



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 15 December 2008*

Time: *6.00pm*

Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

Delegated Authority (“D” Items):

- Community Services and Programmes.
- Health.
- Liquor Licences.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waverley/Woollahra Process Plant.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meeting.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community and Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed below.
- Library Services
- Licensing.
- Regulatory.
- Waste Minimisation

Recommendation only to the Full Council (“R” Items):

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of the Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Traffic Authority of NSW.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee, or which are not the subject of a Business Agenda (current or past).
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors, in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards".
- Parks and Reserve Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives)
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies

Committee Membership:

7 Councillors

Quorum:

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

11 December 2008

To: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio
Councillors Peter Cavanagh (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Susan Jarnason
Greg Medcraft
Ian Plater
Isabelle Shapiro
Susan Wynne (Deputy)

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 15 December 2008

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Community and Environment Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 15 December 2008 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

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Meeting Agenda

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 17 November 2008**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 17 November 2008 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 17 November 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes 2 December 2008**
Author: Warwick Hatton, Director – Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2008
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendations Y1-Y15 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 2 December 2008 be adopted.

Warwick Hatton
Director – Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Double Bay, on Tuesday 2 December 2008 at 10.00am.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Snr Const Janna Brisby	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Mr John Giblin	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Daniel Pearse	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Lorna Oliver	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Greg Stewart	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr E Graham	(State Transit Authority)
Members of the Public:	Ms K Prendergast	(Darling Point Society – Item Y2)
	Ms C Rozenbroek	(Resident – Item Y8)
	Ms M Mackay	(Resident – Item Y8)
	Mr R Lord	(Resident – Item Y8)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.10/08 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 November 2008 were confirmed by Ms Attuell and Snr Const J Brisby.

The minutes of Extraordinary Meeting No.10a/08 held by email and phone on Friday 7 November 2008 were confirmed by Mr N Prasad and Snr Const J Brisby.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

4. Local Traffic Committee recommendations not adopted or amended by Woollahra Council Community & Environment Committee

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. Late Correspondence

Nil

7. Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Item No: Y1 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Parking Restrictions Changes**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: (Refer to Table 1)
Reason for Report: Various parking restriction changes throughout the Woollahra Council area.

Item Y1-1: Fitzwilliam Road, Vaocluse –Parking restrictions for vehicular access

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That No Stopping restrictions be installed from the southern side of the driveway to No. 88 Wentworth Road, around the cul-de-sac bulb to the southern side of the driveway to No.81 Fitzwilliam Road, Vaocluse.

Item Y1-2: Wolseley Road, Point Piper – Request for Parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That 35 metres of "1P 9am-11am, Wednesday" be installed on the eastern side of Wolseley Road, just north of the vehicular access to No.77 Wolseley Road, Point Piper.
2. That the above installation be approved for 12 months to determine the effectiveness of this action.

Item Y1-3: Northland Road, Bellevue Hill – Traffic Management

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That an unbroken centreline (with rpms) be installed in Northland Road, Bellevue Hill from the Northland Road / Cooper Park Road intersection in a westerly direction for 25 metres.
2. That a broken centreline (with rpms) be installed either side of the speed hump for a distance of 5 metres.
3. That an unbroken centreline be installed in Northland Road from opposite the midpoint of No.36 Northland Road to the midpoint of No.38 Northland Road, allowing for legal parking on the northern side of the road only.
4. That a Watts profile speed hump in accordance with Plan No. T000708 of the RTA Technical Direction TDT 2001/04 (attached as an Annexure) be constructed approximately 25 metres east of No.38A Northland Road to improve safety at this location by reducing the speed of vehicles approaching this bend from the east.
5. That the street lighting in the vicinity of this treatment be the subject of further investigation by Council officers.

Item Y1-4: Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill – Alterations for School Bus Zones

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the 4 northbound bus stops (Bus Stop Nos 202316, 202317, 202318 & 202319) and associated signage on the western side of Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill between Birriga Road and Mansion Road be signposted 7.30am - 9.00am School Days Only.
2. That the 2 southbound bus stops (Bus Stop Nos 202331 & 202332) and associated signage on the eastern side of Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill between Birriga Road and Mansion Road be signposted 2.30pm - 4.00pm School Days Only.

Item Y1-5: Forest Road / Kiaora Road intersection, Double Bay – Traffic Conditions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That a pedestrian refuge island in accordance with the relevant RTA technical direction be installed in Forest Road in line with the western kerblines of Kiaora Road, Double Bay.

Item Y1-6: Wallaroy Crescent / Manning Road, Double Bay – Proposed No Stopping restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That 10 metres of No Stopping be installed over the south-west corner of the intersection. The zone is to commence 12 metres north of the driveway servicing 39 Manning Road and extend 10 metres northwards around the intersection into Wallaroy Crescent, Double Bay.

