



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 10 August 2009*

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).

Delegated Authority (“D” Items):

- Community Services and Programmes.
- Health.
- Liquor Licences.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waverley/Woollahra Process Plant.
- 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 Meeting.
- 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 below.
- Library Services
- Licensing.
- Regulatory.
- Waste Minimisation

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 the 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, or which are not the subject of a Business Agenda (current or past).
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors, in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards".
- Parks and Reserve Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives)
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies

Committee Membership:

7 Councillors

Quorum:

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

6 August 2009

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

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 10 August 2009

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 10 August 2009 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

Other Matters

Meeting Agenda

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 27 July 2009**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 27 July 2009 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 July 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager - Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 4 August 2009**
Author: Warwick Hatton –Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2009
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendations Y1-Y7 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee, and as signed by the members of the Committee, held on Tuesday 4 August 2009 be adopted.

Warwick Hatton
Director - Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 August 2009 at 10.00am.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Const Louise Tsolakis	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Mr John Giblin	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Apologies:	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Mr Roy Bishop	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
Observer:	Mr E Graham	(State Transit Authority)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.06/09 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 7 July 2009 were confirmed by Mr N Prasad.

The minutes of Extraordinary Meeting No.06a/09 held by email on Tuesday 14 July 2009 were confirmed by Mr N Prasad.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

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

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Meeting No.06a/09 held by email on Tuesday 14 July, 2009.

6. Late Correspondence

Nil

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 /Majority/Split Vote/Minority/Unanimous Decline

Recommendation:

A. That the recommendations of Item Y1-1 to Y1-3 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

Item Y1-1: Old South Head Road, Watsons Bay-Temporary alteration to parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the “No Parking, Wedding or Funeral Vehicles Excepted” zone in front of Our Lady, Star of the Sea church be changed to unrestricted parking from 9am-2pm on Sunday, August 16, 2009.
2. That the church wardens be permitted to cover this signage at 9am and remove the covers at 2pm following the event.
3. That the applicant ensure that the No Stopping (Arrow Right) sign at the southern end of this zone be retained and be clearly visible at all times.

Item Y1-2: Smith Street, Woollahra – Extension of parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the “No Parking” zone on the northern side of Smith Street at the rear of No. 37 Jersey Road, Woollahra be extended in an easterly direction across the driveway to this property.

Item Y1-3: Glenview Lane, Paddington – Provision of parking restrictions

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

1. That the “No Parking” zone on the northern side of Glenview Lane across the road from the vehicular access to No.33 Glenview Street be extended by 3.6 metres in a westerly direction.

Item No: Y2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Epping Road, Double Bay – Traffic Calming**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: T155
Reason for Report: Report on Community Consultation in respect of Traffic Calming Proposal.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the installation of 75mm recycled rubber speed humps between the concrete islands at the locations shown in Annexure 1 be approved for installation in front of Nos.18, 38-40 and 58 Epping Road (Stage 1).
- B. That the installation of a 75mm recycled rubber speed hump just north of the Epping Road driveway to No.100 Manning Road as shown in Annexure 1 be approved in principle (Stage 2).
- C. That Stage 1 be implemented first and the situation monitored six months after the installation of the humps at these three (3) locations to determine whether or not it is necessary to proceed with the fourth hump referred to in Stage 2.
- D. That all residents with a frontage to Epping Road be advised of Council's decision on this matter.

Item No: Y3 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Ian Lane, Rose Bay – Proposal For One Way(East)**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 246.
Reason for Report: Request by a resident of Rose Bay who has vehicular access from Ian Lane to change the traffic flows in this lane from Two-Way to One-Way (East).

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the applicant be advised that the proposal to change the directional flow from two-way to one-way (East) is not supported for the following reasons:
 - i. The residents in the area and users of Ian Lane will be inconvenienced by a one-way movement at this location and it is considered that the retention of two-way traffic in this lane encourages the exit of vehicles from this area onto Newcastle Street from the roundabout at the Ian Street/Newcastle Street intersection which is regarded as a safe option.
 - ii. One-way movement will lead to an increase in speeds.
 - iii. There are no recorded accidents on Ian Lane.

