



# Community & Environment Committee

**Agenda:** *Community & Environment Committee*

**Date:** *Monday 23 June 2008*

**Time:** *6.00pm*

## **Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:**

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

## **Delegated Authority (“D” Items):**

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

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

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

**Committee Membership:**

7 Councillors

**Quorum:**

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

# WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## Notice of Meeting

19 June 2008

To: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Geoff Rundle, ex-officio  
Councillors Tanya Excell (Chair)  
Anthony Boskovitz  
Marcus Ehrlich  
Andrew Petrie  
Isabelle Shapiro (Deputy Chair)  
Fiona Sinclair King  
John Walker

Dear Councillors

### **Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 23 June 2008**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Community and Environment Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 23 June 2008 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 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**

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 June 2008  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager - Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday 10 June 2008 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

**Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 10 June 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle  
Manager – Governance

**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** Hire of Lyne Park and Woollahra Ovals 2 & 3 for Australian Golf Open Parking  
**Author:** David Sheils - Manager Public Open Space  
**File No:** 219.G, 195.G  
**Reason for Report:** To determine a request from IMG to hire Lyne Park and Woollahra Ovals 2 & 3 for car parking during the Australian Golf Open to be held at the Royal Sydney Golf Club between 11 - 14 December 2008

**Recommendation:**

That IMG, the organisers of the 2008 Australian Open held at the Royal Sydney Golf Course, be permitted to use Lyne Park between 10 and 14 December and Woollahra Ovals 2 and 3, between 11 and 14 December 2008, for parking, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Lyne Park and Woollahra Ovals 2 & 3 shall be fully restored following the event. Restoration works include vertidrain, sand topdressing, fertilising and returfing. The organisers IMG shall fund the full cost of these works. The restoration works are to be completed within four weeks of the event;
- b. A hire fee of \$22,500 shall be paid to Council at least six weeks prior to the event. If, in the event of wet weather the parks are not available for use, then the hire fee will be charged at a pro rata rate;
- c. The organisers shall be responsible for providing staff to control entry to the carpark and security of vehicles in the carparks at their cost;
- d. A bond of \$20,000 shall be paid to Council, prior to the event, as security for the restoration of the park at the conclusion of the event. Council will assess each park and may use all or part of the bond to carry out rectification works if necessary;
- e. That details of resident parking arrangements shall be included in the Detailed Traffic Management Plan. The residents parking arrangements shall require the approval of Council;
- f. The organisers shall ensure cars are removed from Woollahra Ovals 2 & 3 by 9:00pm each night and from Lyne Park by 10:30pm each night;
- g. The organisers shall apply for approval from the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee and RTA of a Traffic Management Plan for the whole event. No parking shall be permitted on Lyne Park and Woollahra Oval 2 and 3 until this approval is obtained;
- h. No marketing, sales or promotions of any kind shall be undertaken within the Park during the period of use;
- i. The organisers shall be responsible for installation and removal of safety fencing around the carpark area and the provision of security at its cost. The area of fencing is to be determined by Council staff prior to the event. The fencing will be required to be completely removed by Monday 15 December;

- j. Only vehicles under 3 tonnes and under 6 metres in length will be permitted to access and park in the park;
- k. The organisers, prior to the event, shall provide Council with a copy of a \$10,000,000 public liability policy naming Woollahra Municipal Council and IMG as insured under the policy;
- l. In the event of excessive rain, either before or during the period when the parks are to be used for carparking, the General Manager may direct that the park not be used for carparking, if, in his opinion, excessive damage will result;
- m. The organisers shall advise all residents of O'Sullivan Road, Elanora Road, Iluka Street and Manion Avenue of the Australian Open's activities and parking arrangements by way of letter box drop a minimum of two weeks prior to the event.

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### **Background:**

The Royal Australian Golf Club (the Club) is hosting this year's Australian Golf Open, 11 – 14 December 2008. The Club previously hosted the tournament in 1988, 1994, 1999 and 2006. IMG are the tournament organisers on behalf of Golf Australia and the Club.

During these previous events, Lyne Park and Woollahra Ovals 2 and 3 have been used for parking. Dangar Sportsground, which is managed by Cranbrook School have also been used for parking. The use of these venues for parking assists in reducing the parking demand on surrounding streets and the impact that the street parking would have on the adjoining residents.

The Australian Open is the largest event in the Australian golfing calendar attracting up 40,000 spectators and a wide television audience. The event is to be held over four days commencing on Thursday 11 December. Visitation trends from recent Australian Open tournaments indicate that there is a graded increase in visitor attendance over the four days with Sunday, when the final round is played, being the most popular, with up to 15,000 people in attendance.

IMG have also prepared a Traffic Management Concept Plan, which they have submitted to Council's Traffic Engineers, local Police and the RTA. They are currently preparing a detailed Traffic Management Plan for submission to the RTA and Council's Local Traffic Committee.

### **Proposal:**

As with previous Australian Open tournaments held at The Club, the event organisers have again sought Council's assistance in providing:

1. Woollahra Ovals 2 and 3, Thursday 11 December to Sunday 14 December for public carparking; and
2. Lyne Park, Wednesday 10 December to Sunday 14 December for members carparking.

