

Emanuel School Community Consultative Committee

Meeting No: 21

Date: 29 October 2024, 6 pm – 7.30 pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees	
Community members Justine Hughes (JH) Tara Roach (TR) Derek Pal (DP) <i>(community/school board member)</i> Randwick Council John Flanigan (JF)	Emanuel School Margaret Lowe – Deputy Principal (ML) Mike Tyler – Manager Facilities and Operations (MTy) Independent chair Professor Roberta Ryan (RR) Minute taker Isa Crossland Stone (ICS)
Apologies Gail Hayman (GH) NFP	

Item	Description	Action
1	Welcome	
	<p>RR welcomes the attendees to the meeting.</p> <p>RR explains that minutes from the last meeting are yet to be finalized, and that they will be made final after TR completes her review of the draft.</p>	
2	Matters arising	
	<p>1. The School to investigate options surrounding traffic management that can enable the traffic to flow on the Eastern side of Avoca Street (rather than stopping traffic for every individual pedestrian crosser).</p> <p>MTy has provided a response via email, that: "Traffic management are council employees, and therefore this needs to be managed through Council. School has no jurisdiction".</p> <p>JF says that it is TfNSW under whom the traffic stops are managed.</p> <p>TR says that if the School is looking to increase the flow of dropping off on the Eastern side, then whoever considers these proposals (likely TfNSW) should consider better ways of managing pedestrian management so as not to slow the flow <u>of traffic</u>.</p> <p>ML asks: if Council is not in charge of the traffic management, who should the Schools be talking to instead?</p> <p>JF says that Council is involved, as the traffic committee (which consists of a range of representatives including from TfNSW) needs to be informed by Council.</p> <p>JF says that the Council member who deals with these matters for the School (and who deals with MTy) is currently on leave and will be back in October.</p> <p>JF clarifies that the Council does not control the location of the traffic stop.</p> <p>MTy says that the School has been seeking feedback from the Council on key items, and has not yet</p>	<p>JF to confirm on Council's behalf a response to the School's proposal. If unable to provide response, provide a roadmap of when a response can be expected.</p>

