



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 26 February 2007*

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

22 February 2007

To: The Mayor, Councillor Keri Huxley, ex-officio
Councillors Anthony Boskovitz (Chair)
Tanya Excell (Deputy Chair)
Claudia Cullen
Marcus Ehrlich
Julian Martin
Andrew Petrie
Fiona Sinclair King

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 26 February 2007

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 26 February 2007 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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3	Declarations of Interest	

Items to be Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority

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Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee – Nil R Items

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 12 February 2007**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 12 February 2007 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 12 February 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager - Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes - 6 February 2007**
Author: Warwick Hatton, Director – Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2007
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendations Y1-Y10 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee on Tuesday 6 February 2007 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 6 February 2007 at 10.00am.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Snr Const David Peters	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Mr Eric Graham	(State Transit Authority)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observers:	Mr John McDonagh	(Harbour View Park Residents' Group)
Apologies:	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
Absent	Mr Scott Farlow	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)
<u>Also in Attendance:</u>	Ms C. Drover	(St Marks Preschool – Item Y2)
	Mrs Kate Prendergast	(Darling Point Society - Item Y2)
	Mr Alan Brown	(Resident - Item Y2)
	Mrs Belinda Brown	(Resident - Item Y2)
	Mr Bill Ferguson	(Resident - Item Y2)
	Mrs Ferguson	(Resident - Item Y2)
	Mr Mark O'Hara	(Cranbrook School – Item Y2)
	Ms Sheena Polese	(St Marks Preschool – Item Y2)
	Ms Nicole Abadee	(St Marks Preschool – Item Y2)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.11/06 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 5 December 2006 were confirmed by Mr Navin Prasad and Snr Const David Peters.

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting No.11a/06 held by email on Tuesday 12 December 2006 were confirmed by Mr Navin Prasad and Snr Const David Peters.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

December 2006 – Item Y1-4: Greenoaks Avenue, Darling Point – Parking restrictions

- A. That this matter be deferred and considered as part of Council's consideration of the Darling Point Traffic Study.
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5. Extraordinary Meetings

Noted

6. Late Correspondence

Item Y1-8: Magney Street, Woollahra – Request for Disabled zone

Letter received from the resident of 15 Magney Street, Woollahra in support of the request for a Disabled Parking zone in Magney Street, Woollahra.

Item Y1-10: Hargrave Lane, Paddington – Parking restrictions

Letter received from the owner of 11A Hargrave Lane, Paddington in opposition to the request for parking restrictions in Hargrave Lane, Paddington.

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: Fairfax Road, Bellevue Hill – Request for Mirror

Recommendation:

1. That a 'Concealed Driveways' sign be installed on the northern side of Fairfax Road in the vicinity of Nos.34-36 Fairfax Road, Bellevue Hill.
 2. That the applicant be advised that a mirror is not considered appropriate as it is not a recognised traffic facility and may provide a distorted view of traffic to both motorists and pedestrians.
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Item Y1-2: Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill – No Stopping restrictions

Recommendation:

That “No Stopping (Arrow Left)” restrictions be installed on the northern side of Victoria Road from 6 metres west of the driveway to No.1 Victoria Road in a westerly direction to New South Head Road, Bellevue Hill.

Item Y1-3: Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill – Replace No Stopping with No Parking restrictions

Recommendation:

That 10 metres of No Parking be installed on the northern side of Bellevue Rd from 18.8 metres east of the eastern kerb line of New South Head Road to 28.8 metres east of the eastern kerb line of New South Head Road, Bellevue Hill.

Item Y1-4: Benelong Crescent, Bellevue Hill – No Parking restrictions

Recommendation:

That a ‘No Parking’ zone be installed from a point 11 metres north of the driveway to No.2-4 Benelong Crescent to a point 11 metres south-east of the driveway to No.6 Benelong Crescent, Bellevue Hill.

Item Y1-5: Ian Street, Rose Bay – Parking Restrictions

Recommendation:

That a “No Stopping (Arrow Right)” sign be installed on the northern side of Ian Street just west of the driveway servicing No.15 Ian Street, Rose Bay.

Item Y1-6: Old South Head Road, Rose Bay – Alteration to Signposting

Recommendation:

That the existing “No Parking, Weddings and Funeral Vehicles Excepted” zone which extends from the prolongation of the boundary between Nos.660 and 662 Old South Head Road in a northerly direction for 27.5 metres be replaced with “5 Minute Parking 8.30am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4.00pm Mon-Fri / No Parking At Other Times, Weddings and Funeral Vehicles Excepted”.

Item Y1-7: Smith Street, Woollahra – No Stopping for Waste collection

Recommendation:

That No Stopping restrictions be introduced to cover the northern side of Smith Street between Moncur Lane and Moncur Street Woollahra.

Item Y1-8: Magney Street, Woollahra – Request for Disabled zone

Recommendation:

That a “Disabled Persons Parking” zone be installed on the western side of Magney Street from the northern side of the driveway to No.6 Magney Street, Woollahra for a distance of 4.4 metres in a northerly direction.

That the applicant be advised that approval is for one (1) year only. Should the applicant wish to extend this period, it will be necessary to advise Council one (1) month prior to the expiry date of this Disabled Persons Parking zone.