Item No: Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Paddington 40k Zone – Alterations (Neild Avenue/ Brown Street, & Cascade Street)**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 1166.G

Reason for Report: Consideration of alterations to the Paddington 40K Zone as required by the RTA to restrict vehicle speeds to 40kph.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the proposal to install Watts profile speed humps in the locations detailed in the Action Plan and Annexures 2 and 3 of this report be approved in principle.
- B. That residents of Cascade Street between Gurner Street and Glenmore Road and be invited to comment on the proposal to introduce speed humps in their street.
- C. That residents of Brown Street/Neild Avenue between Glenmore Road and Lawson Street be invited to comment on the proposal to introduce speed humps in their street.
- D. That a report on the results of this consultation be submitted to the March, 2009 Traffic Committee Meeting.

Item No: Y3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Glenmore Road, Paddington – Temporary Closure for 2009 Mardi Gras**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: T191

Reason for Report: Request from the Parade Working Group - New Mardi Gras for temporary part closure of Glenmore Road Paddington.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That Council advise the Parade Working Group - New Mardi Gras that it raises no objection to Glenmore Road, Paddington being made one-way northbound from Oxford Street to Campbell Avenue between 12.00 midday on Saturday 7th March 2009 and 3.00am on Sunday 8th March 2009, subject to the organisers:
- i. Obtaining approval from the RTA's Traffic Management Centre as it is a Class 1 event, and,
 - ii. Providing satisfactory traffic arrangements and signposting at no cost to Council, and,
 - iii. Notifying the changes by letter drop to all residents/owners of premises in Glenmore Road, between Oxford Street and Campbell Avenue, and,
 - iv. Placing a notice in the Wentworth Courier at least 7 days prior to the event.

Item No: Y4 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

Subject: **Greenoaks Avenue, Darling Point – Raised Pedestrian Crossings at Ocean Avenue and Darling Point Road**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 255.G Darling Point Traffic Study, 315, T123

Reason for Report: Implementation of parts of Darling Point Traffic Study Action Plan.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Note: Ms Prendergast addressed the Committee in relation to this item

Recommendation:

- A. That the pedestrian crossing in Greenoaks Avenue, Darling Point at its intersection with Darling Point Road be raised in accordance with Plan No. T000711 of the RTA Technical Direction TDT 2001/04.
- B. That due to safety concerns a raised pedestrian crossing not be introduced in Greenoaks Avenue at its intersection with Ocean Avenue, but that a refuge island be introduced so as to provide opportunity for pedestrians to cross the street safely.

Item No: Y5 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Edgecliff Road/Wallis Street Intersection, Woollahra – Roundabout**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: T148. / 482.

Reason for Report: Response to a request for a roundabout at the Wallis Street/Edgecliff Road intersection.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Note: Late correspondence from Cr Grieve and Mr A Boss from BIKEast was tabled

Recommendation:

- A. That the proposal to install a roundabout at the Wallis Street/ Edgecliff Road intersection, Woollahra not be approved.
- B. That a pedestrian refuge in Wallis Street, short median islands in Edgecliff Road either side of the Wallis Street intersection and a kerb blister on the western side of Edgecliff Road south of its intersection with Wallis Street, as shown on the plan discussed at the meeting and subsequently circulated to members of the Committee, be approved in principle.
- C. That residents within 50 metres of the above intersection be consulted and invited to comment about the proposal and the results of this consultation be brought back to a future Traffic Committee Meeting.

Item No: Y6 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Rose Bay Marina/New South Head Road, Rose Bay - Application for Loading/No Parking Zones**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: DA 766/2006 / T505.

Reason for Report: Loading / No Parking Zone for consideration by Woollahra Traffic Committee.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That an 11.6 metre long “Loading Zone, 7.00am-5.00 pm, No Parking at Other Times” be installed in place of the existing full time “Drop Off Zone” on the northern side of New South Head Road, in front of the Pier Restaurant at Rose Bay.

Item No: Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Kambala Road, Bellevue Hill – Treatment of Entry**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 259.

Reason for Report: Response to a request for alternative measures addressing sight distance concerns from the driveway crossing servicing 36,38,40 Kambala Road.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That a painted median be located on the southern side of the driveway access servicing No. 36 and No. 38 Kambala Road, Bellevue Hill extending 7 metres southwards of the driveway access and a dashed line extending from the apex of the median, northwards for a distance of 16 metres as shown on the plan attached as Annexure 1 be approved.
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Item No: Y8 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill - Traffic Calming**

Author: Lorna Oliver – Traffic & Transport Planner

File No: 256.G / T34

Reason for Report: Report on excessive speeds and proposed traffic calming measures.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Note: Ms Rozenbroek, Ms Mackay and Mr Lord addressed the Committee in relation to this item

Recommendation:

- A. That the proposed traffic calming measures detailed on Plans Nos. 15012/1-15012/9 be approved in principle.
- B. That residents with a frontage to Bellevue Road be consulted to gauge their support for the proposed treatment.
- C. That any treatments will be designed to accommodate Sydney Buses.
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Item No: Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Watsons Bay Commercial Centre - Relocation of Bus Stop and the Provision of a New Bus Shelter**

