



# Community & Environment Committee

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

**Date:** *Monday 14 November 2011*

**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

10 November 2011

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

Dear Councillors

### **Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 14 November 2011**

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 November 2011 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James  
General Manager

# **Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters**

**Site Inspection**

**Other Matters**

## Meeting Agenda

Item	Subject	Pages
1	Leave of Absence and Apologies	
2	Note Council resolution of 27 June 2011 to read late correspondence in conjunction with the relevant Agenda Item	
3	Declarations of Interest	

### **Items to be Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority**

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### **Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee**

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2011  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager - Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10 October 2011 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 October be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle  
Manager – Governance

**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** WOOLLAHRA LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES – 4  
OCTOBER 2011  
**Author:** Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services  
**File No:** 595.G 2011  
**Reason for Report:** For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra  
Local Traffic Committee.

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the Recommendations Y1-Y4 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 4 October 2011 be adopted.
  - B. That the Traffic Committee items be funded as outlined in Annexure 1.
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**Tom O’Hanlon**  
**Director - Technical Services**

**Annexure 1**

<b>Traffic Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Y1-1	Richmond Road, Rose Bay – Parking restrictions	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-2	Cross Street, Double Bay – Parking restrictions	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-3	Henrietta Street, Double Bay – No Right Turn signage	Cost of signposting to be charged to applicant
Y1-4	Guilfoyle Avenue, Double Bay – Parking restrictions	Cost of signposting to be charged to Double Bay Business Partnership
Y1-5	Windsor Lane, Paddington – Parking restrictions	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-6	Windsor Lane, Paddington – Parking restrictions	Cost of signposting to be charged to the owner of No.153 Hargrave St, Paddington
Y1-7	Forth Street, Woollahra – Parking restrictions	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-8	Saber Street, Woollahra – Parking restrictions	Cost of signposting to be charged to applicant
Y2	Cranbrook Road (servicing No.29-53 Victoria Road), Bellevue Hill - Temporary No Stopping restrictions	All temporary traffic control measures and the installation of parking restrictions to be funded by the applicant
Y3	No.29-53 Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Special (School / Convent). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council’s adopted fees and charges for this zoning.
Y4	No.56-58 Sutherland Street, Paddington – Works Zone	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 for this zoning.



# Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Mansfield Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 1 November 2011 at 10.00am.

## 1. Attendance

### Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Frank Rotta (Chairperson)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Nasiha Kadavath	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Snr Const Kylie Kemp	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Yasas De Silva	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Shirlene Yee Yet	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Daniel Pearse	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Eric Graham	(Transport NSW – State Transit)
	Mr John McDonagh	(Harbour View Residents Group)
	Ms Ellen Robertshaw	(DFP – Item Y1-8)
	Mr K Diskosos	(Tahunny Pty Ltd – Item Y1-8)
Apologies:	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Mr John Giblin	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)

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## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.09/11 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 October 2011 were confirmed by Ms Robyn Attuell & Mr Frank Rotta.

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## 3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

Meeting 09/11 – Item Y1-5: Newland Street, Woollahra – Parking restrictions  
Item referred back to Committee – subject of report Y1-8 to LTC November 2011.

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## 5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

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## 6. Late Correspondence

Nil

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## 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,  
Daniel Pearse – 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 Y1-8 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

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**Item Y1-1: Richmond Road, Rose Bay – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That ‘No Stopping’ restrictions be installed on both northern and southern sides of Richmond Road, Rose Bay from the western kerblines in Newcastle Street for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction.

**Item Y1-2: Cross Street, Double Bay – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That the existing ‘No Stopping’ restrictions on both approaches to the pedestrian crossing in Cross Street, Double Bay outside the Double Bay Primary School be extended to 8.5 metres from the kerb ramp.

**Item Y1-3: Henrietta Street, Double Bay – No Right Turn signage**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That a ‘No Right Turn’ sign be installed facing south bound traffic and located on the western side of Henrietta Street at its intersection with New South Head Road.

**Item Y1-4: Guilfoyle Avenue, Double Bay – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

1. That the existing 36 metres of metered parking in Guilfoyle Avenue adjoining the southern side Guilfoyle Park, extending back from the Bay Street intersection, be altered to '2P Ticket 9am-6pm Mon-Wed / Fri-Sat' and 'No Parking – Authorised Council Vehicles Excepted 7am-6.00pm Thur'.
2. That the above change be subject to Council approval of the extension to the hours of operation of the weekly Growers Market in Guilfoyle Park, Double Bay.

**Item Y1-5: Windsor Lane, Paddington – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That 'No Parking' restrictions be installed on the southern side of Windsor Lane, Paddington along the section of upright kerb across the road from the rear boundaries of Nos.193 & 195 Hargrave Street, Paddington.

**Item Y1-6: Windsor Lane, Paddington – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That should the development application for the off-street carspace at the rear of No.153 Hargrave Street, Paddington be approved, and the on-site works be completed as per the approved plans, 'No Parking' restrictions be installed on the southern side of Windsor Lane, Paddington from 2.4 metres west of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 153 & 155 Hargrave Street, Paddington, for a distance of 7.6 metres in a westerly direction. That the location be signposted 'No Parking Woollahra Council Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area CS- Double Bay'.

