

# Sydney Football Stadium

## Community Consultative Committee

### Meeting #5 Minutes

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Friday 24 May 2024 - 3:30PM to 5:00 PM

At: Venues NSW Boardroom, Level 1M, Allianz Stadium 40-44 Driver Avenue, Moore Park.

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#### Attendance

##### Chair

Professor Helen Lochhead AO (HL)

##### Community Representatives:

Julie Amour (JA) (via Teams)

Robert Postema (RP)

Will Mrongovius (WM)

##### Local Government Representatives:

Councillor Adam Worling, City of Sydney (AW)

Councillor Susan Wynne, Woollahra Council (SW) (via Teams)

##### Venues NSW Representatives:

Phil Heads, Group GM, Communications, Heritage and Community (PH)

##### Attendees:

Superintendent Paul Dunstan, NSW Police

Sargent Jenna Haywood, NSW Police

Tathia Shield- Wells, Principal, Communications, Education and Engagement, (P2P) Point to Point Commission

Paul Adams, Compliance team, P2P Commission

Aleks Kukoji, Venues NSW (AK)

Curtis Bevern, observer

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#### Apologies

Simon Darcy

Warwick Young (replacement for Malcolm Wells)

Councillor Philipa Veitch, Randwick City Council

Councillor Paula Masselos, Waverley Council (PM)

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#### Declarations of interest

Nil

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#### Actions Arising from previous meeting.

Phil Heads (PH) provided an overview of the Venues NSW (VNSW) update on the action items:

##### Operational issues:

- **NSW Police and Point to Point Transport Commission (P2P) representatives will address precinct issues** raised by CCC at today's meeting, as requested (see 'Key issues discussion' below)
- **Event patrons post-code** using on-grass parking are to be collected at Moore Park via post-event survey.
- **E-bike parking :**  
PH updated advised that e-bikes obstructing pedestrian areas have been added to Venues security checklist and bikes are reported for removed if required.
  - *AW noted that in the City of Sydney (CoS) e-bikes can only be removed 4 days after being reported, by which time they have often been moved. A CoS trial is being undertaken in Pyrmont to charge bikes if not parked in designated bike racks. AW will advise on the outcome of the trial.*
- **Events scheduled at the Allianz Stadium & SCG to be publicized on both websites** when double header events are scheduled – PH confirmed collated schedules for all Venues NSW facilities will be available on the [www.venuesnsw.com](http://www.venuesnsw.com) website by mid-June 2024.
- **Lighting and Advertising Policy:**  
PH advised that the venue policy requires that the external LED screens should be off between 11.30pm and 7am. VNSW security undertake regular precinct checks to ensure external lights/screens are not illuminated. PH will follow up as required.

## Design issues:

- **Accessible route for patrons with a mobility disability along Driver Avenue**

PH advised that accessibility will be improved within the new Precinct development.

- *RP noted that in the interim, clearer signage delineating that the use of the Moore Park Rd slip-lane, reserved for patrons with a mobility disability, should be provided with ample timing in the leadup to events.*

**ACTION: VNSW to investigate provision of clearer signage delineating the Moore Park Rd slip-lane reserved for patrons with a mobility disability during events**

## Project update

Phil Heads (PH) and Aleks Kukoji, Venues NSW (AK) provided an overview of the Precinct Village and Car Park development.

- Besix Watpac have been awarded contract for the construction of the Precinct Car Park development.
- The car park (MP1) for Stadium members will be closed on 7 June 2024
- Member permit parking will be available on a portion of Driver Ave on non-event days, and from early June, the small bitumen section of EP3.
- June 2024 - early works to commence (site establishment, sheds installation etc).
- July 2024 - construction to commence.
- All staging is to be within the site. Loading and drop-off is to be in site compound. No marshalling is to occur on the neighbouring streets.
- Besix Watpac will provide regular updates on [www.mooreparkprecinctvillage.com](http://www.mooreparkprecinctvillage.com) . Their email contact is [mooreparkprecinct@besixwatpac.com](mailto:mooreparkprecinct@besixwatpac.com)

