



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 14 December 2009*

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 December 2009

To: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio
Councillors Sean Carmichael (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Nicola Grieve
Susan Jarnason
Greg Medcraft
Isabelle Shapiro
Susan Wynne (Deputy)

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 14 December 2009

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 **Dining Room, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 14 December 2009 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 30 November 2009**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 30 November 2009 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 30 November 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 1 December 2009**
Author: Warwick Hatton –Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2009
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

- A. That the Recommendations Y1-Y12 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee, and as signed by the members of the Committee, held on Tuesday 1 December 2009 be adopted.
 - B. That the Traffic Committee items be funded as outlined in Annexure 1.
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Warwick Hatton
Director - Technical Services

Annexure 1

<u>Traffic Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Y1-1	Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill – Parking Restrictions to improve sight distance	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-2	Ginahgulla Road, Bellevue Hill – Request for mirror	Cost of installation and maintenance to be borne by applicant.
Y1-3	Adelaide Lane, Woollahra – Request for parking restrictions	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-4	James Street, Woollahra – Request for parking restrictions	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-5	Fern Place, Woollahra – Correction to signposting	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-6	Goodhope Street, Paddington – Removal of parking restrictions	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-7	Hargrave Street, Paddington – Sight distance to pedestrian crossing	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-8	Cambridge Street, Paddington – Alterations to Resident Permit Parking scheme	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-9	Windsor Street, Paddington – Alterations to Resident Permit Parking scheme	Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y2	Wallaroy Crescent, Double Bay - Request for resident permit parking	Nil
Y3	Perry Lane, Paddington - Traffic calming	To be funded from Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y4	Paddington PAMP Projects	To be funded from the 2009/2010 budget allocation for PAMP's.
Y5	Special Event Traffic Management - New Years Eve 2009 - Woollahra LGA	To be funded Council's allocation for this event.
Y6	No.10 Gosbell St, 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.
Y7	Woollahra 2 Resident Permit Parking Review	To be funded from Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y8	Paddington 4 Resident Permit Parking Review	To be funded from Council's Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y9	Edgecliff Road, Edgecliff – Sewer Connection Works – TCP & Signage	All costs to be borne by applicant
Y10	No.23 Victoria Street, Watsons Bay – 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.

Y11	No.3-5 High Street, Edgecliff – Works Zone	Nil
Y12	Wallis Street / Bowden Street, Woollahra – Resident Permit Parking	To be funded from Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Double Bay, on Tuesday 1 December 2009 at 10.00am.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Const Louise Tsolakakis	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Mr John Giblin	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Paul Davidson	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Alan Opera	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Apologies:	Mr Daniel Pearse	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr E Graham	(Sydney Buses)
	Mr J McDonagh	(Harbour View Park Residents Group)
	Mrs A O'Leary	(Resident – Item Y1-3)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.10/09 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 3 November 2009 were confirmed by Mr N Prasad.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Item Y1-5 was referred to Kings Cross Police Command and approved by Inspector Gary Koschel.
Item Y11 was referred to Surry Hills Police Command and approved by Const Russel Maynard.

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, 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:

A. That the recommendations of Item Y1-1 to Y1-9 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

Item Y1-1: Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill – Parking restrictions to improve sight distance

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the southern side of Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill from the western kerbline in Cooper Park Road for a distance of 11.3 metres in a westerly direction.
2. That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the western side of Cooper Park Road from the southern kerbline in Bellevue Road to the southern side of the driveway to No.86 Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill.

Item Y1-2: Ginahgulla Road, Bellevue Hill – Request for mirror

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the applicant submit a Section 138 application to install a convex mirror on the western side of Fairfax Road, Bellevue Hill on the electric light pole diagonally across the road from the driveway to No. 1 Ginahgulla Road in order to improve sight distance towards the south for vehicles exiting the driveway serving No.1 Ginahgulla Road, in a forward direction.
2. That "in principle" approval be granted for the installation of a convex mirror at this location.
3. That the owner be responsible for all costs involved in installing the mirror and for all future maintenance of this mirror.
4. That the owner indemnify Council against any claims for damage or injury attributed to reliance on the mirror or the condition of the mirror.

Item Y1-3: Adelaide Lane, Woollahra – Request for parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That 'No Parking' restrictions be installed on the western side of Adelaide Lane, Woollahra from 10.8 metres north of the northern kerblin in Carroll Lane for a distance of 5.8 metres in a northerly direction.

Item Y1-4: James Street, Woollahra – Request for parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That 'No Parking' restrictions be installed on the southern side of James Street from 8.3 metres east of the eastern kerblin of James Lane for a distance of 4.2 metres in an easterly direction to cover the driveway to No. 4 James Street Woollahra.

Item Y1-5: Fern Place, Woollahra – Correction to signposting

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the existing '2P 8.00am- 9.00pm, PHE Area Wool 1' in Fern Place and Magney Lane, Woollahra be changed to '1P 8.00am- 9.00pm, PHE Area Wool 1'.
2. That the existing Permit Parking zone in front of Nos 11 & 12 Fern Place be extended from 3.7 metres west of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 11 & 12 Fern Place in a westerly direction for 10 metres (4 spaces).
3. That the residents with frontages to Fern Place and Magney Lane, Woollahra be advised of the above alterations.

Item Y1-6: Goodhope Street, Paddington – Removal of parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the 'No Parking' zone which extends from 0.5 metres north of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos.67 & 69 Goodhope Street, Paddington in a southerly direction for 5.5 metres be replaced with "2P 8am-11pm Permit Holders Excepted, Pgtn 3" restrictions.

Item Y1-7: Hargrave Street, Paddington – Sight distance to pedestrian crossing

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That a 'Left Turn, Give Way to Pedestrians' sign be installed on the light pole on the southern side of Hargrave Street, just east of Cascade Street, Paddington.

Item Y1-8: Cambridge Street, Paddington - Alterations to Residents Permit Parking scheme

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the existing 2P 8am-11pm Mon-Sat PGTN3 Permit Holders Excepted fronting 46 to 52 Cambridge Street, Paddington be extended 30m to the north.
2. That the existing 2P 8am-11pm Mon-Sat PGTN3 Permit Holders Excepted fronting 19 to 33 Cambridge Street, Paddington be extended to the 2P 8am-11pm Mon-Sat PGTN3 Permit Holders Excepted fronting 3 to 6 Cambridge Street.
3. That a 2P 8am-11pm Mon-Sat PGTN3 Permit Holders Excepted be located from the existing No Stopping restriction on the western kerb of Cambridge Street, back from the Gurner Street intersection and extending 24m to the north.

