



# Community & Environment Committee

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

**Date:** *Monday 8 April 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

4 April 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 – 8 April 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 8 April 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	
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 – Nil ‘R’ Items**

**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 18 March 2013**  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager - Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 18 March 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 18 March 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle  
Manager – Governance

**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 2 April 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:**

- A. That the Recommendations Y1 – Y4 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 2 April 2013 be adopted.
  - B. That the Recommendation Z1- Z3 contained as an informal item in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 2 April 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 2 April 2013 at 10.00am.

## 1. Attendance

### Committee Members:

Present:	Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis (Chairperson)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr John Giblin	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
	Sergeant Michael Capon	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
Staff:	Ms Shirlene Yee Yet	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Eric Graham	(Transport NSW – State Transit)
	Snr Const Jonathan Stone	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Mr John McDonagh	(Harbour View Residents Group)
Apologies:	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Mr Alex Greenwich MP	(Member for Sydney)
	Snr Const Kylie Kemp	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)

### Also in

Attendance:	Mr Hamish Fraser	(Resident – Item Y1)
	Ms Keri Huxley	(Resident – Item Y1)
	Ms Una Doyle	(Resident – Item Y1)
	Mr Dave Hodges	(Resident – Item Y1)

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## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.3/13 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 5 March 2013 were confirmed by Mr John Giblin.

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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

Nil



## **6. Late Correspondence**

The RMS representative did not attend the meeting however sent an email with his votes and comments.

The Member for Sydney's representative did not attend the meeting however sent an email with his votes and comments.

Correspondence received from L.A.W & J.L Mactier in relation to Item Y1.

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## **7. Local Development Committee**

Nil

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## **8. 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:** **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 all existing Residents' Permit Parking Spaces in Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Windsor Street be changed to '2P, 8am-11pm, Mon-Sat, PHE, Area Pgtm 3'.
- B. That an additional 12 '2P, 8am-11pm, Mon-Sat, PHE, Area Pgtm 3' spaces be installed on the western side of Cascade Street between Windsor Street and Hargrave Street.
- C. That an additional 4 '2P, 8am-11pm, PHE, Area Pgtm 2' spaces be installed on the southern side of Paddington Street generally in front of Nos 29 & 49 Paddington Street, Paddington.
- D. That the residents of corner properties 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.
- E. That Council officers write to residents of
  - i. Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Gurner Street/ Hargrave Street,
  - ii. Windsor Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street,
  - iii. Hargrave Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street and
  - iv. The northern side of Paddington Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street who have off-street parking and may have misunderstood Council Resident Parking policy and the RMS Manual on Permit Parking to request proof of eligibility to ensure that permits are only issued to residents who comply with the relevant criteria.
- F. That the Manager Customer Services and the Coordinator Regulatory Services be advised of the above changes.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

- A. That the Officer Recommendations A-D and F be deferred until the next meeting to allow Council officers to address the issues raised by residents at the meeting and to allow the residents to make further submissions to Council.
- B. That Council officers write to residents of
  - i. Cascade Street between Paddington Street and Gurner Street/ Hargrave Street,
  - ii. Windsor Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street,
  - iii. Hargrave Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street and
  - iv. The northern side of Paddington Street between Cascade Street and Elizabeth Street who have off-street parking and may have misunderstood Council Resident Parking policy and the RMS Manual on Permit Parking to request proof of eligibility to ensure that permits are only issued to residents who comply with the relevant criteria.

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

**Subject:** **Queen Street, Moncur Street, Spicer Street, Woollahra – Parking Changes**

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

**File No:** 422.G

**Reason for Report:** To address parking issues raised by the Queen Street & West Woollahra Association

**Officer Recommendation:**

- A. That Council survey the residents of Moncur Street and Queen Street to seek their views on the proposal to convert the 12m “1P 8am-9pm, Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Pgtm 4’ zone outside No.56 Moncur Street to a “P 5 Minute 8am-6pm Mon-Fri, 1P 8am-9pm Sat’ zone and convert the “P15 Minute 9am-6pm Mon-Fri, 1P 8am-6pm Sat” outside No.91 Queen Street, to “1P 8am-9pm, Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Pgtm 4’.
- B. That Council survey the residents and businesses in Moncur Street, Rush Street and Smith Street to seek their views on the proposal to change the unrestricted parking area on the western side of Moncur Street between Rush Street and Smith Street to “1P 8am-9pm, Mon-Sat Permit Holders Excepted Area Pgtm 4” consistent with the existing parking in the area.
- C. That Council survey the businesses in Spicer Street and Queen Street to seek their views on the proposal to change the existing “½ P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun” on both sides of Spicer Street between Peaker Lane and Queen Street to “1P 9am-6pm Mon-Sun”.
- D. That Council’s Manager Compliance be requested to increase enforcement in the retail areas of Queen Street and Moncur Street.
- E. That Council undertake an audit of all parking permits issued to properties in the retail areas of Queen Street.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Resolved to Recommend:**