	<p>received conclusive responses.</p> <p>JF notes that there have been instances of the School putting forward matters (such as reducing the bus stop area in order to have a longer go with the flow on Stanley Street) and these have been progressed to the Traffic Committee, but then the School has halted the progress through changes of plans.</p> <p>ML and Mty clarify that they are talking about car spots on the preschool side of Avoca, as well as the go-with-the-flow on Avoca Street.</p> <p>JF says that the School's previous proposal included a parking scheme that stretched very far down Avoca Street, taking residential parking spaces and the manager of the Integrated Transport Committee did not support a reduction in resident parking spaces.</p> <p>ML asks how many parking spaces the accepted traffic scheme will involve on Avoca Street.</p> <p>JF says likely 4-5 spaces.</p> <p>TR says that there is no need to absorb further residential parking. In her observation the school is not using the full "go with the flow" (GWTF) that is currently in place and those spaces can be used if additional parking is needed for the pre-school. In the morning the GWTF below the Avoca St gate (for K-12) is not used at all and in the afternoon, it is used by parents to park not as part of GWTF queue.</p> <p>ML/MTy raise the no right turn from Avoca Street. JF says still waiting to see results from the clear way that was added.</p> <p>TR notes that adding a 'no right turn' would seriously impact the residents. Would this addition be timed/restricted or temporary?</p> <p>ML reiterates that the School wants 15-minute car spots along the preschool side of Avoca Street, as they requested in May. They would like this to be applied to however many spaces are approved and created.</p> <p>MTy says that if additional spots along Peace Park were not in place, the spots that they would be adding to Avoca Street would not work.</p> <p>TR adds that the community members should be shown the final plans before put to the Traffic</p>	<p>When new parking 15-minute spaces on Avoca Street (at the preschool) have been officially planned at the Council, the CCC will be shown this final plan.</p>
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	<p>Committee.</p> <p>2. The School to reiterate to their community members that they should be parking carefully, since there have been numerous incidents (namely, damage to residents' parked cars).</p> <p>MTy has provided the response offline explaining that "[a year 12 student was] dealt with after found to be parking on Chepstow Street for this breach. No other reports have been received. The School is aware of 1 incident which happened to be a staff car damaged by a grandparent. No other incidents have been reported."</p> <p>TR adds that GH raised this issue on behalf of other residents who are unknown to TR.</p> <p>3. TR would like an update on Traffic Wardens as there is no longer a Warden in the morning or afternoon at the preschool gate.</p> <p>MTy says that traffic wardens are in place with clearly labeled traffic warden vests, and their location at the preschool gate has been reinforced.</p> <p>4. TR to discuss the recent closure/s of the preschool car park for sport.</p> <p><i>TR requests that the car park be used for parking purposes, rather than for servicing sports and other events, as the DA approval specified that access to the car park should be made available during operating hours</i></p> <p>To the best of the School's knowledge, this happened once last term when the multi-purpose hall was not available so the car park was used. Security was present to allow any vehicles into the gate if required.</p> <p>TR asks for clarification about whether the school will have sporting activities in the car park but still allow cars to enter the car park and park.</p> <p>MTy says that where there are school activities in the car park it will still be available for car parking, and the security guard at Kornmehl will manage any</p>	
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	<p>vehicles entering Kornmehl. The teachers will manage the students.</p> <p>He clarifies that the management of the car park by a security guard will be separate from the management of the preschool children.</p> <p>ML explains that the car park space is used for some key events such as the biggest morning tea. There was also an instance in which the car park was used because the event space was double-booked, so the preschool students were relocated to the car park for an activity.</p> <p>ML says that the car park was more appropriate than the back playground for use for activities and sports, as the playground does not really have flat surfaces.</p> <p>ML confirms to TR that the parking area will not be used regularly for activities</p> <p>5. The group to discuss issues of non-compliance with the OTMP regarding pedestrian access through the preschool gates and year 12 students parking on Chepstow Street.</p> <p>JF apologises that these matters have not been progressed further by the Council</p> <p>JF says that there has been some back-and-forth between the School and the Council, but no resolution has been clarified.</p> <p>MTy asks for the group's perspective on the School potentially putting in a request to amend the parking time at Kornmehl from 15-minutes to 1-hour in the middle of the day (not at peak times) in order to relieve the surrounding streets.</p> <p>TR says that she would oppose this. She also says that the School has been doing this already all year. She has seen how bad the impact of the increased traffic flows can be on the surrounding residential streets which is why she has raised compliance with the DA. When the spaces are all full visitors/staff/carers will park on the residential streets. Sometimes they prefer to park on the street than go through the gates (which are closed) as it is easier. Instead, visitors/staff should be encouraged to park on the Avoca Street side which is empty all day and Avoca Street is meant to be the main access gate for this reason.</p>	
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	<p>MTy agrees that it would require a much more stringent management system, and logging parking hours and visitors.</p> <p>ML says that the School would keep a visitor log, and there are plenty of professionals (psychologists and OTs, for example) who come regularly in the middle of the day for short durations.</p> <p>In a note following the meeting, TR adds here that:</p> <p><i>It has not been this way in the past, only in recent times has the school started not to comply with the 15 minute restriction as stipulated in the DA conditions and as per the signage on the gate. The school significantly increased usage of the parking giving rise to the need to raise a complaint and push again for Avoca Street gate to be opened to use this parking and access by visitors/part time staff.</i></p> <p>[In the meeting] TR says to ML and MTy that overall, this option is not necessary as all of the visitors and professionals referred to can park on Avoca Street. It is a win/win for both residents and the school.</p> <p>6. DP to seek out and share with JF any available documentation in relation to the establishment of the pedestrian entry/access point (noting that this was an exempt development, so there may not be much public information).</p> <p>This item will be addressed offline by DP to JF.</p> <p>7. DP to confirm whether or not the requirement for registered non-government schools (which TR has provided to the group via email), which requires that schools make REF information public, applies to the School.</p> <p><i>This item has been addressed offline by DP, and the relevant information has been shared with the CCC.</i></p> <p>8. GH (who is an an apology) would like to have clarification on the protocols surrounding maintenance of School security cameras, and asks that broken cameras be fixed.</p> <p>The School requires CCTV footage and suggests contacting the police who will collect footage from the School. Footage is not provided to any individuals.</p>	<p>Offline, DP to seek out and share with JF any available documentation in relation to the establishment of the pedestrian entry/access point (noting that this was an exempt development, so there may not be much public information).</p>
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	<p>They are happy for community members to contact MTy directly to confirm if our CCTV has picked anything up.</p> <p>MTy says they aim to have all cameras working, but they tend to break sometimes, so there are ongoing repairs underway.</p>	
3	School update – ML	
3.1	Summary of complaints received, including parking complaints	
	<p>ML says that in September, two complaints about P-Plate drivers parking on Chepstow Street. It was confirmed student concerned was dealt with.</p> <p>ML adds that the School is waiting on council advice regarding moving the main traffic flow out of the residential area and onto Avoca Street. She reiterates that go-with-the-flow changes were requested by the School in May.</p> <p>She says that the School is still hoping for a government bus to be provided, as this would encourage bus use by the students (as a private bus is not affordable for many families). This would also reduce car traffic issues.</p> <p><i>TR notes following the meeting that: no updates from February 24 to 9 September 24 meeting were provided which was carried over only those complaints in September. There were emails during Feb - Sept that should be addressed in February 2025 meeting].</i></p>	

