



# Community & Environment Committee

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

**Date:** *Monday 11 July 2011*

**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

7 July 2011

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

Dear Councillors

### **Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 11 July 2011**

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 11 July 2011 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 27 June 2011**  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager - Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 27 June 2011 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

**Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 27 June 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle  
Manager – Governance

**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 5 July 2011**  
**Author:** Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services  
**File No:** 595.G 2011  
**Reason for Report:** For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the Recommendations Y1-Y10 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee, and as signed by the members of the Committee, held on Tuesday 5 July 2011 be adopted.
  - B. That the Traffic Committee items be funded as outlined in Annexure 1.
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**Tom O’Hanlon**  
**Director - Technical Services**

**Annexure 1**

<b><u>Traffic Item</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Funding</u></b>
Y1-1	Wolseley Crescent, Point Piper – Parking restrictions	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-2	Hopetoun Lane, Paddington – Parking restrictions	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-3	Glenmore Road, Paddington – Statutory restrictions	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y1-4	Flinton Street, Paddington – Car Share	Cost of signposting to be charged to applicant
Y1-5	Darling Point Road, Darling Point – Car share	Cost of signposting to be charged to applicant
Y2	Walker Avenue, Edgecliff - Request for Shared Zone and review of resident permit parking	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y3	Raine Street, Woollahra - Resident Permit Parking	Nil
Y4	Resident Permit Parking scheme review – Darling Point 1 and Darling Point 2	Nil
Y5	Resident Permit Parking scheme review – Edgecliff 2	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y6	Darling Point Traffic Study - Review of traffic calming measures	Nil
Y7	New South Head Road, Rose Bay – Long term parking	Council’s Block Grant for Traffic Facilities
Y8	New South Head Road, Rose Bay – Request for flashing lights and traffic calming	Nil
Y9	City To Surf 2011	All costs associated with the closure to be borne by the applicant.
Y10	No.33 Parsley Road, Vaucluse – Works Zone	Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council’s adopted fees and charges for this zoning.



# 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 5 July 2011 at 10.00am.

## 1. Attendance

### Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Alan Opera (Chairperson)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Mr John Giblin	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Tom O'Hanlon	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Eric Graham	(Sydney Buses)
	Ms Laura Van Putten	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
Apologies:	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Mr Roy Bishop	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Snr Const Kylie Kemp	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)

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## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.05/11 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 7 June 2011 were confirmed by Mr N Prasad and Mr A Opera.

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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

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## 6. Late Correspondence

Comments from Mr R Bishop of Clover Moore's office relating to items Y1-2, Y1-3, Y1-4 & Y2.

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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 Restrictions Changes**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer,  
Daniel Pearse – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** (Refer to Table 1)

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

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

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

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**Item Y1-1: Wolseley Crescent, Point Piper – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That the existing ‘No Parking’ restrictions on the western side of Wolseley Crescent just north of the driveway to No.4 Wolseley Crescent, Point Piper be extended 5 metres in a southerly direction.

**Item Y1-2: Hopetoun Lane, Paddington – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That ‘No Parking’ restrictions be installed on the western side of Hopetoun Lane from 1.5 metres north of the driveway to No. 27 Hopetoun Street, Paddington for a distance of 20 metres in a southerly direction.

**Item Y1-3: Glenmore Road, Paddington – Statutory restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That 10 metres of ‘No Stopping’ restrictions be installed on the southern side of Glenmore Road, Paddington west of Cambridge Street.

**Item Y1-4: Flinton Street, Paddington – Car Share**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

1. That one 5 metre Carshare parking space be installed on the western side of Flinton Street immediately south of the signposted 'No Stopping', south of the intersection with Glenmore Road, Paddington.
2. That the location be signposted 'No Parking Woollahra Council Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area CS- Paddington'.
3. That residents with frontages within 50m of the signage changes be notified.
4. That the zone be trialled for an initial twelve months and, if deemed unsuccessful at the end of the period, the zone be removed and revert to the existing unrestricted parking restrictions.