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

Subject: **Bellevue Hill Fun Run – From Woollahra Golf Course To Bellevue Park**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 37.G Traffic / T34.

Reason for Report: Request by Parcfitness Club to have a fun run from Woollahra Golf Course to Bellevue Park.

Committee Vote: Majority Support (Police representative abstained from voting)

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for the Bellevue Hill Fun Run at 7.30am-9.30am on Sunday 6 September, 2009 to be categorised as a Category 3 special event, subject to the following conditions :
- i. The applicant must obtain approval for the event from the Police by completing a “Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly” form.
 - ii. The applicant must obtain approvals for the use of Woollahra Golf Course and Bellevue Park.
 - iii. The applicant complying with the Traffic Management Plan and relevant Traffic Control Plan submitted to Council for this event. Council shall submit these documents to the RTA’s Sydney Transport Management Centre (TMC) for information prior to the event.
 - iv. That buses be given priority at all of the road crossings during the event.
 - v. The applicant must inform all business proprietors, residents and other occupants on the route of the fun run of the proposed activity, at least fourteen (14) days and then two (2) days before the event via a letterbox drop.
 - vi. The applicant must supply, erect and remove any barriers and traffic signs necessary for the rolling road closures.
 - vii. 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 indemnifying Council to the value of \$10,000,000 shall be provided to Council prior to the event. Council must be listed as an interested party on the insurance.
 - viii. Council must be reimbursed for the cost of repair of any damage caused to Council property as a result of the activities.
 - ix. The applicant must inform all Emergency Services of the proposed event (i.e. Fire Brigade, Ambulance and the SES), with all services (eg. Stop valves, fire hydrants, etc.) to remain free of any obstruction.
 - x. Noise created by use of equipment or any activity must be controlled as required by the “Protection Of The Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2000”.
 - xi. The applicant must make arrangements to collect and remove all waste from the fun run route.
 - xii. Woollahra Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.
 - xiii. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with the event.

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

Subject: **Temporary Road Closure Of Newcastle Street, Between New South Head Road And Wilberforce Avenue – “Rose Bay Street Fair”**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 37.G Traffic / 328.

Reason for Report: Request from Rose Bay Rotary Club for a temporary road closure of Newcastle Street between New South Head Road and Wilberforce Avenue on Sunday 25 October 2009 from 6.30am to 4.30pm for the Rose Bay Street Fair.

Committee Vote: Majority Support (Police representative abstained from voting)

Recommendation:

- A. That subject to RTA and Police approvals, Council approval be granted for the temporary road closure of Newcastle Street between New South Head Road and Wilberforce Avenue, which will be categorised as a Category 2 event, on Sunday 25 October, 2009 from 6.30am to 4.30pm for the Rose Bay Street Fair, subject to the following conditions :
- i. The applicant must submit an Activity Application to Council’s Compliance Section and this application needs to be approved and the applicant must comply with any conditions of consent.
 - ii. The applicant must obtain approval for the event from Police by completing a “Notice of Intention to Hold a Public Assembly” form.
 - iii. The applicant must submit a Traffic Management Plan including the relevant Traffic Control Plan/s prepared by an RTA accredited traffic consultant to Council and the RTA for approval as required by the RTA Special Events Guide.
 - iv. The applicant is to liaise with the RTA to arrange for any temporary alterations required for the traffic signals at the New South Head Road / Newcastle Street intersection during the event.
 - v. The applicant must inform all business proprietors, residents and other occupants in the vicinity of the proposed activities, at least fourteen (14) days before the event via a letterbox drop and an advertisement placed in the local paper at least seven (7) days before the event. The notification and advertisement must be in a format approved by Council’s Traffic Engineer.
 - vi. The applicant must supply and erect any barriers and traffic signs necessary for the road closure and remove them at the completion of the event.
 - vii. 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 indemnifying Council to the value of \$10,000,000 shall be provided to Council prior to the event. Council must be listed as an interested party on the insurance.
 - viii. Council must be reimbursed for the cost of repair of any damage caused to Council property as a result of the activities.
 - ix. The applicant must inform all Emergency Services of the proposed road closure (that is Fire Brigade, Ambulance and the RTA) and must maintain a four-metre emergency vehicle lane at all times, with all services (eg. fire hydrants) remaining free of any obstruction.
 - x. Noise created by use of equipment or activity must be controlled as required by the “Protection Of The Environment Operations (Noise Control) Regulation 2000”.