Item Y1-9: Windsor Street, Paddington - Alteration to Residents Permit Parking scheme

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That '2P 8.00am-11.00pm PHE PgtN 6' be installed on the southern side of Windsor Street, Paddington from 0.8 metres east of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos.167 & 169 Windsor Street for a distance of 11 metres in an easterly direction.
2. That '2P 8.00am-11.00pm PHE PgtN 6' be installed on the southern side of Windsor Street, Paddington the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 111 &113 Windsor Street for a distance of 36 metres in an easterly direction.
3. That '2P 8.00am-11.00pm PHE PgtN 6' be installed on the southern side of Windsor Street, Paddington from the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 105 &107 Windsor Street for a distance of 29 metres in an easterly direction.
4. That '2P 8.00am-11.00pm PHE PgtN 6' be installed on the northern side of Windsor Street, Paddington from the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 150 &152 Windsor Street for a distance of 11 metres in an easterly direction.
5. That residents of properties with frontage to Windsor Street be advised of these changes to parking restrictions.

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

Subject: **WALLAROY CRESCENT, DOUBLE BAY - REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic and Development Engineer

File No: 479.

Reason for Report: Request for parking restrictions in Wallaroy Crescent, Double Bay.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That a permit parking scheme not be implemented in Wallaroy Crescent and Wallaroy Road, Double Bay, as there is ample parking available through most times of the day within practical walking distance of all residences in Wallaroy Crescent and Wallaroy Road, and there is not substantial resident support for a permit parking scheme.

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

Subject: **PERRY LANE, PADDINGTON - TRAFFIC CALMING**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 358.

Reason for Report: Request for traffic calming by business owner with frontage to Perry Lane.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That two rubberised, mini road humps and the associated signage be installed across Perry Lane, 2 metres south of the southern kerbline and 2 metres north of the northern kerbline in Belmore Place, Paddington.

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

Subject: **PADDINGTON PAMP PROJECTS**

Author: Frank Rotta –Traffic Engineer

File No: 445.G Paddington Traffic

Reason for Report: Implementation of Stage 2 & 3 - Paddington PAMP Project Designs

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the pedestrian crossings, kerb extensions and signposting at the following locations in the Paddington area be approved for construction:
- i. Jersey Road at the Moncur Street intersection. – Plan No. 14998 Rev. 2
 - ii. Cambridge Street at Gurner Street intersection. – Plan No. 15001 Rev. 2 subject to removal of the painted median
 - iii. West Street at Boundary Street intersection. – Plan No. 15030
 - iv. Glenmore Rd at Cascade Street intersection. – Plan No. 15042 Rev. 3

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

Subject: **SPECIAL EVENT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT - NEW YEARS EVE 2009 - WOOLLAHRA LGA**

Author: Paul Davidson – Traffic & Transport Team Leader

File No: 37.G Traffic – Special Events

Reason for Report: To implement traffic management measures for NYE 2009.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the attached New Years Eve 2009 Traffic Management Plans - Drawings CES01156-100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106 and 108 be approved and that the traffic control measures be installed.
- B. That Council make an application to the RTA for the implementation of a Special Event Clearway from 3:00pm Thursday 31 December 2009 to 2:00am Friday 1 January, 2010 in accordance with Plan No.CES 01156-104 to ensure that bus public transport to and from Watsons Bay bus terminus functions efficiently during NYE.

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

Subject: **No. 10 GOSBELL STREET, PADDINGTON – WORKS ZONE**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt13

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.10 Gosbell Street, Paddington. The proposed Works Zone is 6 metres in length and is to be located from the common boundary of No.10 and No.12 Gosbell Street to extend east for a distance of 6 metres, and 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 Monday-Friday for a period of 8 weeks from mid-December 2009 (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. The existing parking restrictions (2P – 8am-11pm Mon-Fri) are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - v. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed so that the Works Zone can be removed.
 - vii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - viii. 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.
 - ix. 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.
- C. That minimum clearance and treatment of specified trees must be maintained as per condition B.3 of the Development Application Consent.

Item No: Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **REVIEW OF WOOLLAHRA 2 PERMIT PARKING SCHEME**

Author: Alan Opera Manager – Engineering Services

File No: 422.G

Reason for Report: To report on the review of the Woollahra 2 Permit Parking Scheme

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That all resident permit parking restrictions in the Woollahra 2 Resident Permit Parking Scheme be signposted “2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holder Excepted Area Wool 2”.
- B. That the following alterations be made to the Woollahra 2 Residents Permit Parking Scheme:
 - i. That the three (3) parking spaces on the eastern side Ocean Street near Wallis Street immediately to the north of the “No Parking 3:30pm – 6:30pm Monday to Friday” restrictions be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
 - ii. That eleven (11) parking spaces on the northern side of Wallis Street from the existing No Stopping sign approximately 11 metres west of Woods Avenue be designated “2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area Wool 2”.
 - iii. That the existing “4P 8.00am-6.00pm Mon-Fri” on the southern side of Wallis Street between Woods Avenue and Nelson Street be designated “2P 8am-6pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted Area Wool 2”.
 - iv. That two (2) parking spaces on the eastern side of Nelson Street immediately south of Queen Street be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool 2”.
 - v. That four (4) parking spaces on the eastern side of Nelson Street immediately south of the short term drop off zone in the middle of the street be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
 - vi. That two (2) parking spaces on the southern side of Queen Street immediately east of Nelson Street be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool 2”.
 - vii. That two (2) parking spaces on the western side of Nelson Street immediately north of Nelson Lane be designated as “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
 - viii. That two (2) angle parking spaces on the western side of Nelson Street immediately north of Queen Street be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
 - ix. That an additional three (3) parking spaces on the southern side of Forth Street east of Kilminster Lane be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.

