



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 14 May 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

10 May 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 – 14 May 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 14 May 2007 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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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 30 April 2007**

Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance

File No: See Council Minutes

Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 30 April 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 30 April 2007 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager - Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes - 1 May 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-Y7 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee on Tuesday 1 May 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 1 May 2007 at 10.00am.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Snr Const David Peters	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Dan Pearse	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Apologies:	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
Observers:	Mr Eric Graham	(State Transit Authority)
	Mr Michael Weston	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Absent	Mr Scott Farlow	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.3/07 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 3 April 2007 were confirmed by Snr Const David Peters and Ms Robyn Attuell.

The minutes of Extraordinary Meeting No.3A/07 held by email, on Thursday 19 April and Tuesday 24 April, 2007 were confirmed by Snr Const David Peters with an amendment to the title of Item Y1-11 to be Y1-11 31 Manning Road, Double Bay – Request for Reinstatement of Bus Zone

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Y5 Five Ways Streetscape Project - Signage

Ms Robyn Attuell noted that the resolution was for this item to be reported back to the May Traffic Committee. Because the Minutes of the April Traffic Committee were not adopted by Council's Community & Environment Committee until Monday 30 April, 2007 the report will be deferred until June Traffic Committee.

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

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Noted

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: Hopetoun Avenue / Salisbury Street, Watsons Bay – Parking Restrictions

Recommendation:

1. That No Parking be installed from the Permit Parking spaces in front of No.7 Salisbury Street, Watsons Bay in a northerly direction along the western side of the lower section of Hopetoun Avenue to its closure.
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Item No: Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Bayview Hill Road, Rose Bay – Request for Residents Permit Parking**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 24.
Reason for Report: Request for Resident Permit Parking

Recommendation:

- A. That the residents of Tivoli Avenue and Bayview Hill Road, Rose Bay be canvassed as to whether or not they are in favour of Residents Permit Parking in these streets and that the eligibility requirements for parking permits in these schemes and a preliminary survey of existing off-street parking be emphasised to the residents as part of this consultation process.
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Item No: Y3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

Subject: **Magney Street, Woollahra – Proposed Extension of Residents Permit Parking Scheme**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 297.

Reason for Report: Request for extension of Resident Parking restrictions

Recommendation:

- A. That the Residents Permit Parking in this street be altered to cover weekdays only.
- B. That the number of ‘2P Parking 8.00am-6.00pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted’ spaces in Magney Street be increased from ten to sixteen and that 3 ‘4P 8.00am-6.00pm Mon-Fri’ parking spaces be installed as shown in Annexure A of this report.
- C. That all residents in the street be notified of the reasons as stated in the report for these changes and that the Woollahra Traffic Committee will not support the implementation of Resident Permit Parking restrictions in the entire street.

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

Subject: **No. 488-492 Glenmore Road, Edgecliff – Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt8

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed along the western side of Glenmore Road, Edgecliff in front of No.488-492 Glenmore Road, Edgecliff. The length of the proposed zone is 8 metres and is to be located from 9 metres north of the south eastern corner of 488-492 Glenmore Road for a distance of 8 metres in a northerly 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 52 weeks from 15 May, 2007 to 14 May, 2008.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site in accordance with the RTA’s Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (unrestricted) 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 Business - Special 3(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: Y5 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

Subject: **No. 15 New Beach Road, Darling Point – Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt8

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.15 New Beach Road, Darling Point. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 7 metres, and is to be located on the eastern side of New Beach Road immediately south of the driveway servicing this property 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 6 weeks from 21 May, 2007 to 2 July, 2007.
 - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. Existing parking restrictions (2HR 8.00am-8.00pm Mon-Sun 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(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: Y6 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

Subject: **No. 38 Spicer Street, Woollahra – Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt8

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.38 Spicer Street, Woollahra. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 11.3 metres and is to be located on the western side of Spicer Street partially across the driveway frontage of this property 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 25 weeks from 14 May, 2007 to 5 November, 2007.
 - 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 8.00am-11.00pm 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 adjacent residents by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.
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Item No: Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **New Mclean Street, Edgecliff – Pedestrian Crossing**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: T295.
Reason for Report: Request for extension of Resident Parking restrictions

Recommendation:

