



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 22 October 2012*

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).

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 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,
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.
- Parks and Reserves Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives).
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies.

Delegated Authority (“D” Items)

- Community Services and Programs.
- Library Services
- Health.
- Licensing.
- Liquor Licences.
- Regulatory.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waste Minimisation.
- 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 Meetings.
- 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 above.
- Statutory reviews of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Committee Membership:

7 Councillors

Quorum:

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

18 October 2012

To: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio
Councillors Deborah Thomas (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Peter Cavanagh
Anthony Marano
Elena Wise
Susan Wynne
Jeff Zulman

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 22 October 2012

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 22 October 2012 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 27 August 2012**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 27 August 2012 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 27 August 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 4 September 2012**
Author: Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2012
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

That the Recommendations Y1-Y2 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 4 September 2012 be adopted.

Cathy Edwards-Davis
Manager – Engineering Services

Tom O’Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 September 2012 at 10.00am.

1. Attendance

Committee Members:

Present:	Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis (Chairperson)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Snr Const Kylie Kemp	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Mr John Giblin	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Shirlene Yee Yet	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Daniel Pearse	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Carla Hetherington	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr John McDonagh	(Harbour View Residents Group)
Apologies:	Mr Eric Graham	(Transport NSW – State Transit)
Also in Attendance:	Mr Ron Porter	(Resident – Item Y2)
	Mr George Karavanas	(GSA Planning – Item Y1-2)
	Ms Janet Seppelt	(Resident – Item Y1-2)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.07/12 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 7 August 2012 were confirmed by Ms Robyn Attuell.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. Late Correspondence

Nil

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

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

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

That the recommendations of Item Y1-1 to Y1-3 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

Item Y1-1: Stephen Street, Paddington – Proposed Car Share Location

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That one 5.5 metre Carshare parking space be installed on the western side of Stephen Street, Paddington, immediately north of the Residents Preferential Parking Zone across the road from the units at No.40 Stephen Street, Paddington.
2. That the location be signposted ‘No Parking Woollahra Council Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area CS- Pgtn 3’ and reviewed after the neighbouring Scottish Hospital Development is completed.
3. That the applicant advise residents with frontages within 50m of the signage changes.
4. That the zone be trialled for an initial twelve months and, if deemed unsuccessful at the end of the period, the zone be removed and revert to the existing unrestricted parking restrictions.

Item Y1-2: Wentworth Lane, Paddington – Request for No Parking restrictions to allow vehicular access to No.35 George Street

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the applicant be advised that vehicle swept paths demonstrating satisfactory access for an 85th percentile vehicle to the proposed off-street carspace providing that the loss of on-street parking is limited to 4 metres of the upright kerb opposite the proposed driveway shall be submitted with the development application.
2. That should a development application for the off-street carspace at the rear of No.35 George Street, Paddington be approved, and the on-site works be completed as per the approved plans, ‘No Parking’ restrictions be installed on the eastern side of Wentworth Lane, from 1.8 metres south of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 33 & 35 George Street in a northerly direction for 4 metres.

Item Y1-3: Dover Road, Rose Bay – Proposal to install a Taxi Zone in the vicinity of the roundabout at Ian Street

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the existing 15m Bus Zone on the Dover Road frontage of 805-807 New South Head Road, Rose Bay be extended by 15.2m in a southerly direction and the entire 30.2 m zone signposted as ‘ Bus Zone, 6am-9am Mon-Fri, 1/2P, 9am-6pm Mon-Fri,8.30am-12.30pm, Sat’.
2. That the 5.2m of available upright kerb immediately south of the above area be signposted as ‘Taxi Zone’.

Item No: Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Norwich Lane, Rose Bay – Traffic Calming**
Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer
File No: T333
Reason for Report: Review of resident consultation in relation to potential traffic calming options in Norwich Lane.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That traffic calming measures involving a new entry treatment, mid-block road necking and edgeline linemarking as shown on Plan 15159 “Norwich Lane – Traffic Calming Concept” - 18 August 2012 be approved for construction.
- B. That all residents in Norwich Lane and properties in Newcastle Street fronting Norwich Lane be advised of this decision.
- C. That the No Parking restrictions on the southern side of Norwich Lane be changed to No Stopping.

8. Informal Matters – For discussion by committee members and recommended to Community and Environment Committee by Council Officers

Nil

9. Late Items

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.33am.