- x. That two (2) of the existing six (6) permit parking spaces on the southern side of Wallis Street immediately east of Nelson Street be retained as “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm”, and that the remaining four (4) spaces be returned to unrestricted parking.
- xi. That four (4) parking spaces on the eastern side of Edgecliff Road immediately to the north of Stanley Street be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
- xii. That four (4) parking spaces on the eastern side of Edgecliff Road immediately to the north of the bus zone between Stanley Street and Chester Lane be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
- xiii. That three (3) parking spaces on the western side of Edgecliff Road immediately to the north of Wallis Street be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
- xiv. That two (2) parking spaces on the eastern side of Edgecliff Road immediately to the south of the bus zone between Stanley Street and Chester Lane be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
- xv. That an additional four (4) parking spaces on the northern side of Edgecliff Road to the east of Robinson Lane be designated “2P Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Permit Holders Excepted, Wool2”.
- xvi. That no action be taken to include Edward Street or Russell Street into the Woollahra 2 Residents Parking Scheme.

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

Subject: **REVIEW OF PADDINGTON 4 PERMIT PARKING SCHEME**

Author: Alan Opera Manager – Engineering Services

File No: 422.G

Reason for Report: To report on the review of the Paddington 4 Permit Parking Scheme

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That all period parking in the Paddington 4 Resident Permit Parking Scheme cover the period of 9am-6pm Mon-Sun.
- B. That permit parking in Queen Street and in the northern section of Holdsworth Street near to the Lord Dudley Hotel in the Paddington 4 Resident Permit Parking Scheme cover the period of 8am-9pm Mon-Sun.
- C. That all other permit parking in the Paddington 4 Resident Permit Parking Scheme cover the period of 8am-9pm Mon-Sat.
- D. That the section of Holdsworth Street between Morrell Street and Jersey Road be transferred from the Paddington 2 Scheme to the Paddington 4 Resident Permit Parking Scheme.
- E. That the section of Jersey Road between Oxford Street and Moncur Street be transferred from the Paddington 2 Scheme to the Paddington 4 Resident Permit Parking Scheme.
- F. That the following alterations be made to the Paddington 4 Residents Permit Parking Scheme.

- i. The existing eight (8) 1P period parking spaces on the northern side of Queen Street between Moncur Street and Spicer Street be designated “½P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- ii. The existing eight (8) ½P 9am-6pm Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm Sat period parking restrictions on the northern side of Queen Street between Spicer Street and Holdsworth Street be designated “½P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- iii. The existing six (6) 1P period parking restrictions on the northern side of Queen Street between Holdsworth Street and Alton Street be designated “1P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.
- iv. The existing ten (10) 1P 9am-6pm Mon-Fri 9am-12.30pm Sat period parking restrictions on the southern side of Queen Street between Spicer Street and Holdsworth Street be designated “1P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- v. The existing eight (8) 2P permit parking spaces on the southern side of Queen Street between Holdsworth Street and Ocean Street be designated “1P 8am-9pm Mon-Sun Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.
- vi. That ten (10) 2P permit parking spaces on the eastern side of Holdsworth Street north of Morrell Street be designated “2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.
- vii. That the existing five (5) 1P 5pm-11pm Thurs-Sun permit parking spaces on the eastern side of Holdsworth Street south of Jersey Road be designated “2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sun Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.
- viii. That the existing three(3) 1P period parking spaces on the western side of Holdsworth Street between Queen Street and Peaker Lane be designated “½P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- ix. That the existing two(2) 1P period parking spaces on the eastern side of Holdsworth Street between Queen Street and Peaker Lane be designated “½P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- x. That the existing four(4) 1P period parking spaces on the western side of Spicer Street between Queen Street and Peaker Lane be designated “½P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- xi. That the existing four(4) 1P period parking spaces on the eastern side of Spicer Street between Queen Street and Peaker Lane be designated “½P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- xii. That three (3) additional spaces on the eastern side of Spicer Street immediately north of Peaker lane be designated ”2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd4”
- xiii. That five (5) spaces on the eastern side of Alton Street, immediately south of Weldon Lane be designated ”2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.
- xiv. That five (5) spaces on the eastern side of Alton Street between Queen Street and Peaker Lane be designated ”2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.

- xv. That eight (8) spaces on the northern side of Peaker Lane between Moncur Street and Spicer Street be designated "2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd4".
- xvi. That no alterations be made to the period parking and loading zone restrictions in the Dorhauer Lane Carpark and the matter be the subject of consultation with the Queen Street West Woollahra Association.
- xvii. That an additional two (2) spaces on the southern side of Queen Street between Moncur Street and Victoria Avenue, between the existing permit parking zones, be designated "1P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd4".
- xviii. That five (5) spaces on the northern side of Queen Street outside premises Nos. 86-92 be designated "1P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd4".
- xix. That five (5) spaces on the western side of Moncur Lane between Queen Street and Smith St be designated "1P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd4".
- xx. That existing 1P and 2P 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.30pm Sat period parking restrictions in Queen Street between Moncur Street and Halls Lane/Victoria Avenue be designated as "1P 9am-6pm Mon-Sat" and "2P 9am-6pm Mon-Sat".
- xxi. That the existing 15 Minute parking outside the Woollahra Post Office be designated as "15 Minute parking 9am-6pm Mon-Fri, 1P 9am-6pm Sat-Sun"
- xxii. That seven (7) spaces on the northern side of Queen Street outside premises Nos. 8-18 between the two existing westernmost permit zones be designated "2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4".
- xxiii. That the existing 2P permit parking on the northern side of Queen Street between Oxford Street and Halls lane be designated "2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4".
- xxiv. That the existing 1P period parking on the northern side of Queen Street between Oxford Street and Halls Lane be designated "2P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun".
- xxv. That the existing 2P permit parking on the southern side of Queens Street between Victoria Avenue and Oxford Street and three (3) existing unrestricted spaces on the southern side of Queen Street outside premises 47-51 be designated "2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4".
- xxvi. That three (3) existing unrestricted spaces on the western side of Halls Lane between Smith Street and Rush Street be designated "2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4".
- xxvii. That three (3) existing unrestricted spaces on the eastern side of Moncur Street between Queen Street and the Dorhauer Lane Carpark driveway be designated "1P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun".
- xxviii. That ten (10) existing unrestricted parking spaces on the eastern side of Moncur Street between the Dorhauer Lane Carpark driveway and John Street be designated "1P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4".