- A. That the pedestrian crossing in New McLean Street outside the Edgecliff Centre car park be altered as shown in Concept 1 as attached to this report.
- B. That the alterations to this pedestrian crossing be noted on Route 25 of Council's adopted Bike Plan.
- C. That a chevron be painted on the road pavement in the No Stopping zone immediately north-west of the pedestrian crossing.
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8. Late Items

New South Head Road east of Darling Point Road, Edgecliff

STA advised that they have had discussions with the RTA and reached agreement to swap the existing Bus Zone and time restricted parking at this location, to provide better sight distance for the buses. The STA were required to letterbox drop affected residents and shopkeepers fourteen (14) days prior to any change being implemented. Mr Eric Graham of Sydney Buses advised that the change at this location would be implemented shortly.

Dover Road, Rose Bay

Mr Eric Graham of Sydney Buses advised that Sydney Water are carrying out emergency works in Dover Road just east of New South Head Road, resulting in the temporary closure of this stop for an anticipated period of four weeks. STA advised that because of the impact on parking and access, it was not feasible to relocate the stop for such a short period. It was also noted that the location of this Bus Zone is temporary during the construction works at No.7-13 Dover Road and would be reinstated at its correct position once construction works are completed.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.35pm.

Warwick Hatton
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Extraordinary Meeting**
Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes - 7 May 2007
Author: Warwick Hatton, Director – Technical Services
File No: See Traffic Committee Minutes
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Traffic Committee (Extraordinary Meeting 4A/07).

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendations contained in Part 7 of the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee's Extraordinary Meeting No.4A/07 held on Monday 7 May, 2007, Items Y8 and Y9 be adopted.

Warwick Hatton
Director – Technical Services

Annexures:

1. Agenda Item Y8 – No.164 Ocean Street, Woollahra (In Alton Street) - Works Zone.
2. Agenda Item Y9– No.1 Underwood Street, Paddington (In Heeley Street) - Works Zone.

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

An Extraordinary Meeting (No. 4A / 07) of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held by email on Monday, 7 May, 2007. The two (2) items were referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority and the Paddington Police for their consideration and there were no objections.

9. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Leigh Pickard	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Snr Const David Peters	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
Staff:	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)

10. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Nil

11. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

Nil

13. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

14. Late Correspondence

Nil

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

(See Following Pages)

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING No.4A/07

Item No: Y8 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: No. 164 Ocean Street, Woollahra (In Alton Street)– Works Zone
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt8
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.164 Queen Street, Woollahra. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 20 metres and is to be located on the eastern side of Alton Street partially across the Alton Street frontage of No. 164 Queen Street, Woollahra, 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 13 weeks from 1 June, 2007 to 31 August, 2007.
 - 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 unrestricted 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(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: Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **No. 1 Underwood Street, Paddington (In Heeley Street)– Works Zone**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt8
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.1 Underwood Street, Paddington. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 15 metres and is to be located on the western side of Heeley Street immediately north of the signposted statutory No Stopping just north of Underwood Street, 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 30 weeks from 21 May, 2007 to 17 December, 2007.
 - 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 unrestricted 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(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.

Frank Rotta
Chair

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: Cigarette Butt Disposal
Author: Jane Lewis
File No: 1142.G
Reason for Report: To recommend to Council the installation of cigarette litter disposal units.

Recommendation:

That Council conduct a 12-month trial installation of cigarette litter disposal units.

Background:

Australia-wide, cigarette butts are a major ongoing littering problem. In Woollahra, many littered cigarette butts end up in the Harbour where they take at least 15 years to break down, leaching toxic chemicals into the water.

In an attempt to reduce cigarette butt litter in the local area, Council launched the BUTTsOUT program in May 2003. The BUTTsOUT awareness raising campaign was funded by Council's Environmental Levy as part of the Environmental Works Program (EWP) and Environmental Education and Action Program (EEAP). It included distribution of 11,500 free pocket sized ashtrays to local residents and businesses around retail and commercial centres.

Since 2003, the cigarette litter problem has been addressed in current and future Management Plans through the ongoing, bi-annual allocation of Environmental Levy funds to cigarette butt litter reduction and education programs throughout the current five-year EWP. In April 2007 Council took part in the National Day of Action against cigarette butt litter, coordinated by the Department of the Environment and Heritage. To demonstrate our ongoing commitment to reducing cigarette litter, we are proposing to install cigarette butt disposal units in key locations to encourage the proper disposal of butts.

