



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Tuesday 11 June 2013*

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

6 June 2013

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

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 11 June 2013

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 Tuesday 11 June 2013 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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1	Leave of Absence and Apologies	
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3	Declarations of Interest	

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 27 May 2013**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 27 May 2013 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 27 May 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 4 June 2013**
Author: Shirlene Yee Yet, Acting Manager Engineering Services
File No: 595.G 2013
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee

Recommendation:

- A. That the Recommendations Y2-Y4 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 4 June 2013 be adopted.
 - B. That the Recommendation Z1 contained as an informal item in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 4 June 2013 be adopted.
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Shirlene Yee Yet
Acting Manager – Engineering Services

Tom O’Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 June 2013 at 10.00am.

1. Attendance

Committee Members:

Present: Ms Shirlene Yee Yet (Chairperson) (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Mr Navin Prasad (Roads and Maritime Services)
Snr Const Kylie Kemp (Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
Mr John Giblin (Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)

Staff: Mr Frank Rotta (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Mr Daniel Pearse (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Ms Carla Hetherington (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Mr Colin DeCosta (Woollahra Municipal Council)

Observer: Mr Eric Graham (Transport NSW – State Transit)
Mr John McDonagh (Harbour View Residents Group)

Apologies: Mr Alex Greenwich MP (Member for Sydney)

Also in

Attendance: Ms Keri Huxley (Resident – Item Y4)
Mr Mark Edwards (Resident – Item Y4)
Mr Ross Harricks (Resident – Item Y4)
Ms Virginia Rundle (Resident – Item Z1)
Ms Lavinia Crystal (Resident – Item Z1)
Ms Una Doyle (Resident – Item Y4)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.4/13 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 7 May 2013 were confirmed by Snr Const Kylie Kemp and Mr Frank Rotta.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

Y4 Neild Avenue, Paddington – Proposed Speed Hump by City of Sydney

- A. Council note the Traffic Committee's recommendation to give in-principle support to the City of Sydney for the installation of a speed hump midblock in Neild Avenue between Boundary Street and New South Head Road, Paddington subject to the following conditions:-
- i. The City of Sydney advise Council in writing once this proposal has been approved for funding.
 - ii. The City of Sydney provide Council and State Transit with a copy of the final detailed design plans of the speed hump for comment and sign off.
- B. That consideration of the matter be deferred and further information requested from the City of Sydney on the need for the speed hump, the views of businesses in the area in respect of the proposed speed hump, and specific details of the proposed design.

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. Late Correspondence

The Member for Sydney did not attend the meeting. A copy of their votes has been distributed to the other committee members via email.

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 Restriction Changes**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: (Refer to Table 1)

Reason for Report: Various parking restriction changes throughout the Woollahra Council area.

Nil

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

Subject: **Suttie Road, Bellevue Hill – Linemarking adjustment and parking restrictions**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 441

Reason for Report: To address Sydney Buses and Councils Waste Services concerns related to heavy vehicle access imposed upon by illegally parked vehicles.

Officer Recommendation:

- A. That the proposed linemarking works and adjustment to parking restrictions as detailed on the plan “Suttie Road Bellevue Hill – Linemarking Adjustment and New No Parking Restrictions” Ver A dated 27 May 2013 be discussed with the State Transit Authority and Councils Waste Services Department.
- B. That the proposed linemarking works and adjustment to parking restrictions as detailed on the plan “Suttie Road Bellevue Hill – Linemarking Adjustment and New No Parking Restrictions” Ver A dated 27 May 2013 be implemented following sign off from the State Transit Authority.
- C. That all residents and business owners within 50m of the proposed alterations be notified of the approved works and be informed of the relevant road rules related to stopping a vehicle adjacent to an unbroken centreline.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Resolved to Recommend:

That the item be deferred to the August Traffic Committee meeting for Council Officers to revisit the design in consultation with Sydney Buses.

