

# Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 31 October 2005

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 31 October 2005 at 6.07 pm**

Present: Councillors Anthony Boskovitz (Chair)  
Claudia Cullen  
Marcus Ehrlich  
Tanya Excell  
Fiona Sinclair King

Staff: G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)  
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)  
S Hedge (Parks & Recreation Coordinator)  
G James (General Manager)  
F Lawrence (Manager – Library Services)  
D Sheils (Manager – Public Open Space)  
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)

## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from  
The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie,  
Councillors John Walker & Julian Martin and  
Leave of Absence granted.

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## **Late Correspondence**

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: D2

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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**Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D7)**

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 10 October 2005**  
**Author:** Les Windle – Manager Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of 10 October 2005 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.

**(Ehrlich/Cullen)**

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 10 October 2005 be taken as read and confirmed.

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**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Harbour Beach & Pool Safety**  
**Author:** Tim Tuxford, Manager - Compliance  
**File No:** 138.G/7 (Camp Cove), 138.G Reports (Beach Inspectors Reports), & 140.G/4 (Beach Inspectors)  
**Reason for Report:** To review the current legislative requirements and general procedures and practices that exist to protect users of Council's foreshore facilities from other water based activities and assess the adequacy of the existing signage.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by The Vaucluse Progress Association.

**Note:** Michael Rolfe of The Vaucluse Progress Association addressed the Committee.

**(Sinclair King/Cullen)**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council, in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Regulations and the Department of Local Government's Practice Note 15 – Water Safety, erect new signage at Camp Cove Beach, Watsons Bay Baths, Parsely Bay and Redleaf Pool complying with Council's adopted 'Park Signage' standard, AS 2416 – 2002 *Design and Application of Water Safety Signs* and Statewide's "*Best Practice Manual – Signs as Remote Supervision*".
2. That Council make representations to the NSW Maritime Authority seeking improvements to bather and diver safety at Camp Cove Beach, including but not be limited to;

- (a) Signage complying with AS 2416 – 2002 *Design and Application of Water Safety Signs*, and
  - (b) Effective means of protecting bathers and divers from watercraft
3. That Council's life guards at Camp Cove Beach be directed to continue monitoring boat and water craft activities, requesting vessel owners to move their craft if they encroach into the designated swimming area. Further, the life guards shall contact the NSW Maritime Authority's Boating Service Officer or the NSW Water Police if boat and water craft owners do not adhere to their directions and breach the boat exclusion zone at Camp Cove Beach.
  4. That the telephone number of the Water Police and the NSW Maritime Authority Boating Service Officer be available at the Kiosk.

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**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Library Service comparative performance**  
**Author:** Faye Lawrence – Manager – Library Services  
Kylie Walshe – Director Community Services  
**File No:** 48.G  
**Reason for Report:** To answer the resolution of the Community & Environment Committee of 5 September 2005.

**(Cullen/Ehrlich)**

**Resolved:**

1. That the report regarding the Comparative Performance of the Library Service be noted.
2. That Council support the development of a Library & Information Services Strategy in 2006/07.

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**Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Natural Environment Principal Activity - 1st Quarter Management Plan Review**  
**Author:** Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services  
Allan Coker - Director Planning and Development  
**File No:** 827.G 04-07  
**Reason for Report:** To review the status of works, services and Notices of Motions for the Management Plan principal activity of Natural Environment for the three months ending 30 September 2005.

**(Ehrlich/Excell)**

**Resolved:**

- A. That the status of projects for the Natural Environment principal activity be noted.

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- B. That the variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported quarterly financial review.
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**Item No:** D5 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Parks & Public Space Principal Activity - 1st Quarter Management Plan Review**  
**Author:** Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services  
**File No:** 827.G 04-07  
**Reason for Report:** To review the status of works, services and projects and Notices of Motion for the Management Plan principal activity of Parks and Public Space for the three months ending 30 September 2005.

(Ehrlich/Excell)

**Resolved:**

- A. That the status of projects for the Parks and Public Space principal activity be noted.
- B. That the variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported quarterly financial review.
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**Item No:** D6 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Environmental Works Program Principal Activity - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Management Plan Review**  
**Author:** Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services  
**File No:** 827.G 04-07  
**Reason for Report:** To review the status of works, services, and projects for the Management Plan principal activity of Environmental Works for the year three months ending 30 September 2005.

(Excell/Ehrlich)

**Resolved:**

- A. That the status of projects for the Environmental Works Program principal activity be noted.
- B. That the variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported end of year financial review.
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**Item No:** D7 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Community Services Principal Activity - 1st Quarter Management Plan Review**  
**Author:** Kylie Walshe - Director Community Services  
Tim Tuxford – Manager Compliance  
**File No:** 827.G 04-07  
**Reason for Report:** To review the status of works, services, and Notices of Motion for the Management Plan principal activity of Community Services for the three months ending 30 September 2005.

**(Cullen/Ehrlich)**

**Resolved:**

- A. That the status of projects for the Community Services Principal Activity be noted.
- B. That variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported quarterly financial review.

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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1)**

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Royal Hospital for Women Park – Dog Management**  
**Author:** Scot Hedge, Parks and Recreation Coordinator  
**File No:** 1023.G  
**Reason for Report:** To provide a report on the outcome of the trial off-leash period for dogs between 4.30pm and 8.30am

Note: Jane Anderson, Andrew Bell, Wendy Milon Alys Kitsen, Scot Dunkly, Sarah Scott, Lloyd Daves, Anthony Challinor, Melissa King, Andrew Stephenson addressed the Committee.

**(Cullen/Excell)**

**Recommendation:**

- a) That Council, pursuant to Section 13(6) of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, resolve to declare Royal Hospital for Women Park a “**Type C area - dogs permitted on leash at all times and unleashed between 4.30pm and 8.30am**” (Monday to Saturday) and “**Type A area – dogs prohibited at all times**” (Sunday).
- b) That the controls be reviewed in 6 months.

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 2087 to 2094 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 31 October 2005 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 14 November 2005 as correct.*

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**