Item Y1-9: Australia Lane, Woollahra – Parking Restrictions

Recommendation:

That a ‘No Parking’ zone be installed on the southern side of Australia Lane, Woollahra from 24.3 metres west of the western kerb line of Adelaide Street in a westerly direction to 42.8 metres west of the western kerb line of Adelaide Street, Woollahra.

Item Y1-10: Hargrave Lane, Paddington – Parking Restrictions

Recommendation:

That approximately 3.5 metres of No Parking be installed on the northern side of Hargrave Lane, in front of No.17 Hargrave Lane, to allow satisfactory vehicle access to Hargrave Lane frontage of No.52 Hargrave Street, Paddington.

That Council officers discuss with the owner of No.17 Hargrave Lane to determine which side of their front door the sign posting should be installed.

Item Y1-11: Heeley Street, Paddington – Removal of redundant No Parking

Recommendation:

That the “No Parking” zone on the western side of Heeley Street across the redundant driveway to the Police Boys Club located approximately 40 metres north of Underwood Street, Paddington be removed on a permanent basis.

Item Y1-12: Glenmore Road, Paddington – Rationalisation of Signposting

Recommendation:

That no action be taken to install “No Stopping (Arrow Right)” signposting at this location as it is already covered by statutory restrictions.

Item Y1-13: Cross Street / Ocean Avenue, Double Bay – Intersection turning manoeuvres

Recommendation:

That a “No Stopping (Arrow Right)” sign be installed on the southern side of Glenmore Road, 10 metres east of the eastern kerb line of Flinton Street, Paddington.

Item No: Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: Greenoaks Avenue, Darling Point – Alteration to Traffic Conditions
Author: Lorna Oliver – Traffic & Transport Planner
File No: T203
Reason for Report: Request from Cranbrook Pre-school for alteration to traffic conditions.

Recommendation:

- A. That Option C be adopted, with retention of the broken centre line and the revision of signage in both directions be adopted in principle.
 - B. That residents and owners in the affected area of Greenoaks Avenue be notified of the revised Option C proposal.
 - C. That following notification, a further report be submitted to the Traffic Committee in March 2007.
 - D. That longer term options for Greenoaks Avenue be investigated as part of Council’s consideration of the Darling Point Traffic Study.
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Item No: Y3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

Subject: **Newcastle Street, Rose Bay – Temporary Road Closure**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 328. Pt3

Reason for Report: Request by Rose Bay Greek Orthodox Church for temporary road closure during Greek Easter Midnight Service.

Recommendation:

- A. That subject to the following conditions being met, approval be granted to the temporary closure of Newcastle Street, Rose Bay, between Faraday Avenue and Old South Head Road, Rose Bay between 11.30pm Saturday 7 April and 12.30am Sunday 8 April 2007.
- i. The applicant to submit a Traffic Management Plan to the Roads and Traffic Authority's Traffic Management Centre (via Council) for final approval.
 - ii. The applicant shall obtain the written approval from the NSW Police Department (Rose Bay Police Station) for the temporary closure of Newcastle Street, Rose Bay. If security personnel are used, NSW Police should be advised.
 - iii. The applicant shall comply with all directives of the NSW Police Department, either provided on the day or beforehand.
 - iv. The applicant shall be responsible for informing all residents of Newcastle Street and adjoining streets of the temporary road closure at least seven (7) days before the event via a letterbox drop and an advertisement in the local paper.
 - v. The applicant shall supply and erect all barriers and traffic signs necessary for the road closure, and shall be responsible for the removal of any barriers and signs immediately after the completion of the event.
 - vi. The applicant to be responsible for the manning of the barriers and the directing of traffic around the temporary road closure.
 - vii. Vehicles having legitimate business within the closed section of roadway shall be allowed access. A warning sign should be displayed on Old South Head Road informing drivers of the road closure.
 - viii. The applicant shall be responsible for informing all Emergency Services of the proposed road closure.
 - ix. A clear passageway of 4 metres wide shall be maintained within the road closure for emergency access.
 - x. The applicant be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage caused to Council Infrastructure as a result of the temporary road closure.
- B. That the applicant provide Council with \$10,000,000 public liability insurance to cover any claims against Council which may occur as a result of this activity.

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

Subject: **No. 12A Trelawney Street, Woollahra – Works Zone in Ocean Street and Trelawney Street**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt7

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed in front of No.12A Trelawney Street, Woollahra in both Ocean and Trelawney Streets at different times and for different periods. The length of the proposed Works Zone in Ocean Street is 6 metres, and it is to be located on the eastern side of Ocean Street, just north of the driveway to No.81 Ocean Street, Woollahra. The length of the proposed Works Zone in Trelawney Street is 8 metres, and it is to be located on the southern side of Trelawney Street, just west of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 12A and 12 Trelawney Street and will extend across the double driveway to No.12A Trelawney Street, Woollahra. These 2 separate Works Zones would be approved subject to the following conditions:
- i. The applicant must submit a Traffic Management Plan to the RTA's Traffic Management Centre for final approval for this zone, due to its proximity to the Trelawney Street / Ocean Street traffic signals.
 - ii. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - iii. The Works Zone in Ocean Street is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 13 weeks from 19 February, 2007 to 18 May, 2007.
 - iv. The Works Zone in Trelawney Street is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 26 weeks from 19 May, 2007 to 19 October, 2007.
 - v. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - vi. Existing parking restrictions (No Stopping in Trelawney Street and unrestricted parking in Ocean Street) are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vii. 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.
 - viii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - ix. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(b). 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.
 - x. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - xi. 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.
 - xii. 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 adjacent residents by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.
- C. That the Works Zone be reinstated as unrestricted parking west of the driveway in Trelawney Street to a distance 20m east of the traffic signals at the end of the Works Zone.