**Item Y1-7: Forth Street, Woollahra – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That 'No Parking' restrictions be installed across the driveway to Woollahra Public School located on the northern side of Forth Street, Woollahra east of the pedestrian crossing.

**Item Y1-8: Saber Street, Woollahra – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

1. That 'P 15 min, 7:30am – 9:30am 3:30pm – 5:30pm Mon –Fri' restrictions replace '2P, 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 8am-12 noon Sat, ARVE Area Wool2' restrictions on the northern side of Saber Street from 1 metre west of the common boundary between Nos. 10 & 12 Saber Street, Woollahra, for a distance of 5 metres in an westerly direction.
2. That '2P, 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 8am-12 noon Sat, ARVE Area Wool2' restrictions replace the unrestricted parking on the northern side of Saber Street from 1.6 metres west of the common boundary between Nos. 18 & 20 Saber Street, Woollahra, for a distance of 5 metres in an westerly direction.
3. That the alteration to parking conditions only proceed once Development Application 306 / 2011 proposing a Childcare Centre at 10 Sabre Street, Woollahra is approved and the site building works are completed as per the approved plans.

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

**Subject:** CRANBROOK ROAD (SERVICING NO. 29-53 VICTORIA ROAD), BELLEVUE HILL – TEMPORARY NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

**Author:** Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** T119

**Reason for Report:** Temporary restrictions to facilitate piling works related to development

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the traffic control plans prepared by NRS Traffic Planning (Refer to Plan Nos. NRSP11081501 - NRSP11081504 Ver B dated 19 August 2011) be implemented subject to approval by Council's Engineering Services of the works on Cranbrook Road required by Section 138 of the Roads Act and the following additions;
  - i. Refer to Plan "AFTERCARE" (Plan No. NRSP11081504) - Hoarding near the intersection of Victoria Road and Cranbrook Road must be offset no greater than 2.4m from the kerb in Cranbrook Road and provide a minimum 3m clearance from the unbroken centreline (BB).
- B. That temporary "No Stopping" restrictions be installed on both sides of Cranbrook Road, from the intersection of Victoria Road to the alignment of the western side of the driveway crossover accessing No. 55 Victoria Road, a distance of approximately 80 metres (for a period generally between Christmas 2011 through to January 2012 in accordance with the approval of the Roads Act consent).

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

**Subject:** NO. 29-53 VICTORIA ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL – WORKS ZONE

**Author:** Daniel Pearse - Traffic and Development Engineer

**File No:** 407.G Pt17

**Reason for Report:** Request for a Works Zone

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No. 29-53 Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill (Scots College). The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the eastern side of Victoria Road, commencing from the southern end of the existing “No Parking- 8:00am-9:30am, 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days” and extending north for a distance of 26.5 metres and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
  - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 9.30am - 2.30pm Mon-Fri and 8.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 29 weeks from November, 2011 (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. Existing No Parking (8.00am-9.30am, 2.30pm-4.00pm School Days) and unrestricted parking other times 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 Special (School/ Convent). 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.

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

**Subject:** NO. 56-58 SUTHERLAND STREET, PADDINGTON – WORKS ZONE

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 407.G Pt17

**Reason for Report:** Request for a Works Zone

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.56-58 Sutherland Street, Paddington. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Sutherland Street, for a distance of 12 metres centrally located across the site frontage 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 November, 2011 (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 and that inconvenience to the public on these roads is minimised. These measures should be detailed in CMP and associated TMP and TCPs for the site works being submitted to Council as part of the development application.
  - 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. Existing 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(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.
  - 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 whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

**8. Late Items**

Nil

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.28am.

**Frank Rotta**  
**Chair**

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee

**Subject:** MINUTES OF THE FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (FPRMC) MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2011.

**Author:** Michael Casteleyn –Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment

**File No:** 626.G Committee

**Reason for Report:** To report on the outcomes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting, held Thursday, 25 August 2011.

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on 25 August 2011 be noted.
- B. That the Double Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan be adopted.
- C. That the works proposed by the Double Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Plan be the subject of further reports to Council's Corporate and Works Committee.

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**Summary:**

A meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FRMC) was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, 25 August 2011 to provide an update on various issues related to the Woollahra Floodplain Management Program and review the recent public consultation response in relation to public exhibition of the Double Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. The minutes of this meeting are attached as Annexure 1.

The Committee received progress reports on the Floodplain Risk Management Studies for the Double Bay, Rose Bay and Rushcutters Bay Catchments as well as reports on the Cecil Lane overland flow path and Watsons Bay Climate Change Assessment. The status of all these matters are outlined in the Minutes attached (Refer Annexure 1).

The Double Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan was placed on public exhibition between 9 May 2011 to 3 June 2011 and all residents/ business owners located in the catchment were invited to comment on the Study and Plan. As noted in the Minutes, Council received a number of general enquiries regarding the document however no formal submissions were received. On this basis, the FRMC recommended that the Double Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan be adopted.