3.2	School updates on any submissions to Council	
	<p>MTy notes that there was a 'shade structure' submission dated 25th October, and the School is waiting for any submission information to be provided.</p> <p>The School will receive a debrief from the Council this Friday. However, residents are recommended to contact council for an update on structure.</p> <p>TR notes that she has lodged a submission with council on this DA. She says that she (on behalf of the community) would like more information about the planned use of this 'shade structure'. It is not a shade structure but is</p>	

	<p>described in the DA as a Covered Outdoor Learning Area and it refers to usage for parent events, sporting events, drama. It would be good to understand the activities that will occur there, and how often. There is no consideration given to impact to residents on noise or parking in the DA.</p> <p>ML says that the School does not intend to increase the number of events, but rather this structure will offer sun protection at existing events such as sporting competitions that occur at the School.</p> <p>As for parent events, this shade will protect parents from rain and other weather inconveniences to improve the amenity of events that already occur.</p> <p>ML makes it clear that she does not envisage that there will be any increase in events due to the addition of the shade.</p> <p>TR says that her perspective is primarily concerned with noise from events that will be relocated to it.</p> <p>MTy says that a function of the structure is that it will contain noise from groups.</p> <p>JH says that she has also lodged a submission about this structure, with the concern that the structure is not aesthetically sympathetic to the character and heritage of the Site.</p> <p>MTy says the structure is aimed at sun protection and safety. This is the leading initiative of the proposal.</p>	
3.3	School updates on full-time staff and student numbers – ML	
	<p>3.3.1 Total staff numbers update There are 171 total staff.</p> <p>3.3.2 Full time equivalent numbers update There are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 149 total FT - Average of 7 staff offsite each day - 142 onsite <p>3.3.3 Total student numbers update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 59 Kornmehl students - 380 Primary students - 480 “7-12” students - 919 total students. 	

	ML says that she cannot confirm the numbers for 2025, as they are not completely aware of the number of outgoing students. She does confirm that the School will not exceed the enrollment cap.	
4	Randwick Council Update	
	<p>4.1 JF to look into the REG documentation for any further information about the removal (and potential rectification) of the removed portion of heritage wall.</p> <p>JF has not yet been able to find any record of the wall having been there prior to this construction under the original consent.</p> <p>JF says that at this stage, he has provided all documentation that he is able to find to his colleague who is a heritage expert at the Council.</p> <p>4.2 JF to update the CCC when he understands the integrated transport team's assessment of/ response to the 6-month trial period of the 90-degree parking.</p> <p>JF will be alerted and will alert the group when this trial is finalised.</p> <p>4.3 JF to provide any updates (when they are available) on the ITT's approach towards the possibility of a 'no right turn' from Stanley Street to Avoca Street.</p> <p>JF says that the ITT is aware of this request, and it is still under review. He will provide an update when one is available.</p> <p>4.4 JF to follow up NFP's suggestion that both of the School gates (preschool and K-12) on Avoca Street should become accessible, in order that resident street parking and current congestion can be freed up further.</p> <p>ML says that when you enter the K-12 gate on Avoca Street, it directly leads to stairs. It is therefore not an accessible entryway.</p> <p>JF says that it is not really a Council matter.</p> <p>For the time being, this suggestion is put this matter to rest.</p>	<p>JF will alert the group when the 6-month trial of 90-degree parking is finalized by the ITT.</p> <p>JF to provide any updates (when they are available) on the ITT's approach towards the possibility of a 'no right turn' from Stanley Street to Avoca Street.</p>