- xi. The applicant must make arrangements to remove all waste from the site at the end of the event.
- xii. Woollahra Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.
- xiii. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs associated with the event.

Item No: Y6 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **Cooper Street, Paddington Construction Project – TCP & Signage**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 113.Project
Reason for Report: Traffic Committee approval of TCP and signage for Cooper Street Construction Project.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the TCPs for Stages 1, 2 & 3 of the Resurfacing Works and Drainage Works detailed in Annexure 1 be approved.

Item No: Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **No. 2 Foster Avenue, Bellevue Hill – Works Zone**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: 407.G Pt12
Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Recommendation:

- A. That the application for a Works Zone to serve the development at No.2 Foster Avenue, Bellevue Hill not be approved.

8. Late Items

Nil

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

Warwick Hatton
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Ward Based community meetings**
Author: Les Windle - Manager Governance
Justine Henderson – Communications Manager
File No: 900.G
Reason for Report: To respond to a Notice of Motion adopted by Council

Recommendation:

- A. That Council:
- (i) note the report and the current actions undertaken by Council to advise on activities of the Council,
 - (ii) note the status of the community engagement project proposed for the development of Council's Community Strategic Plan,
- B. That all Councillors be surveyed to identify their interest in conducting ward based community meetings, including preferred format, location and frequency of meetings, and a further report submitted to the Committee.

Background:

At the meeting held on 27 April 2009 Council adopted the following Notice of Motion:

That a report be made to the Community & Environment Committee on Council facilitating regular (6 monthly) ward based community meetings including where appropriate existing residents associations. The objective of the meetings being to act as a forum to brief local residents on current issues affecting their area, and receive feedback from residents.

Discussion:

In discussing the Notice of Motion at the 27 April Council meeting it was suggested that Ward Councillors hold a meeting every six months to meet with their constituents. The meetings would allow the two way flow of information and ideas between Councillors and their constituents on what Council is doing or proposing to do in the Ward and providing an opportunity for the constituents to raise matters with their Councillors. The proposal would have, say, Bellevue Hill Ward Councillor meetings in February and July, Cooper Ward Councillor meetings in March and August, Double Bay Ward Councillor meetings in April and September and so on.

When presenting the Notice of Motion Councillor Medcraft advised that the proposal was for the meetings to include Councillors only and that staff were not required to attend. It is considered that there would also be a community expectation that the Mayor attend the meetings as well. This report addresses the proposal in this form.

As the proposal involves the five groups of Ward Councillors, discussions with each group of Councillors would need to be held to determine matters such as:

- Availability of Councillors to participate
- Venue of meetings – at Redleaf or within each Ward (depending on meeting schedule and availability of community halls)
- Timing of the meetings – week night or weekends

- Duration of the meetings
- Format of the meetings – formal with an agenda or informal
- If the meetings were to be formal, the process and timing required for setting agendas, collating information and publicising the meeting and agenda
- Chairing of the meetings
- Identification of appropriate residents associations/groups
- Promoting the meetings through current communication mediums (Mayoral column, web site, What's On newsletter etc. Advertising would cost up to \$1,000 per advert depending on the level of content)
- Anticipated outcome actions from the meetings and the process to progress the matters raised.