The Plan proposes several mitigation measures ranked as either low, medium or high priority. The highest priority measures will be ranked against Councils other competing capital projects for possible inclusion in a future Council Capital works program. As the cost of the required work is so significant it is planned to stage the projects and apply for grant funding to minimise the works impact on Councils resources. If grant funding is received it is anticipated the work could be completed in the next 10years.

All projects that require funding will be subject to further reports to the Corporate and Works Committee.



**Identification of Income and Expenditure:**

No presented items have any additional funding requirements.

Michael Casteleyn  
Design & Investigations Engineer  
Stormwater & Environment

Tom O'Hanlon  
Director Technical Services

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**Annexures:**

Minutes of the FPRMC meeting held on 25 August 2011.

**Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE 2011  
**Author:** Chris Munro, Team Leader Environment & Sustainability  
**File No:** 1142.G Ecological Sustainability Task Force  
**Reason for Report:** To circulate the minutes from recent Ecological Sustainability Taskforce Meetings.

**Recommendations:**

That Council:

- A. Note the minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ecological Sustainable Taskforce Meeting.
- B. That Council signs up to the 10% Challenge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10%

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**Background**

On 23 March 2009 Council resolved to establish an Ecological Sustainability Task Force reporting to the Community & Environment Committee.

The role of the Task Force is to review and recommend Council strategy in relation to sustainability initiatives and policies in the areas of:

- A. Water
- B. Energy
- C. Public Transport
- D. Waste Management
- E. Carbon reduction.

Membership of the Ecological Taskforce includes 5 Councillors, the Chair and staff as appointed by the Mayor.

Susan Wynne	Mayor
Greg Medcraft	Chair, Councillor
Chris Howe	Councillor
Toni Zeltzer	Councillor
Nicola Grieve	Councillor
Ian Plater	Councillor
Tom O'Hanlon	Director Technical Services
Bruce Rann	Manager Open Space and Trees
Chris Munro	Team Leader Environment & Sustainability

## **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Sustainability Task Force meeting held on 8 September 2011 have been attached to this report as Annexure 1.

### **The 10% Challenge**

The 10% challenge is an energy efficiency campaign that helps organisations and households reduce energy and save money.

The campaign was launched in June 2011 and major organisations such as Unilever, ASIC, News Limited, Toyota, Toshiba, Sydney Water, Sydney Theatre Company, City of Sydney, Waverley Council, Lake Macquarie City Council, and The Australian Federal Parliament are participating.

The 10% Challenge is an initiative of Australian of the year Jon Dee's Do Something ! ([www.DoSomething.net.au](http://www.DoSomething.net.au)) with CHOICE assisting on the consumer side of the campaign.

It involves signing up to the 10% Challenge on the DO Something website and making a pledge to reduce Green House Gas emissions by 10%.

Woollahra Council has already committed to reduce its Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 30% by 2025. By joining the 10% Challenge Council will highlight its commitment to saving energy to the wider community and will also provide another opportunity promote energy conservation to Woollahra residents.

Chris Munro  
Team Leader  
Environment & Sustainability

Bruce Rann  
Manager  
Public Open Space

Tom O'Hanlon  
Director  
Technical Services

**Item No:** D5 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Library Quarterly Report 1 July to 30 September 2011**  
**Author:** Vicki Munro, Manager, Library and Information Services  
**File No:** 48.G / 48.G (Strategic)  
**Reason for Report:** To review the operations of Woollahra Library and Information Service for the quarter, 1 July to 30 September 2011.

**Recommendation:**

That the report of the library service for the quarter 1 July to 30 September 2011 be received and noted.

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This report reviews Woollahra Library and Information Service's activities and projects for the period 1 July to 30 September 2011, including detailed statistical analysis, as well as progress in implementing the Library Strategic Plan, *The Way Forward*.

### **1.0 Library Usage**

To gain a better understanding of the Library usage, this report compares statistics from 1 July to 30 September 2011 with the same quarter for the previous year – 1 July to 30 September 2010. See Annexure 1 for all statistical figures.

As resolved at the Council meeting of 11 July 2011, Double Bay Library was temporarily closed to allow for the implementation of new technology and minor renovations. The Library was closed from Saturday 30 July until Monday 12 September 2011. As a result, there has been a significant impact on the statistics presented in this report. Areas affected include Double Bay Library circulation, Library membership, wireless usage and attendance at Library programs.

During the closure, Paddington and Watsons Bay libraries had extended opening hours which led to an associated increase in usage at the other Library service points.

### **1.1 Lending Services**

- As at 30 September 2011, Woollahra Library and Information Service had 14,046 active members. Active membership is defined as borrowers who have used the service within a two year period. This represents a decrease of 6.2% in total Library membership over the same period last year. In addition to undertaking of a targeted membership drive, measurable causes for this change are being investigated.

Watsons Bay Library maintains strong growth in both active and new Library members. There has been a 50.5% increase in adult active members and a 28.2% increase in junior active membership. It is pleasing to see the Watsons Bay Library membership continues to increase since opening the newly renovated branch in March 2010.