Author: Greg Stewart - Project Manager Strategic Projects & Policy

File No: 950.G, 311 Streetscapes

Reason for Report: To obtain the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee to the proposed relocation of the Military Road, Watsons Bay bus stop together with the proposed changes to the bus turning area.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the proposed relocation of the Military Road, Watsons Bay bus stop, together with the proposed changes to the bus turning area, through traffic lanes, signposting and linemarking be approved for implementation in accordance with Revised Bus Stop Proposal Dwg No. 15011/2 (Annexure 2 in the report to Council's Corporate and Works Committee on 24 November, 2008), amended to include:
- i. That a 20 meter long bus zone be provided on the western side of Military Road, Watsons Bay just south of Clovelly Street and signposted "Bus Zone - STA Buses only"
 - ii. That a kerb blister be installed between the bus layover and the pedestrian crossing on the western side of Military Road.
 - iii. That the kerb blister west of the National Park entry be carried out in paint.
- B. That the existing Mail Box and Mail Zone on the western side of Military Road be relocated to a position immediately to the south of the above new Bus Zone and be 6 meters in length.
- C. That the existing Explorer bus stop, STA bus stop and No Stopping restrictions on the eastern side of Military Road between Gap Road and the driveway to No 19-21 Military Road, be removed apart from the existing statutory "No Stopping" restrictions at the intersection of Gap Road.
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Item No: Y10 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 19-21 Dover Road, Rose Bay – Works Zones in Dover Road and Wilberforce Avenue**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt12

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for an 11.8 metres long Works Zone to be temporarily installed on the Wilberforce Avenue frontage of 19-21 Dover Road, Rose Bay, extending from one metre south of the existing driveway crossover servicing the site and extending northwards to the existing post adjoining the Council carpark.
- B. That approval be granted for an 8.6 metres long Works Zone to be temporarily installed on the Dover Road frontage of 19-21 Dover Road, Rose Bay, extending southwards from the existing “No Stopping” post to the prolongation of the boundary between 19-21 Dover Road and 23 Dover Road.
- C. That approval for the Work Zones detailed in A and B be subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zones are to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and Saturdays from 7.00am-1.00pm for a period of 25 weeks from January, 2009.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA’s Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions are to be maintained outside Work Zone hours. Unrestricted parking to be maintained on the Dover Road frontage whilst 1P (8:30am-6:00pm Mon-Fri, 8:30am-12:30pm Sat) restricted parking is to be maintained on the Wilberforce Avenue frontage.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zones, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council’s Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zones can be removed.
 - vii. The Works Zones are in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council’s adopted fees and charges (parallel parking rate) applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zones being installed. Should any of the Works Zones be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zones at Council’s discretion.
 - ix. Should either or both the Works Zones be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zones.
 - x. Should either or both the Works Zones be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.

- D. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zones.

Item No: Y11 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 5 Boronia Road, Bellevue Hill – Works Zone**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt12

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the application for a Works Zone to serve the development at No.5 Boronia Road, Bellevue Hill not be approved as all construction activities can be contained within the site.

Item No: Y12 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 69 Edgecliff Road, Woollahra – Works Zone**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt12

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed to service No.69 Edgecliff Road, Woollahra. The proposed Works Zone will be 16 metres long and is to be located on the northern side of Edgecliff Road, extending from the telegraph pole located on the western side of the driveway crossover servicing the site to the next telegraph pole east and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and Saturdays from 7.00am-1.00pm for a period of 25 weeks from late December, 2008.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Unrestricted parking is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.

- vii. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges (parallel parking rate) applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y13 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: No. 2 Marine Parade, Double Bay – Works Zone

Author: Michael Hughes – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt12

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No. 2 Marine Parade, Double Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the southern side of Marine Parade extending 6 metres east from the "No Parking" sign located on the eastern side of the driveway of No. 2 Marine Parade, Double Bay and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate Monday to Friday, 7.00am-4.00pm and Saturdays, 7.00am-1.00pm for a period of 26 weeks from mid-January 2009.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (2HR Parking 8.00am-6.00pm Mon-Sat ARVE) are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.

- viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y14 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: No. 9 Wolseley Road, Point Piper – Works Zone

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt12

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed to service No 9 Wolseley Road, Point Piper. The proposed Works Zone will be 9 metres long and is to be located on the eastern side of Wolseley Road, commencing one metre south of the existing driveway crossover servicing the site and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 9 metres and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and Saturdays from 7.00am-1.00pm for a period of 26 weeks from early January, 2008.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Unrestricted parking is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.

- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y15 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: No. 10 – 12 South Street, Edgecliff – Works Zone
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt12
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed to service No.10-12 South Street, Edgecliff. The proposed Works Zone is 9 metres long and is to be located on the southern side of South Street, Edgecliff from the eastern side of the driveway serving 10-12 South Street, in a westerly direction for 9 metres and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and Saturdays from 7.00am-1.00pm for a period of 4 weeks from 5 January, 2008.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Residents Permit Parking is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges (parallel parking rate) applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

8. Late Items

1. Loading Zone at Five Ways

A report into this matter was considered by the Traffic Committee in July 2008 and was referred to Council's Community & Environment Committee on 14 July, 2008.

Part C of the Resolution stated:

- C. *That the above works be monitored for 3 months following implementation, and if not successful, that a further report outlining alternative measures, including the possible removal of the Loading Zone, be brought back to the Woollahra Traffic Committee for consideration.*

Sydney Buses have advised that since the relocation of the bollards that define this area, the issue of vehicles overhanging the carriageway has ceased. While it was identified that illegal parking does continue, this is an enforcement issue that is to be monitored by Council's Rangers.

The Committee Chairman advised this matter has been the subject of a Question without Notice, and that this matter should be the subject of a further report to the Traffic Committee in early 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.07pm.

Warwick Hatton
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Traffic Committee Extraordinary Meeting Minutes – 5 December 2008**
Author: Warwick Hatton, Director – Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2008
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendation Y16 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee, held by email on Friday 5 December 2008 be adopted.

Warwick Hatton
Director – Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

An extraordinary meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee (Meeting No.11a/08) was held by email on Friday 5 December 2008.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present: Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman) (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Mr Navin Prasad (Roads and Traffic Authority)
Snr Const Janna Brisby (Rose Bay Police - Traffic)

2. Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Item No: Y16 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 81 Darling Point Road (Mount Adelaide Street), Darling Point – Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt12

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed to service No.81 Darling Point Road, Darling Point. The proposed Works Zone is 6 metres long and is to be located on the western side of Mount Adelaide Street, Darling Point from 1.5 metres south of the driveway serving No.81 Darling Point Road, in a southerly direction for 6 metres and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and Saturdays from 7.00am-1.00pm for a period of 45 weeks from 12 January, 2008.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. No Stopping is to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.

- vii. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges (parallel parking rate) applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
 - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.
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Warwick Hatton
Chair

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture prize**
Author: Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator
File No: 20.G
Reason for Report: To provide a detailed evaluation of the 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize

Recommendation:

That the 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Evaluation Report be noted.

1. Background

The Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize is the only national prize for sculptures of smaller dimensions and it has attracted strong support from artists, collectors and critics. The Prize was initiated by Woollahra Council to support, promote and celebrate artistic excellence as well as to encourage the local community to access the Council Chambers.

The Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize totals \$13,000 across the following categories:

- The Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize: an acquisitive award of \$10,000
- The Special Commendation: a non-acquisitive award of \$2,000
- The Viewers' Choice: a non-acquisitive award of \$1,000

The eighth annual Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize exhibition was launched on Friday 24 October 2008 at Redleaf Council Chambers and concluded on Sunday 2 November with the successful Kids Day Out event. More than 2890 entries from artists have been received for the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize in its eight year history.

2. Relationship to Management Plan and The Woollahra Council Social and Cultural Plan

The 2009– 2011 Management Plan identifies that a key objective for Cultural Development is *'to plan, coordinate and provide a range of activities and opportunities which address the cultural interests of the Woollahra community and which reflect the unique character of Woollahra'* (pg 115). Under this objective, the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize is highlighted as a core project with project milestones that include:

- In excess of 400 entries for the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize.
- In excess of 300 students participating in the schools education component of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize.
- Average exhibition attendance of over 1500.
- Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Volunteer Program.

The Woollahra Council Social and Cultural Plan 2008 to 2013 indicates that the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize is an important delivery program that contributes to Objective 4: A creative community.

In addition, The Woollahra Council Social and Cultural Plan recognises that continuing and expanding the community benefits program of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize is important in achieving the strategy for improving the accessibility of arts to the broader community (pg 43).

3. The 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Summary

In 2008, 595 sculptures were entered and the final 45 pieces were exhibited over a 10-day period including two weekends between 20 and 28 October. Finalists' works were selected for exhibition by judges Edmund Capon AM OBE, Director of the Art Gallery of NSW and Deborah Edwards, Senior Curator of Australian Art at the Art Gallery of NSW. The number of entries received in 2008 represents the highest number of entries received in a year for the Prize (an increase of 20% on the previous record in 2006, and a 43% increase from 2007). Apart from increasing awareness of the Prize due to improved communications, a contributing factor in the number of entries received is the choice of judges.

Of the 45 finalists, four works were represented from artists residing in the Woollahra Municipality. The number of entries from NSW eastern suburbs local government areas represented approximately 15% of the total number of entries received.