As individual Councillors or group of Ward Councillors may have differing views or expectations on these matters, discussions would need to be held with the Councillors of each Ward. Once these details have been determined for each group of Ward Councillors a further report would be submitted to the Committee detailing the responses. Under the Notice of Motion proposal staff involvement in the meetings would be limited to booking the venues and advertising the meetings. That conduct of the meetings would be the responsibility of the Councillors.

As the meetings are to provide an opportunity for the Councillors to meet with their constituents, the proposal should be considered as “Councillor” driven rather than “Council” driven. As such it would be up to the Councillors, through the Ward groups, to determine if meetings are to occur and if so, when, where and how their Ward meetings will be held.

To assist with considering the proposal the following matters should be considered:

- Pros and cons of implementing ward based community meetings
- Alternate Community Consultation Models
- Current processes available for constituents to raise matters of interest with Councillors
- Current actions by Council to advise the community on the activities of Council
- Community consultation actions being taken by Council
- Current involvement of residents associations and community groups

Pros and cons of implementing ward based community meetings

Pros:

1. The meetings would provide an opportunity for Councillors to meet their constituents at regular scheduled meetings.
2. Allows Councillors to become aware of local issues on a regular basis.
3. Allows Councillors to provide more detailed information to the community on what is happening in their area.
4. Constituents who may not normally contact Councillors may be more comfortable participating in a forum environment.

Cons:

1. The meetings could be high jacked by some constituents by raising matters already before the Council, ie DA's - where more appropriate and formal opportunities are in place for concerns to be raised and addressed by Council.
2. It may be difficult to restrict attendance to Ward constituents only at meetings where matters affecting the wider area are current, ie the Ashington development proposal has a wider affect on the whole of the Municipality than just the Double Bay Ward residents and businesses.
3. The meetings would represent additional meetings for Councillors and the Mayor when matters could be raised by constituents by other and possibly more appropriate and less confrontational means or processes.

4. The additional cost to Council of advertising the meetings.
5. Engaging participants to represent the breadth of community views.

Alternate Community Consultation Models

Sydney City Council holds several Lord Mayor Community Forums throughout the year at various locations within the City boundary. These are formal meetings with an agenda and are attended by Councillors and senior staff. The meetings provide an opportunity for Councillors and senior staff to meet with community members and provide advice on projects underway and being planned in the area as well as updates on major development applications in that area.

Sydney City Council is not divided into wards and comprises the Lord Mayor and 9 Councillors who are invited to attend all community forums. Non attendance of any Councillor at any community forum would not disrupt or be seen as reducing the importance of the forums.

Sydney City Council provides a highly structured forum with a high level of staff involvement with administrative support both before and after the forums and senior staff attending the forums.

This consultation model may not suit Woollahra due to the electoral differences between the Councils and the structured format of the activity chosen by Sydney City.

The Notice of Motion proposal is for Councillor managed meetings and as they are to be ward based, it would be important for the success of the meetings that all Councillors attend all meetings. Meetings that do not include all of the Ward Councillors may detract from the purpose of the community meetings.

A less structured but effective and ongoing consultation process is what is currently occurring with The Queen Street West Woollahra Association. The Association regularly forwards correspondence to the Mayor raising matters of interest, as they occur, or raised by their membership. The Mayor then arranges for the appropriate Council Officer to respond to the matters. The Mayor and Councillors are also invited and attend meetings of The Queen Street West Woollahra Association. This form of consultation allows immediate and up to date information being transferred between the parties.

Other local associations and groups also have regular dialogue with Councillors and Council.

Current processes available for constituents to raise matters of interest with Councillors

There are a number of avenues available for members of the public to have direct contact with Councillors to discuss or raise local issues. These include:

- telephone,
- e-mail,
- facsimile,
- direct mail to Council, or the Councillor's nominated public contact address,
- scheduled meetings with Councillors and/or the Mayor at Council.

Councillor contact details are available on Council's website and through Council's Customer Service Department.

