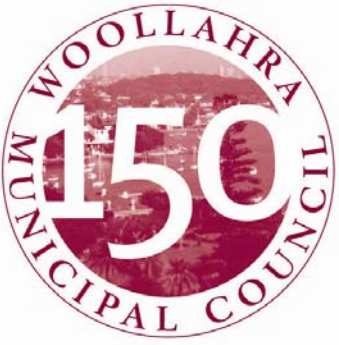


Community & Environment Committee



Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 26 July 2010*

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

22 July 2010

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 – 26 July 2010

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 26 July 2010 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 12 July 2010**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 12 July 2010 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 12 July 2010 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee

Subject: **SECURITY AND LIGHTING IN WOOLLAHRA'S PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**

Author: Rod Ward – Project Manager, Public Open Space

File No: 172.G

Reason for Report: To respond to a Notice of Motion from Councillors Shapiro and Huxley

Recommendation:

- A. That Energy Australia's Energy Light security floodlighting proposals for:
- Kiaora Lane car park
 - Anderson Street car park
 - Manion Avenue car park
 - Wilberforce Avenue car park and
 - Dover Street car park
- be implemented immediately with existing funds to improve the identified sub standard lighting problems.
- B. That Council consider future improvements to lighting in our open space areas to meet Australian Standards. This work would be undertaken as part of our Open Space Capital Works Program.

Background

An Adopted Notice of Motion dated 01/05/2006 (Shapiro/Huxley) requested that:

1. *That a report be brought to the appropriate Committee reviewing security and lighting in Woollahra's parks and recreation areas, both passive and active and open public car parks particularly those in Anderson Street, Rose Bay, Watsons Bay, Guilfoyle Park and Gap Park.*
2. *That the report include recommendations on costings and proposals, if necessary, to improve security and lighting in those public places.*
3. *That Energy Australia be requested to provide financial assistance if the review identifies a range of new lighting measures required for the safety of the public.*

The Adopted Notice of Motion included the following recommendations:

- A. *That EnergyAustralia be approached to fund recommended upgrades where carpark lighting is connected to the street lighting network.*
- B. *In the event that Energy Australia will not agree to fund recommended upgrades to car park lighting that Council provide sufficient funding in future budgets to progressively improve carpark lighting, where deficient, to meet Australian Standards 1158.3.1 for outdoor car parks.*
- C. *That Council fund the installation of an additional lighting system for Guilfoyle Park to extend along the central axis of the park.*

This report provides a response to these recommendations. This report also provides an assessment of all locations requested, recommendations and costings for required improvements.

The delay in responding to the Notice of Motion was initially due to delays in consultants providing the technical information required and more recently the investigations of alternative lighting and funding options.

To provide a short term solution to the immediate problem areas where poor lighting levels exist a new Energy Australia scheme offers additional lighting fittings on existing Energy Australia poles which eliminates the short term need for Council to provide capital expenditure for light poles and fittings. This offer is considered a very economical way to provide lighting to problem areas; the lighting upgrades will be paid on an annual rental basis. It should be noted that these improvements do not achieve Australian Standards.

2. Carpark and Park Lighting Survey

A review of carpark areas has been undertaken by Council staff and consultants from Shelmerdines Engineers and Floodlighting Australia. The car parks and parks assessed are:

- A. Dover Street Carpark
- B. Wilberforce Avenue
- C. Lyne Park Tennis Centre Carpark
- D. Woollahra Oval 2 Carpark
- E. Anderson Street Carpark
- F. Kiaora Lane Carpark
- G. Queen Street Carpark
- H. Gap Park
- I. Guilfoyle Park

The inspections were carried out on the night of 14 February 2007 for all areas except Queen St carpark, Gap Park and Guilfoyle Park (which were assessed on 26 June 2009) using an illuminance meter to take light level readings, measured in lux. The measurements taken were compared to the requirements of Australian Standard AS1158.3.1 "Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces-Part 3.1: Pedestrian area (Category P) lighting – Performance and Design Requirements."