Adopt the Officer Recommendation

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

**Subject:** **Jersey Road, Paddington – Road Closure Associated with Crane**

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

**File No:** 407.G Pt19

**Reason for Report:** Request for road closure to facilitate a crane

**Officer Recommendation:**

That the temporary road closure of Jersey Road, Paddington between Sutherland Street and Quarry Street to facilitate the removal and replacement of mobile tower equipment from the roof of 204 Jersey Road, Paddington in April, 2013 be supported subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The RMS approves the temporary closure. A copy of the Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan has been submitted to the RMS for approval of the road closure and associated measures.
- ii. The applicant must submit a Stand Plant Permit application to Council for approval and the applicant must comply with any conditions of this approval.
- iii. The road closure to be implemented after 10am and removed before 2pm.
- iv. The applicant must inform all business proprietors, residents and other occupants within 50 metres of or with access to any parts of the section of Jersey Road near the proposed closure, at least seven (7) days and then one (1) day before the closure via a letterbox drop. The applicant must forward a copy of this notice to Council for approval, prior to distribution.
- v. The applicant must supply and erect any barriers and traffic signs necessary for the road closure as stipulated by the approved Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and remove them at the completion of the works.
- vi. Council must be indemnified against all claims for damage or injury that may result from either the activities or from the occupation of part of the public way during the activities. A copy of Public Liability Insurance Cover to the value of \$10,000,000 shall be provided to Council prior to the event and Council must be listed as in interested party on the insurance.
- vii. Council must be reimbursed for the cost of repair of any damage caused to Council property as a result of the activities.
- viii. The applicant must inform all Emergency Services of the proposed road closure including NSW Police, Sydney Buses, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, State Emergency Services and the Roads and Maritime Services.
- ix. Woollahra Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.

**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:** **Faraday Avenue, Rose Bay – Works Zone**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 407.G Pt19

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

**Officer Recommendation:**

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No. 17 Faraday Avenue, Rose Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the southern side of Faraday Avenue, Rose Bay from the western side of the current driveway serving this property for a distance of 8 metres in an easterly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
  - ii. The applicant shall apply for and receive a Road Occupancy Licence from the Transport Management Centre (Transport for NSW).
  - iii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7am – 4pm Mon-Fri and 7am-1pm Sat for a period of 20 weeks from April, 2013 (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 RMS's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
  - v. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
  - vi. Unrestricted parking shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
  - vii. 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.
  - viii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
  - ix. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(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.
  - x. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
  - xi. 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.
  - xii. 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 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

**9. 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:** **The Crescent, Vacluse - Boat and Trailer Parking**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** T445

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

**Officer Recommendation:**

- A. That no further action be taken to introduce parking restrictions in The Crescent, Vacluse, to control the boat and trailer parking in front of the reserves in this street.
- B. That Council continue to lobby the State Government to alter the current legislation so that Council can control the incidence of long-term parking in the streets of the municipality.
- C. That the residents of The Crescent be advised of Council's decision.

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**Item No:** Z2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

**Subject:** **Intersection of New South Head Road, Bellevue Road, Kiaora Road & Cross Street, Double Bay**

**Author:** Cathy Edwards-Davis – Manager Engineering Services

**File No:** 329

**Reason for Report:** Investigation at the request of the Member for Vacluse and the Mayor

**Officer Recommendation:**

- A. That Council request RMS investigate reducing the delay in the start of the right turn phase for eastbound vehicles in New South Head Road, when turning right into Bellevue Road.
- B. That Council request RMS investigate the introduction of an AM Peak No Right Turn restriction for northbound vehicles in Bellevue Road, turning right into New South Head.

**Item No:** Z3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

**Subject:** **Parking Restrictions Review – Additions to Resident Parking Scheme**

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

**File No:** 422.G

**Reason for Report:** Resident requests to review parking restriction

**Officer Recommendation:**

- A. That Council survey the residents in Glen Street, Glendon Road, Patterson Street, Rosemont Avenue, Wellington Street, Kendall Street, Pringle Place, Bellevue Gardens, Aston Gardens and Kent Road to determine their opinion with regards to parking restrictions, as outlined in the report.
- B. That no further action be taken with regards to the introduction of parking restrictions in Carrington Avenue, Ginagulla Road, Cranbrook Lane, Cranbrook Road, O’Sullivan Road, Salisbury Road, Newcastle Street, Albermarle Avenue, Faraday Avenue and Beresford Road.