Other avenues for members of the public to raise matters for the consideration of Councillors is through the Public Forum at Council Meetings and by participating on community based committees including:

- Access Committee,
- Community Safety Committee
- Animal Advisory Committee
- Bicycle Working Party
- Vegetation Management Working Party
- Friends of Woollahra Library
- Small Sculpture Prize Advisory Committee
- Floodplain Risk Management Committee
- Paddington Community Garden Association

The Public Forum at Council Meetings was introduced to allow members of the public to bring specific Woollahra matters or general local government matters of interest to the attention of Councillors. The Public Forum at Council Meetings has been in operation since October 2005 (46 months) and during that time 10 addresses have been made to the Council.

Current actions by Council to advise the community on the activities of Council

Council currently undertakes the following actions/activities to provide information to the public on Council's activities and decisions:

- On Council's website
- Advertisements in the Wentworth Courier
- A weekly Mayoral Column and notification page in the Wentworth Courier
- Regular media stories in the local media
- Meeting agendas available on Council's website, Redleaf Council Chambers and Libraries
- Meeting minutes available on Council's website, Redleaf Council Chambers and Libraries
- Letters sent to residents where Council will be undertaking works such as road works and tree removal/replacements
- Letterbox drops to wider areas of the Municipality on proposed Council activities in the area or other matters of interest affecting the area
- Over 1000 copies of the What's On calendar of events are printed and distributed each month. It is distributed to a mix of community groups, local schools, organisations, community centres, churches as well as a number of residents and other individuals who have requested to receive copies. The publication is also placed in all Council outlets, such as library branches and customer service. In addition to this, there are approximately 200 email subscribers. This service is also available by e-mail subscription
- Council staff are available during normal business hours to provide information and advice on matters of Council business and operations. Referral information provided by customer service staff and Council staff
- Mayor/Councillor attendance at a range of community events
- Display in customer service centre/ plasma screen power point rolling display.

Community consultation actions taken by Council

Council undertook Community Surveys in 2000 and 2004. The outcome of the Community Surveys guided Council in the drafting of the succeeding Management Plans and the recently adopted Delivery Program 2009 to 2013 and Operational Plan 2009/10.

Council has also undertaken extensive community consultation during preparation of the following:

- Social and Cultural Plan 2008-2013
- Woollahra Library and Information Services Strategy 2007
- Community Capacity Survey 2007
- Woollahra Recreation needs Assessment and Strategy 2006

Consultation for these Plans/Strategies included surveys, workshops, face to face interviews and public meetings.

As part of the change to the new corporate planning and reporting framework which Council is currently implementing, community consultation is a key requirement to determine the long term community expectations and desires of local residents and guide Council in the development of the Community Strategic Plan. The development and implementation of a community engagement program to inform the Woollahra Community Strategic Plan 2025 is a key Action in Council's Delivery Program 2009-2013/Operational Plan 2009-2010.

To undertake this key action a Community Engagement Working Party has been established with membership of five Councillors and senior staff.

Appointment to the Working Party was delegated to the Mayor and a Councillor from each Ward has been appointed. The members are Councillors Carmichael (Chair), Jarnason, Wynne, Young and Zeltzer. The first meeting of the Working Party was held on Monday 1st July with a further meeting held on Tuesday 28th July to consider the draft consultants brief for the upcoming community engagement project.

The Working Party will oversee the project that will assist Council in developing the Woollahra Community Strategic Plan representing the community's and Council's shared vision for our area and setting clear goals to meet this vision.

While undertaking this community engagement Council will survey the community on satisfaction levels and the importance of services and facilities provided by Council.

Preliminary Working Party views are that we gather more factual information on what the community wants in terms of communication, how it wants to receive communication and how often.

Perhaps it would be wise to gather this feedback before proceeding with a set view of the Ward based meetings.

If the ward based community meetings are implemented Council would need to ensure that the community meetings be consistent with the Community Engagement Working Party and not conflict with the outcomes of that community engagement process.

Current involvement of residents associations and community groups

There are numerous residents associations, community groups and chambers of commerce that interact with Council and Councillors on matters affecting their members or community of interest.