In all cases but one (the Wilberforce Avenue Carpark) the values were assessed against lighting category P11b of AS1158.3.1 which is summarised as follows:-

- a. Night time vehicle or pedestrian movements –Medium
- b. Night time occupancy rates – 25% to 75%
- c. Risk of crime – Medium

The Wilberforce Avenue carpark was assessed against lighting category P11a of AS1158.3.1 which is summarised as follows:

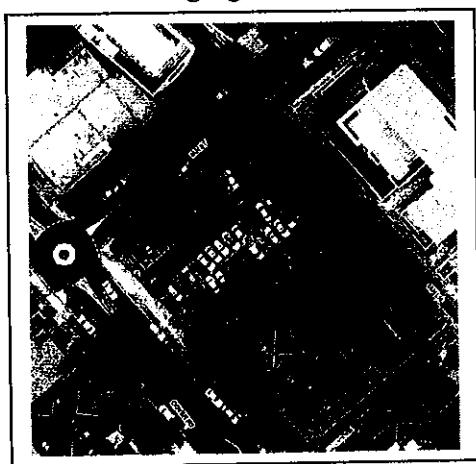
- a. Night time vehicle or pedestrian movements – High
- b. Night time occupancy rates - >75%
- c. Risk of crime – High

3. Assessment results , recommendations and cost estimates

The Notice of Motion requests an assessment of the car parks featured below. The assessment of each site is summarised with an engineer's recommendation and cost estimate to bring lighting up to meet AS1158.3.1 where required. As investigations are underway for the use of LED lights by Council, and more product for public area lighting is becoming available, an LED lighting equivalent will be considered as an alternative to the recommendations suggested below.

A. Dover Street Carpark.

Existing Lighting. The carpark is currently illuminated by pole mounted mercury vapour streetlights. The lighting is patchy with some areas well illuminated and other poorly illuminated due to overhanging trees.



Assessment.

The lighting does not meet the recommended lighting category P11b to AS1158.3.1. The average lux reading is 8lux; the recommended minimum is 7lux, but uniformity is not achieved.

Recommendation

A low cost EnergyAustralia upgrade is available to rent additional floodlights mounted on existing EA poles to eliminate dark areas. Lighting would comprise 1 x 400watt metal halide mounted existing EA streetlight pole located on the perimeter of the carpark. Louvers will be used to ensure light spill is prevented.

Budget Estimate: Rental \$1128 per year

B. Wilberforce Avenue Carpark.

Existing Lighting. The carpark is illuminated by a mixture of pole mounted mercury vapour and florescent streetlights and by a pole mounted high pressure sodium floodlight.



Assessment.

The lighting is quite poor due to an inadequate number of luminaires and a mixture of fitting types. Lamps therefore do not meet the requirements of lighting category P11a to AS1158.3.1. The average lux reading is 4lux, recommended minimum is 14lux.

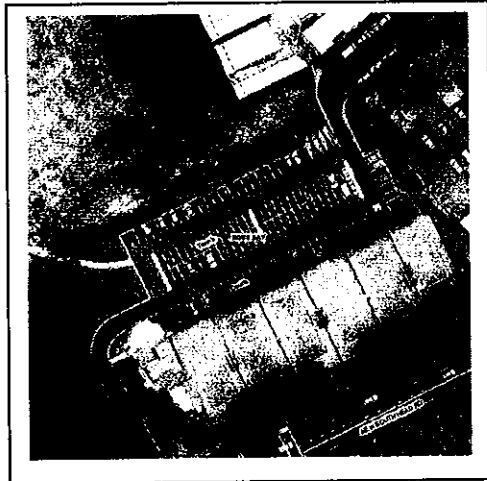
Recommendation

A low cost EnergyAustralia upgrade is available to rent additional floodlights mounted on existing EA streetlight poles to eliminate dark areas. Lighting would comprise approximately 2 x 400watt metal halide mounted streetlights located around in the carpark. Louvers will be used to ensure light spill is prevented.

Budget Estimate: Rental \$2270.40 per year

C. Lyne Park Tennis Carpark

Existing Lighting. The main carpark is currently illuminated by relatively new pole mounted metal halide floodlights.



Assessment.

The lighting is quite reasonable but falls short of the requirements of recommended lighting category P11b with respect to uniformity and lighting level of the handicapped lighting spaces. The average lux level is 14, recommended minimum is 7.

The entry road and associated 6 car spaces is poorly illuminated with no pole mounted luminaires.

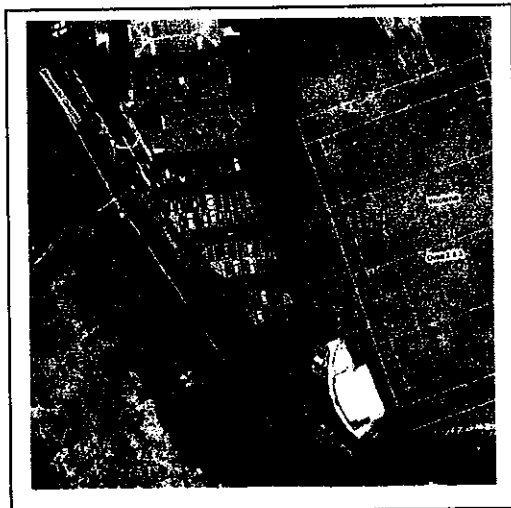
Recommendation

While the main carpark does not meet the full requirements of AS1158 the lighting is considered quite reasonable and an upgrade is not considered a high priority at this stage.

