



# Community & Environment Committee

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

**Date:** *Monday 14 October 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:**

- 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 Roads and Maritime Services.
- 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:**

- 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 October 2013

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

Dear Councillors

### **Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 14 October 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 Monday 14 October 2013 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James  
General Manager

# **Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters**

**Site Inspection**

**Other Matters**

## Meeting Agenda

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

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

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

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 23 September 2013**  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager - Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 23 September 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 23 September 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle  
Manager – Governance

**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 1 October 2013**  
**Author:** Cathy Edwards-Davis, 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:**

That the Recommendations Y1-Y5 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 1 October 2013 be adopted.

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Cathy Edwards-Davis  
Manager – Engineering Services

Tom O’Hanlon  
Director Technical Services

# Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 1 October 2013 at 10.00am.

## 1. Attendance

### Committee Members:

Present:	Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis (Chairperson)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Stephen Brown	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Snr Const Jon Stone	(Rose Bay Police)
	Mr Alex Greenwich MP	(Member for Sydney)
	Mr John Giblin	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Deirdre Farrell	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Carla Hetherington	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Eric Graham	(Transport NSW – State Transit)
Apologies:	Ms Shirlene Yee Yet	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Also in Attendance:	Mr Stephen B. Bragg	(Resident – Item Y5)
	Mr J.H. Bennett	(Resident – Item Y5)
	Mr Simon Farkas	(Resident – Item Y1-4)
	Mr Charles Curran	(Resident – Item Y5)

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## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.8/13 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 3 September 2013 were confirmed by Mr Stephen Brown and Mr Frank Rotta.

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## 3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

Nil

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## 5. Extraordinary Meetings

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## 6. Late Correspondence

Nil

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

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

**Subject:** **Parking 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.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

### **Recommendation:**

That the recommendations of Item Y1-1 to Y1-5 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

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### **Item Y1-1: Reddy Street, Edgecliff – Alterations to Residents Permit Parking Scheme**

#### **Officer Recommendation:**

1. That the 2 unrestricted parking spaces on the northern side of Reddy Street, Edgecliff at the rear of No.109 New South Head Road be changed to '2P, 8am-6pm, PHE, Area Pgn 5'.
2. That all of the Residents' Permit Parking signage in Reddy Street Edgecliff be changed to '2P, 8am-6pm, PHE, Area Pgn 5' to reflect that these signs operate 7 days per week.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

#### **Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

### **Item Y1-2: Nelson Street, Woollahra – Alterations to Residents Permit Parking Scheme**

#### **Officer Recommendation:**

That an additional 8 (20m) '2P 8am-6pm, Mon-Fri, Permit Holders Excepted, Area Wool 2' parking spaces be installed on the western side of Nelson Street, Woollahra between Queen Street and Pickering Lane.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

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**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

**Item Y1-3: Neild Avenue, Paddington – Increase in No Stopping restrictions**

**Officer Recommendation:**

That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the northern side of Neild Avenue, Paddington between Gosbell Lane in an easterly direction to the pedestrian crossing located just west of Lawson Street.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

**Item Y1-4: Drumalbyn Road, Bellevue Hill – Increase in No Stopping restrictions**

**Officer Recommendation:**

That the 'No Stopping' restrictions on the western side of Drumalbyn Road, Bellevue Hill, across the Road from No.87 Drumalbyn Road be extended by moving the existing 'No Stopping' sign 5.4 metres in a southerly direction.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

**Item Y1-5: Heeley Street, Paddington – Alterations to Residents Permit Parking Scheme**

**Officer Recommendation:**

1. That the 4 unrestricted parking spaces on the southern side of Stafford Lane between Heeley Street and White lane be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtn 2'.
2. That Council's Rangers be requested to monitor the permit parking restrictions in Heeley Street and other adjoining streets on Friday and Saturday nights in particular when there are special events occurring in and south of Oxford Street (eg. Football finals or international fixtures at Stadium).

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

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**Item No:** Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.  
**Subject:** **Jersey Road, Paddington – Pedestrian Safety**  
**Author:** Shirlene Yee Yet – Team Leader Traffic and Transport  
**File No:** T253  
**Reason for Report:** Request to improve pedestrian safety in Jersey Road outside Goodwin Village

**Officer Recommendation:**

That the at grade pedestrian crossing in Jersey Road immediately north of Trelawney Street be converted to a raised pedestrian crossing.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

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**Item No:** Y3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.  
**Subject:** **Wallaroy Road, Woollahra – Traffic Issues**  
**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer  
**File No:** 480  
**Reason for Report:** To respond to a traffic issue for the community

**Officer Recommendation:**

That based on the responses received from the resident survey:

- A. No action be taken to convert the upper section of Wallaroy Road at the grade separation to one-way north or to implement No U Turn restrictions at both ends of this grade separation.
- B. Road pavement arrows be painted from the northern end of the grade separation in a southerly direction indicating the correct direction of travel in Wallaroy Road.
- C. Road pavement arrows be painted from the southern end of the grade separation in a northerly direction indicating the correct direction of travel in Wallaroy Road.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

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**Item No:** Y4 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration  
**Subject:** No. 751-757 New South Head Road (Woolworths), Rose Bay – Works Zone  
**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer  
**File No:** T329  
**Reason for Report:** Request for a Works Zone