Some associations and groups are more active than others with some contacting Council and/or Councillors on a regular basis to raise matters of interest or concern while others are more reactive to matters occurring within Council, ie by lodging submissions or lobbying Councillors on development applications.

Council recognises the important contribution that the residents associations and community groups bring to Council and encourages and values these relationships.

Conclusion:

This report responds to a Notice of Motion to investigate the holding of regular ward based community meetings. The report identifies matters that would need to be further investigated with Ward Councillors should Council decide to proceed with the proposal.

Councillors may wish to use the information gathered in the Community Engagement process to best inform them before proceeding to investigate the benefits, objectives, costs, format and community interest in hosting the proposed 10 meetings throughout the 12 month period.

Alternatively, Councillors could be surveyed to identify their interest in conducting ward based community meetings, including preferred format, location and frequency of meetings, and a further report submitted to the Committee.

Les Windle
Manager Governance

Justine Henderson
Communications Manager

Stephen Dunshea
Director Corporate Services

Annexures:

Nil

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Old South Head Road, Bondi Junction To Vaucluse – Alteration To Speed Limits**
Author: Paul Davidson – Team Leader Traffic and Transport Engineer
File No: T338
Reason for Report: Deferred pending advice from the RTA on the reasons for the intended reduction in the speed limit in this area.

Recommendation:

- A. That the RTA's advice on its proposal to alter the speed limit from 60 kph to 50 kph on the section of Old South Head Road, from Syd Einfeld Drive to its intersection with New South Head Road be noted.

Background:

At the Traffic Committee meeting held on 2 June 2009 it was reported that the RTA had advised Council that its Road Safety Section had conducted a review of the speed zoning in Old South Head Road between Syd Einfeld Road and its intersection with New South Head Road and that the RTA intended to reduce the speed limit in this section of road from 60 kph to 50 kph.

The Traffic Committee recommended to the Community and Environment Committee that this matter be noted.

At its meeting held on 29 June 2009 the C&E Committee resolved that consideration of this item be deferred pending advice being sought from the RTA on the reasons for the intended reduction in the speed limit in this area.

Issues:

The RTA was requested to provide the reasons for the proposed reduction of the speed limit on Old South Head Road and responded on 23 July 2009 as follows:

“The RTA received a request from the Local MP Mr Peter Debnam on behalf of local constituents to review the speed limit on Old South Head Road between New South Head Road, Vaucluse and Syd Einfeld Drive, Bondi Junction. This review revealed a significant crash history along this route including 23 pedestrian crashes in the 5 years between 2003 and 2007. This route is lined with residential dwellings, parked vehicles and commercial premises are found on corner blocks.

The RTA is proposing to reduce the speed limit from 60 km/h to 50 km/h on Old South Head Road between New South Head Road, Vaucluse and Syd Einfeld Drive, Bondi Junction.

Speed limits in NSW, as in other parts of Australia, are determined by a number of factors including the surrounding conditions, road alignment, road usage, adjacent development, vehicle types and volumes, crash history, and the number of access points along the route.

Old South Head Road between New South Head Road, Vaucluse and Syd Einfeld Drive, Bondi Junction is a two lane two way road with parking in each direction and also contains a significant number of driveways and intersections. Old South Head Road is predominately surrounded by residential development, commercial areas and has high levels of pedestrian activity. Old South Head Road is an undivided road which is mainly used by local traffic commuters and provides the general public with an access route to Bondi Beach.

A 5 year crash history between 2003 and 2007 showed that there has been 292 crashes on Old South Head Road which resulted in 1 fatality and 157 injuries. It should also be noted that 23 crashes involved pedestrians.

The crash statistics revealed that the number of crashes on Old South Head Road is high for this type of road and the pedestrian crashes are a significant concern.”

The RTA has also advised that it will use advertising in Sydney newspapers to inform the public of the changed speed limit and provide VMS (Variable Message Boards) prior to the implementation of 50km/hr speed limit.