Budget Estimate: Approximately \$25,000

D. Woollahra Oval 2 Carpark

Existing Lighting. The northern (main) section of the carpark is currently illuminated by several pole mounted mercury vapour streetlights and one pole mounted high pressure sodium (HPS) floodlight.



Assessment.

The southern section of the carpark is illuminated by a single pole mounted streetlight, which when not working renders this section extremely poorly lit. As a whole the lighting is patchy with some areas well illuminated and others poorly. The lighting does not meet the recommended category of P11b to AS1158.3.1. Measured average lux level is 6; recommended value is a minimum of 7.

Recommendation

A low cost EnergyAustralia upgrade is available to improve the uniformity and eliminate the many dark spots. Lighting would comprise approximately 2 x 400watt metal halide mounted on streetlights located both within and around the perimeter of the carpark. Louvers will be used to ensure light spill is prevented.

Budget Estimate: Rental \$3405.60 per year

E. Anderson Street Carpark.

Existing Lighting. The carpark is currently illuminated by 2 high pressure sodium streetlights mounted on a single centrally located pole.



Assessment.

The lighting is extremely poor and falls far short of the recommended category of P11b to AS1158.3.1. Measured average lux level is 1, recommended value is a minimum of 7.

Recommendation

A low cost EnergyAustralia upgrade has been engaged to improve the uniformity and eliminate the many dark spots. Lighting will comprise approximately 2 x 250 watt metal halide mounted floodlights located on streetlight poles within the carpark. Louvers will be used to ensure light spill is prevented.

Budget Estimate: Rental \$1756.56 per year

F. Kiaora Lane Carpark

Existing Lighting. The carpark is currently illuminated by 2 high mast mounted metal halide floodlights located at the extreme eastern end of the carpark.



Assessment.

A majority of the carpark is well illuminated however the lighting falls short of the recommended category of P11b to AS1158.3.1 at the western end due to the extreme distance from the existing pole mounted floodlights. Measured average lux level is 31, recommended value is a minimum of 7, however uniformity is not achieved.

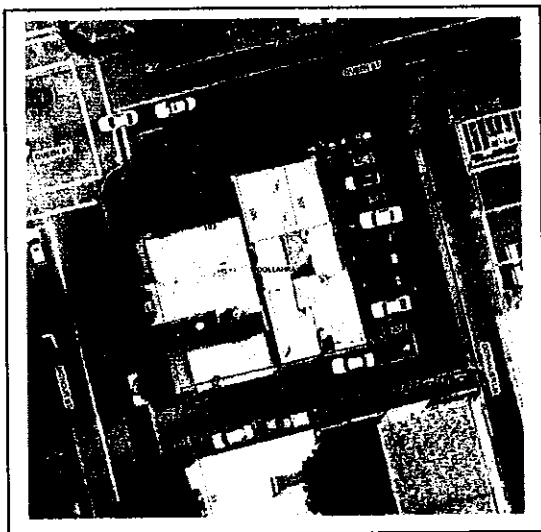
Recommendation

A low cost EnergyAustralia upgrade has been engaged to improve the uniformity and eliminate the many dark spots. Lighting will comprise approximately 2 x 400 watt metal halide floodlights located on a EA streetlight pole located on Patterson Street adjacent to the carpark. Louvers will be used to ensure light spill is prevented.

Budget Estimate: Rental \$2270.40 per year

G. Queen Street Carpark

Existing Lighting. The carpark is currently illuminated by 4 pole mounted 150watt metal halide lamps.



Assessment.

The carpark is well illuminated due to the recent upgrading work to the carpark and the distance from the existing pole mounted floodlights. The 3 post top fittings used have been satisfactorily installed and positioned to comply with the original design intent, with the carpark having an original classification of P11b. Additionally, measurements at the disabled carparking space justify a classification of P12.

Measurement points were taken at 5 metre intervals.

Recommendation

As per AS1158.3.1 , the car park complies to the requirements of the P11b classification, and the disabled car park complies to the P12 classification.

H. Gap Park

Existing lighting.