**Officer Recommendation:**

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed at No.751-757 New South Head Road, Rose Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the southern side of New South Head Road, from the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 757 & 759 New South Head Road a distance of 24.8 metres in a westerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
  - ii. As this Works Zone will be on a State Road, the applicant shall apply for and receive a Road Occupancy Licence from the Transport Management Centre (TMC) and shall provide a copy to Council, prior to the Works Zone being installed.
  - iii. The standard Works Zone operation times are generally between the hours of 7am-4pm Mon-Fri, 7am-1pm Sat, however as this work zone will be on a State Road, the operational times will be determined by the TMC. The work zone will be in place for a period of 30 weeks from 6 November, 2013 to 4 June, 2014 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
  - iv. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual and that inconvenience to the public on these roads is minimised.
  - v. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage pedestrian movements past this construction site at all times while this Works Zone is operational. A TCP prepared by an RMS accredited consultant shall be prepared detailing how this is to be achieved.
  - vi. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works. A separate approval is required for each permit to stand plant.
  - vii. Existing parking restrictions shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
  - viii. 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.
  - ix. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed and the parking re-instated.
  - x. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Commercial 3(b). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
  - xi. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
  - xii. 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.

- xiii. 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. The conditions of the approved Construction Management Plan must be complied with.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

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

**Subject:** Resident Parking Survey Results

**Author:** Shirlene Yee Yet – Team Leader Traffic and Transport

**File No:** 422.G

**Reason for Report:** To report on the results of the resident surveys for resident parking

**Officer Recommendation:**

Based on the results of feedback received from the recent Resident Parking Resident Survey, it is recommended that Council:

- A. Receive and note the contents of this report.
- B. Approve the installation of “2P 8am-5pm Mon-Fri 8am-12noon Sat Permit Holders Excepted” restrictions along the northern and southern sides of Aston Gardens, Bellevue Hill between Victoria Road and No.10 Aston Gardens. As there are no existing resident parking areas in this local area, a new Resident Parking Area will be created to include Aston Gardens.
- C. Support that no action be taken in Balfour Road, Rose Bay in relation to resident parking restrictions.
- D. Approve the installation of “2P 8am-5pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted” in Buckhurst Avenue, Point Piper. As there are no resident parking areas in this local area, a new Resident Parking Area will be created to include Buckhurst Avenue.
- E. Support that no action be taken in Wolseley Road, Point Piper in relation to resident parking restrictions.
- F. Approve the extension of Area Woollahra 1 to include all of Bellevue Gardens, Pringle Place and Kendall Street, Woollahra. The restrictions to be consistent with the existing restrictions, “2P 8am-9pm Permit Holders Excepted Area Wool 1”.
- G. Approve the installation of “2P 8am-6pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Double Bay” restrictions in Patterson Street, Double Bay.
- H. Approve the installation of “2P 8am-11pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Paddington 3” restrictions on the northern side of Norfolk Street along No.1 Norfolk Street and on the southern side along No. 20 to No.24 Norfolk Street, Paddington.
- I. Approve the installation of “2P 8am-11pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Paddington 3” restrictions along the unrestricted sections of Glen Street, Paddington.
- J. Approve the conversion of the existing 2P 8am-11pm Permit Holders Excepted” restrictions in Gosbell Street and Dillon Street, Paddington to 1P 8am-11pm Permit Holders Excepted” restrictions.

- K. Support the retention of the 2P restrictions in Glenview Street, Paddington. That Council's Rangers be requested to undertake a targeted enforcement campaign in this area to discourage long term parking by workers in the area.
- L. Support that no action be taken in Glendon Road, Double Bay in relation to resident parking restrictions.
- M. Support that no action be taken in Kent Road, Rose Bay in relation to resident parking restrictions.
- N. Approve the installation of "2P 8am-5pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted" restrictions in Fullerton Street along the entire western side. A new Resident Parking Area will be created to include Fullerton Street, Wellington Street and Rosemont Avenue.
- O. Approve the installation of "2P 8am-5pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted" restrictions on the northern side of Wellington between Fullerton Street and No. 2 Wellington Street. A new Resident Parking Area will be created to include Fullerton Street, Wellington Street and Rosemont Avenue.
- P. Approve the installation of "2P 8am-5pm Mon-Fri Permit Holders Excepted" restrictions on the western side of Rosemont Avenue between Trelawney Street and No.12 Rosemont Avenue. A new Resident Parking Area will be created to include Fullerton Street, Wellington Street and Rosemont Avenue.
- Q. That all affected residents be informed of council's decision.
- R. That Manager Compliance and Manager Customer Services be informed about the parking changes.
- S. That additional enforcement of the Resident Permit Parking Scheme be undertaken to ensure that the current scheme operates effectively.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Based on the results of feedback received from the recent Resident Parking Resident Survey, it is recommended that Council:

- A. Receive and note the contents of this report.
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- I. Approve the installation of “2P 8am-11pm Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Paddington 3” restrictions along the unrestricted sections of Glen Street, Paddington.
- J. Approve the conversion of the existing 2P 8am-11pm Permit Holders Excepted” restrictions in Gosbell Street and Dillon Street, Paddington to 1P 8am-11pm Permit Holders Excepted” restrictions.
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- Q. That all affected residents be informed of council’s decision.
- R. That Manager Compliance and Manager Customer Services be informed about the parking changes.
- S. That additional enforcement of the Resident Permit Parking Scheme be undertaken to ensure that the current scheme operates effectively.