Cathy Edwards-Davis
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 2 October 2012**
Author: Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2012
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

That the Recommendations Y2-Y4 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 2 October 2012 be adopted.

Cathy Edwards-Davis
Manager – Engineering Services

Tom O’Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 2 October 2012 at 10.00am.

1. Attendance

Committee Members:

Present:	Ms Shirlene Yee Yet (Chairperson) Mr John Giblin	(Woollahra Municipal Council) (Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta Mr Daniel Pearse Ms Carla Hetherington	(Woollahra Municipal Council) (Woollahra Municipal Council) (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Peter Whitney	(State Transit)
Apologies:	Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis Mr Navin Prasad Snr Const Kylie Kemp Mr John McDonagh Mr Eric Graham	(Woollahra Municipal Council) (Roads and Maritime Services) (Rose Bay Police - Traffic) (Harbour View Residents Group) (Transport NSW – State Transit)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.08/12 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 September 2012 were confirmed by Mr John Giblin and Shirlene Yee Yet.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. Late Correspondence

Nil

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

Item No: Y1 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **Parking Restrictions Changes**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer,
File No: (Refer to Table 1)
Reason for Report: Various parking restriction changes throughout the Woollahra Council area.

Nil

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

Subject: **The Crescent, Vacluse - Boat And Trailer Parking**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: T445
Reason for Report: To respond to resident and Councillor requests.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support (RMS and Police Representatives vote received via email prior to meeting)

Recommendation:

- A. That the residents of The Crescent, Vacluse be canvassed on the introduction “4P, 8.00am-1.00pm, Sat” signage to cover all of the unrestricted parking adjacent to both reserves which have frontage to this street.
- B. That the consultation alert residents of both the advantages and disadvantages of this type of treatment as outlined in the attached report.
- C. That the results of the community consultation be reported back to a future Woollahra Traffic Committee meeting.

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

Subject: **No. 3A Buckhurst Avenue, Point Piper – Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer
File No: 63
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support ((RMS and Police Representatives vote received via email prior to meeting)

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a 6m Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No. 3A Buckhurst Avenue, Point Piper. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the southern side of Buckhurst Ave immediately east of the common driveway opening (at the property boundary) serving Nos 2A, 3, 3A and 3B Buckhurst Avenue, Point Piper 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 October, 2012 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
 - 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. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - v. Unrestricted parking shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vi. 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.
 - vii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - viii. 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.
 - ix. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - x. 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.
 - xi. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.
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Item No: Y4 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Special Event Traffic Management - New Years Eve 2012**
Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer
File No: 37.G Traffic – Special Events
Reason for Report: To implement traffic management measures for New Years Eve 2012.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support (RMS and Police Representatives vote received via email prior to meeting)

Recommendation:

That the New Years Eve 2012 Traffic Control Plans as shown in Plan 15158 Drawings 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106 be implemented, subject to approval from the RMS – Traffic Management Centre in relation to the proposed road closures, special event clearways and temporary speed limit reduction.

8. Informal Matters – For discussion by committee members and recommended to Community and Environment Committee by Council Officers

Nil

9. Late Items

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.07am.

Shirlene Yee Yet
Chair

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Proposed Alcohol Free restrictions at Murray rose Pool**
Author: Paul Fraser - Team Leader, Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 145.G
Reason for Report: To propose alcohol restrictions at Murray Rose Pool to assist with incidents of anti-social behaviour and disturbances after hours.

Recommendation:

- A. That Council exhibit the proposal to establish an alcohol prohibited area at Murray Rose Pool and surrounds from 10pm until 10am, 7 days a week in accordance with *Section 632(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1993*.
- B. That Council staff publish the public notice and notify relevant stakeholders providing an opportunity for representations from the community.
- C. That a further report be provided to Council with any submissions received as part of the public consultation.

Background:

Council has received complaints from adjoining residents regarding anti-social activities occurring at Murray Rose Pool late at night / early morning. Residents living in the Gladswood Gardens apartments are the most affected and have stated that the noise is unbearable late at night and activities are sometimes offensive and crude.

At the Council meeting of the 13 February 2012, a Question without Notice (QWN) was raised regarding the hours of operation of Murray Rose Pool and unruly behaviour occurring in the surrounds of the pool late at night resulting in disturbance to residents and graffiti to Council property. In response to the QWN the Director of Technical Services stated that there are no operating hours of the pool as it is open for access 24 hours a day, and Council security randomly patrol the site for anti-social behaviour. The Rose Bay Police assist with patrols when resources allow.