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**10. General Business**

Issues raised by Rose Bay Police:

At a Community Safety meeting attended by Rose Bay Police, the following traffic issues were raised by residents:-

- i. Boats and trailers parked on Albermarle Avenue potentially created safety issues for school children and parents.
- ii. Removalists’ trucks parked in O’Sullivan Road created sight distance issues for residents exiting their properties and created an amenity issue for the street.
- iii. Parked vehicles on Vacluse Road created access issues for buses. Vehicles parked close to the Wentworth Road and Vacluse Road intersection created safety issues.
- iv. Speeding issues in Cranbrook Road at the New South Head Road end.
- v. Motorists were running the red light at the pedestrian signals on New South Head Road, Edgecliff outside Ascham School.

Issues raised by the STA:-

- i. Parked vehicles on Suttie Road and Arthur Street created access issues for buses. STA will be trialling new buses in these streets shortly.

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.15 am

Cathy Edwards-Davis  
Chair

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Plaques advisory committee - minutes of meeting 7 March 2013**  
**Author:** Joan Ruthven - Library Community Programs Team Leader  
**File No:** 474.G Plaques  
**Reason for Report:** To table the minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2013.

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2013 be noted and endorsed.

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**Background:**

This report outlines the meeting held by the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee (WPAC) on 7 March 2013. (Annexure 1)

**Key discussion points at the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee (WPAC):**

The key matters discussed at the meeting included:

- The shortlisting of twenty three nominations for the first round of plaques under the Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme. The nominations were divided into the two categories of places and people, with six nominations being selected for further research by the Local History Centre staff:
  - Places  
Cnr of Fletcher and Small Sts, Woollahra – bombardment of Sydney Eastern suburbs by Japanese submarine I.24 on 8 June 1942.
  - People  
Dr Elwyn Lynn AM – Art historian, critic, administrator, curator, artist.  
Rudy Kamon – art gallery owner.  
Sir John Robertson – Premier of NSW.  
John Hopher – Trade Unionist, MLC, and leader of the 8hr workday movement.  
Shay Docking – Artist.  
Submissions not acted upon in the first round are to be held over to form a “living list” of ongoing proposals.
- The inaugural unveiling of the Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme is to be held in July 2013 with three subsequent unveilings staged over the ensuing 12 month period.
- The key dates for the Advisory Committee being:
  - Research by the Local History Librarians about the six shortlisted nominations to be distributed to Advisory Committee members - 30 May 2013.
  - Meeting Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee to confirm a maximum of four community nominations for plaques - 6 June 2013.
  - Advise Engineering services of all plaque inlays and obtain quotes based on Engineering services recommendations - 7 June 2013.



**Conclusion:**

The Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee had a successful meeting in shortlisting nominations. The next date for the Committee meeting is Thursday 6pm, 6 June 2013.

*Vicki Munro*

Joan Ruthven  
Library Community Programs Team Leader

Vicki Munro  
Manager, Library & Information Services

Kylie Walshe  
Director, Community Services

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**Annexures:**

1. Minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday 7 March 2013.
2. List of inaugural Woollahra Plaque Scheme nominations.

**Item No:** D4 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 28 February 2013

**Recommendation:**

That Council note the attached minutes from the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee Meeting which was held on 28 February 2013

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Bruce Rann  
Manager – Open Space and Trees

Tom O’Hanlon  
Director – Technical Services

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**Annexures:**

1 - Minutes from the Yarranabbe Park Steering Committee Meeting 28 February 2013

**Item No:** D5 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject** **2012 Community Services Cultural program evaluation**  
**Author:** Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator  
**File No:** 79.G CCD, 20.G, 596.G  
**Reason for Report:** To provide a detailed summary of the 2012 Community Services Cultural Program and present information on the 2013 Community Services Cultural Program along with recommendations for future cultural development initiatives.

**Recommendation:**

- A. THAT the evaluation of the 2012 Community Services Cultural Program summary be noted.
- B. THAT the 2013 Community Services Cultural Program be noted and endorsed.

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**Background:**

Council annually facilitates or hosts cultural activity that engages with the local community and benefits a range of age and target groups. Well established cultural activity produced by Council includes the Poets Picnic, Youth Photographic Awards, the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize and the Public Art Program. Many of Council's cultural activities are long running. with Poets Picnic now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, the Youth Photographic Award now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year and the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year.