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

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**9. Late Items**

Nil

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.40 am.

**Cathy Edwards-Davis**  
**Chair**

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Taronga Wild! Rhinos Community Art Project**  
**Author:** Maria Lacey  
**File No:** 1160.G  
**Reason for Report:** Council involvement in Taronga Wild! Rhinos art project

**Recommendation:**

- A. THAT Council support the community art project by managing the painting of three sponsored artwork rhinos by selected artists.
- B. THAT Council support the placement of three artwork rhinos at three suitable locations in the Municipality for a temporary sculpture trail exhibition from February to April 2014.

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**Background:**

On 16 September Taronga Conservation Society Australia (TCSA) presented the art project 'Taronga Wild! Rhinos' to Council.

'Taronga Wild! Rhinos' is a Wild in Art event, organised by TCSA, which *'will bring businesses, artists and schools together to create a sculpture trail through the streets and parks and public places of Sydney, Dubbo and surrounding areas during February to April 2014'*

Key elements to the event are:

- TCSA aims to have approximately 55 fiberglass rhinos painted by selected artists.
- The rhinos will be sponsored through a \$7,000/rhino financial donation by either private persons or businesses. The sourcing of this sponsorship is not required by Council staff.
- The rhinos will be on outdoor display from February to April 2014 prior to being sold at a TCSA auction in May 2014. Funds raised will be directed to the zoo's rhino conservation programs.

See Annexure 1 for more detail on the event.

**Proposal:**

TCSA has invited Woollahra Council to be involved in the community project by managing the sourcing of three artists and the painting of three sponsored rhinos. These will then be placed in the Local Government Area during the sculpture trail from February to April 2014 (Annexure 2).

It is proposed that Council support the project through allocation of limited staff hours during the period of October through to February, with the tasks including:

- Selecting artists to paint the rhinos
- Co-ordinating the painting of the rhinos
- Selecting three sites for rhinos to be displayed
- Co-ordinating installation and de-installation of the three rhinos for the exhibition in 2014 together with TCSA



**Site selection:**

A number of sites within the Woollahra Local Government Area could be suitable for artwork placement and will be subject to a risk assessment to assist in determining the best sites, in consultation with the Open Space and Street Trees Department.

**Project Timeline:**

It is anticipated that the project would entail the following timeline to achieve a successful outcome.

- End October                      Select and engage three artists
- November-December        Artists to paint rhinos
- End December                Rhinos to be collected by TCSA
- End January                  Placement of rhinos on site by TCSA with support of Council
- Feb-April                      Rhino Sculpture Trail
- Late April                      Rhinos to be de-installed by TCSA for fundraising auction

**Identification of Income & Expenditure:**

Council's participation in this community project would be limited to staff time and in-kind general support, including promotion of the project through Council's communication channels. Artist fees and material costs are fully covered by the \$7,000/rhino sponsorship and would not be at the expense of Council.

**Conclusion:**

Council's support and involvement in the 'Taronga Wild! Rhinos' community project would benefit the local area through attracting visitors to follow the trail of sculptures in the Local Government Area through the inclusion of the sites on the printed trail map, mobile app, website and facebook page. It would also provide an opportunity for Council to support local artists to participate and showcase their work for a good cause and demonstrate the diversity of Council's cultural community engagement.

Maria Lacey  
Public Art and Cultural Development Officer

Kylie Walshe  
Director – Community Services

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**Annexures:**

1. Artist Pack
2. Letter of invitation from Taronga Conservation Society Australia

**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council

**Subject:** **Update on changes brought about by the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill 2012**

**Author:** Jeff Hill, Technical Officer - Parks

**File No:** 289.G

**Reason for Report:** To update Council on changes to the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* based on the *Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill 2012*  
To delegate authority under Section 68 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* for the carrying out of functions under the Act

**Recommendation:**

That Council as the Local Control Authority under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993:

- A. delegates under section 68 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 authority to exercise powers and functions under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 to the General Manager.
- B. notes that the General Manager will sub-delegate the authority to exercise powers and functions under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 as set out in Annexure 1 (Delegation of Authority to exercise powers, functions and responsibilities under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993” to the report to the Community and Environment Committee on 14 October 2013 by Jeff Hill, Technical Officer – Parks.

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**Background:**

**Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill 2012**

The *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* regulates noxious weeds in NSW. These weeds have significant economic, environmental and social impacts for the State. Noxious weed control activities are undertaken by the NSW Government, local governments, industry and the community. Under the Act, Council as a Local Control Authority has primary responsibility for the implementation of provisions under the Act particularly in relation to regulatory control of noxious weeds within the Local Government Area

In February 2012, the NSW Government introduced the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill 2012 resulting from a five year statutory review of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*. The Bill contains amendments designed to strengthen the preventative and investigative measures contained in the Act. The Bill also sets out clarifications to several administrative functions.

The object of the Noxious Weeds Amendment Bill 2012 *inter alia* is to amend the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* (the Act) as follows:

- to revise certain objects of the Act;
- to clarify the land in relation to which a plant is a noxious weed;
- to enable the Minister to regulate or prohibit the bringing of noxious weed material into NSW;
- to enable Local Control Authorities to require owners of land subject to a Weed Control Order to provide details of the occupiers of the land;
- to extend certain powers of inspectors to deal with noxious weed material so as to enable them to deal with (including to take samples, photographs or video recordings of) any thing they reasonably suspect to be or to contain noxious weed material;

- to make it clear that the functions of Local Control Authorities under the Act may only be delegated under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*, not the *Local Government Act 1919*.