Adam Cullen's (NSW) *Pegasus Flying Over Sydney* was announced as the acquisitive winner at the launch of the exhibition. Approximately 550 guests attended the launch which featured the judges as special guests. Alexander Seton's (NSW) *Attractive Terms* was announced as the Special Commendation and Keiko Matsui's (NSW) *My Place, My Space* was awarded the Viewer's Choice at the conclusion of the exhibition.

Further Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize activities during the exhibition period included artist floor talks with finalists on Saturday 25 October and the local schools touring program. A Tea Topic on The Art Market and the Sculpture Prize was presented on Friday 17 October and hosted by a member of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee. Kids Day Out featured the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize exhibition for the third succession which saw significant increases in exhibition attendance by local families.

The linking of the Woollahra Environmental Sculpture Schools Competition and exhibition with the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize occurred for the second succession. Developed by Council's Environmental Education Officer to promote National Recycling Week, this schools' competition occurs in conjunction with the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize in order for school children from the local area to participate in sculpture making activity whilst considering environmental messages. The theme for the 2008 Woollahra Environmental Sculpture Schools Competition was "Keep the Sea Plastic Free". The winners of the Woollahra Environmental Sculpture Schools Competition were selected by the judges of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize and all entered works were exhibited during the same period as the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize exhibition.

2008 saw the first full year of Council hosting a dedicated website for the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize. The website, located at www.sculptureprize.woollahra.nsw.gov.au, incorporates online flash galleries of finalists' works plus pages for press, childrens' education content, events, online Viewer's Choice voting and archived information on the history of the Prize. The website, which received more than 464,000 web hits between January to October 2008, has significantly reduced the number of inquiries regarding the location of information regarding the Prize on the Council website. Feedback has been received from the community that the website is an excellent resource. Please see Annexure 1 for detailed website statistics for the period January – October 2008.

Eleven of the 45 finalists' works were sold during the exhibition which represents more than double the average number of works sold during the exhibition. The number of Viewers Choice votes received was 845, which included 393 online votes. In 2007, 417 Viewers Choice votes were received indicating that the online presence of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize is a factor contributing to the increasing accessibility of the Prize.

For the third year, a successful volunteer program for the Prize was implemented by the Cultural Development Coordinator. The volunteer program results in casual gallery attendant roles for volunteers during the exhibition period, however it must be recognised that a significant factor in developing areas of the Prize is currently reliant on the contribution of volunteer hours and the management of volunteers.

4. 2008 Key Stakeholders/Partners Summary

Following is a summary outline of the key partners and stakeholders involved in the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize:

- *Woollahra Municipal Council:* Initiator of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize. Managed and implemented the project.
- *Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee:* A reference group that provided recommendations on the direction of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize. The Committee is made up of Woollahra Councillors, profiled arts administrators, local community and Council staff.
- *Local community:* representatives of the local community were consulted on the direction of the project via the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee. Local schools were invited to participate in the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize via the schools education component, Kids Day Out and Environmental Sculpture Schools Competition.
- *Artists – locally, nationally and internationally:* The Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize has an extensive database of local, national and international artists/sculptors who were notified of the call for entries.
- *Galleries/agents:* In 2008, every major gallery in Australia and New Zealand was notified of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize via hard copy and electronic mail outs.
- *Art collectors:* Profiled art collectors were made aware of the exhibition component via targeted advertising and the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee personal contacts.
- *Local and national media:* Due to the engagement of an external publicist the profile of the 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize continued to improve and received more media coverage than previous years.
- *Sponsors:* Local businesses were once again given the first opportunity, via local media, to sponsor the Prize.
- *Volunteers:* A volunteer program continued in 2008. Volunteer positions were advertised via the website ArtsHub. More than 25 volunteer expressions of interest were received. Approximately 250 volunteer hours were contributed to the project which culminated with the volunteers receiving paid gallery attendant.
- *Council staff:* Assisted with various aspects of the project including plinth maintenance and delivery, banner hanging, website project management and project collaborations.

5. Budget

The cost of staging the 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize over the calendar year was \$51, 812 ex GST. This figure incorporates project expenditure including prize money payments of \$13,000 made to artists, however does not include the salary of the Cultural Development Coordinator. A record number of eleven sales valued at \$28, 671 ext GST occurred in 2008.

As the project is staged over a calendar year, income generated from entry fees, sales commission and sponsorship is split across financial years. In the 2008 calendar year, income from entry fees and sales commission was \$29, 282 ex GST. In addition, cash sponsorship income of \$16,000 ex GST was generated across the calendar year due to the efforts of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee.

Sponsorship and sales commission incomes contributed towards the development and growth of the Prize including the schools program area, contribution to the Kids Day Out 'Arty Pants' area, expansion of street banners and fence banner coverage, acquisition maintenance (custom made plinth/top and signage manufacture for two works), casual staff payments and the appointment of an external publicist who continued to successfully increase the media profile and reputation of the Prize.