**Item Y1-5: Darling Point Road, Darling Point – Car Share**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

1. That one 5 metre Carshare parking space be installed on the western side of Darling Point Road immediately north of the signposted 'No Stopping', just north of the intersection with Goomerah Road, Darling Point.
2. That the location be signposted 'No Parking Woollahra Council Authorised Car Share Vehicles Excepted Area CS-D'Point'.
3. That residents with frontages within 50m of the signage changes be notified.
4. That the zone be trialled for an initial twelve months and, if deemed unsuccessful at the end of the period, the zone be removed and revert to the existing unrestricted parking restrictions.

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

**Subject:** **Walker Avenue, Edgecliff – Request for Shared Zone and Review of Residents Permit Parking**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** T477

**Reason for Report:** Response to a Notice of Motion.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That no further action be taken to pursue a Shared Traffic Zone in Walker Avenue, Edgecliff as both volumes and speeds are well below the practical and environmental limits for this classification of road.
- B. That one (1) additional '2P 8am-8pm Mon-Fri, PHE Area Pgtn 5' parking space be provided on the southern side of Walker Avenue in front of No.20 Walker Avenue, Edgecliff.
- C. That two (2) additional '2P 8am-8pm Mon-Fri, PHE Area Pgtn 5' parking spaces be provided on the northern side of Walker Avenue in front of the Walker Avenue frontage to No.432 Glenmore Road, Edgecliff.

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

**Subject:** **Raine Street, Woollahra – Resident Permit Parking Restrictions**

**Author:** Armodee Reece – Administration Officer, Traffic & Engineering Services

**File No:** 375.

**Reason for Report:** Requests from residents of Raine Street, Woollahra for the introduction of resident permit parking restrictions

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That no action be taken to introduce resident permit parking restrictions in Raine Street, Woollahra.
- B. That the demand for resident parking in Raine Street, Woollahra be reviewed in conjunction with the next review of the Woollahra 1 Resident Permit Parking scheme.

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

**Subject:** **Review of The Darling Point 1 & 2 Resident Permit Parking Schemes**

**Author:** Armodee Reece, Administration Officer – Traffic & Engineering Services

**File No:** 422.G

**Reason for Report:** To report on the submissions received following the public consultation of the review of the Resident Permit Parking Schemes.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That no action be taken to alter the current hours of operation of the Darling Point 1 Resident Permit Parking Scheme.
- B. That additional enforcement of the Darling Point 1 Resident Permit Parking Scheme be undertaken to ensure that the current scheme operates effectively.
- C. That no action be taken to alter the current hours of operation of the Darling Point 2 Resident Permit Parking Scheme.
- D. That no action be taken to introduce resident permit parking restrictions in the areas of Darling Point Road, Darling Point which are not currently incorporated into a resident permit parking scheme.

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

**Subject:** **Review of The Edgecliff 2 Resident Permit Parking Scheme**

**Author:** Armodee Reece, Administration Officer – Traffic & Engineering Services

**File No:** 422.G

**Reason for Report:** To report on the review of the Edgecliff 2 Resident Permit Parking Scheme.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That no action be taken to alter the current hours of operation of the Edgecliff 2 Resident Permit Parking Scheme.
- B. That additional enforcement of the Edgecliff 2 Resident Permit Parking Scheme be undertaken to ensure that the current scheme operates effectively.
- C. That the Edgecliff 2 Resident Parking Scheme be extended to include Nos.87, 85A, 85B, 85C Ocean Street, Woollahra.
- D. That the existing “2P 8.00am-6.00pm Mon-Fri ARVE Edge 2” restrictions on the eastern side of Ocean Street, Woollahra be extended from outside 101 Ocean Street southwards to the No Stopping zone at the northern end of the pedestrian refuge/island.
- E. That residents between 85 and 111 Ocean Street be advised of the above changes to parking restrictions on the eastern side of Ocean Street.
- F. That a detailed parking survey be undertaken in Rosemont Avenue, Woollahra, to determine the demand for the introduction of resident permit parking and that this be the subject of a future report to the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- G. That subject to C and D above no action be taken to introduce resident permit parking restrictions in the areas of Woollahra between the existing Edgecliff 2 and Woollahra 2 Resident Permit Parking Schemes.