The clarification that delegations can only be made under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* and that these delegations are to be made in strict accordance with the Act is critical in ensuring that any Council employee with delegated authority carrying out functions under the Act is doing so lawfully.

### **Delegations by Local Control Authorities under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993***

The *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* grants a range of powers, duties and functions to local control authorities. Section 68 of the Act permits a local control authority to delegate any of its functions to a person, except the power of delegation.

#### Delegations may be made to a position

Although Section 68 of the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* states that delegations be made to a person, the *Interpretations Act 1987* (Section 49) permits delegations to be made either to a named person or a position title. Delegating to the latter allows a more streamlined transitional arrangement in relation to the performance of duties under delegated authority if such a position is the subject of staff turnover. It would remain a requirement that the new staff member is suitably qualified (i.e. completed Legal Training for Weed Officers Stages 1-3) but would not have to be the subject of a new Council report in respect of delegations of Authority generally.

It is recommended that Council as the Local Control Authority for the Woollahra Local Government Area delegate powers, functions and responsibilities under the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* to the General Manager and note that the General Manager will sub-delegate the powers, functions and responsibilities as set out in Annexure 1 to this report.

### **Noxious Weeds Policy and Noxious Weeds Strategy**

Council's Noxious Weeds Policy and Noxious Weeds Strategy have been updated to reflect the amendment to the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993*.

#### **Consultation:**

In the preparation of this Report consultation has been undertaken with the Department of Primary Industry and representatives of the Sydney Weeds Committee Incorporated in respect of the amendments to the Act.

#### **Conclusion:**

In consideration of amendments to the *Noxious Weeds Act 1993* it is recommended that Council resolves to endorse the recommendations of this report. This recommendation does not alter significantly current practices in relation to the management and control of noxious weeds within the Woollahra Local Government Area and does not incur any significant financial burden or liability other than administrative costs absorbed within current positions.

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**Annexures:**

1. Delegations of Authority under Section 68 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993

**Item No:** R2 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program**  
**Author:** Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance  
**File No:** 547.G  
**Reason for Report:** Adoption and implementation of Council's 'Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program' as required by Section 22B of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*.

**Recommendation:**

That Council, pursuant to Section 22B of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* adopt and implement the 'Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program' attached as '**Annexure 2**' to the report of the Manager – Compliance presented to the Community & Environment Committee meeting of 14 October 2013.

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**1. Background:**

This matter was initially presented to the Community & Environment Committee meeting of 12 August 2013 where the Committee resolved as follows;

- “A. *That the draft 'Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program' prepared pursuant to Section 22B of the Swimming Pools Act 1992 be placed on public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days, seeking submissions during the public exhibition period.*
- B. *That Council considers submissions received and, where appropriate, incorporates changes in the final 'Swimming Pool Inspection Program' to be further considered by Council.*”

A copy of the report presented to the above meeting is attached as 'Annexure 1'.

In accordance with the above resolution the draft 'Swimming Pool Inspection Program' was placed on public exhibition from 21 August 2013 to 20 September 2013 in the following manner;

- Public exhibition notices were placed in the Wentworth Courier editions of 21 August, 28 August and 4 September 2013;
- Public notices and copies of the draft program were displayed in the Council's Customer Services area, libraries and various community facilities;
- The exhibition was promoted on the front page of Council's website under the 'Have Your Say' section; and
- Public notices and copies of the draft inspection program were left at four (4) local Swimming Pool Supply & Equipment stores, three (3) in the Woollahra Local Government Area (LGA) and one (1) in the Waverley LGA. The notice not only notified the public of the draft inspection program, but also reinforced the need for swimming pool owners to register their swimming pool on the NSW Government Swimming Pool Register.

There were limited enquiries during the exhibition period and **no written submissions** were received.

At the time of preparing this report;

- Council is still unable to determine how many property owners in the Woollahra LGA have registered their swimming pool on the NSW Government Swimming Pool Register, even though all swimming pools are required to be registered by 29 October 2013 in accordance with Section 30B of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*; and
- No Division of Local Government ‘Guidelines’ have been issued under Section 23A of the *Local Government Act 1993* addressing the legislative changes.

## 2. Consideration:

As explained in the previous report presented to the Community & Environment Committee, every Council in New South Wales must adopt a ‘Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program’ by 29 October 2013. In this regard Section 22B of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* states the following;

***“22B Mandatory pool inspection program by local authority***

- (1) A local authority must, within 6 months after the commencement of this section, develop and adopt a program for the inspection of swimming pools in its area to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Part.*
- (2) Within 12 months after the commencement of this section, the program must make provision for the inspection, at least once every 3 years, of any swimming pool situated on premises on which there is tourist and visitor accommodation or more than 2 dwellings.*
- (3) The program is not to require the inspection of a swimming pool in respect of which there is a valid certificate of compliance or a relevant occupation certificate.*
- (4) A local authority must inspect swimming pools in its area in accordance with its program.*
- (5) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to the development and adoption of programs for the inspection of swimming pools including:*
  - (a) the form and content of programs, and*
  - (b) the manner in which the public is to be consulted during the development of any such program, and*
  - (c) the carrying out of inspections under the program.”*

The assumptions made in the development of the draft ‘Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program’ were detailed in the previous Community & Environment Committee report (‘Annexure 1’) and following the exhibition period it is not considered that there is any reason to vary any of those assumptions.