- The percentage of borrowers to population currently sits at 28% based on the Woollahra LGA population of 50,161 (2006 ABS census).
- Paddington Library experienced a 102% increase in visitor numbers, receiving 46,186 visits compared to 22,849 in this quarter in 2010. Unfortunately, door counts were not taken at Double Bay or Watsons Bay this quarter due to the renovation closure and equipment malfunction.

- The Library's circulation decreased during the quarter from 112,837 to 89,098. The most significant decrease being at Double Bay Library. Due to extended opening hours, Paddington and Watsons Bay Libraries experienced an associated increase in circulation of 20% and 22% respectively. It is apparent library customers were using other service points during this time. There was an average of 40.35 loans per hour for the July to September 2011 quarter.

Below is a summary of notable circulation statistics:

- Paddington experienced high growth in large print (up 236%) and talking books (up 141%). These figures are a result of the Home Library Service relocating to Paddington for the duration of the renovations.
- New music CDs were purchased for Paddington and Watsons Bay during this quarter. This has resulted in a significant increase in circulation at both libraries.
- The free wireless service offered through uConnect continues to be well used, with a total of 2,471 sessions this quarter. Watsons Bay Library has experienced an increase of 244% which is in keeping with the popularity of the service point.

## 1.2 Information Service and Research

- During the July to September quarter, across all four service points, the Library staff answered over 23,000 information and customer service enquiries. This represents a small decrease of 7% over the same quarter in 2010. However, it does reflect an increase in enquiries at the Local History Centre which is pleasing to see.

- Projects completed by the Local History Staff in this quarter include:

- Forty images and ephemera were selected from the Local History collection, and researched, captioned and scanned then placed on the Library's Flickr page as part of History Week with this year's theme being 'Eat History'. The material covers local restaurants, cafes, hotels, corner shops, market gardens and menus from the 19th century through to the 21st. A display of was mounted in the Local History Centre.



*Eat History: Intermission at the Olympic Theatre, Woollahra, c1930, by Sam Hood*

- Support of Council's Garden Week program by preparing a display on 'Historic Gardens of Woollahra' – a selection of images, maps and plans from the collection with accompanying text and captions, illustrating gardens from the district. The display was mounted at Redleaf as an adjunct to the talk given by Colleen Morris on garden history. The garden display was then mounted at the Local History Centre.
- The Library has continued to see a growth in the use of online databases during the quarter with an increase of 89% over the same period in 2010. The integrated search engine allows customers to use a single query box to choose options including a simultaneous search across all the Woollahra Library & Information Services databases, the library catalogue and the local history picture database, as well as submit a subject search or select individual databases.

The databases which have recorded the highest use this quarter include Ancestry (1,145 searches), Libraries Australia (838 searches) and Britannica (436 searches). Further developments for this area include the improvement of web pages describing mobile apps used to access to electronic databases and integration into the library catalogue of Novelist Select which offers a readers advisory service.

- The number of YourTutor sessions (online homework help) has decreased significantly in comparison to the same quarter in 2010. However, interestingly, the average length of each session has increased. More active promotion of the service has been scheduled including a presentation to local school librarians in November 2011.

### 1.3 Community Learning Programs

- The Children's program has experienced fluctuations in attendance during the quarter, taking into account the Double Bay Library closure. An annual review of the program will be conducted with the aim of revitalising attendance.
- The Children's and Young Adult team presented the following events:

- Spring festivities enjoyed during the school holidays program included showcasing 'Hatch'n'grow' ducklings. Stories, rhymes, songs and craft activities focusing on ducks complemented their time spent at the Library, before being resettled at a farm.

- Between August 22 to 26, Book Week 2011 was celebrated across the three Libraries, and also with a special presentation at Vaucluse Tea Rooms. Three stories short listed in the Early Childhood category – *Noni the Pony* by Alison Lester, *Look see, Look at me!* by Leonie Norrington and Dee Huxley, and *Maudie and Bear* by Jan Ormerod and Freya Blackwood – were highlighted with an interactive performance by the Children's and Young Adults Officer, wearing appropriate costume and using various props. More than 160 local children enjoyed the activities.



*Book Week 2011*

- The Writers and Readers series continued to captivate and inform with Alan Ramsey talking to James Morrow about his latest book 'The Way They Were' on 18 August. 90 people attended.
- Tea Topics, the Library's series of free, daytime talks continued this quarter with some highly successful events including an Archaeology talk by Denis Gojak on Friday 29 July. The August talk was presented by Jane Austen expert, Susannah Fullerton. Both sessions were attended by 90 people.
- The annual Youth Photographic Award & Short Film Prize received a record 211 photographic entries which were exhibited in the Thornton Room on Presentation night, held on 8 September. Over 100 guests enjoyed a screening of the shortlisted films. Renowned rock photographer Tony Mott, and actor and award-winning filmmaker Christopher Stollery judged the photographic entries and 19 short films.

Local newspaper *The Wentworth Courier* is a major supporter of the event, and also conducts their *People's choice* award online, enabling the public to vote for their favourite photo. This year the event received sponsorship of \$1,000 from the Sydney Film School.