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

Subject: **No. 14 Gurner Street (Gurner Lane) Paddington– Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt7

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.14 Gurner Street, Paddington. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 8 metres and it is to be located on the southern side of Gurner Lane across the Gurner Lane frontages of both 12 & 14 Gurner Street, Paddington 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-8.00am, 9.30am-2.30pm and 4.00pm-5.30pm Monday-Friday and 7.00am-1.00pm Saturday, No Parking at other times, for a period of 15 weeks from 15 February 2007 to 31 May 2007.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (No Parking) 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.
 - xi. Should the tenants require access to no.12 Gurner Street from the driveway in Gurner Lane, the applicant shall ensure that any obstruction to this driveway is removed without delay.
 - xii. Should the school require access to their driveway, the applicant shall ensure that any obstruction to this driveway is removed without delay.

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

Subject: **No. 129 Underwood Street, Paddington– Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt7

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed in front of No.129 Underwood Street, Paddington. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 6 metres, and it is to be located on the northern side of Underwood Street, centrally located in front of No.129 Underwood Street, Paddington 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 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 12 weeks from 19 February, 2007 to 11 May, 2007.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (2HR Parking 8.00am-11.00pm ARVE Area PGTN 2) 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 adjacent residents by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.
Subject: **No. 18 Birriga Road (Benelong Crescent), Bellevue Hill– Works Zone**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt7
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed in front of No.18 Birriga Road, Bellevue Hill. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 8 metres, and it is to be located on the southern side of Benelong Crescent, across the double driveway to the property off Benelong Crescent 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 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 26 weeks from 15 March, 2007 to 15 September, 2007.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions 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(b). 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 adjacent residents by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y8 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 98 Birriga Road, Bellevue Hill - Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt7

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.98 Birriga Road, Bellevue Hill. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 13 metres, and it is to be located on the northern side of Birriga Road from 0.5 metres east of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos.96 and 98 Birriga Road (including the driveway to No.98 Birriga Road) for a distance of 13 metres in an easterly direction 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 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 8 weeks from 1 March, 2007 to 1 May, 2007.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation. (ie. 90 degree Angle Parking, Rear to Kerb, Only Vehicles under 6 metres in length.)
 - 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(b). 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 adjacent residents by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill – Traffic Signals**

Author: Lorna Oliver – Traffic & Transport Planner

File No: T470

Reason for Report: Scots College proposed traffic signals - Plans received for relocation of traffic signals at this location.

Recommendation:

- A. That Council note the RTA's approval of the proposed relocation of the traffic signals as documented on drawings SK-001 AMDT 'D' and 7000.499.VV.1973.
- B. That the associated signposting and linemarking shown on the above plans be approved.
- C. That the cost of all works related to this facility be borne by the developer.

Item No: Y10 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **No. 5 Dudley Street, Paddington - Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt7

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.5 Dudley Street, Paddington. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 6 metres, and it is to be located on the northern side of Dudley Street opposite No.5 Dudley Street immediately east of the driveway across the road from No.5 Dudley Street, Paddington 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 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 4 weeks from 20 February, 2007 to 20 March, 2007.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (2HR Parking 8.00am-11.00pm ARVE Area PGTN 2) 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 adjacent residents by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.
- C. That the applicant ensure that the wall of the property adjacent to the Works Zone be protected at all times.
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8. Late Items

Bus Interchange at Edgecliff

Eric Graham from STA advised that Railcorp will be carrying out repairs to the roof at the bus interchange in 2 stages commencing late February / early March 2007. Railcorp and STA will liaise with any affected residents.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

Warwick Hatton
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee

Subject: **Natural Environment Principal Activity - 2nd Quarter Management Plan Review**

Author: Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services
Allan Coker - Director Planning and Development

File No: 827.G 04-07

Reason for Report: To review the status of works, services and Notices of Motions for the Management Plan principal activity of Natural Environment for the 3 months ending 31 December 2006.

Recommendation

- A. That the status of projects for the Natural Environment principal activity be noted.
- B. That the variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported end of year financial review.

Background:

Section 407(1) of the Local Government Act requires that Council review the progress of the adopted management plan on a quarterly basis. Included with this report is the second quarterly review of Principal Activity No 2 of the Management Plan, which is "Natural Environment". This principal activity has the following sub- activities:

- 2.1 Environmental Protection
- 2.2 Stormwater Systems
- 2.3 Tree Management
- 2.4 Waste Services
- 2.5 Street Cleaning
- 2.6 Bush Regeneration
- 2.7 Harbour Facilities

Included as an Annexure to this report is:

- 1. The Natural Environment Principal Activity of the Management Plan with detailed comments on the status of items in each sub activity.
- 2. Any uncompleted adopted "Notices of Motion" related to the Natural Environment principal activity.