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

Subject: **25 Victoria Street, Watsons Bay – Works Zone**

Author: Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G

Reason for Report: Reason for report

Officer Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No. 25 Victoria Street, Watsons Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the south-eastern side of Victoria Street, from the driveway accessing No.22 Victoria Street for a distance of 8 metres in a southerly direction 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 7am – 4pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 52 weeks from July, 2013 (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 RMS's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
 - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
 - v. Unrestricted parking shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
 - vi. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
 - vii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
 - viii. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should iii. the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
 - ix. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
 - x. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
 - xi. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone no less than 7 days after payment for the Work Zone. The applicant must forward a copy of this notice to Council for approval, prior to distribution.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Resolved to Recommend:

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

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

Subject: **Cascade Street, Paddington – Review of Residents Permit Parking scheme**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: T87

Reason for Report: To report results of community consultation to Council

Officer Recommendation:

- A. That the section of Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Gurner Street/Hargrave Street be re-classified from Area Paddington 3 to Area Paddington 6.
- B. That all existing Residents' Permit Parking Spaces in Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Windsor Street be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 6'.
- C. That the 6 unrestricted spaces on the western side of Cascade Street in front of Nos 40-52 Cascade Street be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 6'.
- D. That the 3 unrestricted spaces on the eastern side of Cascade Street between Windsor Street and Windsor Lane be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 6'.
- E. That the 5 unrestricted spaces on the eastern side of Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Paddington Lane be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 2 and Area Pgtn 6'.
- F. That an additional 8 '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 2' spaces be installed on the southern side of Paddington Street generally in front of Nos 29 & 49 Paddington Street, Paddington.
- G. That the residents of corner properties (including 2-3 properties from the corner) which abut the 2 or 3 different Resident Parking areas at this location be given the choice as to which area they wish to belong. These residents shall be advised that they can only belong to one area at any particular time and they must park strictly according to the signposting of any area in which they choose to park.
- H. That the Manager Customer Services and the Coordinator Regulatory Services be advised of the above changes.
- I. That all petitioners and residents who made survey submissions to Council be advised of the above changes.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Resolved to Recommend:

- A. That the section of Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Gurner Street/Hargrave Street be re-classified from Area Paddington 3 to Area Paddington 6.
- B. That all existing Residents' Permit Parking Spaces in Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Windsor Street be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 6'.
- C. That the 6 unrestricted spaces on the western side of Cascade Street in front of Nos 40-52 Cascade Street be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 6'.
- D. That the 3 unrestricted spaces on the eastern side of Cascade Street between Windsor Street and Windsor Lane be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 6'.
- E. That the 5 unrestricted spaces on the eastern side of Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Paddington Lane be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 2 and Area Pgtn 6'.
- F. That an additional 8 '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 2' spaces be installed on the southern side of Paddington Street generally in front of Nos 27 & 49 Paddington Street, Paddington.

- G. That the residents of corner properties (including 2-4 properties from the corner) which abut the 2 or 3 different Resident Parking areas at this location be given the choice as to which area they wish to belong. This includes property Nos 48-62 Cascade Street which abut Norfolk Street, part of which is an unmade road. These residents shall be advised that they can only belong to one area at any particular time and they must park strictly according to the signposting of any area in which they choose to park.
- H. That the Manager Customer Services and the Coordinator Regulatory Services be advised of the above changes.
- I. That all petitioners and residents who made survey submissions to Council be advised of the above changes.

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

Item No: Z1 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

Subject: Wallaroy Road, Woollahra – Traffic Issues

Author: Shirlene Yee Yet – Team Leader Traffic and Transport

File No: 480

Reason for Report: To respond to a traffic issue for the community

Recommendation:

That Council canvass the affected residents of Wallaroy Road, Glencoe Road and Linden Avenue on the following options to improve safety in Wallaroy Road at either end of the grade separation between the upper and lower sections of this roadway:

- i. Convert the upper section to one-way in the south to north direction.
- ii. Install “No U Turn” restrictions at both ends of the grade separation.
- iii. Convert the upper section to one-way in the south to north direction and install “No U Turn” restrictions at both ends of the grade separation.

9. Late Items

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.07am.

Shirlene Yee Yet
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FPRMC) held on 21 May 2013.**
Author: Michael Casteleyn –Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment
File No: 626.G Committee
Reason for Report: To report on the outcomes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on 21 May 2013 be noted.