The above view is supported by the level of activity that has occurred in the Woollahra LGA with regard to residential swimming pools over the past six (6) weeks<sup>1</sup>, which includes the following;

- Three (3) Complying Development Certificates were issued for swimming pools, all by private accredited certifiers;
- Two (2) Construction Certificates were issued for swimming pools, both by private accredited certifiers;
- Five (5) applications for ‘Compliance Certificates’ were finalised by Council. Of these one (1) was withdrawn, one (1) was refused and the remaining three (3) were approved;

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<sup>1</sup>ie. between 5 August and 25 September 2013.

- Nine (9) occupation certificates were issued for developments that included swimming pools, all by private accredited certifiers;
- Of the 17 building certificate applications issued by Council only one (1) included a swimming pool. A further building certificate application was refused by Council because the swimming pool barrier was defective;
- Two (2) customer requests were logged with Council for possible defective swimming pool barriers;
- Three (3) notices/orders were issued by Council requiring the upgrade of existing swimming pool barriers; and
- No swimming pool barrier notices/orders were finalised by Council;

Importantly, the draft inspection program was prepared on the basis that Council would visit approximately 220 residential premises with swimming pools per year from 2014/15, with private accredited certifiers being responsible for a further 200-250 premise per year. On this basis it was estimated that “*all current residential premises with a swimming pool should be inspected within 6-7 years*”<sup>2</sup>.

As no submissions were received in response to Council’s draft ‘Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program’, it is recommended that the program be adopted without change. The ‘Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program’ that is being recommended for adoption and implementation is attached as ‘Annexure 2’.

Due to the staging of the various legislative amendments the program will not be completely implemented until 29 April 2014. It is likely that there will be a need for regular mandatory reporting to the Division of Local Government and this will ensure the program is closely monitored. Critically, the program is flexible and will be able to be adjusted if any variations to the estimates and assumptions advanced in the previous Community & Environment Committee report (‘Annexure 1’) are detected.

The inspection program includes a provision for the formal review of the program within five (5) years of adoption to ensure the program is achieving its objectives and that it remains relevant.

### **3. Conclusion:**

It is considered that the attached ‘Swimming Pool Barrier Inspection Program’ (‘Annexure 2’) has been developed in compliance with all relevant provisions of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* and the program should now be adopted and implemented in accordance with the Act.

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Allan Coker  
Director – Planning & Development

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### **Annexures:**

1. Community & Environment Committee report dated 12 August 2013
2. Swimming Pool Inspection Program

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<sup>2</sup> It is estimated that there would be at least 3,200 residential properties with swimming pools in the Woollahra LGA. This figure can only be confirmed when all swimming pools are recorded on the NSW Government Swimming Pool Register.

**Item No:** R3 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Queen Street, Woollahra - Strategic Masterplan**  
**Author:** Cathy Edwards-Davis, Manager Engineering Services  
**File No:** 373  
**Reason for Report:** Adoption of Masterplan

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013, with the modifications as noted in the report.

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**Background**

In November 2011, Council adopted the following resolution:

That Council, in close consultation with the Queen Street West Woollahra Association (QSWWA), residents and business owners, develop a comprehensive strategic plan for Council infrastructure and the public streetscape in Queen Street and the surrounding precinct.

Following a competitive quotation process, Phillips Marler was engaged to prepare a Strategic Masterplan for Queen Street, Woollahra. The key objectives of the Strategic Masterplan are:

- Provide a vision for a unified pavement environment for Queen Street which offers robust and elegant solutions that complement the heritage built environment.
- Adopts a simple palette of pavement materials, street furniture and lighting elements which are complimentary in style and character to the commercial and residential precincts of Queen Street.
- Adopt design measures to assist in calming traffic.
- Improve the spacing between trees to allow for better canopy growth and pavement treatments.
- Manage the root zones of trees in the street for long term sustainability and better integration into the pavement.

Queen Street has been broken up into six precinct areas (A to F) which contain similar street characteristics. Plans have been developed for each of these six precinct areas.

The key components of the streetscape for which Phillips Marler have provided recommendations are the footpath pavement, trees and street furniture.

**Pavement**

The key objective is to use a palette of pavement types which can be used across all areas. The Strategic Masterplan includes the continuation of the pavers which are already in use in the core retail area of Queen Street. That is a 300mm x 300mm concrete paver with a 200mm x 600mm concrete paver trim.



A porous paving has been recommended as a typical tree pit detail. This is a pour-on resin designed to bind loose aggregate to form permanent tree surrounds and footpaths. The colour recommended is burgundy granite. An alternative would be a light grey colour.

## **Trees**

The existing street trees in Queen Street are a significant contributor to the streetscape environment.

The Strategic Masterplan allows for different tree surrounds to define the commercial and residential areas.

An arboricultural assessment report was undertaken on the street trees. In summary, it found:

### **Trees of High Retention Value**

- All 36 trees of high retention value are considered worthy of preservation and their retention a priority and are to be retained in this Masterplan, including all Plane Trees.
- Trees with large canopies where significant pruning is generally not acceptable.

### **Trees of Moderate Retention Value**

- 33 of 43 trees of moderate retention value are retained in this draft Masterplan.
- The retention of these trees is desirable, but not essential.
- These trees should be retained where possible, however they are less critical for retention.
- If these trees are removed, replacement planting should be considered.
- There are 8 new replacement trees proposed in this draft Masterplan.