	<p>4.5 JF to continue to follow up at the Council about addressing the issue of falling trees in Avoca Street and at the Little Sisters of the Poor. This has become a clear safety issue.</p> <p>JF says that no decision has been made about cutting down the trees.</p> <p>JF says that this concern is on the Council radar.</p> <p>JF has a contact at the Council who can be addressed on this matter. He will send it to MTy for the School to reach out to.</p> <p>TR asks JF to follow up with the Council to request that tree debris around Avoca Street can be cleaned up and dealt with more consistently.</p>	<p>JF to provide contact at the Council who can address the issues surrounding falling trees and tree debris.</p> <p>JF to follow up at the Council to request that tree debris around Avoca Street be cleaned up and dealt with more consistently.</p>
5	Additional community items	
	<i>There are no additional community items raised.</i>	

6	Group discussion: OTMP and traffic survey status updates	
	<p>6.1 MTy to provide an update on the community survey.</p> <p>The Survey is scheduled to go out Friday 8th November and is estimated to be open for 2 weeks. The survey design takes into account a good deal of the feedback provided by the CCC.</p> <p>6.2 MTy to ensure that the School website publishes the 2023 OTMP to replace the 2022 version that is there currently.</p> <p>MTy will do this.</p>	<p>MTy will ensure that the School website publishes the 2023 OTMP to replace the 2022 version that is there currently.</p>

	<p>6.3 TR would like confirmation that no OTMP will be submitted to Council without being shared with and reviewed by <u>all</u> Community members of the CCC following the FY24 traffic assessment and community survey.</p> <p>MTy agrees that the OTMP will be shared with CCC ahead of submission to the council for a review period of 2 weeks.</p> <p>TR objects to this approach and says that the CCC should be involved in discussions on the OTMP before it is submitted. The CCC should see and approve the <u>final</u> version of the OTMP that is submitted (i.e. it should not be amended without the CCC's knowledge following the CCC's discussion which has happened both times previously when submitted to council). This was agreed when the last OTMP was approved by Council.</p> <p>MTy says that the OTMP draft document should be ready for the CCC's review in early-December.</p> <p>MTy will circulate this to the group in early-December offline, so that the CCC can review it before they meet officially in February 2025.</p>	<p>MTy agrees that the final draft of the OTMP will be shared with CCC ahead of submission to the council for a CCC review period of 2 weeks.</p> <p>MTy will also ensure that the CCC receives a copy of the final version that is submitted in early December (i.e. it will not be amended without the CCC's knowledge following the CCC's discussion, irrespective of whether all final changes are supported by the CCC).</p>
7	AOB	
	<p>Regarding the ongoing issue of the bus strategy, ML says that they have not received government bus services. As such, reducing the bus spaces is counterintuitive to the goal of increasing the use of School buses. ML says that the School wants to use the Stanley Street bus zone to support this. Has been working on it for 12 – 18 months.</p> <p>JF clarifies that the School now does want to have 2 bus spaces, rather than just the 1 space that they indicated planning earlier this year. The School concurs.</p> <p>TR notes at some point if the school is still not able to increase the bus usage by students that this should be reviewed again.</p> <p>TR asks to confirm that the proposed opening of the Avoca Street preschool pedestrian gate will be for all of the hours of operation (all day). The School confirms this. The car spots will be available in the morning for parents for 15 minutes, as well as for visitors in the middle of the School day for longer times.</p> <p>ML confirms this. Both entrances to the car park and the</p>	

	<p>pedestrian entry on Avoca Street will be managed by security.</p> <p>The group agrees to meet for the next CCC meeting in February 2025. Mondays and Wednesdays tend to be the best meeting dates for the School.</p> <p>The group agrees that Wednesday evenings tend to work well for everyone.</p> <p>Wednesday February 5th is agreed as the first meeting date for 2025.</p> <p>RR thanks the group for their participation in the CCC in 2024 and wishes them well.</p>	
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