The Annexure includes all the details, whereas, set out in the following part of this report is a commentary on variations, changes, exception, completed work, achievements, etc. The purpose being to provide Councillors with a snapshot on the key influences or issues arising from this quarterly review.

"Notices of Motion", which have a major impact on approved Management Plan core activities and projects, have been included in the management plan as variations so as to facilitate the changing of priorities in an orderly and transparent manner.

Comments on budget variations, where they are material or have an impact on the program of works or projects, may be included in this report. However, the budget review and confirmation of any changed forecast will be considered in a separate budget report, which reviews the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the quarter.

Following is the commentary on each sub-activity

Environmental Protection

The preparation of the Woollahra Sustainability Plan continues. The project involves reviewing Council's existing functions, activities, programs and policies, identifying local issues, community consultation, establishing a local vision and objectives, and identifying actions. The plan aims to build on and promote Council's existing programs, ensuring that the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) are applied to all function areas. The literature review, Council review and community consultation stages of the project are now complete. The draft plan is currently being prepared in consultation with related staff and MANEX.

The preparation of the draft Energy Savings Action Plan (ESAP) has commenced. This plan focuses on the energy use from Council's top ten energy using sites, audits the facilities and identifies and prioritises actions to conserve energy. Council's base year energy use has been calculated for the top ten energy using sites and the energy management review was conducted in August 2006. MANEX decided that council commence the process of entering into an Energy Performance Contract (EPC). EPCs provide businesses with a low risk way to implement energy and water efficiency improvements. The risk is transferred to the consultant who guarantees both the performance of the technology and the energy savings. A Request for Proposals for the Supply of Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) Services has been distributed to suitably qualified consultants. Responses are due 14 February 2007. The detailed feasibility stage of the EPC will be used to complete the investigations required for the ESAP. A request for an extension to the 30 December 2006 deadline has been lodged with the Department of Energy Utilities and Sustainability.

Council completed and finalised the Woollahra State of the Environment (SoE) Report 2005/2006. SoE reports are prepared as a part of Council's Annual Report. The SoE report, with the Annual Report, was submitted to the Minister for Local Government by 30 November 2006. The SoE 2005/2006 is a supplementary report. A designer has commenced work on the document, for print and distribution.

Council is participating in the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Summer Activities Program January 2007. Three events have been organised by Council for the January 2007 program:

- Christison to Gap Park Coastal Bushwalk,
- Coastal Care/Water Dragons story time and craft Double Bay Childrens Library, and
- Science of the Surf Presentation at the Council Chambers.

The environmental impacts and legal issues associated with bore water use and private desalination plants are currently being investigated. The investigation will also consider the development of policy controls.

2.2 Stormwater Systems

The DRAINS stormwater modelling has been completed. The model is currently being reviewed and incorporated into Council's asset database. The CCTV data is currently being rated and incorporated into Council's asset database.

The draft Rushcutters Bay Catchment Flood Study was placed on exhibition in November 2006. The study has been recommended for adoption through the Flood Plain Risk Management Committee on 1 February 2007.

The Double Bay Catchment Flood Study is 90% completed. A draft study is expected to be ready for public exhibition in April 2007.

Council has secured grant funding from the NSW State Government for the preparation of the Rose Bay Catchment Flood Study. Quotations were invited and reviewed, and a consultant has been nominated to complete the study.

Gross pollutants trapped in stormwater pit devices are being recorded and monitored by our works teams as part of the Environmental Works program. Intervention level being revised and cleaning contract under review.

Boronia Road, Bellevue Hill drainage investigation completed. Design 90% complete.

Fisher Avenue, Vaucluse drainage investigation completed. Draft design is completed and currently being reviewed.

Stage 1 of Cliff Street drainage works construction is nearing completion.

The Crescent, Vaucluse drainage investigation is completed and quotations called for the design of Stage 1.

2.3 Tree Management

During this quarter we processed 189 applications for pruning or removal of trees protected by the Tree Preservation Order, serviced 250 applications for pruning or removal of street or park trees and assessed 126 development applications related to tree management issues. In this quarter we carried out new or replacement planting at 40 locations.

A draft Street Tree Masterplan and Noxious Weeds Strategy has been developed as part of the Vegetation Management Strategy (VMS). These documents will be presented to the VMS Working Party and Council in early 2007.

Data collection is well underway for the street and park tree asset management project. Asset inventory and condition surveys were carried out on 5860 street trees. We expect to have surveyed all street trees by March 2007.

2.4 Waste Services

A survey was carried out in October 2006 to determine the level of contamination and what type of product is not being recycled in both single and multi unit dwellings. As a result of this survey, Council has been working closely with its recycling contractor to formulate educational programs targeted at recycling initiatives for Multiple Unit Dwellings and other areas of poor recycling.

Early results of a recent survey of residents participating in the food organics collection trial show that residents are using the new service and are in favour of a permanent organics collection service. Further surveys will be carried out and information will be collected over the next 6 months to determine the feasibility of the service.