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- xxix. That two (2) 15 Minute parking spaces on the western side of Moncur Street outside the Woollahra Post Office immediately south of Queen Street be designated as “15 Minute parking 9am-6pm Mon-Fri, 1P 9am-6pm Sat-Sun”.
 - xxx. That an additional seven (7) existing unrestricted parking spaces on the southern side of John Street between Dwyer Lane and Victoria Avenue be designated “2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.
 - xxxi. That existing 2P permit parking in the remainder of John Street be designated “2P 8am-9pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Padd 4”.
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Item No: Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

Subject: **EDGECLIFF ROAD, EDGECLIFF – SEWER CONNECTION WORKS – TCP & SIGNAGE**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: T148

Reason for Report: Traffic Committee approval of TCP and signage for Sewer Connection Works for No. 69 Edgecliff Road, Edgecliff.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the TCP for the Sewer Connection Works in Edgecliff Road, Edgecliff in front of No.69 Edgecliff Road as detailed in Annexure 1 be approved subject to:
 - i. All affected residents within 100 metres of the site being informed by the contractor in writing at least 7 days before the commencement of works and reminded in writing 1 day before the works of the alterations in traffic and parking conditions which will take place during the works.
 - ii. All traffic controllers must be RTA accredited.
 - iii. The contractor must provide Council officers, Sydney Buses and residents 24 hour contact details during the project.
 - iv. The works must be carried out mid week during the January, 2010 school holidays and the work times are limited to between 9.30am and 4.00pm on the subject days.
 - v. The contractor forward a copy of the approved TCP to the RTA Traffic Management Centre for information.
- B. That the temporary “No Parking” restrictions shown on the TCP in Annexure 1 be changed to “No Stopping” and approved and installed by the contractor by 4pm on the day prior to the commencement of the works.
- C. That the contractor seek Police approval for a temporary road closure permit.

Item No: Y10 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **No. 23 VICTORIA STREET, WATSONS BAY – WORKS ZONE**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt13
Reason for Report: Request for shortening of approved Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.23 Victoria Street, Watsons Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be 12 metres in length and is to be located on the opposite side of the road on the eastern side of Victoria Street as shown on Annexure 1 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 December, 2009 (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 parking restrictions are to 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. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - ix. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.

Item No: Y11 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Nos. 3&5 HIGH STREET, EDGECLIFF – WORKS ZONE**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt13
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the application for a Works Zone to serve the developments at Nos.3&5 High Street, Edgecliff not be approved.
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Item No: Y12 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **WALLIS STREET / BOWDEN STREET, WOOLLAHRA - RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING**
Author: Alan Opera – Manager Engineering Services
File No: 482.G 422.G
Reason for Report: Review of Paddington 4 Resident Permit Parking Scheme

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That five (5) 2P 8.00am-9.00pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Pgtn 4 spaces be introduced on the western side of Bowden Lane between Wallis Street and Bowden Street.
- B. That that no resident parking restrictions be introduced in Wallis Street between Moncur Street and Ocean Street due to the strong opposition to resident parking in this section of Wallis Street at this time.
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8. Late Items

New South Head Road between Wunulla Road and Wolseley Road, Rose Bay

Contractor has contacted Council and the RTA about partial closure of New South Head Road for sewer main replacement. The contractor has provided a Traffic Control Plan for traffic diversions in New South Head Road and surrounding streets. The works will be carried out between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday over an expected couple of weekends in January 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.05pm.

Warwick Hatton
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Report on Play Equipment for Children in the 5-12 Age Group**
Author: Rod Ward – Project Manager – Open Space and Trees
File No: 409.G Playgrounds General
Reason for Report: To respond to a Notice of Motion

Recommendations:

That Council:

- A. Note the current demographics for children 0- 4 and 5-12 years of age in Woollahra LGA (Annexure 1).
- B. Note the existing range and types of play equipment found in the municipality that cater for the 5-12 years age group (Annexure 2).
- C. Note identified sites that allow for integration of a greater range of play equipment orientated to the older children age bracket.
- D. Include for consideration in the year 2010-11 and subsequent budgets an amount of \$100,000 per year for 5 years for the integration of a greater range of play equipment where there is/or will be a demonstrated greater concentration of children in the 5-12 year age bracket at selected sites in the Rose Bay to Vacluse areas

Background

At the Council meeting of 10.08.09 a motion was adopted stating: *“That a report and recommendations be presented to the Community & Environment Committee on the availability, demand and options (including how we can integrate facilities for older children into existing playgrounds) for playground facilities for elder children (5-12 years) in the municipality.”*

This report will outline the current situation with regard to the provision of play equipment and playground facilities for children in the 5-12 age groups.

Woollahra Council has pursued a playground improvement program over the last 6 years that has seen the replacement of nearly all of its 22 playgrounds plus the development of a new playground site at Rushcutters Bay Park. Council provides play equipment for all ages of children to encourage fun and happiness and also assist in children’s physical and mental development, and general well being.

The Distribution of Playgrounds in Woollahra LGA

Playgrounds have been developed historically by previous Councils according to perceived need and available space in existing reserves. The distribution of playgrounds did not necessarily follow population demographics, rather community requests and available sites.

The current distribution is shown on the map below. There is a higher concentration in the western half of the LGA which coincides with the current greater concentration of younger children. This distribution of playgrounds can also be attributed to high population densities, socio economic and

planning factors where back yards were small or not available and Council tried to meet the needs of families and children in these areas.

The eastern half of the LGA, the Rose Bay to Watsons Bay area has a clearly lower number of available playgrounds despite a higher concentration of older children. This would also reflect the larger allotment sizes and higher socioeconomic background of families in these areas that allowed for greater opportunities for children to play in and around the home and less demand for play areas outside the home.



Map 1. Distribution of Playgrounds in Woollahra LGA

Playground User Demographics

The population demographics of Woollahra LGA according to the 2006 census statistics indicate that the age group 5 -11 make up 6.4% of Woollahra LGA population. The age group 0-4 make up 5.7% of the population. The greatest concentration of older children 5-11 is in the Vaucluse area, comprising 10.7% of the population. The greatest concentration of younger children 0-4 is in the Woollahra-Rose Bay, comprising 6.4% of the population. For details of the 2006 census data see table in **Annexure 1**.