Additionally, on Monday 2 May 2011 a report was presented to the Community and Environment Committee with the following resolution;

- A. *That staff continue to work with Aspect Studios on the review of the Redleaf Plan of Management (PoM) and Masterplan and ensure that issues of anti-social behaviour are included in discussions.*
- B. *That upon the adoption of the Redleaf PoM and Masterplan that the relevant actions relating to anti-social behaviour and the Safer by Design principles be implemented as a high priority and the relevant funds be considered in the 2012-2013 budget deliberations.*

In response to the initial complaints received, Council increased the patrols by Challenger Security around the Redleaf grounds and instructed security staff to move people on if they were loud or drinking excessively. Furthermore, Council organised a meeting with the Rose Bay Local Area Command (RBLAC) to discuss various options for managing this area after hours. The Police agreed that an increased security presence would assist with the problem and advised Council that they need various controls which they can utilise to manage alcohol related disturbances.

Council has engaged Aspect Studios to review the Redleaf Plan of Management (PoM) 1997. The PoM will provide Council with the direction for the future enhancement and management of Redleaf and surrounds. Aspect Studios are aware of the recent issues in the area and have recommended various management strategies and infrastructure to assist, including low level lighting and restriction of alcohol within the site.

The Redleaf PoM will be available for public comment in the coming months.

Proposal:

Discussions between the RBLAC and Council staff have resulted in the Police suggesting an alcohol restriction at Murray Rose Pool and surrounds to give them power to manage alcohol related incidences and disturbances prior to the Plan of Management being developed.

Alcohol Prohibited Areas

Section 632A(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* enables councils to declare any public place or part of a place to be an Alcohol Prohibited Area. This then provides the power to Police or authorised council enforcement officers to confiscate and tip out alcohol in the possession of a person who is in the area where alcohol consumption is prohibited by a notice under Section 632 and Section 632(A) of the Act.

Public places or parts of places may be declared alcohol prohibited at all times, or only for specific days, times or events. Adequate signs must be erected by Council which make clear any time restrictions, and make clear that the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in that public place.

Establishing an Alcohol Prohibited Area

Section 632A(8) states that an Alcohol Prohibited Area cannot be established without the approval of the Local Area Commander of Police for the area in which the proposed Alcohol Prohibited Area is situated. Councils must seek and obtain this approval prior to establishing a new Alcohol Prohibited Area. This process will allow the Local Area Commander to consult with the relevant Community Safety Precinct Committee or similar body to help ensure that the decision to declare an area as alcohol prohibited is done transparently and in consideration of the community's wishes.

Given the similarity to an Alcohol Free Zone for a public road, footpath or carpark as per Section 644 of the Act it would be good practice to follow the consultation requirements under Section 644(A) to provide the community an opportunity to comment.

Section 644 of the Local Government Act 1993 states the following:

644A Public consultation on proposal to establish alcohol-free zone

- (1) *After preparing a proposal under section 644, the council may, by notice published in a newspaper circulating in the area as a whole or in a part of the area that includes the zone concerned:*
 - (a) *declare that it proposes to establish an alcohol-free zone, indicating the location of the zone and the proposed period or special events for which it will operate, and*
 - (b) *state the place at which, the dates on which and the times during which a copy of the proposal may be inspected, and*
 - (c) *invite representations and objections from persons and groups within the area, indicating that any representations or objections by them must be made within 14 days after the date on which the notice is published.*
- (2) *The council must give a copy of its proposal to each of the following persons, indicating that any representations or objections by the person must be made within 30 days after the date on which the copy is given:*

- (a) *the officer in charge of the police station within or nearest to the proposed alcohol-free zone,*
 - (b) *each holder of a licence in force under the Liquor Act 1982 for premises that border on, or adjoin or are adjacent to, the proposed alcohol-free zone,*
 - (c) *each secretary of a registered club under the Registered Clubs Act 1976 that borders on, or adjoins or is adjacent to, the proposed alcohol-free zone.*
- (3) *If required to do so by the guidelines in force under section 646, the council must also give a copy of its proposal to the Anti-Discrimination Board, indicating that any representations or objections by the Board must be made within 40 days after the date on which the copy is given.*
- (4) *The council must consider all representations and submissions that are duly made to it under this section.*

Offences and penalties

Confiscation and 'tip out' powers will apply to Alcohol Prohibited Areas. It is noted that in circumstances where a person does not cooperate with a request by the Police or an authorised council enforcement officer to hand over alcohol in an Alcohol Prohibited Area or Alcohol-Free Zone, they can be charged with obstruction under the *Local Government Act 1993*, which carries a maximum penalty of \$2,200.