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

**Subject:** **Mona Road & Darling Point Road, Darling Point – Review of Traffic Calming Measures**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 315. / T123

**Reason for Report:** Review following installation of traffic calming facilities in Mona Road and Darling Point Road as per the Darling Point Traffic Study.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the information in relation to the currently installed traffic calming devices in Darling Point Road, Darling Point be noted.
- B. That as the 85th percentile speeds measured at other potential traffic calming sites on the Darling Point Peninsula are below the 50kph Urban Speed Limit, no action be taken to carry out further traffic calming in Darling Point.

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

**Subject:** **New South Head Road, Rose Bay – Long Term Parking**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** T329.

**Reason for Report:** To report on an adopted Notice of Motion to introduce parking restrictions on New South Head Road, Rose Bay, to control long-term vehicle parking

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That Council request the RTA implement ‘12P, 6.00am – 8.00pm Mon-Fri’ parking restrictions to replace all unrestricted parking on the northern side of New South Head Road, Rose Bay between the entrance to Lyne Park and the Bus Zone opposite Norwich Road.
- B. That Council request the RTA implement ‘12P, 6.00am – 8.00pm Mon-Fri’ parking restrictions to replace all unrestricted parking on the southern side of New South Head Road, Rose Bay between Kent Road and Norwich Road.

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

**Subject:** **New South Head Road, Vacluse – Request for Flashing Lights and Traffic Calming**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** T329

**Reason for Report:** Response to a Notice of Motion.

**Committee Vote:** Majority Support (this item was not supported by the representative of Gabrielle Upton MP)

**Recommendation:**

That no further action be taken to pursue flashing lights on New South Head Road, Vacluse at the entrances to the Vacluse Shopping Centre.

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**Item No:** Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

**Subject:** **Sun Herald City to Surf 2011**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 16.G

**Reason for Report:** To approve conditions for the running of the 2011 Sun Herald City to Surf.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That approval be granted for The Sun Herald City to Surf 2011 foot race, to be held on Sunday 14 August 2011, through the streets of the Woollahra Municipality, subject to the following conditions:
- i. Approval of a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) by the RTA and Police.
  - ii. Road Closures – Details of the road closures, including the method and authorised persons to control and regulate these closures be submitted to Council by 22 July 2011 for consideration.
  - iii. Signage – full details of all signage proposed to be erected as part of the event, including height, clearance and fixing details, etc, prior to or during the event, being submitted to Council by 22 July 2011 for consideration.
  - iv. Television Camera Stands – Full details of all structures proposed to be erected on the public roadway as part of this event being submitted to Council for approval under the Roads Act by 22 July 2011.
  - v. Event Clean-Up – Assurance that the roadway is not opened to through traffic, until such time as cleaning has been satisfactorily completed is to be provided by the Sun Herald and the Police.
  - vi. Advertising Road Closures and Event Details – Local residents being advised of the road closures, opening times etc by the Sun Herald. These advertisements are to be placed in the local paper prior to the event.
  - vii. Waste Management Clean Up Costs - Sun Herald to pay for all clean up costs.
  - viii. Insurance - Evidence of current Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$20 million for the event is to be submitted to Council by 22 July 2011.
  - ix. On-Site Contact – The Police and Sun Herald to remain in contact with Council's nominated on-site contact person.
  - x. Road / Street Cleaning – the Drink Supervisors being instructed, as part of their duties, to arrange for any empty drink cups to be swept or raked from the roadway towards the gutter during breaks, in between peak periods of the race event. The empty drink cup boxes are to be emptied into the Clean-Up Bins. Once the boxes are emptied, they are to be unfolded, flattened and then stacked for collection and recycling.
  - xi. Drink Stations/ Clean Up Bins – the number and location of drink stations and clean up bins are to be provided to Council. All drink stations on New South Head Road are to be supplied with two bins on each side of the road. The last drink station on Old South Head should be supplied with two bins at the drink station site.
  - xii. All bins to be placed on the footpath two (2) metres after the drink station. Council's co-ordinator being contacted prior to the race in relation to Council's requirements for bin locations and collection procedures.