### **Trees of Low Retention Value**

- All 12 trees of low retention value will be removed or replaced in this draft Masterplan.
- Trees not considered worthy of any special measures to ensure their preservation due to their current health, condition or suitability. Common issues include vehicle damage, exposed and decaying roots, overcrowded canopies and trunks with prominent leans.
- Trees with no special ecological, heritage or amenity value.
- Trees with substantially diminished values due to their short estimated life expectancy.

The existing small to medium trees within the residential and commercial zones are proposed to be treated with a porous paving surround, which extends the full width of the footpath.

The existing large mature trees within the residential areas are proposed to have a typical 10m garden bed, with a 1.5m porous paving footpath. Stepping stones are proposed to allow access to parked vehicles.

The existing medium to large trees within the residential areas are proposed to be treated with a raised composite timber planter and bench seat. This somewhat reflects the informal timber treatments around trees which have been installed by the community in parts of Queen Street.

It is proposed that new trees will be placed in formal tree pits with appropriate subsoil drainage. They are to be treated with a porous paving surround, which extends the full width of the footpath.

## **Street Furniture**

The Strategic Masterplan identifies a number of street furniture options, including seats, bins, bike stands, banners and street lighting.

## Consultation

Considerable community consultation was undertaken in the preparation of the Queen Street Strategic Masterplan. A full account of the community consultation can be found in the Community Engagement Report which is contained within the annexures.

Two community consultation meetings were held, on the 4 April 2013 and on the 22 May 2013. Both meetings were held at the National Council of Jewish Women's Hall, which is located on Queen Street. Approximately 70 people attended the first meeting and approximately 40 people attended the second meeting. The meetings were advertised via letterbox drop, notices in the windows of local businesses and an advertisement in the Wentworth Courier.

The first community meeting was utilised to present the findings of a site analysis of Queen Street. The characteristics of the existing street within the six precincts of Queen Street were discussed, and the opportunities identified. An open question and answer session allowed members of the community to make comments and identify areas for improvement.

Following the first meeting, attendees were given the opportunity to provide written comments, including the aspects of Queen Street which were important to them and the areas which needed improvement. 29 written submissions were received.

The feedback received from the first meeting and the written comments was used to help develop the draft Masterplan. The second community meeting was utilised to present the draft Strategic Masterplan. As above, the key features of the Strategic Masterplan are the footpath pavement, trees and street furniture. Again, an open question and answer session allowed members of the community to make comments and identify areas for improvement.

Following the second meeting, attendees were given the opportunity to provide written comments on the draft Masterplan. 15 written submissions were received. This information was utilised to inform the development of the Final Strategic Masterplan which is contained within the annexures.

## Feedback from the Community

The detailed feedback, including comments, from the community can be found in the Community Engagement Report which is contained within the annexures. The following is a summary of the feedback from the community.

The most-liked aspects of Queen Street are:

- Trees (mentioned by 46% of respondents)
- Village atmosphere (43%)
- Heritage (28%)
- Shops (28%)
- Seating (14%)
- Cafes (11%)
- Community (11%)
- Streetscape (11%)
- Pedestrian access (7%)
- Residences (7%)
- Mix of uses (7%)

The issues of concern raised about Queen Street are:

- Footpaths (71%)
- Litter and rubbish (50%)
- Seating (46%)
- Trees – general (43%)
- Plane trees (36%)
- Pedestrian crossings (14%)
- Cafes (14%)
- Food outlets (11%)
- Decorative lighting (11%)
- Developments (11%)

- Traffic safety (36%)
- Street lighting (32%)
- Tree roots (28%)
- Vehicle parking (28%)
- Street cleaning (25%)
- Street furniture (18%)
- Overhead power lines (14%)
- Dog laws (11%)
- Road surface (11%)
- Bike parking (7%)
- Banking facilities (7%)
- Post office (7%)
- Maintenance (7%)

The following is a summary of community opinions relating to the draft Masterplan:

Element	% agree	Reasons for support	Reasons for not supporting
Trees	67%	<p>Aesthetics. Sound, sensible concept. Tree removal and replacement should start early and be done progressively so the street retains its character.</p>	<p>No more plane trees. Further research about trees needs to be done in commercial and high traffic areas. Management planting in long term is not addressed.</p>
Pavement materials	87%	<p>Paving and the porous material are well supported due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aesthetics (darker colours preferred)</li> <li>• it will support tree growth without damaging the pavement.</li> </ul> <p>Access to service points near properties needs to be considered. The Oxford Street end does not need treatment at present.</p>	<p>A consistent pavement conflicts with the charm of variations of footpaths. Diamond pavers are slippery.</p>
Seats/benches	53%	<p><b>Design/style:</b> the following are supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Option 1</li> <li>• seats with backs and benches without backs</li> <li>• contemporary seats but heritage style</li> <li>• smaller and larger wooden seats</li> <li>• darker wood</li> </ul> <p>Number of seats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the proposed number of seats is supported</li> </ul> <p>Locations of seats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• away from residences</li> <li>• away from takeaway food outlets.</li> </ul>	<p>The bronze plaques in the stone benches need to be reinstated. Takeaway food shops should provide their own seating. Seating as a design model requires further research. The proposed style of seating is out of context with the heritage area.</p>