The organisers have also obtained in principle approval from Cranbrook School to allow public carparking on Dangar Sportsground and some sections of the former Bowling Club for local residents in the same manner they were used in 2006.

On previous occasions tournament organisers have charged a fee for the use of the park carparks to assist in managing and securing the carparking. IMG have indicated this year a fee to use the public carpark would be \$7:00 per day which is the same price charged in 2006.

A small amount of parking will be provided within the Royal Sydney Golf Course for sponsors and media, however, it is limited considering the majority of the course is being used to host the tournament.

In considering the request to use the sportsgrounds for parking, Council can either:

1. support the proposal with conditions to safeguard the sportsgrounds and surrounding residents, or
2. refuse the use of the grounds.

A discussion on potential impacts and issues is provided. These are restricted to issues relating to the use of the sportsgrounds for parking. Other issues, relating to traffic management, will be dealt with separately by Council's Traffic Committee.

It is noted that, like the 2006 championship, the event has secured the support of Tourism NSW, the Police and the assistance of the RTA. The involvement of these agencies will be outlined in the detailed Traffic Management Plan being prepared for the Traffic Committee. We understand that the proposed traffic management will be similar to that implemented in 2006 where the entrance and exit to the public carpark would be by way of Elanora Street and Iluka Street.

### **Potential impacts / issues**

#### ***The parks***

Following the completion of each winter season (Sept – Oct), we undertake scheduled renovation works on our sportsgrounds. As part of these works, we aerate the ground using specialist machinery, top dress the fields, fertilise and, where necessary, re-turf worn areas. Much of this work is aimed at de-compacting the ground to facilitate improved drainage and grass root growth in readiness for summer sports and ensure good turf cover for the next winter season.

The use of the sportsgrounds for carparking compacts the sports surface and necessitates the need to de-compact the ground. Therefore, aeration works would be required following any use of the sportsgrounds for carparking (see Recommendation a). Following the 2006 event the Club undertook restoration works in accordance with this condition.

In 2006 when we hired the use of the fields for parking we charged \$2,300 per park, per day. Our fees advertised in the draft 2008-09 Budget are \$2,500 per park, per day. Therefore the following fees would apply in this circumstance.

Lyne Park (\$2,500) x 5 days	\$12,500
Woollahra Ovals 2 & 3 x 4 days	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,500</b>

(see Recommendation b)

With regard to the permissibility of using the stated parks the Lyne Park Plan of Management (2003) permits parking on the grassed areas during events, and the Woollahra Park Plan of Management (2001) does not preclude the use of the park for parking purposes.

Any use of the parks for parking should be managed by carpark controllers to ensure effective traffic flow off the surrounding streets, and the protection of the parks (see Recommendation c).

It is our normal practice to obtain a bond to cover costs associated with the restoration of the parks at the conclusion of an event. Under these circumstances we would seek to retain \$20,000 (see Recommendation d).

***The park users***

Woollahra Ovals 2 and 3 would normally be used by Colleagues Cricket Club and Maccabi Junior Cricket Club during the period of the event. We are able to provide alternative venues for these users for the week of the golf event. Most local private schools have closed for the year and associated sports use of Lyne Park and Woollahra Ovals by these schools conclude two weeks prior to the event.

All pedestrian pathways, the playground and park furniture in Lyne Park would be accessible to park users. Therefore, there would be no major impact to existing seasonal or casual park users.

***The neighbours***

Event organisers indicated they would allow adjacent residents to use the sportsground carparking at no cost. We will require that they demonstrate to Council how this is to be managed. Any parking scheme for residents will require the approval of Council (see Recommendation e).

The use of Woollahra Ovals 2 and 3 would be restricted to a 9:00pm closing time which is the current time limit for the sportsground training and associated lighting. The use of Lyne Park will have no negative impact on nearby residents. A 10:30pm time limit is recommended for the cessation of parking at Lyne Park (see Recommendation f).

**Conclusion:**

This event has been hosted by the Royal Sydney Golf Club in 1988, 1994, 1999 and 2006 and on all these occasions, Council has permitted the Club to use the parks requested in an effort to minimise the impact of excessive numbers of vehicles and visitors to the event on local residents and the municipality as a whole.

The protection of the sportsgrounds can be secured by a number of conditions, as outlined in the recommendations. These conditions were successfully implemented during the 2006 event. Impacts associated with parking demand and potential conflict with resident parking during the event can also be mitigated with conditions. Our preference would be for traffic management to be similar to that successfully implemented in 2006. The details of the traffic management will be reported to the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

It is, therefore, recommended that Council support the use of Lyne Park and Woollahra Ovals 2 and 3, with the conditions outlined in the recommendations.

David Sheils  
Manager Public Open Space

Warwick Hatton  
Director Technical Services

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Annexures:

Nil

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes  
**Author:** Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator  
**File No:** 1160.G Public Art  
**Reason for Report:** To table the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 June 2008.