The Community and Cultural Grants Program, facilitated by Community Services, also supports the generation of local cultural activity by the community.

An evaluation of Council's Community Services Cultural Program is undertaken each year. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of key cultural events and activities within the 2012 Community Services Cultural Program and to provide a calendar of scheduled programs and activities for 2013.

**Relationship to the Delivery Program and Operational Plan:**

Council's adopted Delivery Program and Operational Plan identifies that a key strategy for Cultural Development within Goal 3: A creative and vibrant community of the theme 'Community well-being' is to *Support and promote arts, artists and cultural development within the local community* (pg 39).

Goal 3: A creative and vibrant community recognises that '*Woollahra will be a place where people of all ages and backgrounds have access to lifelong learning opportunities, cultural and community activities. We will support local creativity, cultural pursuits and creative talents.*' (pg 36).

Goal 3 also indicates that meeting the demand for increased arts and cultural activities within the Municipality, as well as supporting local artists to engage with the community are key challenges.

### **2012 Community Services Cultural Program:**

Consistent with strategies, priorities and actions identified in the Woollahra Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan, the Community Services Division continued to strengthen its Cultural Program by bringing together a range of projects supported by Cultural Development, Library and Information Services, Community Development and Marketing and Special Projects staff. Community organisations were involved in many of these activities, with Council staff working with the community in a collaborative and partnership development approach.

Research and feasibility studies undertaken by staff also contributed to the development of new initiatives which arose out of Council committees and meetings and community consultation. In 2012 this included joint research undertaken by Cultural Development and Library and Information Services into the establishment of a new literary prize.

Community Services cultural programs and activities are regularly evaluated and feedback from community members, attendees and participants is encouraged as part of the evaluation process.

Overall, the cultural activities facilitated and coordinated by Council were successful and met their aims and objectives, with the evaluation process highlighting some areas for improvement in specific activities that will be implemented in 2013. Please see Annexure 1 for a summary listing of 2012 Community Services cultural activities, including aims and objectives of the activity as well as evaluation comments.

### **2013 Community Services Cultural Program:**

A summarised calendar of the scheduled 2013 Community Services Cultural Program is provided in Annexure 2.

### **The role of Council in the development of community led cultural activities:**

The Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan 2013 to 2023 indicates that Council is a community builder and facilitator of services and programs. In meeting the social and cultural needs of its community, the Plan identifies (pg 26) that *‘Woollahra Council is best placed to take a leadership and facilitation role in the provision and facilitation of accessible services and facilities.’*

Based on this approach, Council continues to support local organisations and residents to develop their own community driven cultural activity through:

- the provision of grant funding through the Community and Cultural Grants Program;
- the development of Partnership Agreements, known as Community PACs;
- considerable staff liaison time to provide expert advice and activity development support;
- venue license agreements or the waiver of fees for venue or park hire associated with the activity where appropriate; and
- promotion of community driven cultural activities where appropriate.

### **Local community led cultural activity resulting from the 2012 Community and Cultural Grants Program:**

The following selected cultural activities are examples of how funding through the Community and Cultural Grants Program can lead to exciting events for the entire community to enjoy. With help from Council’s Community and Cultural Grants Program, smaller community organisations are able to program and implement events of benefit to the wider community.

### Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra

The Woollahra Philharmonic Orchestra (WPO), founded in 1996, is a local community orchestra. It was established by local amateur musicians after receiving support from Woollahra Council. With the continued support of Woollahra Council, The Orchestra has steadily grown in stature and now makes an important contribution to the cultural life of the Woollahra Municipality and the wider eastern suburbs of Sydney.

### Waverley Woollahra Art School

Waverley Woollahra Arts Centre Co-Op Ltd ("WWAC") is an independent, non-profit, artists' co-operative that was established in 1968 to provide art and craft classes to the community and in doing so, provide employment to artists. The WWAC also runs School Holiday Programs for children, the annual Waverley Art Prize on behalf of Waverley Council and Tutor and Student exhibitions. The WWAC is primarily self-funding, with a small percentage of its operating budget being provided by Waverley Council and Woollahra Council. This support is vital for the School to be able to maintain the diversity of education services it can provide to the community. Approximately 40% of participants in WWAC community programs are Woollahra residents.