After Presentation night the photographs were displayed to a wider audience at Paddington Library. Prize winning photographs were purchased for inclusion in the Local History Collection to encourage young artists and acquire 'now' pieces for contemporary record.



*Youth Photographic Award & Short Film Prize Presentation night – (l-r) Ben Ferris, Mayor Isabelle Shapiro, Christopher Stollery*

- The Home Library Service provided a total of 3,411 items (including 420 Audio-Read Navigator titles) to 173 members from July to September 2011. Of this total, 117 items were loaned to institutions. Seven new members joined the service.
- The Home Library Service currently has eight volunteers who either assist in the delivery of resources to Home Library members, (made 119 visits this quarter) or act as a 'book buddy' and both select and deliver resources. Further volunteers are being encouraged to participate in the service with several volunteers and interested people identified.
- In response to results from a survey of Home Library members regarding computer training, sharing of online skills with interested members has been facilitated:
  - Ten members from the Home Library Service started an Easy PC course on Friday 29 July. The six week program was organised by Council's Community Development officers in conjunction with Scots College. Participants were assisted by students to learn computer skills including how to access and use the Library Catalogue online. Holdsworth Community Centre provided transport to and from the wheelchair-accessible classroom.
  - An IT consultant is now volunteering for one day per week as a 'computer/techno buddy', guiding computer skills and audio resources.



*Easy PC Course participant and tutor*

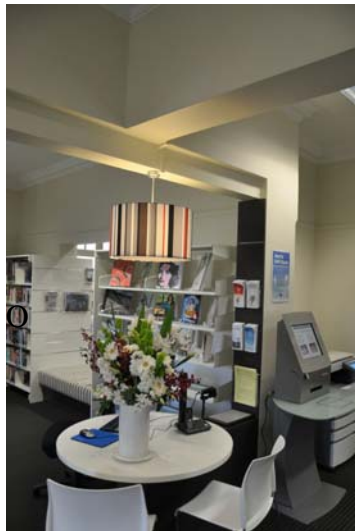
- Ten DAISY players, digital talking book devices, have been acquired as part of implementing a Department of Families Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs/Australian Library and Information Association initiative to assist clients with print disabilities.

## 2.0 Library Strategic Plan – Progress update

The Library Strategic Plan "The Way Forward" was adopted by Council on 17 December 2007. Progress on the key strategies is as follows:

- Buildings:

The Double Bay Library renovations were completed on the adult floor during the quarter, with the Library re-opening on 12 September 2011. The purpose of the works was to implement new technology, namely the installation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) self check machines, gates and new returns area, as well as the completion of planned maintenance work including repainting, recarpeting and improving public access and seating. During the closure efforts were also made to improve the layout of the Library collection with the installation of a small compactus. Library staff have received very positive feedback from the Library members, in particular noting the feeling of openness and light.



*The Double Bay Library welcome desk area*



*Double Bay Library reopening party*

Another improvement to the Library service has been an extension to the Library opening hours at the three Lending service points. Double Bay and Paddington Libraries are now open from 9.30am Monday to Friday. The Libraries previously opened at 10am. To meet increasing community demand, Watsons Bay Library has also increased its opening hours by seven hours. Their new hours are:

Monday and Friday 2pm to 5pm.  
Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 5pm and  
Wednesday 12noon to 8pm.

- Collection:

As part of the Double Bay Library renovation and in keeping with the implementation of the Library's Collection Plan, a de-selection program was initiated to ensure a vibrant, useful and accessible collection.

- Technology:

As discussed above, RFID technology has been installed at Double Bay Library. This has included three self-checking units, security gates and necessary additions to desktop computers. Paddington Library will receive its new self check machines by end December 2011.

- Policies and Procedures:

The following key Library policies and procedures were reviewed throughout this quarter:

- Closing procedures for all service points;



- Incomplete damaged and lost items;
- Library fines;
- Opening procedures for all service points;
- Paddington Library Evacuation;
- Work Practices at library service points; and
- Library Weekend practices.

### **3.0 Community Information**

Community Information Database searches this quarter experienced a drop on last quarter (which was an all time high of 1,399 searches) and a 21% drop on the same period last year. It is common to experience fluctuations from quarter to quarter. Promotion will continue in this financial year to ensure ongoing usage of this database.

#### **3.1 Community Information Database (LINCS)**

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#### **3.2 What's On E-Newsletter**

The number of What's On subscribers has continued to increase steadily on the previous quarter by 4.5% (from 986 to 1030) and has increased by 33% since the same quarter last year. This increase can be attributed to displaying the newsletter sign up link more prominently on Council's website and organic growth in subscriber numbers.

#### **3.3 New Resident's Kits**

The number of New Residents Kits requested increased slightly this quarter on last quarter (from 39 to 42), but are still down by 24% on the same quarter last year. The number of kits requested generally fluctuates each quarter as it depends on the number of new residents moving to the area. A new Kit is currently being finalised and will be launched in the next quarter.

#### Conclusion:

The Woollahra Library and Information Service provides a wide range of successful programs and services for the Woollahra community. Library staff continue to develop programs and services as identified in the Library Strategic Plan to keep abreast of technology and community changes.