Of these groups no statistical analysis has been done on who are the more frequent user group of Woollahra's playgrounds however anecdotally through observation and feedback from public consultation it is the 0-4 age group which are observed to be the greater proportion of users of playgrounds. This in part is due to factors such as they do not attend school; are often part of both

small and larger social group outings to playgrounds with their carers, mothers groups, etc; and due to developmental limits playgrounds are seen as a safe recreational opportunity for these younger children. This younger age group also require more frequent attention, care and supervision due to their limited intellectual and physical development, as well as limited social interaction skills with others of the same age.

Woollahra LGA is currently experiencing an overall spike in 0-4 years age bracket from the 2001 census data in areas such as Bellevue Hill (5.5%), Rose Bay (5.9%) and Woollahra (6.4%) having a higher percentage from the overall LGA average (5.2%), see **Annexure 1**. This indicates that the demand for play equipment over the next five years for older children will be in these areas and therefore consideration should be given to ensuring that these areas are provided for with appropriate play equipment to contribute to age appropriate developmental needs.

Demand for play equipment for older children.

All playgrounds in Woollahra have been designed to provide play value for children between the ages of 2-12 years old. The age group of 5-12 years encompasses wide grouping of ages and abilities in terms of child development, a five year old does not have the same physical and intellectual development as a twelve year old. Therefore the range of equipment offered in a local playground is a compromise in that it is catering to a wide range of age groups from 2 to 12 years.

Older children, in the 8 -12 age groups, have accelerating physical, mental and social development and have more recreational opportunities available to them such as sports, social activities with friends, films, and activities such as console games that provide an alternative to the local playground so it is generally observed that they use playground less frequently.

Most play manufacturers recognise this and design play equipment that provides some play value to as wide an age range as possible, particularly with the larger play units. Generally the play equipment for older children is more physically challenging and often bulkier, higher and more robust, with a perceived greater element of risk involved and generally more expensive. Younger users are generally provided with play equipment at a lower height, with limited motion and generally separated from the more physically challenging equipment that older children are attract to.

Availability of play equipment for the 5-12 age groups.

Playgrounds are provided to meet community needs and where space is available. Woollahra LGA has a reasonably good distribution of playgrounds from small local parks, such as Elms Reserve, Woollahra; Cooks Paddock, Paddington and Thornton Reserve, Bellevue Hill to large regional parks such as Rushcutters Bay Park, Lyne Park and Robertson Park. However as previously discussed there is a slightly higher number in the western area.

To meet the needs of our community when upgrades of our playgrounds are considered there has been a public consultation process to involve residents in the decision making as to what play equipment is to be installed, the process of which is explained later in this report.

There is always a conscious recognition of the need to provide quality play experiences for as wide a range of children as possible, including children with a disability, within the constraints of available budget, with the design of new playgrounds. This is reflected in the designs exhibited for public consultation and comment.

With designs required to meet available budget and space the range of equipment installed in our parks meets the general play needs of all age groups and developmental stages but is not specific in meeting the needs of particular age groups and stages of development.

Playfix, Council's playground auditor, has prepared a report on the age appropriate equipment currently available in Woollahra's playgrounds that is designed for the use of children up to 12 years of age, see **Annexure 2**.

Annexure 2 provides an analysis of playgrounds and equipment available for children up to 12 years. It can be seen from the breakdown that there is a reasonable range of suitable equipment provided across all of Woollahra's playgrounds.

Current Playground Selection Process

The process to provide new play equipment involves a brief being issued to selected play equipment providers requesting that designs be submitted that specify the requirements for the playgrounds proposed including:

- Provide safe, fun and stimulating play experiences for the 2 – 12 year age group.
- Provide a range of equipment that suits the varying stages of child development.
- Provide some accessible play equipment for children with disabilities.
- Meet a set budgetary limit that includes installation costs and the removal and disposal of existing equipment
- Meet AS 4685.1- 6 —2004 Playground equipment—General safety requirements and test methods

Residents are then informed of the consultation process for the selection of a new playground via a local letterbox leaflet as well as through the Mayoral column in the Wentworth Courier and on Council's website.

The designs received are publicly exhibited with an on-site exhibition at the playground, as well as at the Redleaf Customer Service area and online on Council's website for a period of three weeks. To gauge resident opinion a post free voting form is made available so that feedback can be received on preferences for the design of equipment as well as general comments.

Following the closing date of the exhibition period the preferences received via the voting form, as well as email and fax, are tallied to assess the preferred design. Often there are requests for particular items of play equipment or design considerations, such as fencing, to be included in the playground upgrade, that are assessed to be part of the final design.

The results of the consultation process and final design are then publicly advertised at the park in question and are also sent via email and post to those residents who requested notification via a tick box included in the original voting form.

This process has resulted in the range of play equipment currently seen in Woollahra's parks so it is a genuine reflection of participating resident views on what they see is appropriate for their children. The play equipment in Woollahra LGA is a reflection of those who take an interest in the consultation process rather than a reflection of all families in the playground catchment area. It is these families are more likely to be users of the park and its playground as they care and appreciate the opportunity to have input into what is happening in their local park. This is not to criticise those who don't participate as children have a great variety of recreational pursuits open to them and families may choose other ways to use their leisure time than in the local playground.

Suitable Sites for older age play equipment.

According to the playground distribution map the area from Rose Bay to Watsons Bay is underserved for access to playgrounds. This area also has an existing higher concentration of children in the 5-11 age groups as well as projected concentration as younger children grow into this age bracket. There is a case for play equipment for older children being provided in this area if suitable sites can be found.

Generally if more play equipment orientated to older children is to be provided it should be located adjacent to existing playgrounds to allow parents and carers who may have to supervise both younger and older children. The play equipment would need to be separated spatially and/or physically to deter younger children from attempting something beyond their physical abilities.

If Council is to pursue more play equipment orientated towards older children there are some suitable sites that may accommodate this equipment. The parks identified that may have space available for the provision of play equipment for older children are:

- Parsley Bay Reserve
- Robertson Park
- Christison Park
- Lyne Park
- Bellevue Park

Conclusion

Woollahra Council already provides a good range of play equipment suitable for the age group 5-12 years of age across its range of playgrounds however the distribution of playgrounds is slightly skewed to the western half of the municipality.

If the addition of specific equipment of a more challenging nature for older children be considered it should be as an expansion of an existing playground in an area that has a higher concentration of children in this age bracket, such as Rose Bay to Watsons Bay.

