and improvements for profits made

SH – May 7<sup>th</sup> – National walk to school day

Meeting ended – 10pm