Element	% agree	Reasons for support	Reasons for not supporting
Bins	47%	<p><b>Design/style:</b> the following are supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• wooden/black metal bins</li> <li>• heritage look</li> <li>• Option1 – timber with hood</li> </ul> <p>Number of bins More bins needed.</p>	<p>Don't like timber and stainless steel Should be dark green. Should be with wooden slats Should be above-ground so dogs can't use them Bins not correctly placed Excessive number of bins proposed, especially Spicer to Holdsworth</p> <p>Takeaway food outlets should be responsible for garbage they generate</p>
Bike parking	33%	<p>Location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in the commercial area only.</li> <li>• not blocking footpaths</li> </ul> <p>Number: Limit number of bike racks</p>	<p>Take up too much room Annoying Unattractive Locate bike racks in the carpark</p>
Lighting	47%	<p>Better lighting will increase security and the village feel. Modern gaslight design supported. Black/graphite grey. Soft yellow glow Awning light 2 All lighting in the street must be the same.</p>	<p>More research on lighting is required. Proposed lights look Design should reflect heritage, such as Collins Street in Melbourne. White/LED lights not supported.</p>
Banners	33%	<p>Adds to the village feel. Introduces people to the Woollahra shopping village. Promotion of special events, festivals etc. Consider style, number and positioning of banners.</p>	<p>Commercial rather than a village/residential concept. Trees will obscure banners. Who decides on banners, and who pays to change them?</p>

### Feedback from Queen Street West Woollahra Association

As well as the two public consultation meetings, two additional meetings were held with representatives from the Queen Street West Woollahra Association (QSWWA).

The QSWWA's comments on the Strategic Masterplan are contained within the annexures. In summary, they have stated:

*Although there has been a significant effort put into tree surveying and other matters we do feel that the plan does not take a holistic approach to the needs of community and businesses and heritage concerns. It does not address what the Queen Street and West Woollahra Association had envisaged as a total planning review and does not include some of the very basic and serious issues we face in the area such traffic flow and parking.*

*Positive Outcomes:*

*The QSWWA recognises the significant research that has gone into this consulting and find that:*

- *The tree survey is of value and has identified some trees that need removing and replacing in a planned tree management strategy for Queen St*
- *The issue of pavement treatment in the area has been identified as currently being of poor quality and in dire need of repair for community safety issues. This will provide a safe and more unified vision and treatment of safe paving as well as a tree friendly solution for the long term*

The QSWWA also suggested areas in the Plan that require further development:

**1. Seating: Public and Commercial**

*The plan fails to address the real needs and reasons for seating and before there is any increase in seating, the purpose of the seating needs to be considered....If the seats are to provide a place to rest then surely one seat per block is ample for this purpose. This reduction in the number of seats would have the positive effects by reducing maintenance and cleaning issues, security and safety issues.*

*Due to the increase of take away food stores and coffee windows these [existing] seats provide no more than casual cafe tables for people buying take away. They are filthy and cannot be maintained by Council.*

*Walking on the footpath in more than a single file in this section of Holdsworth to Spicer in Queen St is almost impossible due to coffee buyers, strollers, stone benches and tree roots.*

*A considered outdoor seating vision for this area should be investigated so as to provide managed outdoor seating that fits within the heritage vision for the area, but probably not in the high traffic zone. Perhaps as a first step the stone seats between Holdsworth and Spicer be removed.*

*Seating Style:*

*The style of seating is also out of context with the heritage in the area if you take the Oxford St. entrance which hosts an Edwardian? Style bench. This has not seem to be have been taken into consideration.*

**2. Trees:**

*A clear and definitive survey has noted issues with existing trees, although there needs to be further research and a long term plan developed to manage the removal and replanting of street trees.*

*Tree surrounds:*

*The treatment of porous materials to assist tree maintenance and growth is appropriate although serious consideration should be given to the coloration.*

**3. Heritage**

*There are many homes; residences and building that have high heritage components and interest. There is no mention on any type of plan to recognise, celebrate or name these buildings or areas of heritage significance.*

**4. Calming measures:**

*Queen Street has a number of calming islands on corners that meet the needs of the area. Any increase in calming measures is unnecessary.*

### **5. Banners and Branding**

*These have been identified as a valuable tool. However, the style and positioning should be revisited.*

### **6. Lighting:**

*The proposed new lighting should be seriously considered. The purpose planned positioning and design all need to be taken into account. This includes any feature lighting.*

### **7. Footpath/Pavement treatments:**

*Proposed footpath treatment seems well thought out but it should be noted that the entry point at the fountain is in a good state and does not need any maintenance at present.*

### **8. Parking/Traffic/Pedestrian Crossings**

*There's has been no mention of traffic issues in the plan and this must be considered.*

### **9. Garbage bins:**

*It is noted that there is an increase in garbage bins in the area but no real consideration as to why so many are required and the servicing of these. We feel the number of bins in the plan is excessive, particularly in sections B, C and D.*

### **10. Budget and staging:**

*There is no reference to budgets and staging according to priority. The best laid plans cannot be considered possible if there is no budget or timetable.*

## **Discussion**

The two key elements of the proposed Strategic Masterplan are the footpath paving and the management of the street trees. The QSWWA and the majority of community respondents have indicated that they support these two aspects of the Strategic Masterplan.

It is clear however that there are mixed opinions with regards to the various proposed street furniture options.