Summary:

A meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FPRMC) was held in the Committee Room on Tuesday, 21 May 2013, the minutes of which are attached as Annexure 1.

Michael Casteleyn
Design & Investigations Engineer
Stormwater & Environment

Tom O’Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Annexures:

1. Minutes of the FPRMC meeting held on 21 May 2013
2. Floodplain Management Program Status Report dated 21 May 2013
3. Rose Bay Flood Risk Management Study and Plan - Community Feedback (Extract from the Rose Bay Flood Risk Management Study and Plan)

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee Meeting of 24 April 2013**
Author: Andrea Waghorn, Secretary – Animal Advisory Committee
File No: 271.G AACM
Reason for Report: To submit the minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee meeting of 24 April 2013 in accordance with the adopted ‘Terms of Reference’.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday 24 April 2013 be received and noted.

Report:

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

On 10 December 2012, Council adopted the current ‘Terms of Reference’ for the AAC. The ‘Terms of Reference’ state that the purpose of the AAC is;

“To serve as an advisory body to Council to assist with the development of policies, programmes, services and plans for companion animals. The AAC shall not operate in a regulatory or authoritative capacity.”

The ‘Terms of Reference’ further state that;

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

The current members of the AAC were appointed by the Mayor on 4 March 2013. Councillor Ted Bennett is the appointed Chairperson.

As specified by the ‘Terms of Reference’, the AAC will hold meetings as required or called by the Chairperson when Council has a statutory obligation to consult on significant animal management issues, where advice or professional information is needed by Council or where Council identifies there is a need. Generally meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month, at regular intervals, four (4) times a year as determined by the Chairperson. The minutes of the AAC meeting held on **Wednesday 24 April 2013** are attached for the information of the Committee.

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

Andrea Waghorn
Secretary - Animal Advisory Committee

Tim Tuxford
Manager - Compliance

Annexure:

1. Minutes of the Animal Advisory Committee meeting of 24 April 2013

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee Meeting**
Author: Bruce Rann
File No: 226.G MP
Reason for Report: To note the minutes from Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee Meeting held on 23 May 2013

Recommendation:

- A. That Council note the attached minutes from the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee Meeting which was held on 23 May 2013
 - B. That Council endorse the selection of Angophora costata, Sydney Red Gum for ten (10) positions along the foreshore path of Yarranabbe Park
 - C. That Council endorse the selection of three (3) Alloxyylon flammeum, Tree Waratah and four (4) Plumeria acutifolia, Frangipani for the area near the RANSA building
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Bruce Rann
Manager – Open Space and Trees

Tom O’Hanlon
Director – Technical Services

ANNEXURES:

- 1 - Minutes from the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee Meeting 23 April 2013

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: New Years Eve Debrief 2012 & New Years Eve Management 2013
Author: Paul Fraser - Team Leader, Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 1031.G
Reason for Report: To report on the success and management of the vantage points for New Years Eve (NYE) 2012 and discuss the management plan for NYE 2013.

Recommendation:

- A. That Council staff continue to work with the RBLAC in the management of Woollahra vantage points as per NYE 2012.
- B. That Council endorse the proposed changes to the Traffic Management Plan and staff report the changes to Council's Traffic Management Committee for full approval.

Background:

Council works with the Rose Bay Local Area Command (RBLAC) and external stakeholders to manage NYE vantage points to minimise alcohol related anti-social behaviour and to enable better crowd and traffic management.

On Monday 28 May 2012 Council resolved the following:

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

In 2012, we continued with the management of NYE vantage points as per the Council resolution with the specific focus on the Rose Bay Foreshore. The vantage points along the foreshore were all alcohol free areas and had various resources implemented to control and assist with the management of large crowds.

Preparation for 2012 NYE:

Woollahra parks with harbour views are managed with the objectives of: assisting in the minimisation of anti-social behaviour, enabling better crowd management (including pedestrian and vehicle traffic) and to promote sites as family friendly venues. To help achieve this, Council implemented management plans as per previous years as well as implementing the following changes:

Rose Bay Foreshore

The Rose Bay Foreshore was the most problematic site of the previous year. Additional resources and alcohol free zones were implemented along the Rose Bay Foreshore, including Dumaresq Reserve, Percival Park, Tingira Reserve and the foreshore area fronting Rose Bay. The Police had a major focus on this area with Council providing security personnel and event infrastructure to assist with the management of these areas.