### Eastern Suburbs Organisation for Reconciling Australia

The Eastern Suburbs Organisation for Reconciling Australia (ESORA) hosted their award winning Bush Tucker walks series in Nielsen Park. A total of 120 local residents joined John Lennis in four Bush Tucker Walks. Bush Tucker walks consistently receive positive verbal and written feedback from participants following each activity. Booking numbers have increased from 25 to 30 in each session to cope with high demand.

In addition to the Bush Tucker Walks, ESORA hosted a Bush Tucker Brunch at the Council managed venue 'The Gunyah' at Watsons Bay. Approximately 60 participants attended the event where on display was a range of bush tucker, information regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander food practices and bush tucker recipes.

### Miroma

The annual Miroma Art Exhibition showcases the developing artwork of individuals with a range of disabilities living in the Eastern suburbs. The featured artists attend Miroma and participate in a Fine Arts Program. This well-developed project showcases the talents of people with disabilities and encourages skills development and self-esteem. The 2012 exhibition was held in Double Bay Gallery, Art2Muse.

### Urban Arts Base

Urban Arts Base is a community arts program for young people between 15-25 years recovering from mental illness. The funding was granted for the Care to Grow art exhibition which ran during October, Mental Health Month. The exhibition process aimed to develop the skills of participants as well as build their experience and confidence, whilst also building awareness of mental health issues among community members.

### Watsons Bay and Vacluse Social History Group

The aim of the 'People and Events That Shaped Our History' project is to preserve the history of the Watson's Bay and Vacluse area. The final outcome will be the production of a book of edited memoirs and photographs grouped into topics covering the cultural heritage, history, natural environment and personalities of the area.

### Woollahra Gaden Choir

The Woollahra Gaden Choir, consisting of local seniors, are based out of the Woollahra Seniors Centre and travel to perform at residential nursing homes.

## **Local community led cultural activity resulting from partnerships/collaborative approach with Council in 2012:**

### Woollahra Festival

The community led Woollahra Festival (Arts and Ideas) was held for the third year in Queen Street over four days between 15-18 November 2012. The Festival offered a series of talks, outdoor performances and concerts, and a range of children activities. Woollahra Festival organisers continue to receive outstanding feedback from stakeholders of all types including audiences, speakers and sponsors and aim to produce this cultural activity in future years.

### Critical Path

Council manages a dedicated creative development facility, The Drill Hall in Rushcutters Bay, where individuals and organisations have access to space for rehearsal, research and creative skills development. Brokered through Arts NSW, Council entered into a licence agreement with the organisation Critical Path for ongoing use of the space. Critical Path is now a significant choreographic research and development centre. In addition, Council specifically 'sponsors' the Research Room Residency Program of Critical Path.

## **Cultural Committees and Volunteer Staff Program**

The Community Services Division facilitates several cultural committees that contribute to and enhance the Division's Cultural Program. These committees include the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee, Public Art Advisory Committee, the Woollahra Library Friends Executive and the Plaques Advisory Committee.

Cultural committees provide an opportunity for local residents and industry experts to support Council cultural initiatives with their expertise and advice. Many new cultural initiatives for the organisation have come as a result of recommendations at the committee level. Committee membership is on a voluntary capacity.

The ongoing and successful Volunteer Staff Program for Cultural Development was also implemented throughout 2012. Volunteer staff contribute predominately to the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, however will also contribute to research and development of additional cultural initiatives. In 2012 Volunteer Staff contributed an approximate 400 hours of work in supporting the Cultural Development Department.

Whilst there is significant time commitment required by staff to manage the Volunteer Staff Program, the organisation benefits greatly from the contributions of a diverse range of individuals with differing life experience. Future expansions to the Volunteer Staff Program include determining the feasibility of accepting interns from tertiary institutions.

## **Conclusion:**

The 2012 Community Services Cultural Program was conducted through an integration of Cultural Development, Library and Information Services and Community Development for the coordination of a diverse and overall successful program which met Council objectives. The 'whole of division' and partnership approach used to coordinate activities and programs continues to maximise resources and ensure professional events are delivered to the community.

The 2013 Community Services Cultural Program will continue with the same approach as well as endeavour to be responsive to any changing community needs through strategic review and evaluation processes. A significant change in the 2013 program is the addition of new initiatives such as the Woollahra Artist in Residence Program and the expansion of the Public Art Program.

Woollahra Council has an important role in the facilitation and development of community led cultural activity and will continue to encourage local organisations and residents to pursue available opportunities through the Community and Cultural Grants Program and Community Partnership Agreements.

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**Annexures:**

1. 2012 Community Services Cultural Program Summary
2. 2013 Community Services Cultural Program Calendar

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

