

Sydney Football Stadium Community Consultative Committee Meeting # 9 Minutes



Details

Meeting: Sydney Football Stadium Community Consultative Committee 2023

Location: Venues NSW Boardroom, Level 1M, Allianz Stadium
40-44 Driver Avenue, Moore Park Gate 8.

Teams link: **Details to be confirmed**

Date/time: Friday 23 May 2025
3:30PM to 5:00 PM

Chair: Professor Helen Lochhead AO

Invitees

Community Representatives

1. Simon Darcy
2. Will Mrongovius
3. Robert Postema
4. Julie Armour
5. Brigadier Nathan Juchniesz- Victoria Barracks

Local Government representatives:

1. Cr Adam Worling, City of Sydney
2. Cr Will Nemesh, Waverley Council
3. Cr Sarah Swan, Woollahra Council
4. Stella Agagiotis or Tony Lehmann, Randwick. Council

Venues NSW representatives

1. Phil Heads, Group GM, Comms, Heritage & Community
2. Alex Kuloljc, Project Manager, Venues NSW (AK), Josh Milston (JMT Consulting), Nicholas Papanikolaou (Besix Watpac),

Agenda items

No.	Description
1	Acknowledgement of Country and welcome
2	<p>Apologies: Cr Will Nemesh, Cr Sarah Swan, Brigadier Juchniesz, Julie Armour</p> <p>Attending online: Cr Adam Worling, Simon Darcy, Nicholas Papanikolaou, Josh Milston</p>
3	<p>Declarations of Pecuniary and other interests Nil</p>
4	<p>Actions arising from previous meeting.</p> <p>Traffic Josh Milston, traffic consultant attended meeting to brief CCC on area of influence and following discussion at past meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH advised that the street closure used in some Venues NSW precincts was not feasible, owing to the complexity of the road network. JT noted that closures of multiple streets was not a feasible or cost-effective option. A more practical solution is working with Council and Local areas Traffic Command to manage effectively • Will Mrongovius (WM) asked whether it could be more like Perth and Brisbane's Suncorp stadium for events day plans. PH agreed to investigate these. • RHT from Oxford St is still an issue • Rob Postema (RP) sought clarity on the location of the drop-off zone on Moore Park Rd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Josh Milston (JM) advised that TfNSW had decided on Moore Park west of Oatley Rd for drop-off zone • WM queried how often slip-lane arrangements for events would be required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JM advised that these arrangements (when cycle lane on Moore Park Road is converted into a drop-off zone) would be in used approx. 25 events/annum. <p>Further Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH agreed to investigate Suncorp model during events to key street closures to manage illegal parking and congestion • Head of Security and Precinct for VNSW, Lucinda Cook to attend next meeting to discuss options for precinct access and events • PH to re-issue accessibility map that shows drop-off points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Included in Presentation at May meeting

Presentation at May meeting to address these actions Modification 10 (MOD 10) - Precinct Village Car Park

- CCC to provide an updated response to SS9835 PVC MOD 10 Planning Statement.
- In section 5 Stakeholder Engagement, Table 3, update CCC reference to state:
 - *The CCC was briefed on the proposed modification on 27 September 2024. The briefing was high-level, with limited detail, as the modification documentation was not yet complete. The CCC raised no initial objections at that time based on the information presented. The CCC was briefed thoroughly on 7 February 2025. The CCC raised a couple of issues for resolution, the need to ensure that the reconfigured seating terraces are compliant and functional, and that the planting selections consider public safety and seasonal amenity. Otherwise, no major objections were raised.*
 - **Complete**
- Besix Watpac to:
 1. provide revised sectional drawings to show the difference between the original and amended landscape design proposal.
 2. confirm the difference between the accessible parking numbers in the original and the revised MOD 10 plan.
 3. confirm the tree numbers in the original and the revised MOD 10 plan.
 4. consider a broader planting palette responsive to the seasons
 5. undertake short term dust monitoring in surrounding affected streets (Moore Park Rd and Greens Road)
 - **Included in Presentation at May meeting to address above actions 1 - 5**

Presentation by Besic Watpac

Nicholas Papanikolaou (NP) provided updated presentation on Modification 10 - Precinct Village Car Park incorporating issues raised by CCC (Feb 2025):

Landscape drawings

- Section of bleacher stairs indicated height (440mm) and treads are variable. It was suggested that the unpredictable heights and rhythm of the bleacher stair may be a trip hazard.

Action:

- **NP agreed to review and regularise the height and treads of bleachers**

Accessible parking - 36 spaces provided

- 24 Accessible parking spaces on Level 0 with level access and ramp access to stadium
- 12 Accessible parking spaces on Level 00M
- SD requested communications be provided to Disability communities/user groups on new access arrangements

Action:

- **VNSW to provide comms on new arrangements for accessible parking and venue access**

Trees and Planting

- NP presented trees in original MOD (existing 89 - proposed 152) and current proposal (existing 89 - proposed 152)
- Planting palette based on seasonal colour, foliage, maintenance and longevity.

Action:

- **NP-BW to provide planting plan at future meeting**

Dust management

- Dust monitoring in place. No exceedances
- Dust generating works almost complete.

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Project update presentation by Venues NSW

Phil Heads (PH) provided an update issues raised by CCC (Feb 2025):

Andrea Bocelli Concert:

- Busiest traffic night in the precinct – many drop-offs and pick-ups, compared to usual crowd attending via public transport. Many first-time visitors
- Turning circle on Driver Ave moved closer to Gate A to ease congestion
- Dedicated egress through Disney straight to EQ
- 340 customer service staff in place on the night
- **Key takeaways:**
 - understanding audience demographic is needed to facilitate event planning
 - expand area for letterbox drop notification to advise impacts
 - Allianz Stadium EDM to Members and GA audience
 - Mainstream media and radio announcements
 - Allianz Stadium and Venues NSW Social Media notifications
 - Sporting Club of Sydney EDM
 - Moore Park Road advertising board
 - Advertising in local magazines (The Beast, Local Paddo)
 - SIMP pending

Accessibility Squad

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility squad established to assist those with special needs including neuro-diverse people and others. Can be pre-booked. Positive feedback received.
6	<p>Other agenda items</p> <p>2025 event schedule update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 July - British and Irish Lions vs Waratahs will attract 42,000 at Allianz • Regular winter seasons continue – AFL and NRL • 15 July - Wrexham vs Sydney FC • 15 -17 August – Gadhu Gathering – NRL Indigenous Round at Allianz Stadium with four matches in three days. • 13 September - Rugby Union Test - Wallabies vs Argentina • 25 October - Australia v India Limited Overs match • 20 December - Dom Dolla Concert <p>Accessibility in Sports Management: International Venue Perspectives publication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD provided an update on his research publication by SD with others. Case studies on better practice provide lessons for Venues NSW <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SD to provide an overview of research findings at next meeting <p>Busby's Bore spur</p> <p>Alex Kuloljc (AK) provided an overview on Busby's Bore spur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological plan updated in response to Heritage NSW. • Options investigated to try and preserve. Bore is partial excavation in rock, partial constructed brick well that makes intervention more challenging. • Approval to excavate shaft and tunnel. • Approval to interpret spur above carpark <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AK to share presentation with CCC
7	General discussion and other business
9	<p>Next meeting date</p> <p>Friday 8th August 2025, Venues NSW Boardroom, Level 1, Allianz Stadium</p>

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Traffic

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