The 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize was also generously supported in kind by the Woollahra Orchestra Players, Hugonnet Design and Megacolour, Stoneleigh Wines and Pasta Pantry. This support represented significant savings to the delivery of the project.

6 2008 Viewer Evaluation and Feedback

Detailed feedback on the 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize from artists, schools and viewers has been compiled in Annexure 2.

See Annexure 3 for 2001 – 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Comparative Data.

7 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee Evaluation Summary

A summary of key points discussed at the Evaluation Meeting of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee, held Tuesday 11 November 2008 follows:

- Outside launch successful.
- Calibre of artwork has increased.
- Do not place restrictions on the medium of artwork.
- Promotional material was successful however re-evaluate size and design of street banners and undertake design review.
- Conduct sponsorship workshop for Committee Members.
- Working Party to investigate the touring of ten years worth of acquisitions in 2010.
- Continue with community benefits programs such as Kids Day Out, artist talks and Environmental Sculpture Schools Competition.
- Judges to be confirmed by the end of 2008.

See Annexure 4 for the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee Evaluation contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee Meeting, Tuesday 11 November 2008.

8 Kids Day Out and The Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize

2008 Kids Day Out and Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize were linked again this year with a number of positive outcomes for both the community and the Council. These included:

- Kids Day Out attracted approximately 3000 people (nearly 6% of the population of the Municipality)
- As a direct result of Kids Day Out, both the Children's and Adult Library Membership increased.
- There was an increased profile for Woollahra Council and its programs.

- A dynamic cross divisional approach in the planning and implementation of Kids Day Out featuring the Small Sculpture Prize was demonstrated. This project aided in establishing even stronger working relationships and a team approach to achieve outcomes for the Community Services Division.
- Staff from the Community Services Division increased their skills development in Event Management and Risk Management Planning.
- Young people and families participated in cultural activities that encouraged learning outcomes.

A detailed 2008 Kids Day Out Evaluation Report will be presented to the Community and Environment Committee in early 2009.

9. Publicity and Promotions

Based on feedback from previous Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize evaluations and a budget that allowed for it, the 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize was able to continue engaging the services of an external publicist. As a result the Prize received significant media coverage *The Melbourne Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*. A detailed publicity report is available in Annexure 5.

Paid advertising for the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize is undertaken with the national Art Almanac (call for entries, exhibition), national Australian Art Collector (exhibition only) and LOOK, The Art Gallery of NSW Society Magazine (exhibition listing only).

Opportunities for free listings and online mentions in arts publications were researched by volunteers. A summary of free listings achieved is provided in Annexure 6.

10. Conclusion

The 2008 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize was a great success and continued to meet the original aims set by Council in 2001. Based on the majority of feedback received on Viewers Choice slips, evaluation meetings with Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee members and personal communication with the Cultural Development Coordinator, there has been an increased media profile and increased awareness of the Prize by artists and the arts industry in the eight year history of the Prize.

The number of entries and media awareness of the Prize can be linked to factors including the choice of judges and the levels of sponsorship received.

The reputation and profile of the Prize and related activities including the schools component, Kids Day Out, links with the Woollahra Environmental Sculpture Schools Competition and community artist talks can be maintained at current levels with appropriate funding from Woollahra Council and/or a level of cash sponsorship.

Jo Jansyn
Cultural Development Coordinator

Kylie Walshe
Director – Community Services

ANNEXURES:

1. 2008 WOOLLAHRA SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE WEBSITE VIEWER STATISTICS
2. 2008 VIEWERS CHOICE COMMENTS
3. 2001 – 2008 WOOLLAHRA SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE COMPARATIVE DATA
4. WOOLLAHRA SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE COMMITTEE EVALUATION MEETING MINUTES, 11 NOVEMBER 2008
5. 2008 WOOLLAHRA SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE MEDIA REPORT
6. 2008 WOOLLAHRA SMALL SCULPTURE PRIZE FREE LISTINGS SUMMARY

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes**
Author: Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator
File No: 1160.G Public Art
Reason for Report: To table the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 November 2008.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 November 2008 be noted and endorsed.

Background:

This report outlines the meeting held by the Public Art Advisory Committee on 13 November 2008. The main items for discussion were updates on the progress of the Double Bay Public Art Project and ideas for temporary public art projects. The meeting also featured a presentation from Nicola Sinclair, Cultural Program Officer with the Public Program Unit at the Historic Houses Trust.

Double Bay Public Art Project

A Commissioning Agreement with the successful artist Bronwyn Berman is currently being finalised for the Double Bay Public Art Project. A Working Party of the Public Art Advisory Committee will meet in early 2009 to finalise a Communications Strategy to ensure that key stakeholders in close proximity to the project site are provided with accurate information on the project.