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### **ANNEXURES:**

Annexure 1: Library Statistics for 1 July to 30 September 2011

**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management**  
**Author:** Paul Fraser, Team Leader - Open Space & Recreation Planning  
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**File No:** 226.G MP  
**Reason for Report:** To recommend the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management and Masterplan be adopted.

**Recommendation:**

1. That Council adopt either:
  - 1A. The Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management (PoM) and Masterplan as exhibited with the removal of the stated fig trees along New Beach Road and the new car parking layout.
  - 1B. The Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management (PoM) and Masterplan with the retention of all trees along New Beach Road (and the associated reduction in newly created parking spaces)
2. That Council develop a Tree Management Strategy for the management of all trees in Yarranabbe Park in line with the Tree Management Policy 2011.
3. That amendments be made to the final PoM and Masterplan and be forward to the Minister for sign off in accordance with Section 114 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

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**Background:**

Beginning in late 2009, Guy Sturt and Associates Landscape Architects prepared the draft PoM and Masterplan for Yarranabbe Park in consultation with a Steering Committee comprising Councillors, representatives of community groups including the Darling Point Society and Rushcutters Bay Park Enhancement Group (RUBPEG), and Council Staff. The role of the Steering Committee was to provide input, review and monitor the development of the PoM and Masterplan for Yarranabbe Park.

Residents and park users were advised of the preparation of the PoM and Masterplan and were invited to participate in a questionnaire. 248 responses to the questionnaire were received, with a wide variety of opinions expressed. The draft PoM and Masterplan incorporated many of the practical suggestions from both the Steering Committee and the survey results. And the results of the questionnaire were exhibited as part of the public exhibition document.

At its meeting on Monday 30 May 2011, Council's Community and Environment Committee resolved to place the draft Yarranabbe Park PoM and Masterplan on public exhibition with the following resolution;

- A. *That Council place the draft Plan of Management for Yarranabbe Park on public exhibition for a period of 28 days in accordance with Section 113(c) of the Crowns Land Act 1989.*
- B. *That Council and the Land & Property Management Authority considers submissions received and, where appropriate, incorporates changes in a Final Plan of Management to be further considered by Council.*

The draft PoM and Masterplan was placed on exhibition from Wednesday 8 June 2011 and advertised in accordance with Section 112 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*. This was advertised through notification letters to key stakeholders, residents and community groups, notices in the *Wentworth Courier* and on Council's website ('Have your say') and signs were placed in Yarranabbe Park and on the Darling Point community noticeboard. Submissions were accepted until Friday 5 August 2011 due to the Crown Lands exhibition period beginning after Council's exhibition period.

### **Discussion:**

During the public exhibition period, Council received a total of 114 submissions (summary as Annexure 1) from residents, key stakeholders, community groups, and other interested parties. The main issues and Council's responses are referred to below:

### **Removal of Trees along New Beach Road**

The draft PoM and Masterplan proposed the removal of three Fig trees along New Beach Road in order to re-establish street tree rhythm and, if feasible, incorporate additional parking bays along the northern end of New Beach Road. To emphasis the street rhythm a *Ficus rubiginosa* was proposed to infill the large gap in the street tree avenue opposite 55-56 New Beach Rd. An additional 30 trees are proposed to be planted closer to the foreshore promenade to provide some shade and protection within the Park. The Action Plan of the draft PoM, recommends that a Tree Management Strategy be adopted in order to determine the tree species and locations for the proposed trees, as well as management of the existing trees.

Community submissions relating to trees included;

- Approximately 70% of the responses to the PoM and Masterplan were related to the removal of the trees along New Beach Road.
- 72 submissions supported the retention of the trees, saying that healthy trees should not be removed or pruned to make way for additional parking or neighbouring property views.
- A petition circulated by the Darling Point Society contained 371 signatures which requested the retention of the three Fig Trees along New Beach Rd.
- 3 submissions expressed concern that the removal of the trees will set precedence for other parks in the Municipality where trees block private views.
- 8 submissions expressed that the removal of trees contradicts the LGA's objectives and policies towards tree management.
- 9 submissions were in favour of the removal of the trees, with respondents pleased that there is no plan to incorporate further planting of *Ficus hillii* along New Beach Road. Some responses suggested that more fig trees be removed than were proposed and a call for a solution to tree management along New Beach Road to improve harbour views for adjacent properties.
- 3 submissions requested that the "leaning" fig opposite 58 – 61 New Beach Road be removed, stating it was unsafe and had grown into a pre-existing view of the harbour.
- 8 submissions supported additional tree being planted within Yarranabbe Park, in particular along the promenade. The proposed additional trees were seen to be a great addition to the Park that would provide much needed shade.
- 5 submissions were against additional trees to be planted.
- 4 submissions stated that they would be happy with the additional plantings if they were an appropriate species that would not grow high and would not obscure the view of the Harbour.
- 1 submission stated that it is important that the removal of the trees along New Beach Road is not negated by the additional planting along the promenade; species selection requires careful consideration as does their mature size.