Request to close Murray Rose Pool

In addition to the alcohol prohibited proposal, Council has also received requests from concerned residents for the full closure of Murray Rose Pool to the general public after hours. To restrict access to the pool major infrastructure would need to be implemented including gates being installed at all entrances and improvements to lighting and signage.

Council staff do not support the full closure of the pool as it is not reasonable to restrict the general public who are well behaved and utilise the pool as the recreational facility that it is designed for.

The draft Plan of Management will encourage the implementation of a signage strategy at the main entry point to the site which will identify prohibited activities. The signage will establish clear limitations for the use of the site in order to protect the safety of its users and surrounding residents. A lighting strategy will also be proposed to increase night time surveillance to assist in navigation and provide greater surveillance opportunities from upper areas of the site without causing disturbance to neighbouring apartment buildings.

Conclusion:

It is recommended that Council staff consult with the community on the establishment of an alcohol prohibited area at Murray Rose Pool and surrounds from 10pm until 10am, 7 days a week. This will give the Police the powers to confiscate alcohol from people within these hours and act as a deterrent for people wishing to bring alcohol to the site after 10pm or after closing time of local hotels.

The draft Redleaf PoM will recommend possible solutions to help reduce anti-social and drunken behaviour at Murray Rose Pool in the evenings/ early mornings.

Paul Fraser
Team Leader – Open Space & Recreation Planning

Tom O'Hanlon
Director – Technical Services

Bruce Rann
Manager Open Space & Trees

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Alcohol Free Zones NYE 2012 - 2016**
Author: Paul Fraser - Team Leader, Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 1031.G
Reason for Report: Adoption of Alcohol Free Zones for New Years Eve 2012 - 2016

Recommendation:

- A. That Council declare the roads, as exhibited (Annexure 1) as Alcohol-Free Zones for the period of 4 years being 2012 – 2016, in accordance with *Section 644 to 644C of the Local Government Act 1993*.
- B. That relevant signage be installed along the agreed streets stating the Alcohol-Free Zones.

Background:

On 28 May 2012, Council adopted the proposed management strategy for the management of New Years Eve (NYE) 2012 of Woollahra's NYE sites with the following resolution;

- A. *That Council continue with the management of NYE vantage points as per NYE 2011, with the addition of further management and alcohol prohibited areas along the Rose Bay foreshore, including Dumaresq Reserve, Percival Park and the Rose Bay Beach. In addition Redleaf be also managed as an alcohol free site.*
- B. *That Council continue to work with the RBLAC and stakeholders in the management of sites in Woollahra.*
- C. *That the Mayor make representations to the Department of Premier & Cabinet stating the substantial cost and resources needed to manage local vantage points for the City of Sydney NYE fireworks*

In previous years in consultation with the Rose Bay Local Area Command (RBLAC), Council staff initiated the process of declaring certain roads in Darling Point and Rushcutters Bay as Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZ) in accordance with *Section 644 of the Local Government Act 1993*. These AFZ have proved to be a success and have allowed the Police to control an enforceable area along the precinct of alcohol free sites.

Following consultation with the RBLAC, Council proposed to establish AFZ during NYE festivities in the following areas of Woollahra on the listed dates:

Dates

- 12.01am on 31 December 2012 to 12 Middy on 1 January 2013
- 12.01am on 31 December 2013 to 12 Middy on 1 January 2014
- 12.01am on 31 December 2014 to 12 Middy on 1 January 2015
- 12.01am on 31 December 2015 to 12 Middy on 1 January 2016

Darling Point

- New South Head Road (along the frontage of Rushcutters Bay Park)
- New Beach Road
- Darling Point Road (from the intersection of Mona Road and Greenoaks Avenue to Darling Point Reserve)
- Yarranabbe Road
- Goomerah Crescent

- Hampden Avenue
- Bennett Avenue
- Thornton Street

Rose Bay

- Dumaresq Road
- Fernleigh Avenue
- Caledonian Road
- Collins Avenue
- Vickery Avenue

This will provide the Police with an enforceable area to control the alcohol-free sites being Yarranabbe Park, Rushcutters Bay Park, Sir David Martin Reserve, McKell Park, Murray Rose Pool (Redleaf) and Blackburn Gardens, Tingira Memorial Reserve, Percival Park, Dumaresq Reserve and the Rose Bay Foreshore. It would assist in the management of crowd behaviour within certain areas and surrounding streets on NYE.