**Item No:** Y10 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

**Subject:** **No. 33 Parsley Road, Vaucluse – Works Zone**

**Author:** Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 407.G Pt17

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

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.33 Parsley Road, Vaucluse. The proposed Works Zone is to be 6 metres in length and located on the northern side of the southern part of the split carriageway in front of the garage to the subject property and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
  - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 52 weeks from July, 2011 (to be calculated from sign installation date).
  - iii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
  - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works.
  - v. Unrestricted parking shall be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
  - vi. The applicant must ensure that the traffic lanes, footpaths and driveways, adjacent to the Works Zone, remain free of obstruction at all times during the construction.
  - vii. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
  - viii. This Works Zone is in an area zoned as Residential 2(a). The fee payable shall be in accordance with Council's adopted fees and charges applying to the period for which the approval is given, and must be paid prior to the Works Zone being installed. Should the Works Zone be required for a shorter period, application may be made for a pro-rata refund.
  - ix. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
  - x. Should the Works Zone be required for a period longer than the approved period, permission from the Director of Technical Services is required to extend the Works Zone.
  - xi. Any alteration to the hours of operation of the Work Zone will require the approval of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.
- B. That the applicant notifies all residents and businesses whose property frontage is within 50 metres of the Works Zone.



**8. Late Items**

Formal recognition of Alan Opera retiring. The Committee thanked Mr Opera for his contribution over the last six years.

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.45am.

**Alan Opera**  
**Chair**

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Citizen of the Year Awards Review**  
**Author:** Romi Scodellaro, Community Development Officer  
**File No:** 680.G  
**Reason for Report:** To provide information following the review of Council's Citizen of the Year Awards program.

**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Citizen of the Year review recommendations as outlined in the proposal.

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**Background:**

Woollahra Council has awarded Citizen of the Year Awards for many years. The awards program developed through a keen interest for Council to recognise the contribution of Woollahra residents to their community.

Citizen and Youth Awards were presented at Council meetings up to and including 2002. At this time, there had been no formal promotional program or nomination process and from 2002- 2006 the awards were not offered. They were reinstated as Citizen of the Year Awards in 2006 with a formal process being instigated where a committee was formed, and the awards were presented in conjunction with the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

Since then, Council has made a number of changes to the categories and type of awards presentation event in an attempt to recognise the efforts of local residents who have a positive impact on their local community. Categories in past years included:

- Citizen of the Year (over 25)
- Young Citizen of the Year (25 and under)
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community Group/Community Event of the Year
- Sportsman of the Year
- Sportswoman of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

Experience has indicated that there have been repeatedly low numbers of applications for some of the categories. The number of nominations per year is approximately ten. This has resulted in the number and range of award categories being reduced. The last two years has seen only the following categories for the Citizen of the Year program:

- Citizen of the Year (over 25)
- Young Citizen of the Year (25 and under)
- Senior Citizen of the Year

Therefore the Citizen of the Year Assessment Panel determined to review the program following the 2011 ceremony. The review also included a focus on the Awards presentation ceremony as it was recognised the connection with the Citizenship Ceremony tends to detract from the high importance placed on the community achievements and the celebration and acknowledgement of winners.

## **Current Situation:**

The Citizen of the Year Committee is chaired by Councillor Edelman, and members include The Mayor, Councillor Shapiro and Councillors Petrie, Cavanagh and Wynne, as well as local residents Kim O'Connor, Chris Dawson, Loys Thompson, and Nicole Shrimpton.

The Committee met on 6 December 2010 and identified the need to review the future of the award program. The reasons for this included:

- Low numbers of nominations being received each year even with a comprehensive promotional strategy and a significant mailout to key organisations and community groups.
- The public tend to perceive their achievements as not significant enough for recognition through the awards program.
- Current awards categories only target single-person achievements, yet initiatives are often driven by groups.
- Recent community development initiatives, such as working with small community groups to develop local projects for local benefit, allows for a change in the way we articulate, acknowledge and celebrate local engagement and achievement.
- The current name and categories are dated and it is timely to reinvigorate the program that acknowledges a range of innovative initiatives by local individuals and groups that benefit communities either locally or internationally.