- 2 submissions expressed their concern for park user safety if additional planting was included with in the Park, stating that surveillance would be decreased.

***Response:***

The Yarranabbe Park draft PoM and Masterplan received considerable attention due to the proposal to remove three Fig Trees along New Beach Road. This resulted in an influx of submissions from the public and a number of signatures on a petition to keep the trees. Unfortunately a large amount of respondents focused on the removal of the trees and not the plan as a whole. It should also be noted that a number of responses identified that they had not seen the draft PoM and Masterplan and had only heard of the proposal for trees to be removed.

In the Action Plan (page 47) of the draft PoM, the preparation of a Tree Management Strategy is an action to determine the future management of trees within Yarranabbe Park and determine tree species and locations suitable for the park including mature height and density.

It is therefore recommended that two options be considered by the Committee due to the conflicting views of the local community and key stakeholders. The two options are:

- A) That Council adopt the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management (PoM) and Masterplan with the removal of the stated fig trees along New Beach Road as per exhibition.
- B) That Council adopt the Yarranabbe Park Plan of Management (PoM) and Masterplan with the retention of all trees along New Beach Road and less potential parking spaces.

**Proposed Car Parking**

A reconfiguration and formalisation of parking along the New Beach Road, adjacent Yarranabbe Park has been proposed in the draft PoM and Masterplan. It should be noted that although the proposal for additional parking is included in this plan as a future action, extensive traffic and parking studies along with community consultation would be required before any works are progressed (Action Plan pg.53).

Community submissions relating to car parking included;

- 18 submissions were against the parking proposal primarily due to the removal of fig trees for additional car parking. It was stated that should parking be necessary the final design should not affect healthy trees.
- 5 submissions stated that additional parking would result in increased traffic along New Beach Road and that the road north of the roundabout would be too narrow to facilitate this proposal. It was also noted that any plans for additional carparking that would reduce the parkland should not occur.
- 2 submissions stated that additional parking would primarily facilitate parking for the Cruising Yacht Club and D'Albora Marina.
- 4 submissions felt the existing parking arrangement is satisfactory maintaining that if there were parking restrictions on New Beach Road (with the exception of residents) there would be ample parking for park users. It was stated that by providing more parking it is encouraging more people to drive to the park rather than take alternate means of transport.
- 4 submissions supported the proposed car parking arrangements.

## ***Response***

While the questionnaire shows a large amount of park users walk to the park, the second most frequent means of transport was by car. The results also showed that respondents were evenly split on whether or not more parking was required. The draft PoM (page 34) highlights the desired outcomes from the community in relation to Access and Circulation being to '*maintain existing parking numbers, and improve parking layout*' which has been reflected in the Masterplan. As shown in the draft Masterplan the new configuration would result in an increase in parking spaces and a more formalised parking arrangement (with or without the removal of the three Fig Trees).

The draft PoM (pg.19) addresses the high demand for car parking along New Beach Road due to high density residential apartments, visitors to adjacent parks and nearby marinas. This is not a new issue, and was last highlighted in the 2005 Rushcutters Bay Park, Yarranabbe Park and Plantation Reserve Plan of Management.

At the northern end of New Beach Road, the current parking arrangement is not acceptable; the bollards are out of alignment, there is no delineation between park and road and the fig tree roots damage the road surface and prevent cars parking in an orderly manner.

As the proposed parking layout was developed out of the park surveys and agreed on by the Steering Committee it is recommended that the proposal for parking be adopted as per the exhibition. The proposed parking layout will also improve road surface and provide protection for the remaining fig trees.

It should be noted that the proposed parking layout is dependent on the removal of the 3 fig trees as per recommendation 1A and that the major opposition to the additional carparking was related to the removal of three fig trees along New Beach Road.

Should Council decide to retain the fig trees as per option 1B the proposed carparking in these areas would need to be re-configured and result in a loss of proposed car spaces being;

- Masterplan location 19 (North of roundabout) – 6 spaces lost.
- Masterplan location 21 (South of roundabout) – 5 spaces lost.

If the proposal for additional parking is included in this plan as a future action, traffic and parking studies along with community consultation would be required before any works are progressed (Action Plan page 53).

## **Harbour interface infrastructure**

The PoM and Masterplan proposes a number of interventions to the Park to improve the interface with the Harbour by removing parts of the seawall and providing access stairs to the northern tip and the midpoint of the Park and investigation of the reinstatement of the swimming baths.

Responses relating to harbour interface infrastructure included;

### **Improved access to the Harbour**

- 11 submissions supported improved access to the harbour
- 6 submissions were against harbour access.
- The access steps into the harbour in the two locations were well received with most people expressing their desire to have a better connection to the water. The stairs are seen to visually break up the sea wall and be beneficial for recreation and safety.
- If there are to be access steps that an all ability ramp be considered.