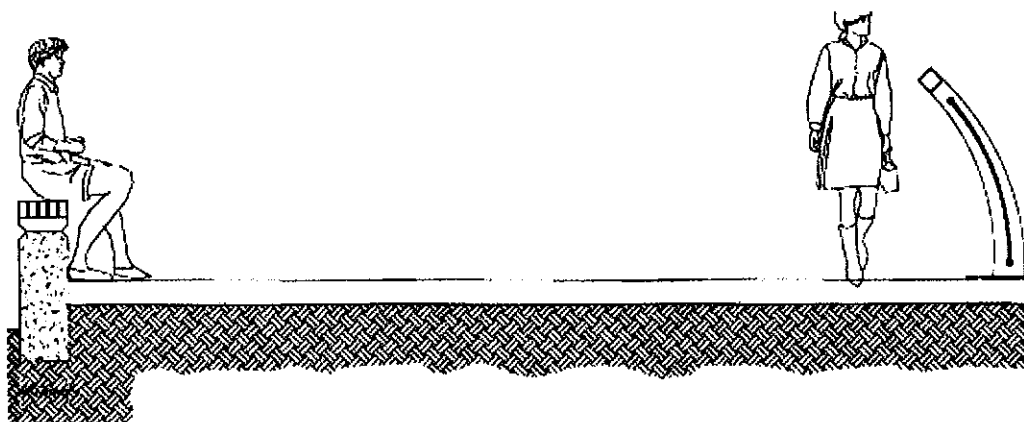
There is currently no lighting in Gap Park. There have been lighting schemes in the park in the past including pole mounted outreach arms, that were an extension of the street lighting network as well as bollard lighting. All have failed either due to extreme climatic conditions or vandalism.

Assessment.

Lighting in Gap Park has been proposed in the Gap Park Masterplan (2008), as adopted by Council. There are many benefits recognised in the provision of lighting in specified areas of the park, particularly in relation to issues of self harm.

The proposed lighting design is subject to the guidelines of the Watsons Bay Heritage Conservation DCP. The design objectives state: "Lighting standards should not extend above the adjacent tree line, nor the line of the cliffs when viewed from the harbour." This precludes pole mounted lighting being installed in the park, however low level non intrusive lighting has been proposed for installation when funding becomes available. This includes under seat lighting for the main viewing platforms at The Gap and Jacobs Ladder, bollard lights on access pathways and 'brick' lights in the proposed new stairway to The Gap viewing platform.

Budget Estimate: \$125,000. Works are to be implemented as funds become available in the staged implementation of the Gap Park Masterplan.

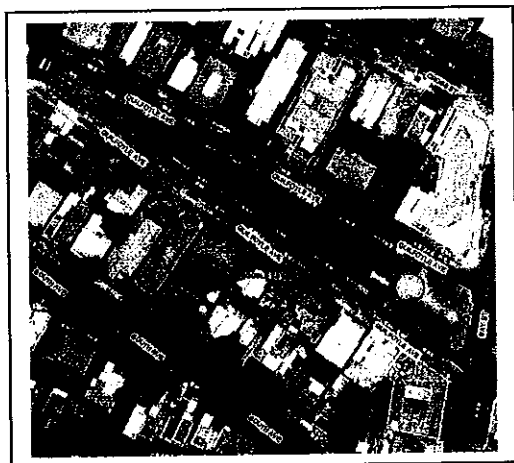


Typical Seating Detail with Integrated Low Level Lighting

I. Guilfoyle Park

Existing Lighting.

The end of the park adjacent to Bay Street where a raised podium is located is well lit with 6 pole top mounted 150watt metal halide luminaires giving a good light distribution. The rest of the park is lit by ambient light from street lighting along Guilfoyle Avenue.



Assessment.

The eastern end, or Bay Street end, of Guilfoyle Park it is well illuminated meeting the requirements of recommended category of P11b to AS1158.3.1.

The rest of the park is unilluminated except for ambient light from streetlighting along Guilfoyle Ave. Due to the high number of trees along the perimeter of the park uniformity is not achieved and light levels fall well short of AS1158.3.1. Measured average lux level is 1, recommended value is a minimum of 7.

Recommendation.

An upgrade is recommended to improve the lighting uniformity and eliminate the many dark spots. Lighting would comprise approximately 4 x 150watt metal halide post top mounted lights located along the central axis of the park. The light fittings to match existing.

Budget Estimate: \$25,000

4. Notice of Motion recommendations

- A. "That EnergyAustralia be approached to fund recommended upgrades where carpark lighting is connected to the street lighting network."

Response: EnergyAustralia will not fund recommended upgrades where carpark lighting is connected to the street lighting network. However EnergyAustralia have a program available to local government where they will provide floodlighting on existing street light poles to improve lighting levels where infrastructure is available.