Temporary Public Art Ideas

The Public Art Advisory Committee continued to discuss a number of temporary public art project ideas including ideas for the Double Bay retail precinct. It was agreed that a Working Party of the Public Art Advisory Committee would present and discuss ideas with the Double Bay Partnership.

In addition, it was agreed that members of the Public Art Advisory Committee would further research ideas for a chalk art festival at Rose Bay Promenade, painting drains with environmental messages by way of inviting local schools involvement and the presentation of art and architecture in local parks.

Vaucluse House

Guest speaker Nicola Sinclair outlined possible opportunities for use of the spaces at Vaucluse House for public art programs. Opportunities will be further explored once members of the Public Art Advisory Committee visit the site.

Conclusion:

The meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee on 13 November 2008 discussed the progress of the Double Bay Public Art Project as well as a number of potential public art project proposals to be further researched including a chalk art festival on the Rose Bay Promenade, painting of drains with environmental messages and art in parks in temporary pavilions.

Jo Jansyn
Cultural Development Coordinator

Kylie Walshe
Director – Community Services

ANNEXURES:

1. Minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday 13 November.

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Cooper Park Re-categorisation of Community Land**
Author: Paul Fraser - Parks & Recreation Coordinator
File No: 178.G MP 2
Reason for Report: To recommend the re-categorisation of certain areas of Cooper Park to reflect current park usage.

Recommendation:

- A. That Council note the *Proposed Re-categorisation of Community Land in Cooper Park Public Hearing Report* prepared by Parkland Environmental Planners.
- B. That the proposed re-categorisation of certain areas as illustrated (in colour) in Annexure 2, be included in the draft Cooper Park Plan of Management for public exhibition.
- C. That the draft Plan of Management be presented to the Community and Environment Committee in early 2009 with the view to placing the plan on public exhibition.

Background:

The *Local Government Act 1993* (referred to as the Act) sets out a range of requirements that Council are required to follow. These requirements include the management of public land such as parks which are referred to as community land. Cooper Park is classified as 'Community Land' under the *Local Government Act 1993*. Accordingly, respective areas within the park are categorised as being, park, sportsground, natural area, general community use or as an area of cultural significance.

Cooper Park is under the ownership of Council and the Plan of Management (PoM) must be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. The PoM is required to form a strategic approach to the management of the land.

An existing Plan of Management (2001) for Cooper Park, Double Bay, is required to be reviewed and updated. Cooper Park possesses features and facilities suitable for both active and passive recreation and acts as an important resource for the local community and visitors outside the Municipality.

The PoM is to be reviewed and updated in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*. The *Local Government Act 1993* requires a plan of management for community land to identify the following:

- the category of the land,
- the objectives and performance targets of the plan with respect to the land,
- the means by which the council proposes to achieve the plan's objectives and performance targets, and
- the manner in which the council proposes to assess its performance with respect to the plan's objectives and performance targets.

The plan of management must:

- describe the current condition of the land, buildings or other improvements on the land,

- describe the use of the land and any such buildings or improvements,
- specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used,
- specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise, and
- describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.

The Cooper Park PoM is currently being updated in readiness to be placed on public exhibition. Prior to this being undertaken we are seeking to re-categorise certain areas to better reflect the current and intended use.

Proposal:

We propose to re-categorise the following areas of Cooper Park:

Area	Current categorisation	Proposed categorisation
Tennis kiosk / café, public toilets / changerooms, caretakers residence	Natural Area - Bushland	General Community Use
Lower Cooper Park (turfed sportsgrounds, cricket pitches & nets)	Park	Sportsground
Bunna Place & carpark	Park	General Community Use

These changes were outlined in a presentation to Council's Community and Environment Committee 3 November 2008 and are illustrated in colour as Annexure 2.

Guidelines for categorisation of land as bushland

- (1) Land that is categorised as a natural area should be further categorised as bushland under section 36 (5) of the Act if the land contains primarily native vegetation and that vegetation:
 - (a) is the natural vegetation or a remainder of the natural vegetation of the land, or
 - (b) although not the natural vegetation of the land, is still representative of the structure or floristics, or structure and floristics, of the natural vegetation in the locality.
- (2) Such land includes:
 - (a) bushland that is mostly undisturbed with a good mix of tree ages, and natural regeneration, where the understorey is comprised of native grasses and herbs or native shrubs, and that contains a range of habitats for native fauna (such as logs, shrubs, tree hollows and leaf litter), or
 - (b) moderately disturbed bushland with some regeneration of trees and shrubs, where there may be a regrowth area with trees of even age, where native shrubs and grasses are present in the understorey even though there may be some weed invasion, or
 - (c) highly disturbed bushland where the native understorey has been removed, where there may be significant weed invasion and where dead and dying trees are present, where there is no natural regeneration of trees or shrubs, but where the land is still capable of being rehabilitated.