**ACTION: Besix Watpac to present at next meeting**

## Key issues discussion

### NSW Police

NSW Police Superintendent Paul Dunstan (PD) accompanied by Sergeant Jenna Heywood addressed a range of precinct issues raised by the CCC notably event traffic management, illegal parking and crowd behaviour and made the following comments and also responded to additional issues raised in the meeting:

#### Overview

- For large major events Police work with Venues NSW, other authorities and sports to proactively minimise inconvenience to neighbouring business and residents.
- There was discussion about Sydney FC-Western Sydney Wanderers crowds and rostered numbers of police to escort active fan groups to and from stadium.
- The observation was made that sporting and music events have different patrons and issues.

#### Traffic and illegal parking

- *RP noted that the Saturday night Pink concert was better than Friday night. Illegal stopping and parking is a continuing problem with Hire cars and Ubers parking across driveways or laneways or too close to corner. RP noted that there needs to be consequences – drivers need to be fined or towed away. There is not enough parking in South Paddington so patrons are prepared to park illegally and risk a fine.*
- *WM agreed that traffic is a major problem, particularly Ubers.*
- PD advised Police can work with council and P2P Commission to book offending vehicles.

#### Reporting issues online

- *JA noted that it is difficult to report issues in places without a street address eg Tibby Cotter Bridge graffiti - how do you report location online?*
- *AW noted that CoS reporting enables geolocation which is very effective.*
- PD to flag with relevant colleagues to enable better online reporting.

#### Pedestrian crossings

- *RP noted large crowds crossing Moore Park Rd face near miss incidents frequently. Phasing of lights may also need to be changed to suit event nights.*
- *RP also noted traffic backing up into Lang Rd on event days also needs Police management*
- PD noted safer pedestrian crossings and traffic management is a priority for Police.

### **Negative and anti-social behaviour**

- *JA- noted other issues related to events include graffiti, urination and defecation on public and private property.*
- *AW- noted graffiti is removed by CoS within 2 days or 4 hours if offensive and/or violent in nature. CoS can only address issues on public property.*
- PD advised that senior police are always located in Venues Operations Centre on event nights. They should be able to assist with this response.

### **Police presence**

- *WM would like to see better anticipation of popular events, and a better planned response by police, to mitigate any issues in future eg more police on duty for larger events.*
- PD advised that NSW Police receives accurate predictions of patron numbers from Venues NSW and clubs that are used to roster appropriate numbers of police to manage each event.
  - *RP asked if it is feasible for marshals to be employed for a longer duration after matches to manage behaviour.*
- PH reiterated that, in addition to Police and customer service and crowd safety staff presence at events, liaison between fan groups, Venues NSW and NSW Police to manage negative behaviour was ongoing.
  - *PD suggested that Police could be redeployed at events to respond to issues outside Stadium as needed.*

**ACTION: VNSW to liaise with NSW Police on recommended actions including, managing and booking illegal parking; providing safer event pedestrian crossings and traffic management; managing negative and anti-social behaviour and improved incident reporting and response.**

### **Point to Point Transport Commission**

Point to Point (P2P) Transport Commission (P2P) representatives Tahthia Shield- Wells (TS-W) Principal, Communications, Education and Engagements and Paul Adams (PA) from the Compliance team also addressed a range of precinct traffic and parking issues raised by the CCC around point-to-point transport at events notably taxis, rideshares, limousines and other hire cars.

### **Overview**

- The Point to Point (P2P) Transport Commissioner is responsible for managing enforcement and making recommendations to ensure the safety of everyone using or providing point to point transport in NSW.
- The Commissioner can only enforce what is in legislation, regulations and policy.

### **P2P traffic management**

- *RP asked if a geofence could be used to control P2P vehicles with the precinct during events noting that Taxis started self-ranking at the last event creating traffic blockages into Driver Ave and public safety issues.*

Tahthia Shield- Wells (TS-W) advised that:

- The Commissioner cannot enforce geofencing under its legislation, however this can be put to Government as a recommendation.
- Ongoing issues with driver behaviour can be taken to the monthly Point to Point (P2P) Transport reference group (comprising Uber, Taxis, Hire cars, Transport NSW)
- CCC members and the public are invited to write to the Minister regarding issues of concern.