Audit results of the survey carried out in Paddington and West Woollahra showed that the majority of residents surveyed were in favour of changing the collection service to a 120lt, or two 55lt litre bins once a week. Further community consultation, by way of an internet survey and information placed in the local paper, will take place in the coming months.

2.5 Street Cleaning

We commenced a review of schedules and operations to address some problems with cleaning schedules due to the continuing dry conditions and unseasonable leaf fall, on the one hand, and on the other, a significant increase in the volume of material being put out for clean-up, which impacts on staff resources for general cleaning.

Complaints regarding the cleanliness of streets have been drastically reduced and the scheduled servicing of each street every two weeks is now largely being achieved.

Spraying of weeds in laneways, walkways and around traffic devices has now been carried out and weeds will be removed over the following weeks.

2.6 Bush Regeneration

The new bush regeneration schedules were successfully completed for the second quarter of 2006-07.

The major Environmental Works funded bush regeneration projects in Gap Park and Parsley Bay Reserve were nearing completion.

Successful Bushcare volunteer programs continued in Harbourview Park, Gap Park, Trumper Park and Cooper Park. Promotional material, a Christmas Thank You day, training days, and a new website have helped us recruit to our current level of 40 volunteers.

2.7 Harbour Facilities

Options for upgrading the Watsons Bay Baths have been the subject of extensive investigations into piled structures, floating pontoons, turning boards, etc. The results of these investigations were reported to the last Watsons Bay Working Party meeting held on 26 September, 2006. At this meeting, the Working Party endorsed a design concept for the upgrading of the Baths. A developed design and cost estimate will be submitted in a report on the proposal to the Corporate and Works Committee in March 2007.

Warwick Hatton
Director Technical Services

Allan Coker
Director Planning & Development

Annexures:

1. December 2006 Quarterly Review of Principal Activity – Natural Environment
2. December 2006 Quarterly Review of Outstanding Notices of Motion – Natural Environment

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Community Services Principal Activity - 2nd Quarter Management Plan Review**
Author: Kylie Walshe - Director Community Services
Tim Tuxford – Manager Compliance
File No: 827.G 05-08
Reason for Report: To review the status of works, services, and Notices of Motion for the Management Plan principal activity of Community Services for the three months ending 31 December 2006.

Recommendation:

- A. That the status of projects for the Community Services Principal Activity be noted.
- B. That variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported quarterly financial review.

Background:

Section 407(1) of the Local Government Act requires that Council review the progress of the adopted management plan on a quarterly basis. Included with this report is the second quarterly review of Principal Activity No 5 of the Management Plan, which is "Community Services". This principal activity has the following sub- activities:

- 5.1 Community Services Management
- 5.2 Library Services
- 5.3 Community Development
- 5.4 Cultural Development
- 5.5 Environment & Public Health
- 5.6 Ranger Services

Included as Annexure 1. to this report is the Community Services Principal activity of the Management Plan, with detailed comments on the status of items in each sub activity.

The annexure includes all the details whereas set out in the following part of this report is a commentary on variations, changes, exception, completed work, achievements, etc. The purpose being to provide Councillors with a snapshot on the key influences or issues arising from this quarterly review.

Comments on budget variations where they are material or have an impact on the program of works or projects may be included in this report. However the budget review and confirmation of any changed forecast will be considered in a separate budget report which reviews the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the quarter.

Following is the commentary on each sub activity.

5.1 Community Services Management

This sub-activity covers the area of strategic planning and activities that impact on all operations of community services.

The July to October 2006 quarterly report from Holdsworth Street Community Centre was received but has not yet been reported to Council as a number of areas require clarification. Once these areas are satisfactorily clarified a report will be presented to Council. It is anticipated that the July to September quarterly report will be reported with the October to December quarterly report in March 2007.

Renovations at Vaucluse Bowling Club were completed in early October and a successful Open Day held on 22 October 2006.

5.2 Library and Information Services

This sub-activity covers all library activities, including projects for library facilities and the library and information service as a whole. Progress has been made in most of the management plan projects with several being completed. There have been changes to a number of the projects completion dates however staff are confident the revised target dates will be met.

Some highlights of the library activities and projects for this quarter as reflected in the Management Plan are as follows:

Lending Services

- The Library and Information Service has a membership of 20,408. There have been 764 new members this quarter, making a total of 1633 for the year.
- The quarterly circulation figure for all service points is 107,104. This represents an increase of 3.66% on the same period in 2005.
- In September 2006, the Library introduced people counters at the Double Bay Central Library. For the quarter, there were 22,754 visits by the public to the Adult Library and 22,262 visits to the Junior Library. This represents an average of 500 library visits per day.
- The Home Library Service, as of 31 December, 2006 has 153 individual members and 5 institutional members (consisting of nursing home / hospitals), all of whom are visited fortnightly by Council staff or volunteers. There are 5 registered volunteers with the service
- On Monday 4 December 2006, the Library and Information Service, as part of International Day of People with a Disability, launched the Home Library Audio Read Navigator project. The Library in partnership with eight other Councils, received a grant of \$164,000 from the State Library of NSW. The new system allows vision impaired library clients to access new digital audio MP3 technology. Audio books are downloaded onto a small handheld device, which is lightweight, portable and has tactile buttons for ease of use. The device can hold up to eight titles and be updated each time they are borrowed.