Installation of outdoor disposal units is a strategy many local Councils are adopting to address the problem of cigarette litter. These units provide smokers with a convenient and environmentally-friendly means of disposing of butts, while demonstrating Council's concern for the local environment.

Options:

Research into a variety of available options was conducted and estimates were obtained from three companies. Opinions were sought from key Council staff regarding whether butt disposal units should be rented (and maintained by the rental company) or purchased (and maintained by Council). It was decided that a recommendation be made to rent cigarette litter disposal units for an initial period of 12 months, after which future rental, purchasing and/or maintenance options could be re-considered.



'Butt Out Australia' supplies cigarette butt disposal units to over 270 councils Australia-wide. These disposal units (pictured, far right) are professional-looking polished stainless steel, tamper-proof and can be attached to any existing pole or post, wall or handrail. In addition, the units use a highly polished finish for graffiti resistance and are designed to take cigarette butt litter only, allowing minimal airflow to ensure that butts extinguish quickly. These units can also feature a Council sticker. The units can be rented at a cost of \$1/day (+ GST), including installation and weekly cleaning.

An alternative option is to rent disposal units from 'Smoke Zone'. Although the cost is lower (\$21/month for 30 units, or \$25/month for less than 30 units, including fortnightly cleaning), these units are clearly not as attractive as the 'Butt Out' units and must be post-mounted.

Proposal:

It is proposed that, as part of our ongoing commitment to cigarette butt litter reduction and education identified in the EWP and EEAP, and fully funded by the Environmental Levy, Council rent 25 'Butt Out Australia' cigarette butt disposal units to install in the major business areas of Paddington, Double Bay and Edgecliff.

'Butt Out Australia' disposal units are recommended as the most appropriate choice based on their aesthetically pleasing appearance, ease of installation, and the willingness of the supplier to offer a 12-month rental contract instead of the usual 3-year contract. The units will be strategically located in the busiest public areas, including major bus stops and street intersections in high pedestrian traffic areas, and will be mounted on Council assets where practical.

The units will be emptied and cleaned by the supplying company, who generate a monthly report on their contents (butts by weight). A proportion of the butts are sent to Melbourne Institute of Technology for ongoing research into the development of a pest control spray while the remainder are sent to landfill.

We propose that these units be installed for a trial period of 12 months. At the conclusion of the trial, and based on monitoring of its success, Council may consider whether to continue renting the units, and appropriate unit maintenance and/or purchasing options.

Consultation:

'Butt Out Australia' provides a free site planning and consultation service. Expert advice from the company will be sought regarding the strategic location of the disposal units for optimal effect. Mark Ramsey, Manager Depot & Waste Services and David Sheils, Manager Public Open Space have been consulted on the selection of the units and will also be consulted on their location.

Identification of Income & Expenditure:

The cost of renting 25 'Butt Out Australia' units at \$1/day is \$9,125 (+GST) over 12 months. This expenditure is covered by the 07/08 EWP budget for Cigarette Litter Reduction (Project 00011) which totals \$10,000.

Conclusion:

The Cigarette Litter Reduction project identified in the current EWP and Management Plan, and funded by Council's Environmental Levy is an important ongoing environmental initiative which helps to protect the water quality of our harbour. The budget allocated to this project for 2007-08 will fund the 12-month trial installation of cigarette litter disposal units in business centres as outlined in this report.

Jane Lewis
Environmental Education Officer

Warwick Hatton
Director, Technical Services

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Community Safety Committee Minutes, Incorporating Minutes from the Alcohol Free Zone Working Party**
Author: Susan Turner
File No: 1041.GCSC/3
Reason for Report: To submit the Community Safety Committee and the Alcohol Free Zone Working Party Minutes for Council Information.