Paul Adams (PA) affirmed that:

- the P2P compliance team has jurisdiction over P2P vehicles, not private vehicles or large stretch Hummers for example.
- All hire cars need to be pre-booked, while taxis must stand in designated stands.
- Compliance officers are on duty at all major events.
- Limo and rideshare drivers alert each other of officer locations. This causes them to disperse for a short period and return later which poses an issue for enforcement.

Phil Heads (PH) advised that:

- There is potential for Venues NSW to seek funding support for additional police to marshal pedestrians or deal with parking issues.
- Accessible vehicle drop-off will be provided in the new Precinct carpark.

## **ACTIONS:**

- **VNSW to follow up with Point to Point (P2P) Transport Commission on recommended actions and remain in regular contact.**
- **VNSW to investigate funding support for additional police to marshal pedestrians and/or deal with parking issues in local area.**

## **Other agenda items**

### **Green Travel Plan update**

Latest survey (Sept-Feb 2024) results demonstrate:

- more people are using public transport,
- fewer driving private vehicles and parking in Moore Park (down to 30% from a 41% baseline)
- reduction in on grass parking in Moore Park (down to 6% from a 10% baseline)
- slight decrease in complaints of anti-social behaviour

**ACTION: PH to circulate the Green Travel Plan and the latest survey results**

### **Graffiti**

- Graffiti was noted as an ongoing issue in the precinct notably on Tibby Cotter Bridge.

*AW noted that:*

- *Greens Rd and Victoria Barracks as locations also places targeted with graffiti.*
- *graffiti is removed by CoS within 2 days or 4 hours if offensive and/or violent in nature. CoS can only address issues on public property.*
- *CoS had 2177 complaints regarding graffiti in Sydney with only 24 of these being “violent” in nature which is down by 50% from last year*

**ACTION: PH to write to Sydney FC, APL and Western Sydney Wanderers re: graffiti on Tibby Cotter Bridge**

### **Right hand turn from Oxford St**

- The impact on local traffic with the proposed removal of the right-hand turn from Oxford St when the proposed bicycle lane is operational is of ongoing concern particularly on event days.

**ACTION: PH to follow up with Moore Park Major Events Group on plans for local area traffic management on event days considering the future changes on Oxford St**

### **Other business**

Susan Wynne advised that she would not be standing for re-election at the upcoming Council elections in September 2024 and so a new representative will need to be appointed by Council to the CCC.

**ACTION: HL to write to Council regarding nomination of a new Woollahra Council representative to the CCC**

## **Next meeting date:**

**Friday 16 August 2024 3:30-5:00pm**

Venues NSW Boardroom

Level 1, Allianz Stadium- **Enter via Gate 8.**

ACTIONS: SFS CCC Meeting #4	Responsible
<p><b>Operational issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VNSW to investigate provision of clearer signage delineating the Moore Park Rd slip-lane reserved for patrons with a mobility disability during events.</li> <li>• VNSW to investigate funding support for additional police to marshal pedestrians and/or deal with parking issues in local area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Project update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VNSW to invite Besix Watpac to present at next CCC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>NSW Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VNSW to liaise with NSW Police on recommended actions, including managing and booking illegal parking, safer event pedestrian crossings and traffic management, managing negative and anti-social behaviour: improved incident reporting and response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Point to Point (P2P) Transport Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VNSW to follow up with Point to Point (P2P) Transport Commission on recommended actions and remain in regular contact.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PH to circulate the Green Travel Plan and the latest survey results.</li> <li>• PH to write to APL stakeholders re: graffiti on Tibby Cotter Bridge</li> <li>• PH to follow up with Moore Park Major Events Group on plans for local area traffic management on event days considering the future changes on Oxford St</li> </ul> <p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HL to write to Council regarding nomination of a new Woollahra Council representative to the CCC</li> </ul>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>HL</p>