Conclusion:

Old South Head Road is heavily trafficked for its full length and the ongoing incidence and severity of accidents is very high along this route. Reduction in the speed limit is a suitable measure to control traffic and at the same time to improve road user safety and is considered to be an appropriate treatment for Old South Head Road.

As this section of Old South Head Road is a State Road under the RTA’s control and as the setting of speed limits on all NSW roads is an RTA function the advice to Council on these alterations has been forwarded as information only.

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Annexures: Nil

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Areas Affected By Boat and Trailer Parking**
Author: Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer
File No: 255.G
Reason for Report: To respond to a request for information by Council

Recommendation:

That the information in this report be noted.

Background:

At the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 27 April 2009 Council considered a report about the limitations of legislation available to local government to control Boat and Trailer parking and resolved:

- A. *That Council make representations to the LGSA, SSROC, the Minister for Roads and the Premier of NSW to set up a taskforce with a view to changing the NSW Road Rules in a manner which would allow councils to regulate the use of their local roads with respect to boats, trailers and other vehicles with advertising.*
- B. *That Council note that no mechanism exists under current legislation to permit councils to charge for boat and trailer parking on public roads.*
- C. *That Council be provided with information on areas where boats, trailers and other vehicles with advertising are continually parked.*

Issues:

Part A of the resolution has been actioned, but as yet, no response has been received.

Part C of the resolution requests information on the locations where boats, trailers and other advertising vehicles regularly park and is the subject of this report.

Advertising Trailers:

The advertising trailers refer to the trailers that are parked along the high volume routes of the municipality, mainly in New South Head Road along the Rose Bay foreshore. The majority of these trailers (parked for long periods of time) were located between Wunulla Road and Cranbrook Road. Council recently altered the parking restrictions at this location to 4P 6am-12 noon, Mon-Fri and this has served to remove of some of the trailers and move the others further to the north between Cranbrook Road and the Rose Bay Shopping Centre. There is also one of the trailers now parked in Wunulla Road just outside the Rose Bay Police Station and still visible to northbound traffic in New South Head Road.

There have also been shorter term problems with these advertising trailers in New South Head Road near the Council chambers and there has also been occasional advertising trailers parked in New Beach Road but these don't appear to have had the desired effect for the advertiser and have been moved by the owner.

Boat Parking:

This is a much greater problem than the advertising trailers. The most obvious locations where non-local people park their boats in this municipality are on the eastern side (park side) of Old South Head Road between Village High Road and Belah Avenue and on the western side of Norwich Road, Rose Bay (outside the Royal Sydney Golf Course). There are/or have been boats parked in Kiaora Road, Double Bay, Wolseley Road, Point Piper, Ocean Avenue, Double Bay (outside the Double Bay Primary School), Albermarle Avenue, Rose Bay, New Beach Road, Darling Point and numerous other streets in the municipality. Council cannot access the RTA database which shows the owners of these registered boat trailers and it is therefore not possible to determine whether or not boats parked at isolated locations are owned by adjoining residents.

In the past Council has altered parking restrictions to move boats (which are not owned by locals) out of residential streets. This has been carried out in streets near the Lyne Park boat ramp, such as Newcastle Street and O'Sullivan Road. Parking restrictions were also altered in the Council's carpark at the rear of the Rose Bay tennis courts for the same reason. While these parking restrictions have been effective in removing the boats from these streets/areas, it is likely that the boats previously parked at these locations have moved to another location in the municipality.

Conclusion:

As indicated in the previous report on this matter, nothing exists under current legislation to permit councils to control boat and trailer parking on public roads. Council has written to the LGSA, SSROC, the Minister for Roads and the Premier of NSW to set up a taskforce with a view to changing the NSW Road Rules in a manner which would allow councils to regulate the use of their local roads with respect to boats, trailers and other vehicles with advertising.