Children's and Young Adult Library Service

- The Community Services Division held the third Kids Day Out event on Sunday 29 October 2006, 11 am -2.30 pm in Blackburn Gardens and Council environs. Coordinated by the Children's and Young Adult Library team, working closely with staff across the Division, the event aimed to provide the community with a free fun family day out highlighting Council's facilities and services as well as promotion of the Small Sculpture exhibition. The event was attended by approximately 3000 children and adults and received much positive feedback.

The event presented a range of cultural activities: author / illustrator workshops, interactive drumming with Drumcafe, a poetry competition with readings, tours of the Small Sculpture Prize exhibition, craft making with Envirocraft to tie in with the Small Sculpture Prize and children's services and Windward representing the Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra. It also included facepainting, jumping castles, hoola hooping and sausage sizzle.

- Story- time sessions continue to be well supported and enjoyed by children, parents and local community based preschools. During this quarter, 17 playgroup / storytelling sessions were held in Blackburn Gardens / Double Bay Children's Library with a total of 258 children attending. While at Paddington Library, 22 storytelling sessions were held with 313 children present.

Of special note was the Christmas parties held at Double Bay and Paddington which was linked to the Summer Reading Club launch. 52 children and 41 adults attended the Central library function which combined with the last Friday Playgroup for the year, while 35 children and 21 adults attended the Paddington event.

- The Library is continuing with its trial extension of the Double Bay Children's Library opening hours from 6 to 8 pm, Monday to Friday which commenced on 25 September 2006. This pilot programme aims to encourage more young adults to use the library collection for both study and recreation. To date, uptake has been a little slow however further promotion of the extended hours will be made in the New Year.

Information Services

- 5372 reference enquiries were answered at the reference desk of both Double Bay and Paddington Libraries for the quarter. Whilst 522 Local History enquiries were addressed by staff at the Local History Centre.
- The Information Services staff conducted the Local History Survey (13 -26 November, 2006) 1024 customers were asked to undertake the survey, with 564 completed. A full analysis of the results were reported to Community and Environment Committee on 18 December 2006. The key outcomes included the need to further promote the Local History Centre as 74% of the respondents were unaware of the Centre and a greater understanding of the increasing workload of the staff at the Centre.
- The Library and Information Service, through funding from the State Library of NSW, has continued the indexing of Council's Archives. To date, six years (1860 - 1866) of indexing has been completed.
- Work on the "Women in Woollahra" project has continued. The project aims to celebrate the achievement of women in Woollahra by providing a biographical history on Council's website and oral histories on Belle Miller and Brenda (Dutchie) Somerville Backhouse.

The consultant's brief was finalised and Frank Heinmans formally engaged as consultant. Local History Centre staff are continuing the research the women with the aim of launching the project on International Women's Day, Thursday 8 March 2007.

- The Third Annual Local Writers Day was held on Saturday 11 November 2006. The Library invited submissions from small-press or self published authors living in the Woollahra Municipality or neighbouring municipalities. Ten submissions were received and the authors gave readings and were interviewed about their work by Andrea Stretton. The day also featured readings by the winners of the Woollahra Council's 2006 Seniors Week Poetry competition. A small audience of 20 attended but feedback from participants has been very appreciative.
- Only one Writers and Readers evening was held this quarter in the Council's Committee Room. On the 7 December, 2006 Ross Steele spoke about his new book 'The French Way' as well as hosting the Christmas Party for the Woollahra Library Friends. This event was attended by an audience of approximately 100 people.

A detailed library quarterly report with statistics and trend lines was presented to the Community and Environment Committee on 12 February 2007.

5.3 Community Development

This sub-activity covers the programs for children, youth, community safety, volunteering and community development.

Children's Services

- **Families First**

Council has attended a number of meetings for the Family First Project, South Eastern Sydney region which is a NSW Government initiative. Council was involved in the consultative process where additional information was sought about community strengths and opportunities for capacity building and better outcomes for children 0-8 years and their families. A significant meeting was held on 3rd November 2006 with the local governments and key service providers in the South Eastern Region to provide and confirm demographic trends and subsequent requirements for further allocation of appropriate resources. Woollahra Council trends indicate children aged 0-4 years and 5-11 years are most numerous in the Vaucluse and Bellevue Hill. Double Bay has the fastest growing child population with a 45% increase in 0-9 year olds over the period of 1996 to 2001. Council will continue to meet and contribute to further discussion and regional planning for appropriate resources to meet the changing demographic demands.

- **Transition to School Project**

The Pre School hosted a Transition to School information evening "Starting School is a Big Deal" with guest speaker Mr Bob Perry. He is well known in the Transition to School projects and has written a book on the area providing practical information for parents who are preparing their child for school. It was well attended and received favourable comments from the parents.

- **Better Futures**

Liaison was re-established with the Better Futures Sub-regional Reference group, which is currently investigating the feasibility of pilot projects to attract 9-13 year old children to continue to attend Out of School Hours (OOSH) projects. Council attends the meetings of Out of School Hours Service (OOSH) with Waverley and Randwick Local Government Areas.