Guidelines for categorisation of land as general community use

Land should be categorised as general community use under section 36 (4) of the Act if the land:

- (a) may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public, and
- (b) is not required to be categorised as a natural area under section 36A, 36B or 36C of the Act and does not satisfy the guidelines under clauses 102–105 for categorisation as a natural area, a sportsground, a park or an area of cultural significance.

Guidelines for categorisation of land as a park

Land should be categorised as a park under section 36 (4) of the Act if the land is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.

Guidelines for categorisation of land as a sportsground

Land should be categorised as a sportsground under section 36 (4) of the Act if the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.

The proposed changes we are seeking to re-categorise will better reflect the current and intended use of Cooper Park.

Public Hearing

In accordance with Section 36(4) of the Local Government Act, A PoM for community land must identify the category of the land. Community land is to be categorised as one or more of the following:

- natural area
- sportsground
- park
- area of cultural significance
- general community use

Section 40A of the Local Government Act requires that a public hearing be held if a PoM will re-categorise certain areas of land covered by the Plan to reflect the current usage of the Park. A public hearing was called in November 2008, as part of the process of re-categorising land, with notices placed in the Wentworth Courier and on Council's website for 28 days.

During the notification period Council received seven enquires about the Public Hearing and 130 hits on the Woollahra Council's webpage. The main concerns where:

- The difference between 'Community' and 'Operational' Land?

The differences were explained to the callers and residents were directed to Woollahra Council's website for further information and access to the Information pack relating to the re-categorisation of community land.

- That the re-categorising of Lower Cooper Park from 'Park' to 'Sportsground' would have an impact on the current dog regulations.

It was explained that re-categorising this area from 'Park' to 'Sportsground' was a more suitable categorisation and that it would not affect the current dog regulations. It was also explained that the draft Plan of Management will not propose to alter the current dog regulations at Lower Cooper Park, and that the community will have the opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan of Management when it is placed on public exhibition early next year.

The public hearing was held on Thursday 4 December 2008 at 6:00pm at the Cooper Park Community Hall. Under Section 47G of the Act, the person presiding at a public hearing must not be:

- a) A Councillor or employee of the Council holding the public hearing.
- b) A person who has been a Councillor or employee of that Council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

Ms Sandy Hoy, Principal of Parkland Environmental Planners, presided as the independent chairperson. One member of the public attended.

The issues raised by the person who attended the public hearing were:

- Avoiding conflicts between dogs and children playing sport, especially at the 4.30pm start of the unleashed dog exercise time.

Council staff will consider installing signage to clearly communicate the sporting and unleashed dog exercise times to park users.

- The current unleashed dog exercise times at Cooper Park are inconvenient.

As this concern is not related to the proposed re-categorisation, residents can communicate this matter to Council during public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management for Cooper Park.

In accordance with Section 47G of the Act, a report regarding the public hearing was prepared by the chairperson and issued to Council on Tuesday 8 December 2008. It has been made available for public inspection at our front counter in accordance with the requirements of Section 47G of the Act. The full copy of the report is outlined in Annexure 1. Ms Hoy concluded from the meeting that:

Representations made at the public hearing, and from the telephone enquiries received by Council staff prior to the public hearing, suggested that residents support the re-categorisation of Lower Cooper Park from 'Park' to 'Sportsground' if current unleashed dog exercise arrangements are not changed or affected. Whilst any amendments to dog regulations are a potential concern of residents, these matters are not generally influenced by the process or outcome of re-categorisation. I am satisfied that the draft Plan of Management for Cooper Park to be placed on public exhibition for comment early in 2009 supports retaining the existing dog regulations.

No objections were received to re-categorising the tennis kiosk / café, public toilets / changerooms, and caretakers residence from 'Natural Area – Bushland' to 'General Community Use'.

No objections were received to re-categorising Bunna Place and carpark from 'Park' to 'General Community Use'.

*Based on the assessment of issues raised in **Section 2**, my recommendation to Woollahra Council is to place the draft Plan of Management for Cooper Park with the proposed re-categorisations according to the map in **Figure 1.2** and the whole of Cooper Park being categorised as 'Area of Cultural Significance' on public exhibition for comment.*

Plan of Management

The Cooper Park Plan of Management is currently being updated in readiness to be placed on public exhibition seeking public input / comment in accordance with the Act. The draft PoM will be presented to the Community and Environment Committee early 2009 with the view to place the PoM on public exhibition.

Conclusion:

Cooper Park Plan of Management is currently being updated in readiness to be placed on public exhibition. As part of the process it is recommended that Council adopt the re-categorisation of the proposed areas as outlined in Annexure 2 for inclusion in the drafting of a new PoM. This Plan will then be presented to the Community and Environment Committee in February 2009, with the view to put the plan on public exhibition.

Paul Fraser
Parks & Recreation Coordinator

Warwick Hatton
Director Technical Services

ANNEXURES:

1. Public Hearing Report
2. Land Categorisation Maps of Cooper Park

**POLITICAL DONATIONS DECISION MAKING FLOWCHART
FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUCILLORS**