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Annexures:

Nil

Item No: D6 Delegated to Committee

Subject: **Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009 and Review of Bike Plan 2000**

Author: Alan Opera – Manager Engineering Services

File No: 256.G

Reason for Report: To present the draft report on the Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009 and Review of the Bike Plan 2000

Recommendation:

- A. That the draft Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009 and Review of the Bike Plan 2000 be placed on public exhibition.
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Background:

In 2000 Woollahra Council in consultation with Waverley Council adopted the Woollahra Waverley Bike Plan 2000.

Between 2000-2009 the plan was implemented progressively and to date nearly 50% of the plan has been completed.

In 2008 it was resolved to review the bike plan. We commissioned GTA Consultants to review the progress made with implementation of the 2000 Bike Plan and to develop a Bicycle Strategy for future implementation.

In the process of this review, GTA conducted numerous surveys (including surveys of bike users, school children, and the general public) and bike counts at various locations. Additionally GTA consulted with various bodies (including adjoining Councils, BikeEast, RTA, STA, etc.). Progress of the review was reported on several occasions to the Bike Working Party.

Issues:

A copy of the draft Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009 and Review of the Bike Plan 2000 report has been forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.

The main issues that were considered during the review of the Bike Plan 2000 are:

- Concerns that have been expressed about the appropriateness of some routes proposed in the Woollahra Bike Plan 2000, the visual impact of bike logos and signs, and the cost of implementation of bike routes.
- Competition for limited road and footpath space between motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Increased community support for cycling as a form of alternative transport, particularly in inner-city areas.
- Benefits in regard to motor vehicle emissions and air pollution, traffic congestion and demand for parking spaces, and health-related issues such as obesity.
- The South Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils Regional Bicycle Network Plan to ensure the compatibility of the Woollahra Bike Plan with adjoining Local Government Areas, namely City of Sydney, Randwick City and Waverley Municipality.

The Woollahra Bicycle Strategy 2009 has been developed with six key elements, namely:

- i. The strategy aims to remove redundant routes and remove or defer routes which are difficult or costly to achieve in the short to medium term. The strategy focuses on completing Regional Routes and providing inter-connectivity with other LGA's.
- ii. The strategy aims to minimise construction works and to improve accessibility for cyclists. The strategy of "Every Street a Cycling Street" means that fewer streets will need to be modified as bike routes thereby reducing the amount of civil works, linemarking and signposting required to facilitate bike travel across the Municipality. As the phrasing suggests, every street should be treated as a bicycle friendly street.
- iii. The strategy provides for recreational routes for safe and family-friendly cycling in the vicinity of parks and reserves.
- iv. The strategy proposes developing cycle facilities at/to public transport interchanges and urban villages. A feature of the strategy is to promote bicycle travel for short trips by residents to and from local shopping precincts.
- v. The strategy envisages integrated policies and planning instruments. It provides for the inclusion of cycle facilities and giving due consideration to bicycle transport in road design and construction, in maintenance programs and in development of planning policies and controls.
- vi. The strategy aims to strike a balance between civil works and educational programs, including a ride-to-school strategy to develop sustainable travel habits and cycling confidence from a young age

Each of these elements is explained in detail in Section 4 of the report.

Table 1 in the Executive Summary of the report provides an overview of the routes proposed in the new strategy. Tables 3, 4 and 6 of the report provide a detailed evaluation of each bike route (including new, proposed and deleted routes) and a strategy and time frame (Short/Medium/Long Term) for each route. Tables 3, 4 & 6 refer to Regional, Local and Recreational cycle routes respectively.

Summary:

It is considered that the report has now been advanced to the stage where it should be placed on public exhibition for public comment and be referred to the Traffic Committee, adjoining Councils, and other relevant bodies. The following timetable is proposed:

- Public exhibition including referral to Traffic Committee and neighbouring Councils (4 weeks ending approximately 9 September)
- Report to Bike Working Party on 16 September 2009
- Report to C&E on 28 September 2009 - Recommendation for any amendments and for adoption

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Annexures: Nil

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