- Woollahra Pre School continued to operate at full capacity.

Youth

A Youth Strategy for Woollahra is currently being developed in partnership with local youth services. Literature research will be completed in February 2007 providing information on future trends, direction of government and key stakeholders policy and information and social educational requirements. Information obtained will be instrumental in developing a policy direction and inclusion in the Community and Social planning project scheduled to commence January 2007 which will culminate in the new Community and Social Plan 2008-2017.

The following activities took place during the last quarter:

- Have A Go Day was held on 21-22 October which gave youth an opportunity to have a go at new recreational and leisure activities and foster healthy lifestyles. Life Be In It, Bike East and a number of local yacht clubs gave opportunities to have a hands on experience.
- Community Harmony Day
Event was held on 3 November at Randwick Town Hall. It was organised by the four Local Councils and young people from the Youth Advisory Committees. All schools in the local government areas were invited to send students which celebrated harmony initiatives and gave youth an opportunity to discuss issues and what contribution they have in fostering acceptance in our society.
- Live @Lyne Park
The youth concert was organised in partnership with WAYS giving opportunity for local youth bands to perform and display their musical and song writing talent. The event was held on 9 December 2007.
- Youth Issues Forum
The last forum for the year was held in October with key service providers attending the meeting providing information on new initiatives. Guest speaker from Centre Link provided information on changes to the organisations customer service providing youth with a more efficient and timely response to requests.
- The Youth Safety Network
Meeting was held monthly with the main focus being on issues relating to young people (12-24) who are at risk of truanting, in trouble with authorities, on the streets late at night, and new initiatives fostering positive images of young people in our community. In view of the membership to this network sitting on the Youth Issue Forum it was decided to cease this network meeting and tabling youth safety issues at the forum meetings.
- Youth Advisory Committee
Attendance at the monthly Youth Advisory Committee with main issues for discussion being planning for annual youth events. The Road Traffic Authority, in collaboration with Council, ran a "Teach Your Child to Drive Safely" attracting twenty local parents.

Community Safety

The draft Crime Prevention Plan was placed on Public Exhibition for 28 days and reported to the Community and Environment Committee on the 18 December 2006 with public comments and recommendations included in the report. The report will go to the 29 January 2007 Council meeting for adoption, then forwarded to the Attorney General's office for endorsement.

Liaison has been maintained with the Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence Committee.

The Community Safety Committee has continued to be well attended by residents and Neighbourhood Watch representatives. The adoption of the Crime Prevention Plan will provide a direction through commencing the implementation of the action plan.

Volunteering

- The first Volunteer Forum was held at Council in December 2007 and attracted a significant number of local service providers who recruit, train and support volunteers. The forum was well received with acknowledgement given that there is a need for agencies to access information to support and train volunteers in a professional manner and to follow best practice principles.
- The forum aims to create a network of support to organisations in the local area, share information, knowledge and resources and review the methods to recruit, retained and support volunteers.
- The forum is a collaborative effort with Holdsworth Street Community Centre. Forums will be held on a quarterly basis.

EJ Ward Community Centre

The Centre continues to provide a diverse range of activities and functions to the local residents. Activities offered include lunch meals, day trips, exercise classes, table tennis, card games, arts and crafts, HUGS knitting group, Computer Pals, University of the 3rd Age and ongoing casual room hire

Ageing, Disability and Access

All management plan activities are on target, with the Aged and Disability Community Development Officer facilitating a number of new activities being offered to the community.

Following the adoption of the Social Needs Study 2005 which identified a lack of community space for recreation and community activities in the Vaucluse end of the Woollahra Municipality a program of activities for seniors have been developed in response to the local recreation and social community needs. Activities have commenced at the Gunyah with a favourable response from the local community. Activities are scheduled to commence at the Vaucluse Bowling Club in February 2007.

The International Day for People With a Disability was celebrated at the Woollahra Council with a launch of the Audio- Read Navigator device. The event was a collaborative effort between the Community Development Department and the Libraries and Information Services attracting significant interest in the local community. Woollahra Library Services have a number of these devices available on loan to library members.

5.4 Cultural Development

This sub-activity includes cultural events and cultural development activities.

Forty one finalists were chosen for this year's *Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Exhibition*, displayed free to the public in the Committee Room from October 28 to November 5. Louis Pratt's *The Ambassador's Skull 3.1* was announced as the acquisitive winner at the launch of the exhibition on Friday October 27. Approximately 500 guests attended the launch which featured special guest Virginia Trioli. Julia Davis's *Perigee* was announced as the Special Commendation and Claire Simpson's *Fantastic Palace* was awarded the Viewer's Choice at the conclusion of the exhibition. Further Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize activities during the exhibition period included the development of the Friends of the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Program, finalists' floor talk program occurring across three days and local schools touring program. Additionally, the Cultural Development Coordinator participated in the steering committee of the upcoming Kids Day Out event due to the links between this event and the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize exhibition. The linking of the Kids Day Out event with the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize exhibition saw attendance figures for the exhibition significantly increase to approximately 2,500, an increase of over 30% on 2006 figures and over 100% on 2005 figures.