The Assessment panel agreed that a review was needed of the award objective, categories, eligibility criteria, awards ceremony, and the award title.

## Objective

The Woollahra Citizen of the Year Awards objective is currently “to recognise residents of Woollahra who have demonstrated excellent citizenship and contribution to the people of Woollahra and/or the wider community.”

This objective encapsulates the overarching aim of the program, but limits the scope of possible nominations. It excludes the possibility of awarding people outside Woollahra that contribute to the Woollahra community, as well as group projects.

## Categories

Community Services staff have researched Councils that hold award ceremonies to acknowledge the contribution of individuals and groups, in order to understand different approaches.

For example, three approaches to awards programs include:

- **Marrickville Council:** Has a Citizen of the Year program. It also awards the ‘Marrickville Medal for Conservation’, which celebrates built conservation works that contribute to the understanding and preservation of Marrickville's cultural and architectural heritage. They also have sustainability awards for businesses, for which there are many categories.
- **Waverley Council:** In recognising local residents achievements the Council has a *Recognising Our Community Leaders Walk*. ‘Local Heroes’ are identified based on “a lifelong contribution to the local community”. A plaque is installed in the promenades along Bondi or Bronte beach in their honour. There are no categories, and local heroes can come from “all walks of life”.

- Randwick Council: Has the *Community Service and Youth Awards*. The awards are divided into 'Open' and 'Youth' awards, with no specific categories. 'Open' award winners have, for example, been awarded for Outstanding Contribution to the Community, Outstanding Innovation for the Provision of a Community Service/Facility, and Outstanding Contribution to the Environment.

There are many possible categories to recognise residents and groups as part of an awards program.

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Senior's Award
- Most Innovative Community Project (which has an impact either locally or internationally)
- Most Innovative Community project (schools)
- Contribution to the Environment (includes individual and/or group)
- Contribution to Community (includes individual and/or group)
- Youth Award (includes individual and/or group)
- Most Innovative Community Cultural/Arts Initiative

The current program through the identified categories limits the opportunity for Council to recognise and reward a range of community initiatives, especially group projects.

### Eligibility Criteria

Woollahra Council's current eligibility criteria state that:

- Nominees must be residents of the Woollahra Municipality. Individuals or organisations may submit nominations. Self nominations will not be accepted.
- Awards are not available to Councillors, State or Federal politicians or Council Officers whilst still in office.
- Recipients of each local Awards category may be invited to attend and speak at Council functions and events during the year of receiving the Award.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
- Nominees for Young Citizen of the Year must be under 25 years of age.

The current awards are geared towards recognising individual accomplishments, which is reflected in the above criteria. However, community development initiatives seeking to engage the community look to empowering not only individuals, but also community groups and organisations, to develop initiatives and build partnerships so projects are implemented within a sustainable model. The inclusion of groups in the criteria would aid in recognising their valuable contribution to our community.

It is clear that some individuals or groups that operate within the local government area bringing significant benefit to the Woollahra community may not live in the Woollahra municipality. They may commute here for work and be involved in local projects, or choose to be involved in a local initiative in an area in which they do not live. Therefore it is proposed to review the following criterion: 'nominees must be residents of the Woollahra Municipality'.

Randwick Council is able to include such initiatives by having a criterion that states "nominees must live in the City of Randwick and/or have a strong affiliation with a project or organisation in Randwick."

The current eligibility criteria do not encourage nominations of residents for community work outside the LGA. It is recognised in the objective that persons can be nominated for contribution to the wider community. This has also been shown in awarding the 2011 Young Citizen of the Year award to Antonia Clarke for her work in Africa and in Redfern. It is important that these achievements by our local residents are recognised as it is a positive role model for life long contribution to community.

### Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony is currently held in conjunction with our Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and in previous years, the ceremony has been linked with a Council meeting. However there is a great opportunity for the ceremony to be a celebration for the community, recognising local community members and groups. Therefore invitation to the event should be extended to a broad range of individuals and groups who contribute to the community. It is also recognised that there is benefit in showcasing accomplishments in a public forum, which would help to further build the profile of the winners, as well as inspire attendees. A standalone community event would further achieve the objective of the program.

### Award Title

In reviewing the awards, it is timely to review the awards program name to one that reflects the new direction of the program, while not diluting the status currently accorded to being 'citizen of the year'. As such, an umbrella name such as the 'Woollahra Citizenship Awards' is considered relevant as it would be inclusive of the range of categories already identified above.

### **Proposal:**

It is proposed that:

1. The Objective is altered to become: "to recognise individuals and groups who have demonstrated excellent citizenship and contribution to the people of Woollahra and/or the wider community."
2. The Eligibility Criteria is expanded to include:
  - Groups and organisations as well as individuals.
  - Persons/groups who either live in the LGA, or persons/groups who don't live in the LGA but contribute to projects which benefit the Woollahra community.
  - Persons/groups who live in the LGA whose work benefits communities outside the municipality.
3. The categories reflect that:
  - Every year the main award remains as the "Citizen of the Year".
  - Other categories that may also be awarded include:
    - Senior's Award
    - Most Innovative Community Project (which has an impact either locally or internationally)
    - Most Innovative Community project (schools)
    - Contribution to the Environment (includes individual and/or group)
    - Contribution to Community (includes individual and/or group)
    - Youth Award (includes individual and/or group)
    - Most Innovative Community Cultural/Arts Initiative

The Awards Assessment Panel will be able to award based on merit, without being committed to issuing a certain number of awards per year. Not all categories need to be awarded each year. More than one person/group may win an award in any category.

4. The ceremony is an event specifically for the proposed award program.
5. The awards are retitled: 'Woollahra Citizenship Awards'.

Please see Annexure 1 for a Draft Proposal – Woollahra Citizenship Awards.

**Identification of Income & Expenditure:**

An allocation of \$3000 is listed in the 2011-12 Budget for the awards program.

**Conclusion:**

The Citizen of the Year Awards Program has been supported by Council for many years. The objective is to recognise those who have demonstrated excellent citizenship and contribution to the people of Woollahra and/or the wider community. The review has identified a number of changes which will further improve the awards program and provide greater recognition of the range and type of community work being carried out locally.

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**Annexures:**

Annexure 1: Draft Proposal – Woollahra Citizenship Awards.

**Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Author:** Maria Lacey, Cultural Development Officer  
**File No:** 1160.G Public Art  
**Reason for Report:** To table the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 June 2011.

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 8 June 2011 be noted and endorsed.

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**Background:**

This report outlines the meeting held by the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) on 8 June 2011.

**Public Art Projects 2011:**

The Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) continues to develop the public art ideas and opportunities short listed at the PAAC meeting on 9 February 2011. A summary of PAAC generated public art priority projects and their respective directions are as follows:

1. **Signal/Utility Box Project:** The Traffic Signal Box project was adopted by Council at its meeting on 30 May 2011. The project will include four boxes on three sites, and a risk assessment of the project will be undertaken in July.
2. **Royal Hospital for Women Park - Constructing Memory:** The report from Technical Services was submitted to the Community and Environment Committee meeting on 16 May 2011 following the request for a playground in this location. It was decided that any further investigation into a playground in the park be postponed pending the outcomes of investigation into public art for the park in 2011/2012. PAAC has appointed a Working Party to continue discussions on the advancement of the project.
3. **Temporary Art Installation Program:** annual temporary public art program for outdoor areas in the Municipality. PAAC is discussing the logistic and practical challenges of this project in relation to how to proceed.
4. **Women in Woollahra Public Art Project:** This project was previously adopted by Council as Stage 3 of the Women in Woollahra Project. The Committee decided that this project will be re-visited at a later stage.

**Watsons Bay Baths Public Art Project update:**

The completion date for this project has been revised. It is now estimated to finish in the beginning of August. An artwork launch will be organised following the completion of the project.

**Public Art Trust:**

Ongoing research into the establishment of a Public Art Trust is being conducted. Initial consultation with art industry professionals is advancing the project.