Typically the floodlights are either 250w or 400w attached to a 0.5 metre arm on existing light poles and directed towards the target area for additional lighting. The added floodlighting and electricity is covered in a monthly tariff of around \$71.94 or \$94.60 respectively. This could be a low cost solution however not suitable for all areas or areas where existing lighting infrastructure is not available or in the right location.

The proposals received from Energy Australia are as follows:

- Kiaora Lane carpark – 2 x 400w floodlights. Tariff \$189.20 per month or \$2270.40 annually.
- Anderson Street carpark – 2 x 250w floodlights. Tariff \$143.88 per month or \$1726.56 annually
- Manion Avenue carpark (Woollahra Ovals 2&3) 3 x 400w floodlights. Tariff \$283.80 per month or \$3405.60 annually
- Wilberforce Avenue carpark – 2 x 400w floodlights. Tariff \$189.20 per month or \$2270.40 annually
- Dover Street carpark – 1 x 400w floodlight. Tariff \$94.60 per month or \$1135.20.

This is a total annual cost of \$10,808.16. This offer has been engaged and the above areas are now benefiting from additional lighting on a rental basis that requires 12 months initial rental and a month by month rental following in which council can terminate the agreement at anytime.

- B. "In the event that Energy Australia will not agree to fund recommended upgrades to car park lighting that Council provide sufficient funding in future budgets to progressively improve carpark lighting, where deficient, to meet Australian Standards 1158.3.1 for outdoor car parks."

Response: EnergyAustralia has a current policy of not providing lighting infrastructure to parks and open space areas, only public roadways, apart from rental agreements for floodlighting in addition to existing street lighting infrastructure.

Should a decision be made that more comprehensive lighting schemes be installed to meet Australian Standards for lighting of car parks for luminance and uniformity, additional capital funds will be required to upgrade the lighting infrastructure.

A priority list of car park and park upgrades has been developed for staged implementation as part of the Open Space Capital Works Program over a 5 year period

as shown below and could be progressively included in Council's Capital Works Program.

- C. That Council fund the installation of an additional lighting system for Guilfoyle Park to extend along the central axis of the park.

Response: As stated above a priority list of lighting upgrades will be included in the Open Space Capital Works Program; Guilfoyle Park will be included.

Conclusions

Immediate Works

The new Energy Australia scheme offers increased lighting levels utilising existing Energy Australia lighting infrastructure negating the need for Council to provide capital expenditure for light poles and fittings. This option will have a total annual cost of \$10,808.16, which is considered very reasonable to provide lighting at:

- Kiaora Lane car park
- Anderson Street car park
- Manion Avenue car park
- Wilberforce Avenue car park and
- Dover Street car park

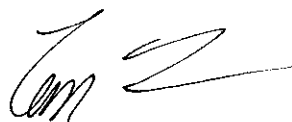
Future works

Notwithstanding the recommendation to engage in the rental of Energy Australia's floodlights to boost lighting in substandard areas, to meet the recommended car park lighting Australian Standard 1158.3.1 it is recommended that Council consider the lighting upgrade of the car parks listed below.

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| ▪ Guilfoyle Park | Cost estimate \$25,000 |
| ▪ Anderson Street Carpark | Cost estimate \$50,000 |
| ▪ Kiaora Lane Carpark | Cost estimate \$40,000 |
| ▪ Dover Street carpark | Cost estimate \$60,000 |
| ▪ Wilberforce Avenue Carpark | Cost estimate \$140,000 |
| ▪ Woollahra Oval 2 Carpark | Cost estimate \$90,000 |



Rod Ward
Project Manager – Public Open Space



Tom O'Hanlon
Director – Technical Services

ANNEXURES:

Annexure 1 - Extracts from Public Carpark Lighting Report from Shelmerdines Consulting Engineers. 2007.

Annexure 2. Illuminaton Survey Report for Queen Street Carpark. . Floodlighting Australia. 2009.

Annexure 3. Energy Australia's *EnergyLight security floodlighting* Service Agreements for lighting upgrades

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Re-naming of Redleaf Council Rooms**
Author: Justine Twiss, Events & Communications Officer
File No: 1090.G
Reason for Report: Re-naming of Redleaf rooms to mark 150th Anniversary of the Municipality

Recommendation:

That Council rename four (4) of the public meeting rooms and two (2) staff meeting rooms at Redleaf's Council Chambers as part of Council's sesquicentenary celebrations as follows:

1. Rename the *Interview Room* as the **Tarralbe Room**.
2. Rename the *Dining Room* as the **Mansfield Room**
3. Rename the *Committee Room* as the **Thornton Room**
4. Rename the *Councillors Room* as the **Miller Room**
5. Rename the *West Staff Meeting Room* as the **Barton Room**.
6. Rename the *East Staff Meeting Room* as the **Stead Room**

Background:

This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the Municipality of Woollahra. Woollahra was proclaimed a Municipality through a gazettal issued on 20 April 1860 and the first meeting of Woollahra Council was held on 6 June 1860.