Following a 28 day exhibition period, the Public Art Policy was adopted by Council in October 2006. The Public Art Policy Implementation Plan recommending the formation of a Public Art Advisory Committee was endorsed and it is anticipated that the membership of the Public Art Advisory Committee will be announced in March 2007.

The Reconciliation Statement was adopted by Council in November 2006, following a period of public exhibition and community consultation. The Reconciliation Statement Action Plan was also endorsed by Council.

Eastern Suburbs Organisation for Reconciling Australia (ESORA) hosted two Council supported bush tucker walks on Saturday 4 November and Saturday 3 December through the Nielsen Park area. The walks are offered free to the local community and attracted near maximum group sizes (25) for each walk.

In conjunction with Council, Chamber Proms III was hosted on Sunday 19 November by the WPO Players and Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra. This was the third, free community concert held in the Committee Room that featured a repertoire of chamber music. The event attracted over 100 participants and received positive word of mouth feedback from attendees.

Nominations for the 2007 Woollahra Citizen of the Year Program closed on Friday 27 October. Nine nominations were received for the Citizen of the Year and one for Young Citizen of the Year. Nominees were as follows: Ms Maureen Clarke Mastellone of Rose Bay, Mr Ernesto Garafani of Paddington, Mr Barry Goldstiver of Paddington, Ms Kate Longden of Double Bay, Mr Bill Manning of Paddington, Mr Peter Sheldon of Rose Bay, Professor Ross Steele of Paddington, Ms Ann Whyte of Darling Point, Mr Terry Wolfe of Watsons Bay and Mr Jason Wells of Vaucluse for Young Citizen of the Year. Award winners will be announced as part of Council's Australia Day celebrations on Friday 26 January 2007.

5.5 Environment and Public Health

The activities and projects listed under this sub-activity aim to protect the health and well being of residents and visitors to our area.

546 health premises are currently recorded for the area, with 346 of these handling, preparing and or selling food. Council's Environmental Health Officers endeavour to inspect premises that prepare and handle food twice a year, with low risk premises that only sell packaged food being inspected once a year.

The remaining 200 health premises include hairdressers, beauty saloons, businesses involved in skin penetration activities and premises with cooling towers. These premises are inspected at least once a year.

During the quarter;

- 92 food and health premises were inspected as part of our Food Safety and Public Health Program;
- 3 food related notices were issued;
- 61 babies were immunised under our Childhood Immunisation Program. This represented a 10.9% increase on the first quarter results and an increase of over 90% on the 2005/06 quarterly average;
- 40 pollution related matters were reported and investigated, as part of our Pollution Control Program. 62.5% related to noise, 25% related to water, 12.5% related to air and no land related pollution issues were received;
- 18 notices/orders were issued under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, 8 were issued under the *Local Government Act 1993* and 1 was issued under the *Public Health Act 1991*; and
- Council's Environmental Health Officers completed 60 development application referrals for new food and health premises, acid sulphate soil and contaminated land assessments and noise assessments in an average of less than 10 days per referral.

The NSW Food Regulation Partnership between local councils and the NSW Food Authority is scheduled to commence in July 2007. Under the partnership local councils will specify the food surveillance role they can provide and will enter into a formal agreement with the NSW Food Authority.

The last advice received from the NSW Food Authority indicated that the required Food Bill that will enact the Food Regulation Partnership had not as yet been passed by State Parliament. Nevertheless, the NSW Food Authority was going to commence pilot programs with several local councils in March 2007 in an endeavour to identify and address any concerns that may arise by 1 July 2007.

It is proposed that a full review of Council's Food Safety Program will be undertaken before Council enters the Food Regulation Partnership. This review will occur in conjunction with the scheduled review of Council's Environmental Services area. The dates of the Environmental Services area review have been amended in the December 2006 Quarterly Management Plan Review Report to align with the NSW Food Authority's timetable.

5.6 Ranger Services

Council's Rangers provide a variety of enforcement services to ensure the public safety and convenience of our community in relation to the use of public places.

During the quarter;

- 68 abandoned vehicle matters were reported and investigated, representing a reduction of about 16% on the 2005/06 quarterly average;
- 18 road and footpath obstruction matters were reported and investigated, representing an increase of over 22% on the 2005/06 quarterly average;
- 11 private skip bin matters were reported and investigated, representing 55% of the total number of matters reported and investigated during all of 2005/06;
- No littering fines were issued;

- 83 companion animals were registered on the New South Wales Companion Animals Register for our area, with 95% of these animals being de-sexed;
- 32 barking dog matters were reported and investigated, representing a reduction of about 12% on the 2005/06 quarterly average;
- 5 nuisance/dangerous dog orders were issued; and
- 6 dog related fines were issued, representing a decrease of over 51% on the 2005/06 quarterly average. 5 of these fines related to dogs not being on a lead.

Conclusion:

In summary, the projects detailed within the Community Services Principal Activity for 2006/07 were completed predominantly on time and within budget, except as otherwise noted.

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Annexures:

1. December 2006 Quarterly Review Report - Community Services Principal Activity of the Management Plan