- The main concerns to improved access to the harbour (shown as No.15 on Masterplan) were from neighbouring residents at the northern end of Yarranabbe Park and included;
  - Safety of users with tidal movements.
  - Security and privacy of adjacent properties (Darling Point foreshore) would be affected (decrease in property prices).
  - Issues with adjacent properties leases with NSW Maritime for access to the harbour.
  - Reduction of open space.
  - Salt spray caused by the access stairs will harm the turf.
  - Concern for the marine environment at the northern end, with fairy penguins and sea grass beds present. Encouraging people and dogs into the water will impact upon both communities.
  - Stairs will result in increased usage of the northern end of the park resulting in increased clutter including beach equipment etc.
  - Dogs in the water will create pollution and potentially encourage sharks.

### **Swimming baths**

- 10 submissions supported the investigation of baths saying that they would be a great addition to Yarranabbe Park and Darling Point.
- 12 submissions were against the proposal, with the key concerns being:
  - The structure and associated infrastructure would be unnecessary, spoil the natural environment and would be very expensive to construct and maintain.
  - Swimming at this location is not popular and the removal in of the original swimming baths in 1975 was appropriate.
  - Reinstated swimming baths would increase the amount of traffic along New Beach Road.
  - Additional people in the area will increase pressure on the existing resources and facilities.
  - There are already established harbour side pools at Redleaf, Watsons Bay and Neilson Park.
- NSW Maritime stated that they support the aims and objectives of the draft PoM and Masterplan and were particularly interested in the potential reconstruction of swimming baths and in the use of the existing public jetty.

### ***Response***

In the questionnaire over 40% of respondents agreed that the interface between the Park and the harbour needed to be improved, with approximately 30% being neutral and 20% against any improvement. The Steering Committee also supported the proposal for the swimming pool infrastructure to improve the connection with the Harbour and Yarranabbe Park.

The 2009-2010 State of the Beaches report presents findings from recreational water quality monitoring at swimming locations within the harbour. The closest site to Yarranabbe is Redleaf Pool which has been graded as good water quality and improving.

Given the even responses to the proposed steps and baths it is recommended that these options remain in the PoM and Masterplan. Upon implementation of the Action Plan, each of the items associated with the pool and harbour interface will be subject to feasibility studies, detailed design, community consultation and funding before work commences.

### **The overall PoM and Masterplan**

Responses relating to the overall PoM and Masterplan included;

- 21 submissions were in support of the whole plan. They were of the opinion that the additional facilities would improve the amenity in Darling Point.
- 7 submissions were totally against the entire draft PoM and Masterplan, stating that improved maintenance of the existing park should be a higher priority. There was also concern that the additional infrastructure proposed as part of the Masterplan will increase the patronage of the Park, leading to further traffic and parking problems.
- 3 submissions called for the inclusion of a kiosk, questioning why one was not included.
- Representations from cycling organisations requested the inclusion of a 3-3.5m cycleway through the park with designated areas for bike parking.

### ***Response***

In response to representations for cycling pathways within Yarranabbe Park, The Woollahra Bike Strategy shows proposed shared pathways through Rushcutters Bay Park and on-road routes along Darling Point Road, linking New South Head Road to McKell Park. A designated cycleway within Yarranabbe Park would require major development and land use. The widening of the promenade would facilitate shared use with the inclusion of bike racks at designated areas supported as part of Council's park furniture roll out.

### **Crown Lands Comments**

Yarranabbe Park is Crown Land under care, control and management of Woollahra Council as Trust Manager. It is a requirement that all amendments to PoMs are made in accordance with the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

The draft PoM and Masterplan has been reviewed by the Crown with the following comments:

- The Masterplan does not compare favourably with what the City of Sydney have constructed at Rushcutters Bay Park (not enough infrastructure).
- The Plan fails to emphasise the park as part of a regional recreational resource for the people of NSW, Woollahra LGA and surrounding residents.
- There are issues with the park's eastern boundary being part crown land and part local road.
- In the proposed plan the net gain in car parking is small and the impacts are considerable.
- The Department would not support the removal of footpath for the introduction of car parking (No. 21 on Masterplan).
- There should be interaction with neighbouring parks, including City of Sydney's Rushcutters Bay Park recent improvements. Design principles of this neighbouring park should be consistent with what is proposed in Yarranabbe Park.
- Inclusion of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 under 3.3.2 of PoM.
- Multiple use by local and broader communities should be encouraged.
- The Department would support the consideration of public toilets in conjunction with a small café.

### ***Response***

The Crown Lands comments state that the Masterplan does not compare favourably with what City of Sydney have implemented at Rushcutters Bay Park. They feel the plan does not do justice for the park and should include additional infrastructure to emphasise the park as a regional significance for not only local residents but people of NSW.

The submissions received from the questionnaire and public exhibition do not share the same views that the Crown Lands have expressed towards the future management and planning of the park.

The comments from Crown Lands have been noted and the final PoM will be amended to facilitate legislative requirements and adjustments stipulated in their response.

**Conclusions:**

The draft Yarranabbe Park PoM and Masterplan is recommended to be adopted pending the Council decision on the retention of trees (and associated parking) as discussed in this report.

Upon adoption the PoM and Masterplan will be forwarded to the Minister for approval in accordance with Section 114 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

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Annexures:

1. Summary of submissions on draft PoM and Masterplan



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