Earlier this year a Mayoral Minute was presented to Council on 8 March 2010 to outline the proposed sesquicentenary celebrations. Included in the proposed celebrations for consideration was the renaming of the meeting rooms at Redleaf, with the exception of Council Chambers.

The re-naming of these rooms to reflect our local history would be an appropriate way to mark this special occasion.

It is also important to consider that many of these rooms are frequently referred to in the public arena and so the new names should be easy to remember and easy to spell.

Proposal:

There are five public meeting/function rooms in the original historic building of Redleaf. It is proposed to rename four of these rooms, with the exclusion of Council Chambers. The four rooms to be renamed include:

1. **Committee Room**
Large ground floor room – used for public functions, mayoral receptions, large meetings and citizenship ceremonies.
2. **Interview Room**
Small ground floor room, adjacent to Committee Room – used for meetings with staff and/or members of the public.

3. Councillors Room
Small first floor room, between Council Chambers and the Dining Room – used for meetings with staff and/or members of the public and staff training.
4. Dining Room
Large first floor room – used for Councillors’ evening meals, meetings with staff and/or members of the public and staff training.

It is also suggested that the two internal staff meeting rooms on the lower level also be renamed. These two rooms are currently known as:

5. The East Meeting Room
Lower staff level – used for staff meetings only.
6. The West meeting Room
Lower staff level – used for staff meetings only.

Local History librarians have researched potential suitable names based on the following categories:

Aboriginal heritage - names that reflect our local indigenous history

Redleaf – names that have a direct link to Redleaf, either the house or the land

Woollahra Council – names of prominent past mayors and alderman

Notable local residents – names of those with significance to the Woollahra municipality

The Arts – names of well known residents of the municipality associated with the arts.

There are also many other possible name categories not included here such as business, sport, landmarks, events, fauna and flora.

Aboriginal heritage - names that reflect our local indigenous history

It is important to nominate an appropriate Aboriginal name for one or more of the rooms.

Local History librarians researched a list of potential names believed to be the aboriginal names for local areas within our municipality. Information was sourced from local history records as well as *‘A chart of place names for the Aboriginal People of Coastal Sydney section’* by historian Dr Val Attenbrow and *‘The Sydney Language’* by Jakelin Troy.

A selection of names were put forward including:

- Birrabirragal - the coastal aboriginal group around Vacluse and Watsons Bay.
- Pannerong, Pan-ner-rong, Ginnagullah - believed to be the aboriginal name for Rose Bay (Pannerong Park)
- Yaranabe - believed to be the name for Darling Point (Yarranabbe Park)
- Kutti - believed to be name for Watsons Bay (Kutti Beach)
- Woo-la-ra, Willarra, Wallara - possibly name for Point Piper or near Watsons Bay on South Head
- Tar-ral-be – believed to be the name for South Head (outer)
- Mit-ta-la, Metallar, Ku-bung harra, Kubungarra – believed to be the name for Laings Point or Watsons Bay
- Moring – believed to be the name for Vacluse Point
- Burrawara – believed to be the name for South Head (inner)

- Kogerah – believed to be the name for Rushcutters Bay
- Burrowwo, Burrowway – Steele Point

Other names suggested by Local History librarians include:

- Cadigal – the group of people who lived in the Sydney area to South Head.
- Bungaree – his burial place was at Rose Bay (but he had wider connections with the Broken Bay area)

The following names relating to Woollahra are included in ‘The Sydney Language’, by Jakelin Troy, 1993

- Pannerong – believed to be the name for Rose Bay
- Tar-ral-be – believed to be the name for South Head
- Metallar – believed to be the name for Camp Cove
- Barracory – believed to be the name for inner South Head

Recommendation:

The Indigenous name must be easy to spell and easy to pronounce and it is preferable that the chosen name not be in use elsewhere within the municipality.

It is recommended that **Tarralbe** (Tar-ral-be) be chosen as the Aboriginal name. It is a significant name as it is believed to be the Aboriginal name for South Head. It is recommended that Tarralbe be chosen for the *Interview Room* due to its prominent position for public accessibility and functions.

A plaque would be displayed by the door explaining the meaning and significance of the name.