The table below outlines various issues, community feedback and recommendations:

Strategic Masterplan Element	Community Feedback	Recommendation
Footpath paving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>87% support from the community</li><li>QSWWA: [The Masterplan] will provide a safe and more unified vision and treatment of safe paving as well as a tree friendly solution for the long term</li></ul>	That Council proceed with the proposed footpath paving treatment as outlined in the Strategic Masterplan
Street trees and tree management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>67% support from the community</li><li>QSWWA: The tree survey is of value and has identified some trees that need removing and replacing in a planned tree management strategy for Queen St</li></ul>	That Council proceed with the proposed street trees and tree management as outlined in the Strategic Masterplan

Strategic Masterplan Element	Community Feedback	Recommendation
Seating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53% support from the community</li> <li>• Mixed support for the various seating options</li> <li>• Insufficient space for outdoor seating.</li> <li>• Seats should be located away from takeaway food outlets</li> <li>• QSWWA: If the seats are to provide a place to rest then surely one seat per block is ample for this purpose....The style of seating is also out of context with the heritage in the area</li> <li>• Some of the retailers have indicated that they may submit an application for outdoor dining. Subject to addressing Council’s Footway Approval Policy, this is generally viewed favourably by Council staff.</li> </ul>	<p>That the overall number of seats as outlined in the Strategic Masterplan be reduced and that the number and specific location of seats per block be given further detailed consideration at the detailed design phase, in consultation with the community.</p> <p>That in the event of Council receiving and approving an application for outdoor dining, the existing outdoor seating and/ or benches will be removed and replaced with tables, chairs and garbage facilities to be supplied and maintained/ cleaned by the retailer.</p>
Garbage bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47% support from the community</li> <li>• Mixed support for the various garbage bin options</li> <li>• QSWWA: We feel the number of bins in the plan is excessive</li> </ul>	<p>That the overall number of garbage bins as outlined in the Strategic Masterplan be reduced and that the number and specific location of garbage bins per block be given further detailed consideration at the detailed design phase, in consultation with the community.</p>
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 47% support from the community</li> <li>• Designs should reflect heritage</li> <li>• QSWWA: More research into the desired effect, ambience and style is needed</li> </ul>	<p>That Council continue to work with Ausgrid to improve street lighting in Queen Street.</p>
Banners/ signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33% support from the community</li> <li>• Trees will obscure banners</li> <li>• Commercial rather than a village/ residential concept.</li> <li>• QSWWA: The style and positioning should be revisited.</li> </ul>	<p>That no further action be taken with regards to the installation of banners/ signs at this time and that this issue be revisited in the future should there be greater community support.</p>

The QSWWA has noted that, *“There are many homes; residences and building that have high heritage components and interest. There is no mention on any type of plan to recognise, celebrate or name these buildings or areas of heritage significance.”* The scope of the Strategic Masterplan did not extend to heritage or interpretive signage. It is therefore recommended that these comments be forwarded to the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee for review and consideration.

A number of community members and QSWWA made note that traffic issues were not considered as part of the Masterplan. It was never intended that the Strategic Masterplan would consider traffic management issues. This would have significantly changed the scope of the project and increased the cost. No significant changes can be made to Queen Street in terms of traffic management without reducing vehicle volumes and possibly removing the existing bus route from Queen Street.

To do this, vehicles and buses would need to be redistributed to other roads such as Jersey Road and it is not intended to pursue this at this time.

### **Implementation Plan**

Funding is not allocated to Queen Street within the 2013/14 capital works budget.

Council staff have applied for \$132,387 in grant funding from the Australian Government Department of Regional Australia, Local Government Arts and Sport through their Regional Development Australia Fund. If Council is successful with this funding application, works can commence on part of the streetscape works recommended by the Strategic Masterplan. Given this relatively modest sum of funds, works can only be undertaken in a small section of Queen Street. It is therefore proposed to undertake works on the Southern side of Queen Street, between the Post Office (on the corner of Moncur Street) and Victoria Avenue.

The staging and implementation of future works will largely be dependent on the amount of funding which is available. However, it is generally recommended that works be prioritised as follows:

Priority	Section of Masterplan
1	Queen Street, southern side, between the Post Office and Victoria Avenue (Precinct A)
2	Queen Street, southern side, between Victoria Avenue and Oxford Street (Precinct A)
3	Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Oxford Street (Precinct A)
4	Moncur Street, both sides, north of Queen Street (Precinct E)
5	Moncur Street, both sides, south of Queen Street (Precinct F)
6	Queen Street, northern side, between Holdsworth Street and Ocean Street; and Queen Street southern side, between Dorhauer Lane and Ocean Street (Precinct D)
7	Queen Street, northern side, between Moncur Street and Holdsworth Street; and Queen Street, southern side, between Moncur Street and Dorhauer Lane (Precinct C)
8	Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Moncur Street; and Queen Street, southern side at the Post Office (Precinct B)

### **Identification of Income & Expenditure**

As outlined above.

### **Conclusion**

The Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan provides recommendations to improve the streetscape environment in Queen Street and it is largely supported by the community. It is therefore recommended that the Strategic Masterplan be adopted, with the modifications and recommendations as outlined above.

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Director Technical Services



**Annexures**

1. Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013 (distributed separately)
2. Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan: Community Engagement Report dated September 2013
3. Correspondence from the Queen Street West Woollahra Association, received on the 15 July 2013

**Political Donations – matters to be considered by Councillors at Meetings**