Redleaf & Blackburn Gardens

Due to the issues that were experienced in the previous year at Redleaf it was resolved to manage this area as Alcohol Free. Security personnel and the Police would enforce the alcohol restrictions with the installation of temporary fencing and signage.

Duff Reserve

The management at Duff Reserve included an alcohol free area including security personnel with a maximum of 100 people. Temporary lighting and portable toilets were also installed.

Traffic Management

Council continued with the previous Traffic Management Plans (TMPs) with only minor changes at the request of the RBLAC. On Monday 22 October 2012, Council's Traffic Committee resolved the following:

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

The TMP was implemented by a traffic management company, being AAA Traffic Control Pty Ltd.

These Traffic Management Plans (TMPs) were implemented in 2009 with minor changes proposed from year to year in consultation with the RBLAC. Prior to the TMPs being produced and implemented various historical road closures were implemented as part of the NYE and Boxing Day management.

Waste Management

Council continued with the outsourcing of contract cleaning for all vantage points. This was done via quotation and awarded to CleanEvent. A major focus for cleaning was directed towards the Rose Bay Foreshore and Redleaf beach areas.

Communication

Council again undertook an extensive communication campaign to notify residents and visitors to the area of the management of NYE. This included:

- A website specifically dedicated to information regarding NYE.
- Advertisements in the Wentworth Courier, associated press including Sydney Morning Herald and other NYE publications.
- Mail out to backpacker organisations and hostels explaining the management of Woollahra NYE vantage points.
- A targeted mail-out to approximately 5000 residents (with a major focus on Darling Point) regarding change of traffic movements and vantage point information.
- Signage within the affected parks prior to NYE.
- Coordination with the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the City of Sydney.

Analysis of 2012 NYE:

Department of Premier & Cabinet Debrief

On 31 January 2013, Council staff attended a debrief by the Department of Premier & Cabinet for NYE 2012. Overall, the Sydney NYE events were a success and the coordination with stakeholders including local councils was a major factor contributing to this.

The NSW Police Force stated the following:

- Congratulations to all stakeholders and local councils on the work and effort that was put into the event and management of vantage points.
- Alcohol free zones are a major factor in the success of NYE which is improving each year.
- Traffic Management Plans and closures are essential for the success of the event and safety of the community. The Police are requesting that all Council TMPs are integrated through Roads and Maritime Services.

Woollahra Council & Stakeholders Debrief

A debrief with RBLAC, external stakeholders and Council staff was held on 11 January 2013.

Overall, the aim of a “family friendly atmosphere” was achieved and the Police thanked everyone involved. The major changes that were implemented to the Rose Bay Foreshore were a great success with no major incidents. It was noted that there was a significant decrease in spectators at many of the vantage points especially those with enforced alcohol restrictions. This however went a long way to achieving the “family friendly” atmosphere.

The RBLAC stated the following:

- Traffic management in the Darling Point area was difficult with some residents and their guests unaware of Police and Council notifications of road closures. It is agreed that Police and Council staff will continue to discuss traffic management with an aim to free up access for residents and their guests after the 6pm full closures. More needs to be done to educate/inform the residents of Darling Point of the closures and potential changes. Apart from the mentioned traffic issues at Darling Point there was general traffic congestion in the Vaucluse and Rose Bay area with people leaving the various harbour sites and converging on the main arterial roads of New South Head and Old South Head Road. Consideration should be given in future years of re-deploying police from various venues to assist alleviate traffic congestion. Work should also be done with the Traffic Management Centre to increase phasing of traffic lights at some major intersections.
- The management of Rose Bay Foreshore was a major success with a great family atmosphere. While there were a large number of young people in attendance at this area there was not the alcohol related crime and disturbances of previous years.
- No other major incidents were reported.