**Exhibition Guidelines:**

Draft Exhibition Guidelines for the Customer Service area have been presented to Manex and gained support. The final Exhibition Guidelines and Application Form are being prepared.

**Conclusion:**

PAAC is continuing to advance the identified 2011 Public Art Projects. PAAC was in full support of the Signal Box Project as a priority project to be commenced before the end of the financial year 2010/11.

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**Annexures:**

1. Minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting, Wednesday 8 June 2011.



**Item No:** D5 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Underground Parking in Paddington**  
**Author:** Alan Opera – Manager Engineering Services  
**File No:** 422.G Part 2  
**Reason for Report:** Report on the results of public consultation.

### **Recommendation**

That Council take no further action in relation to the proposal to provide underground street parking for residents of Paddington.

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### **Background**

At its meeting held on 1 November 2010 the Community & Environment Committee considered a report on a proposal for an underground carpark in Stafford Street, Paddington. At that time the staff recommended that no further action be taken on the proposal, noting the very high capital costs of the project and the high risk of technical and logistical problems. The report also questioned the use of substantial public resources to provide an essentially private benefit. A copy of this report is attached as Annexure 1.

The Committee resolved to defer the matter to enable residents of Stafford Street, Union Street, Heeley Street and other affected streets to be surveyed regarding their views on the proposal.

Letters and questionnaires were distributed on 6 May 2011 to over 280 residences in Stafford Street, Duxford Street and sections of Heeley Street and Union Street. The letter and questionnaire described the proposal and sought residents views as well as their willingness to participate in and contribute to this proposal. Residents were requested to respond by 20 May, 2011. A copy of the letter and questionnaire are attached as Annexures 2 and 3.

### **Survey Results**

A total of 80 questionnaire responses were received. This represents a very high response rate of 28.5%. Additionally a 58-name petition was received from residents of Stafford Street and neighbouring streets.

Of the questionnaires returned, 63 respondents (79%) oppose the construction of an underground carpark in Stafford Street and 17 respondents (21%) favour the proposal. Only 15 respondents indicated that they would purchase or would consider purchasing one or more carspaces totalling 24 carspaces. Respondents indicated a willingness to purchase only 12 carspaces off the plan.

Note: Although residents were requested to respond by 20 May, 2011, 4 late responses have been included as some residents/owners had been out of town at the time of the survey and they have requested that their late responses be considered. These late responses have been included in the survey summary but as they are few in number they do not alter the overall findings.

The 58-name petition which was received opposes the carpark citing “*damage that the proposal would cause to the streetscape and to the amenity of the area*”. As the questionnaires were not required to be signed it is not possible to determine how many of these petitioners also responded to the questionnaire independently.

There were several major and consistent issues cited in submissions by those opposed to the proposal. These include drainage issues (particularly as drainage is an issue for existing properties), impact on heritage streetscape, removal of trees, noise and traffic generation and security / safety concerns.

A summary of the survey responses is attached as Annexure 4 and a copy of the petition is attached as Annexure 5.

### **Summary**

The survey was conducted to obtain the views of local residents and to determine the willingness of residents to participate in the proposal for an underground carpark. Only 21% of respondents favour the proposal and only 19% of respondents indicated a willingness to purchase a carspace if the proposal was adopted.

It is important to note that although some respondents indicated a willingness to purchase carspaces (totalling up to 24 of the proposed 40 carspaces), residents only indicated a willingness to purchase 12 of these carspaces off the plan.

There is significant local community objection to the proposal, namely, 79% of questionnaire respondents and a 58-name petition, and this objection is especially noted from residents of Stafford Street who will be heavily impacted during the construction period. Whilst some respondents have indicated a willingness to participate and to contribute, it is considered that the number of possible participants does not form a sound basis for Council to proceed with the proposal.

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### **Annexures:**

1. Report to C&E on 1 November 2010.
2. Copy of letter distributed on 6 May 2011.
3. Copy of questionnaire distributed on 6 May 2011.
4. Summary of survey responses.
5. Copy of petition.

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