As all of Woollahra's playgrounds have been replaced over the last five years, and are in a good condition, they will not require to be replaced for the next ten years or so. If equipment orientated to the older children is to be added to existing playgrounds this could be undertaken with the provision of \$100,000 per year to make improvements at one playground per year over a five year period. This amount is based on the cost of play equipment structures of a more challenging type, such as climbing nets, being generally larger and therefore more expensive than standard types of play equipment. The cost of softfall and fencing also needs to be covered.

Rod Ward
Project Manager
Open Space and Trees

Warwick Hatton
Director
Technical Services

Annexures:

Annexure 1. The 2006 and 2001 Census records for 5 - 11 and 0 - 4 year olds in the Woollahra LGA.

Annexure 2. Age appropriate play equipment in Woollahra report.

ANNEXURE 1

Table 1. The 2006 census records the following population statistics for 5 - 11 year olds in the Woollahra LGA:

Area	Number	Total pop.	Percent (%)
Bellevue Hill	661	9,636	6.9
Darling Point	120	3,804	3.2
Double Bay - Point Piper	348	5,737	6.1
Edgecliff	54	2,057	2.6
Paddington	401	8,845	4.5
Rose Bay	360	5,452	6.6
Vaucluse - Watsons Bay	761	7,123	10.7
Woollahra	390	6,866	5.7
Woollahra Municipality	3,097	49,547	6.3
Sydney Statistical Division	371,759	4,102,048	9.1
SSROC	69,877	885,877	7.9

Table 2. The 2006 census records the following population statistics for 0 - 4 year olds in the Woollahra LGA:

Area	Number	Total pop.	Percent (%)
Bellevue Hill	526	9,636	5.5
Darling Point	131	3,804	3.4
Double Bay - Point Piper	222	5,737	3.9
Edgecliff	54	2,057	2.6
Paddington	468	8,845	5.3
Rose Bay	322	5,452	5.9
Vaucluse - Watsons Bay	373	7,123	5.2
Woollahra	438	6,866	6.4
Woollahra Municipality	2,560	49,547	5.2
Sydney Statistical Division	270,158	4,102,048	6.6
SSROC	54,941	885,877	6.2

Table 3. The 2001 census records the following population statistics for 0 - 4 year olds in the Woollahra LGA:

Area	Number	Total pop.	Percent (%)
Bellevue Hill	461	9,605	4.8
Darling Point	118	3,821	3.1
Double Bay - Point Piper	246	5,583	4.4
Edgecliff	52	2,000	2.6
Paddington	391	8,944	4.4
Rose Bay	310	5,125	6
Vaucluse - Watsons Bay	420	7,136	5.9
Woollahra	349	6,995	5
Woollahra Municipality	2,299	49,815	4.6
Sydney Statistical Division	265,175	3,948,015	6.7
SSROC	53,903	874,971	6.2

Table 4. The 2001 census records the following population statistics for 5 - 11 year olds in the Woollahra LGA:

Area	Number	Total pop.	Percent (%)
Bellevue Hill	789	9,605	8.2
Darling Point	106	3,821	2.8
Double Bay - Point Piper	312	5,583	5.6
Edgecliff	78	2,000	3.9
Paddington	400	8,944	4.5
Rose Bay	390	5,125	7.6
Vaucluse - Watsons Bay	712	7,136	10
Woollahra	422	6,995	6
Woollahra Municipality	3,227	49,815	6.5
Sydney Statistical Division	377,011	3,948,015	9.5
SSROC	71,849	874,971	8.2

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009**
Author: Justin Shupe – Sustainability Projects Officer
File No: 883.G
Reason for Report: To present the Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009

Recommendation:

NOTE: That Council note that the 2008/2009 State of the Environment (SoE) report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 30 November 2009, meeting the requirement of a link to the most up to date version of the SoE. The document was submitted containing all available data, due to missing external agency data, once this has been received the document will be finalised.

- A. That the Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009 be received and adopted by Council.
- B. That the Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009 be distributed to the following organisations and individuals:
- Council’s libraries,
 - Schools within the Woollahra area,
 - Resident Action Groups within the Woollahra area,
 - Chambers of Commerce within the Woollahra area,
 - Adjoining Councils,
 - The Southern Sydney Region of Councils, and
 - State Library.
- C. That Council formally thanks the organisations and individuals that contributed to the preparation of the Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present Council’s Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009 (SoE 2008/2009 report). The preparation and adoption of a state of environment (SoE) report forms part of the Council’s annual report that is to be submitted to the Minister for Local Government by 30 November 2008. The SoE 2008/2009 report is a comprehensive report prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act 1993) and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* (Regulation). A comprehensive SoE report provides an overview of environmental projects and actions carried out by Council, other authorities and groups located within the local government area during and incorporating the financial year and the last 3 previous supplementary SoE reports.

Background

Section 428 of the LG Act 1993 specifies that within five months after the end of each financial year, a council must prepare an annual report detailing its achievements with respect to the objectives and performance targets set out in its management plan for that year.

Section 428 (2) details the information that a council is to include in the annual report, with sub-section (2) (c) specifically relating to the preparation of the SoE report.

- (c) *a report as to the state of the environment in the area, and in particular in relation to the following environmental sectors:*
- (i) *land,*
 - (ii) *air,*
 - (iii) *water*
 - (iv) *biodiversity,*
 - (v) *waste,*
 - (vi) *noise,*
 - (vii) *Aboriginal heritage,*
 - (viii) *Non-Aboriginal heritage,*
- with particular reference, with regard to each such environmental sector, to:*
- (ix) *management plans relating to the environment,*
 - (x) *special council projects relating to the environment,*
 - (xi) *the environmental impact of council activities.*

Sections 219 – 226 of the Regulation provide further clarification on the preparation of SoE reports. The Regulation states that a council must prepare a comprehensive SoE report for the year ending after each council election. A council may choose to prepare either a comprehensive or supplementary report for the years between council elections. As most environmental conditions do not change significantly each year, the preparation of supplementary reports is considered satisfactory for those years between elections.

Section 223 of the Regulation specifies that a supplementary SoE report must:

- identify any new environmental impacts since a council's last SoE report, and
- update the trends in environmental indicators that are important to each environmental sector.

Council has produced SoE reports each reporting year since 1993.

Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009

The SoE 2008/2009 report provides an update of environmental projects and initiatives undertaken by Council and other groups during the 2008/2009 reporting period, 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 inclusive.

Many of the projects have now progressed further than the stage reported in this SoE report. The progress of these projects will be outlined within the next SoE report, covering the 2009/2010 reporting period. Most of the projects will also be addressed in Delivery Program and Operational Plan quarterly reporting.

The information provided in this report is presented under the following environmental sectors:

- Land and coastline
- Biodiversity
- Waste
- Heritage.
- Water
- Air quality
- Noise
- Sustainable Woollahra

Environmental indicators have been included for each environmental sector. The use of environmental indicators allows Council and the community to monitor environmental trends over time. Intent and outcome statements, based on the environmental indicators, have also been included to summarise the progress in improving a specific aspect of the environment for each environmental sector.

The text for the SoE 2008/2009 report is attached as **Annexure 1**. The report will be published in a simple, concise and reader-friendly format, similar to that used for the 2006/2007 SoE report. Photographs and graphics will be used as much as possible.

The SoE 2008/2009 report has been collated and written by the Council's Sustainability Projects Officer, with officers of Strategic Planning, Engineering Services, Depot and Waste Services, Civil Works & Infrastructure, Compliance, Property and Projects, Open Space & Trees and Community Services providing valuable information and assistance.

The document will be widely distributed and provided to interested parties upon request. It is recommended that the report be distributed to the following:

- Council's libraries,
- Schools within the Woollahra area,
- Resident Action Groups within the Woollahra area,
- Chambers of Commerce within the Woollahra area,
- Adjoining Councils,
- The Southern Sydney Region of Councils, and
- State Library.

Consultation

Community input was sought in preparing the SoE 2008/2009 report, through letters to schools and community groups inviting them to write about sustainable initiatives they have carried out over the reporting year. This year Council received four school responses which have been included in the report. Information was also provided by the Department of Environment and Climate Change and Sydney Water.

Conclusion

The SoE report forms a part of Council's annual report that is to be submitted to the Department of Local Government by 30 November each year. The requirements of the annual report are prescribed under the LG Act 1993.

Woollahra's SoE 2008/2009 report is a comprehensive report, prepared in accordance with the LG Act 1993 and Regulations annual reporting requirements. The SoE 2008/2009 report provides Council and the community with a report to monitor the implementation of environmental projects and initiatives undertaken during the 2008/2009 reporting period.

The use of environmental indicators for each environmental sector provides a mechanism to monitor trends in the environment over time. It is recommended that copies of the adopted SoE report be widely distributed to organisations and groups within the region. The report along with previous years will be available to download from Council's website.

Justin Shupe
Sustainability Projects Officer

Warwick Hatton
Director – Technical Services

ANNEXURE

1. Woollahra State of the Environment Report 2008/2009

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: Adoption of Alcohol-Free Zones for New Years Eve 2009.
Author: Paul Fraser
Team Leader – Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 1031.G
Reason for Report: Adoption of Alcohol-Free Zones on New Years Eve 2009.

Recommendation:

- A. That in accordance with Section 644B of the Local Government Act 1993, selected roads in Darling Point as shown on the attached map (Annexure 1), be established as an Alcohol Free Zone, from 12.01am on 31 December 2009 to 12 Midday on 1 January 2010,.
- B. That Council erect signage at the entrances to the Alcohol Free Zone and at intervals throughout the zone prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in the zone.
- C. That these recommendations be referred as a Matter of Urgency to the Council meeting on 14 December 2009.

Background:

On the 2 November 2009, Council adopted the following resolutions as part of the Mayoral Minute on the management of New Years Eve 2009:

B. That Council declare the roads stated within the body of the report as Alcohol-Free Zones from 12.01am on 31 December 2009 - 12 Midday on 1 January 2010, in accordance with the Section 644 to 644C of the Local Government Act 1993 and publishing the public notice and notifying the relevant stakeholders providing an opportunity for representations from the community.

In order to establish an alcohol-free zone 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.

In order to comply with the procedures in sections 644 to 644C of the Local Government Act and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones, 2009, Council published a notice of the proposal in the Wentworth Courier and on Council's website on the 18 November 2009. The notice indicated the location of the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones, and the place and time at which the proposal may be inspected. The notice invited representations and objections to be made by 11 December 2009.

Liquor licensees and secretaries of registered clubs whose premises border on, or adjoin or are adjacent to, the proposed zone were sent a copy of the Alcohol-Free Zone proposal on 12 November 2009. Representations and objections were invited within 30 days from the date which it was sent.

No objections to the Alcohol Free Zone have been received.

Signage:

Council is required to erect signage at the site of specific trouble spots (as indicated by the police) and at other suitable intervals within the zone.

Signs designating an alcohol-free zone will indicate that the drinking of alcohol is prohibited in the zone. Signs will note that alcohol may be seized and disposed of if alcohol is being consumed in the zone. Starting and finishing dates for the operation of the zone will also be included.

Signs are to be removed as soon as practicable, but no longer than 30 days, after the end date of an alcohol-free zone.

Conclusion:

Council has completed the procedures necessary to establish an Alcohol Free Zone in Darling Point for New Year Eve to assist Police with the management of visitor numbers at Yarranabbe Park and the alcohol free, managed entry event at McKell Park. It is recommended Council now resolve to declare the area an AFZ.

Paul Fraser
Team Leader – Open Space & Recreation
Planning

Warwick Hatton
Director – Technical Services

ANNEXURES:

1. Alcohol-Free Zone map

Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Redleaf Pool During Summer**
Author: Paul Fraser
Team Leader - Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 145.G, 900.G
Reason for Report: Investigation of the possibility of allowing an acoustic band at Redleaf Pool and the hire of beach umbrellas at Redleaf Pool and Camp Cove Beach during summer.

Recommendation:

- A. That due to the limited size of Redleaf Beach and Camp Cove Beach and the lack of support from both the Café operators, Council not proceed with the hiring of umbrellas at these beaches.
- B. That due to the potential traffic issues and noise implications, Council not support the idea of an acoustic band within Redleaf Pool.