The only other concern from NYE was the temporary mooring of a Cruise Liner off Point Piper which was communicated to staff at 11am on NYE from the Department of Premier & Cabinet. The reason given to staff was that the weather forecast for their destination, being Noumea, was poor with large seas forecasted.

Traffic Management

Traffic management for the majority of the municipality worked reasonably well considering the major influx of spectators to our harbour side vantage points. As previously discussed there were some issues around the Darling Point area and after the midnight fireworks on the main arterial roads.

Council staff were made aware of traffic management issues through feedback from Police, Councillors and community representatives in the Darling Point area regarding the 6pm full closures that were implemented. The Mayor and senior management have recently met with the RBLAC to discuss traffic management on NYE and have agreed to further look into the closures with the aim to free up access for residents and guests of Darling Point.

Council staff have since met with senior members of RBLAC with the following proposed amendments:

- An amendment to the existing soft closures from 3pm to 6pm and the existing hard closures changed from 6pm to 8pm.
 - Roads would be accessible by all until 6pm.
 - Soft closure from 6pm meaning that access is allowed for residents & taxis to shuttle resident's guests to private properties.
 - After 8pm it would be a full road closure.
 - There would also be an opportunity for guests to leave via Darling Point Rd only after the 9pm fireworks, up until 10:30pm.

Upon these proposed changes being adopted as part of this report, Council's Traffic Engineer will make the necessary amendments to the Traffic Management Plans and submit to Council's Traffic Committee for full approval.

There continues to be a small number of residents that do not plan ahead or are not aware of traffic changes to roads during NYE especially in the Darling Point area. Council staff and the Police will continue to improve our communication strategy leading up to NYE.

Recommendation – That Council staff and Police implement the proposed changes to traffic management and report these changes to the Traffic Management Committee. Communication of possible changes would be included as a major focus in Council's communication strategy.

Waste Management

CleanEvent provided on-site cleaning for NYE during and after the festivities. Again they were praised by residents and staff in relation to their quality of work with all parks cleaned by midday New Year's Day. Collected waste was down on previous years mainly due to the alcohol free areas and significant decrease in spectators to the area.

Security Personnel

Challenger Security stated that all vantage points were managed well with the message of "family friendly" getting out to the community. Numbers of spectators were significantly down at all vantage points.

Communication Strategy

RBLAC congratulated Council staff on their efforts and contributions to communicating information to all facets of the public at an early stage. Council's stand-alone NYE website had 14,791 hits with 'vantage points' being the highest viewed page.

Identification of Income & Expenditure:

There continues to be additional pressures on Council implementing services and infrastructure to manage vantage points. Major budget items including security, infrastructure and traffic management are a direct response to Police and the communities' concerns regarding the management of people and traffic during NYE festivities.

The financial cost to Council for management of NYE 2012 was as follows:

- Security	\$51,637
- St John's First Aid	\$1000
- Waste Management	\$50,860
- Venue Infrastructure	\$36,976
- Traffic Management	\$20,855
	\$5,467 (Transport Management Centre - Clearways)
- Advertising	\$400
- Signage AFZ	\$980
TOTAL	\$168,175

The budget forecast for the management of NYE 2013 is \$170,000. Council staff continue to make representations to the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet regarding the ever increasing costs for infrastructure and services to manage NYE vantage points.

In addition to the financial costs to Council which can be reported on, staff hours and resources also need to be mentioned and factored into future planning. Various departments are involved in the planning and management of NYE including:

- Open Space & Trees
- Parks Operations
- Civil Works & Infrastructure
- Traffic & Transport
- Depot & Waste Services
- Communications
- Risk Management
- Customer Services

Conclusion:

It is recommended that Council continue to liaise with the RBLAC in the management of Woollahra vantage points for NYE in improving the safety and enjoyment for all visitors to the area on NYE.

To assist with traffic concerns in the Darling Point area Council staff and the RBLAC have agreed to proposed amendments of the Traffic Management Plan with the aim of improving access for residents and their guests. These changes to the Traffic Management Plan will be reported to Council's Traffic Committee.

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Political Donations – matters to be considered by Councillors at Meetings