**Recommendation:**

A. That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 3 April 2008 be noted and endorsed.

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**Background:**

This report outlines the meeting held by the Public Art Advisory Committee on 12 June 2008. The main items for discussion were updates on the progress of the Double Bay Public Art Project and ideas for temporary public art projects. The meeting also featured a presentation from Eric Scott, Community Relations Manager at Holdsworth Community Centre and Services, on a community art mural project the Centre is currently undertaking.

**Double Bay Public Art Project**

Forty nine Expressions of Interest were received for the Double Bay Public Art Project and three artists/teams were short-listed by the Double Bay Public Art Project Working Party for the concept development stage of the project. The timeline for submission of developed concept designs is Friday 4 July, 2008.

**Temporary Public Art Ideas**

The Public Art Advisory Committee discussed a number of temporary public art project ideas including a 'Festival of Sculpture' idea for the Double Bay retail precinct, based on the Toorak Village Festival of Sculpture project. The Public Art Advisory Committee saw this as an idea that has a synergy with the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize. Some discussion also centred on other sites around the Municipality which may be suitable for temporary public art projects.

A member of the Public Art Advisory Committee was nominated to assist Council staff with the judging of the Woollahra Council World Environment Day Drawing Competition.

**Holdsworth Community Centre and Services Mural**

Eric Scott, Community Relations Manager from Holdsworth Community Centre and Services presented on a current community art project the Centre is undertaking, which involves community participation in the design and painting of a new 45m x 3m community mural to replace the existing wall mural.

**Conclusion:**

The meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee on 12 June 2008 discussed the progress of the Double Bay Public Art Project as well as a number of potential public art project proposals including a Double Bay retail precinct sculpture festival, and sites and locations across the Municipality for temporary public art. The Public Art Advisory Committee strongly supported the Holdsworth Community Centre and Services community art mural project.

Jo Jansyn  
Cultural Development Coordinator

Kylie Walshe  
Director – Community Services

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**Annexures:**

1. Minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday 12 June

**Item No:** R1 Recommended to Council  
**Subject:** Adoption of the Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan 2008 to 2013  
**Author:** Kylie Walshe  
**File No:** 1059.G  
**Reason for Report:** To consider submissions received during the exhibition period and recommend the draft Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan for adoption.

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the submissions received during the public exhibition period be noted.
- B. That the draft Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan 2008 to 2013 is adopted, with the amendments as recommended in Annexure 4.

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**Background:**

A requirement under the Local Government Act and specifically under the Local Government (General) Amendment (Community and Social Plans) Regulations 1998 is for Councils to develop social plans and report annually through its management plan, identifying social plan projects it will undertake and provide a strategic direction to meeting the needs and aspirations of the local community.

As Council's Social Plan 2002-2007 and Cultural Plan 2003 both expired in 2007, work on the new draft Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan (Annexure 1) commenced in March 2007. The draft Plan was then presented to the Community & Environment Committee on 12 May 2008 (Annexure 2), detailing the process undertaken and recommending a public exhibition and submission period.

The public exhibition period was held from 14<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**Consultation:**

The public exhibition and submission period was advertised in the Wentworth Courier through an advertisement on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008, the Mayoral Column and on Council's website. Letters were also sent to over 100 community organisations and residents, inviting them to view and comment on the draft Plan. The draft Plan was available at the Customer Service Centre, libraries and community centres.

During the public exhibition and submission period a total of eight (8) submissions were received from resident, community and cultural organisations. Each of these submissions has been considered and comments included in the table in Annexure 3. As these submissions predominantly support the draft Plan the only recommended amendment as a result of these is the inclusion of a reference to the availability of the Woollahra Community Profile and Atlas on Council's website.

An internal review was also undertaken and it is recommended that an additional section be added to the Plan detailing all groups consulted during the development of the draft Plan, with a reference to this attachment in the Foreword of the Plan.

In summary, all but one of the submissions is in support of the draft Social & Cultural Plan, with a number of key organisations looking forward to working closely with Council to achieve the

objectives and strategies outlined in the Plan. Of particular note is the support for the Library & Information Service and the relocation of the central library to a more appropriate site.

The recommended amendments are detailed in Annexure 4. Following the adoption of the Plan the amendments will be included in the final Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan.

**Identification of Income & Expenditure:**

The adoption of the Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan has no impact on the operational budget of Council. The funds to implement the strategies included in the Plan are within existing operational budgets, with the exception of funds required to improve community facilities and assets.

**Conclusion:**

The development of the Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan 2008 to 2013 has followed a thorough and extensive process, resulting in a Plan that identifies the needs and aspirations of the Woollahra community. It recognises the role of Council, other agencies, groups and individuals in mobilising the strengths of the Woollahra community to address community needs through a set of objectives, strategies, programs and projects. It is recommended that the draft Plan be adopted as the Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan for 2008 to 2013.

Kylie Walshe  
Director Community Services

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Annexures:

Annexure 1 – The draft Social & Cultural Plan 2008-2013, as exhibited

Annexure 2 - Report to the Community & Environment Committee – 12 May 2008

Annexure 3 – Submissions Table

Annexure 4 – Recommended amendments to the draft Woollahra Social & Cultural Plan 2008 to 2013