Background:

Council adopted a Notice of Motion on 28 August 2009 as follows;

That a report be brought to the appropriate Committee investigating the following:

- a) The possibility of allowing a small acoustic band to play on the weekend at Redleaf Pool during summer*
- b) The feasibility of Council hiring out beach umbrellas to people who use Redleaf Pool and Camp Cove in summer.*

Redleaf Pool has become quite a significant pool in the Sydney Harbour area and has been a favoured swimming and relaxation spot for some time. This harbourside tidal enclosure is popular with all age groups and can be crowded on weekends in summer. This area has presently full public access from sunrise to sunset and many local residents and visitors enjoy the sheltered swimming of the harbour and Redleaf Café setting which provides shaded seating and a spectacular outlook across Double Bay. Redleaf beach offers outstanding views over Sydney Harbour and northern suburbs. This area is popular for quiet enjoyment and relaxation, beachgoers, informal recreation and swimming.

Camp Cove Beach is one of Sydney Harbour's finest sandy beaches located adjacent to Sydney Harbour National Park. This area is popular with the local community and visitors to the area and is a great location for beach activities, snorkelling and diving. The Camp Cove Kiosk sell soft drinks and light refreshments for beach users during the summer months.

Both beaches are regarded as gems to the Woollahra area and are most popular during the summer months. Many local residents and visitors view these areas as a more relaxed vibe and less cluttered than the more popular eastern suburbs beaches including Bondi Beach and Coogee Beach.

Proposal:

Hiring of Beach Umbrellas

Council staff have held discussions with both the operators of Redleaf Café and the Camp Cove Kiosk regarding the possibility of extending their business to the hiring of beach umbrellas to beach users during summer.

Redleaf Café did not support the idea and stated that the beach at Redleaf would not be the ideal beach for large umbrella usage and the extra cost and resources needed for the hiring operation would not be feasible for the operators of the Café. They also cited the lack of storage currently available in the premises would not allow for the extra umbrellas and signage needed for hiring purposes. Upon observation at Redleaf Pool during the summer, most patrons sunbake or sit on the grassed area as opposed to the beach. The grassed area of the beach has compacted soil and would be unsuitable to accommodate umbrellas due to this surface. It should also be noted that the beach at low tide is approximately 6m and at high tide approximately 2m which does not represent sufficient space for the use of umbrellas. The grassed area is currently utilised informally for beachgoers and sunbathers with a view to the harbourside pool and Sydney Harbour. In scattering the beach with large umbrellas would restrict these views and possibly incite arguments and conflict between beachgoers.

The existing trees on the grassed area of the Redleaf Pool are maturing nicely and provide natural shade for visitors to Redleaf. These trees will grow larger in the future and in doing so increase the shade that is currently there.

Camp Cove Kiosk also did not support the idea of hiring umbrellas stating that it should be the responsibility of the beachgoer to bring their own. The operator also said that they would not want the extra work and responsibility of hiring beach equipment which usually gets damaged or stolen and the additional workload and resources needed to manage a hiring facility. The operators expressed concerns about the possible litigation if a hired umbrella was to injure someone on the beach due to not being properly fixed within the sand or the use of the umbrellas in inclement weather.

Both operators stated they have never been asked by beachgoers about the prospect of hiring umbrellas and Council staff have had no requests from the local community for this service.

The hire of umbrellas at beaches which have a larger sand base would be a more suitable site such as Manly Beach or Bondi Beach.

Acoustic Band at Redleaf Pool

Redleaf Pool is very popular during the summer months and is an attraction in itself. During these times parking is always at a premium within the Council carparks and the surrounding streets which also cater for Library patrons and also guests and visitors to weddings or picnics at Blackburn Gardens. Any further intensification of use of Redleaf Pool by people travelling to the area to listen or be entertained by an acoustic band would put additional strain on the current parking arrangements.

Adjoining Redleaf Pool is Blackburn Gardens which is very popular with wedding ceremonies and bridal photography mainly on weekends, however now being increasingly utilised on weekdays. In 2009, we have approved approximately 45 bookings at Blackburn Gardens, approximately 80% of these bookings are weddings. Conditions are included to cater for possible noise implications to surrounding residences and park users.

The most suitable area for an acoustic band to play within the area would be under the shelter adjoining the café, however this area is included as part of the licence to the operators of the cafe.

A band or acoustic music at Redleaf Pool or café area would likely be heard at Blackburn Gardens and could therefore conflict with any music or ceremony announcements as part of the wedding. The hirers pay a hire fee for the use of the area, which although does not give them exclusive use of the area, it does prohibit another wedding or picnic to be booked within the area at the same time, to avoid conflicts.

It should also be noted that the current restrictions on personal trainers at Redleaf Pool, Blackburn Gardens and surrounds were implemented due to noise implications from trainers and groups on the surrounding residences.

It is stated in the Lease Agreement between Council and Café Industries Pty Ltd in Clause 4.3 (e) that;

'Not at any time during the Term, permit any:

- (i) noxious, immoral, noisome, offensive or illegal act, trade, business, occupation or calling to be exercised, carried on, permitted or suffered in or upon the Premises or the Outdoor Seating Area; or*
- (ii) act, matter or thing whatsoever to be done in or upon the Premises or the Outdoor Seating Area which shall or may cause annoyance, grievance, damage or disturbance to the occupiers or owners of adjoining or neighbouring lands or buildings;'*

These clauses also relate to any additional noise or nuisance that may cause disturbances to the adjoining or neighbouring residences.

Upon observation at Redleaf Pool during the summer, the majority of patrons are young people or families who are there to relax and generally prefer to listen to their own choice of music privately with personal music players.

The proposal for an acoustic band would need a Development Application as it is not a permitted activity in a current Plan of Management, furthermore the activity is not exempt and would require development consent under the zoning of Public Open Space.

Consultation:

We have consulted with Council's Cultural Development Coordinator who has recommended that there would be more suitable sites in the Municipality for open air cultural activity, dependent on what the objectives are of the artists/performers and also the audience. She also stated that in the adopted Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan (2008-2013) that a strategy is to encourage for vibrant open spaces and public spaces.

Identification of Income & Expenditure:

As a standard under the NSW Musicians Award, it states that a casual musician should be getting in the order of \$25 per hour per musician (with a minimum call out). The concept of getting emerging artists to play within this environment with no real audience would be ambitious as the beach goers' main focus is the harbourside beach.

Conclusion:

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ANNEXURES:

Nil

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