In order to establish an AFZ, Council must comply with the procedures in *Sections 644 to 644C of the Local Government Act* and the *Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones, 2009*.

This proposal (Annexure 1) was exhibited to the local community and stakeholders from 29 August 2012 to the 28 September 2012.

Proposal:

During the public exhibition period Council received three submissions in support of the AFZ.

Name	Address	Comments
Rose Bay Local Area Command	1 Wunulla Road, Point Piper	Support - As long as AFZ signs are clearly displayed on the relevant beaches, in particular Rose Bay or "Paradise Beach" we are happy with the proposed AFZ arrangements for NYE
Resident	760-754 New South Head Road, Rose Bay	Support - Is in support of the AFZ proposal. People urinate on her wall and cause disturbances.
Resident	754 New South Head Road, Rose Bay	Support - Strongly support the proposal and congratulates Council. In the past there has been significant issues associated with alcohol and lack of toilets. Suggestions for more toilets to be provided.

Conclusion:

The Police have stated that the AFZ's will deter crowds gathering in surrounding streets of Darling Point and Rose Bay foreshore, creating a nuisance to surrounding residents and the Police. The Police and delegated officers will have the power to seize and tip out or otherwise dispose of alcohol without the need to issue a warning. The Police have again reiterated that these zones are a very important component in the planning for NYE within Woollahra.

It is therefore recommended that Council approve these AFZ as part of a wider strategy of management for NYE (2012-2016). Staff will erect notification signage within the affected streets and footpaths prior to NYE.

Paul Fraser
Team Leader – Open Space & Recreation Planning

Tom O’Hanlon
Director of Technical Services

Bruce Rann
Manager Open Space & Trees

Annexures:

Proposal for Alcohol-Free Zones.

Item No: D6 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee Meeting of 15 August 2012**
Author: Suzy Rich, Chair – Animal Advisory Committee
File No: 271.G AACM
Reason for Report: To submit the minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee meeting of 15 August 2012

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday 15 August 2012 be received and noted.

Report:

The Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) was set-up in 1997 to coincide with the introduction of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, which commenced operations on 1 September 1998.

On 27 September 2004, Council adopted the current ‘Terms of Reference’ for the AAC. The ‘Terms of Reference’ state that the purpose of the AAC is;

- “1. *To serve as an advisory body to Council to assist with the development of policies, programmes, services and plans for companion animals. The AAC shall not operate in a regulatory or authoritative capacity.*
2. *To organise community events and educational programmes to raise awareness about companion animals and the Companion Animals Act.”*

The ‘Terms of Reference’ further state that;

“The AAC is an advisory committee only and has no delegated authority. The AAC will report to the Community and Environment Committee as required.”

A copy of the ‘Terms of Reference’ is attached and marked as “Annexure 1”.

The 2008-2012 members of the AAC were appointed by the Community & Environment Committee on 13 October 2008 and their term concluded in September 2012, at the same time as the former Council. A letter of gratitude was sent to all the previous community representatives of the AAC by the former Mayor, Councillor Susan Wynne prior to the recent Local Government elections.

In accordance with the ‘Terms of Reference’ arrangements have been made for an advertisement to be placed in the Wentworth Courier on 24 and 31 October 2012 inviting nominations from community representatives for membership to the AAC for the 2012-2016 term. Nominations will be received up to 7 November 2012 and all nominations will be reported to the Community & Environment Committee prior to the first meeting of the new AAC. Having regard to the closing date for nominations, the first meeting of the new AAC will not be held until 20 February 2013.

Councillors Anthony Boskovitz and Ted Bennett have been appointed as Council representatives to the new AAC by the Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie.

As specified by the 'Terms of Reference', AAC meetings are held at 12.30pm on the third Wednesday of February, May, August and November of each year. The minutes of the AAC meeting held on **Wednesday 15 August 2012** are attached for the information of the Committee.

While the attached minutes will not be adopted by the AAC until their next meeting, the minutes have been circulated to the members and corrections made where requested and appropriate.

Suzy Rich
Chair - Animal Advisory Committee

Tim Tuxford
Manager - Compliance

Annexure:

1. AAC Terms of Reference adopted on 27 September 20004.
2. Minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee meeting of 15 August 2012.

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