Recommendation:

1. That Council not apply Alcohol Free Zones to any public open space in the Municipality, as recommended by the Alcohol Free Zone Working Party and endorsed by the Community Safety Committee.
2. That Council commence implementation of the strategies to address anti social behaviour linked to alcohol consumption, as listed in the Minutes of the Alcohol Free Zone Working Party of 7 March 2007.
3. That the recommendation 8.1 from the Community Safety Committee Minutes of 4 April 2007 be adopted:
 - Council ensure Community Safety issues involved in a proposed large fuel storage tank under Pier Restaurant in the Rose Bay Marina Development Application be investigated. Isabelle Shapiro put the motion to the Committee.

Susan Turner
Manager Community Development

Kylie Walshe
Director Community Services

Item No: D6 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Christison Park Water Saving Project**
Author: David Sheils - Manager Public Open Space
File No: 177.G
Reason for Report: To inform Council of the offer of grant funding for the Christison Park water saving project.

Recommendation:

1. That Council note the report.
2. That a future report be presented to Council identifying water source and funding options for Christison Park irrigation.

Summary:

We have recently been informed of our success in being awarded a grant in Round 3 of the NSW Government's Water Savings Fund for a water-efficient irrigation and localized water re-use plan for Christison Park. The grant for \$270,200, is one of the largest Council has obtained for such a project, and will fund a new state of the art sub-surface irrigation system in four sportsfields at Christison Park. The project will save Council approximately 15,000kL per year, nearly half the water needed by the existing, conventional 'pop-up' irrigation system.

The plan also includes a localised stormwater capture, storage and re-use system, which will recycle for irrigation water which presently drains from the park into the stormwater system.

Background:

Unlike all our other sportsfields which are located at the bottom of natural drainage lines and have access to bore water (eg Trumper Park and Woollahra Ovals 1, 2 and 3), Christison Park is located at the top of a sandstone ridgeline. Its position at the top of the catchment prevents access to suitable volumes of natural groundwater, or natural drainage and has meant we have historically relied upon potable water for irrigation purposes.

However, since the introduction of water restrictions in 2003, Woollahra, like other Councils throughout Sydney, has been required to restrict water use for irrigation purposes to three hours, on a Monday morning only. These restrictions, whilst necessary, have resulted in a decline in turf quality and reduced amenity to Christison Park. To provide a good turf sports surface at Christison Park we require a greater volume, and flexibility of water supply than currently permissible by the water restrictions.

The Christison Park venue (figure 1) provides four turf sportsfields catering for soccer, rugby, rugby league, hockey and cricket. Sporting groups using the venue include Maccabi Soccer Club, Maccabi Rugby Club, Scots College, Scots Preparatory School, Kambala, Irish Rovers Gaelic Football Club, Vacluse Public School and the Association of Heads of Independent Girls Schools.



Figure 1. Christison Park

In recognition of the need to meet the water demand required for the turf sports surface, last year we engaged Aqua Consulting Pty Ltd, to investigate the feasibility of providing the water required for optimum turf growth from sources other than mains water, in an ecological manner.

As part of this process we explored how we could:

1. Reduce the volume of water needed for sports turf growth;
2. Source the volume of water required to irrigate the venue other than using drinking water;
and
3. Obtain external funding to supplement Council resources.

1. Subsurface irrigation

In recent years subsurface irrigation technology has evolved greatly in the horticultural industry and is now used in sportsgrounds.

Subsurface irrigation technology has the benefits of reducing water loss associated with more conventional 'pop up' overhead irrigation systems. These savings are estimated to be over 50% of the water otherwise required to irrigation with a 'pop up' system. This water saving is gained in part, as a result of the subsurface system delivering water directly to the root zone and not being lost through spray drift and evaporation (from free standing surface water). An above ground irrigation system also promotes shallow rooting which can cause the turf to be more susceptible to water stress in dry periods as a result of the surface soil layer drying out first and more quickly than deeper soil profiles.

The subsurface irrigation system can be used for water sourced from town supply, stormwater reuse and sewer extraction. An illustration of the irrigation system is provided in Figure 2.