Redleaf – names that have a direct link to Redleaf, either the house or the land

The following names have been suggested by Local History librarians as they have a direct link to either Redleaf or the land.

- *William Walker* – the lease to the land on which *Redleaf* was to later stand was assigned to William Walker in 1862. Walker then built the house *Redleaf* in 1863 to fulfil a covenant in the lease. A prosperous merchant of the firm William Walker & Co., he was appointed a member of the Legislative Council in June 1863 and resigned on 25 April 1867. He was commodore of the Sydney Yacht Club.
- *George Allen Mansfield* – the architect of *Redleaf*, 1863. Appointed architect to the Education Department in the 1860’s until he resigned in 1879. He was the first president of the Institute of Architects of NSW established in 1871. He was responsible for the design of History House, Macquarie Street, Prince Alfred Hospital and numerous banks and commercial buildings in the city.
- *Frederic Lassetter* – merchant, resident of *Redleaf*. Leased and in 1905 purchased freehold of the property *Redleaf*. Built nearby *St Brigids* (now Woollahra Library) in 1897. He was a pioneer retailer whose firm F. Lassetter and Company (formed in 1863) was one of the largest hardware firms in Australia. It was also the second oldest commercial establishment in Australia (the first being the Bank of NSW). He died at *Redleaf* in 1911.

- *William Busby* – pastoralist and politician, resident of *Redleaf*. He worked with his father on the scheme to supply water to Sydney (later known as Busby's Bore, completed in 1837). Busby and his beneficiaries owned the leasehold to Redleaf from 1872-91. According to Nesta Griffiths the bas-relief panels in the Hall were brought out from Italy by Busby. Busby died at *Redleaf* in 1887.
- *Sir Daniel Cooper* – a merchant and philanthropist, was for many years the owner of most of the land in the Woollahra Municipality. He owned and leased the land on which *Redleaf* was built. He built *Rose Bay Lodge*, *Rose Bay* and later *Woollahra House* at Point Piper. He was elected member of the Legislative Council and in 1856 elected to the Legislative Assembly where he was elected first Speaker of the House.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that **Mansfield** be chosen for the *Dining Room*. As architect of the building itself, it would be fitting to include this name. Mansfield is also easy to remember and spell.

A plaque would be displayed by the door explaining the significance of the name. This plaque would include the full name of George Allen Mansfield and a brief explanation of who he was.

Woollahra Council – names of prominent past mayors and alderman

The following names have been suggested by Local History librarians as they have a direct link to Woollahra Council.

- *George Thornton* – first Mayor of Woollahra in 1860. A founding councillor of the New South Wales Aborigines Protection Association in 1880 and subsequently appointed protector of the Aborigines.
- *Reginald Thornton* – first Mayor of Woollahra at *Redleaf* in 1947.
- *William Perry* – first Mayor of Paddington Council in 1860
- *Albert Jones* – first Mayor of Vaucluse in 1895.
- *Brenda Somerville Backhouse* BEM – first woman mayor of Woollahra in 1979, alderman of Woollahra Council 1972-1980.
- *Belle Miller* MBE – first woman alderman on Woollahra Council, 1959-71. Founded the Woollahra Voluntary Community Service in 1962.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that **Thornton** be chosen for the *Committee Room* and **Miller** for the *Councillors Room*.

George Thornton was first mayor of Woollahra and Reginald Thornton was first Mayor at Redleaf so would be a good choice for the Committee Room as the most prominent room to be re-named.

A plaque would be displayed by the door explaining the significance of the name. This plaque would include the full names of George Thornton and Reginald Thornton and a brief explanation of who they were.

Miller is a good choice for the Councillors Room as Belle Miller was the first woman alderman.

Both Thornton and Miller are easy to remember and spell and have prominent significance to Council.

A plaque would be displayed by the door explaining the significance of the name. This plaque would include the full name of Belle Miller and a brief explanation of who she was.

Notable local residents – names of those with significance to the Woollahra municipality

The list of names of notable local residents is long and to nominate one over the other is very difficult, as the decision to include someone will often be subjective.

Local History librarians have nominated the following names of people who have made an outstanding contribution to the wider community by their services to the disadvantaged, by their commitment to political, economic and social reform, and/or by their contribution to the arts.