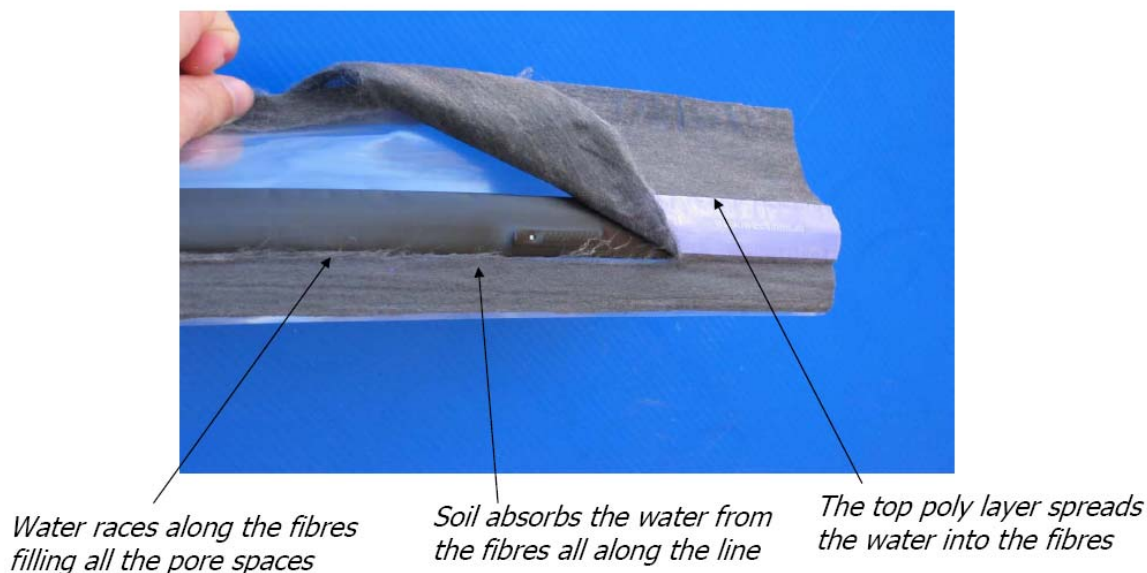


Figure 2. Illustration of the subsurface irrigation system

We have inspected sportsgrounds using this system at Camden where the effects of the water restrictions and reduced rainfall have been acute and the system appears to operate well with good turf coverage and growth.

2. Water source options

Despite potentially halving the volume of water required to irrigate the fields using a subsurface irrigation system, there is still a gap in the amount of water we obtain from potable water (with restrictions) and the level required for optimum turf growth for a sports surface. Several water source options are potentially available to meet the water volume required. These options include stormwater harvesting and reuse and, or extracting treated water from the sewer system.

The grant funded project subject to this report includes a stormwater capture and reuse component which collects localised runoff from the sportsgrounds. However, the level of water captured is not sufficient to meet the total amount of water required.

Therefore we are currently preparing a report for Council's consideration which will identify, in detail, these water source options and addresses issues such as, (yet not limited to), costs, sustainability benefits and potential external funding opportunities such as further grants.

3. External funding

Since the introduction of water restrictions, State and Federal Governments have made available a series of grant programs for water saving projects. To date we have had success in a number of water saving projects under the Federal Government's Community Water Grants such as installation of rainwater tanks for toilet flushing at amenities at:

- Woollahra Library;
- Quarry Street Works Depot;
- Lyne Park; and
- Parsley Bay Reserve.

We have also installed rainwater tanks at O’Dea Avenue Depot for truck washing and maintenance purposes funded from this program. Round 3 Applications under the Community Water Grants program have recently opened and we will be submitting applications for various projects by the 4 July 2007 closure date.

The Christison Park project has been 100% funded from the NSW Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability’s Water Saver Fund.

Since we were notified of our funding success, we have engaged the Water Conservation Group Pty Ltd, to prepare detailed designs in preparation for calling of tenders. The optimum time for undertaking these works is during the summer growing period when ground restoration works can be completed, and established prior to the peak winter season demand.

Conclusion:

The new water saving irrigation works at Christison Park, when completed, will nearly halve the amount of water required to achieve a quality turf sports surface for local residents and the sporting community to enjoy. The project is fully funded from the NSW Water Saver Fund and is one of many water wise projects Council has completed in the last two years.

We are currently preparing detailed plans for the project with public tenders scheduled to be called in August. Following the tender period a report will be presented to Council seeking approval to engage a tenderer.

A report is also being prepared addressing water source and funding options for Christison Park and will be presented to Council in July this year.

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Annexures:

Nil