- *Lady Jessie Street* – feminist, international lobbyist, peace activist and campaigner for Aboriginal rights. She graduated with a degree in Arts from Sydney University in 1910, married Kenneth Whistler Street in 1916 and eventually settled in Darling Point. She was founding member of the United Association (of women) in 1929. She was committed to equal pay and opportunities for women. She organised a national conference in 1943 to endorse a program of reforms for women's equality to be included in post war reconstruction. She campaigned for the removal of legislation discriminating against the Aboriginal people. In 1945 she was the only woman adviser in the Australian delegation to the conference which founded the United Nations. She was Australia's representative at the United Nations Status of Women Commission in 1947-8.
- *Rose Scott* – advocate of women's rights and committed to women's suffrage and reforms to women's prisons. She was a founding member of the Women's Literary Society in 1889 from whose members the Womanhood Suffrage League of New South Wales was formed in 1891. A foundation member of the National Council of Women of NSW in 1898.
- *Sir Roden Cutler* – Governor of NSW 1966-1981, awarded VC in 1941 for exceptional courage, member of numerous charities in voluntary capacity, on a number of boards, amongst many other things was Delegate UN General Assembly 1964-5, Consul General New York 1961-65. Lives in Bellevue Hill.
- *Sir Edmund Barton* – federationist, first Prime Minister and judge. He lived at 21 Darling Point Road between 1911-1919. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1879. Barton worked tirelessly for the cause of Federation and was Australia's first Prime Minister in 1901. Barton resigned from parliament in 1903 and was subsequently appointed a High Court Judge.
- *Sir John Robertson* – Politician and land reformer, premier of New South Wales. He was a liberal committed to constitutional, electoral and land reform. He sat successfully for the first parliamentary elections of 1856 on a platform of considered radical for the time – his policies included manhood suffrage, vote by secret ballot, abolition of state aid to religion, national education and free selection of crown lands before survey. He lived at *Clovelly*, Watson's Bay. (ADB Vol.6, pp.38-46; and *The Australian Encyclopaedia* Vol VII).

- *William Charles Wentworth* (1790-1872) – politician, explorer, barrister, landowner and author. Wentworth was committed to representative government and the right of trial by jury. He was elected to the legislature in 1843 and in 1855 he acted as the chair for the Select Committee that drafted the constitutional document in 1854. Built and lived at *Vaucluse House*, buried in the Wentworth Mausoleum, Vaucluse. (*Vaucluse House*, Historic Houses Trust of NSW 1993, pp.13-15). (Like Cooper, Wentworth has been well represented elsewhere in the community.)

Recommendation:

It is recommended that **Barton** be chosen for the *West Staff Meeting Room* as Australia's first Prime Minister and a prominent resident of the Western side of the municipality. Barton is also easy to remember and spell.

A plaque would be displayed by the door explaining the significance of the name. This plaque would include the full name of Sir Edmund Barton and a brief explanation of who he was.

The Arts – names of well known residents of the municipality associated with the arts.

- Dorothea Mackellar (1885-1968) – poet, author of 'My Country', was born and spent her youth at *Dunara*, Point Piper. She later lived at *Rosemont*, Woollahra and then *Cintra*, Darling Point.
- Christina Stead (1902-83) – author, lived at 10 Pacific Street, Watsons Bay from 1917 to 1928. Watsons Bay featured in her book *The Man who loved children*. Her father David Stead, was a well-known naturalist and author, and his third wife, Thistle Harris Stead, a well-known environmentalist, author and educator - also lived at 14 Pacific Street (David Stead from 1918 and Thistle moved there in 1939 and remained there until her death in 1990).
- Patrick White (1912-1990) – author, lived at Centennial Park, but had strong associations with Woollahra.
- Peter Sculthorpe – composer, lives at Woollahra.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that **Stead** be chosen for the *East Staff Meeting Room* as a prominent female author who lived in the eastern end of the Municipality. Stead is also easy to remember and spell.

A plaque would be displayed by the door explaining the significance of the name. This plaque would include the full name of Christina Stead and a brief explanation of who she was.

Other categories

There are of course many other possible name categories not included here such as business, sport, landmarks and events.

Identification of Income & Expenditure:

The cost to have name plates installed would be approximately \$1000 in total, and would be funded from Council's general property maintenance budget.

Conclusion:

The following six (6) names have been recommended for the six (6) Redleaf Council Chambers rooms:

7. Rename the *Interview Room* as the **Tarralbe Room**.
8. Rename the *Dining Room* as the **Mansfield Room**
9. Rename the *Committee Room* as the **Thornton Room**
10. Rename the *Councillors Room* as the **Miller Room**
11. Rename the *West Staff Meeting Room* as the **Barton Room**.
12. Rename the *East Staff Meeting Room* as the **Stead Room**

The re-naming of these six (6) rooms will reflect the local heritage of the area and would be an appropriate way to mark this special occasion.

Each room would display a plaque by the door explaining the name of the room and the significance of that person to Woollahra Council.

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Annexures:

Nil

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