



# Community & Environment Committee

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

**Date:** *Tuesday 12 June 2012*

**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 June 2012

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

Dear Councillors

### **Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 12 June 2012**

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 Tuesday 12 June 2012 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**

**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 28 May 2012**  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager - Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 28 May 2012 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 28 May 2012 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle  
Manager – Governance

**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes – 5 June 2012**  
**Author:** Tom O’Hanlon – Director, Technical Services  
**File No:** 595.G 2012  
**Reason for Report:** For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

**Recommendation:**

That the Recommendations Y1-Y8 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 5 June 2012 be adopted.

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Cathy Edwards-Davis  
Manager – Engineering Services

Tom O’Hanlon  
Director Technical Services

## Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 5 June 2012 at 10.00am.

### 1. Attendance

#### Committee Members:

Present:	Ms Cathy Edwards-Davis (Chairperson)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Michael Kayello	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Ms Eloise Robertson	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
	Snr Const Kylie Kemp	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Daniel Pearce	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Carla Hetherington	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Eric Graham	(Transport NSW – State Transit)
	Mr John McDonagh	(Harbour View Residents Group)
Apologies:	Mr Tom O’Hanlon	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Shirlene Yee Yet	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr John Giblin	(Gabrielle Upton MP Representative)
Also in Attendance:	Mr Fuad Khoury	(Roads and Maritime Services)
	Mr Ron Porter	(Resident)
	Mr Stuart Fereday	(Resident)

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### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.04/12 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 1 May 2012 were confirmed by Snr Const Kylie Kemp.

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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

Meeting No.02a/12 held by email on 21 May 2012

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### 6. Late Correspondence

Nil

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



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

**Subject:** **Parking Restrictions Changes**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer,  
**File No:** (Refer to Table 1)

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

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That the recommendations of Item Y1-1 to Y1-6 contained in Annexure 1 be adopted.

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**Item Y1-1: Carlisle Street, Rose Bay – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That 10 metres of No Stopping restrictions be installed on the south-eastern side of Carlisle Street, Rose Bay, just south-west of the pedestrian crossing serving McAuley Primary School.

**Item Y1-2: Wilberforce Avenue, Rose Bay –Alteration to parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That the 5.8 metres of upright kerb on the north-eastern side of Wilberforce Avenue immediately west of the driveway to the Loading Dock which serves Parisi's Food Hall be changed from unrestricted parking to '1P, 8.30am-6pm Mon-Fri,8.30am-12.30pm, Sat'.

**Item Y1-3: Dover Road, Rose Bay – Proposal to install a Taxi Zone**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That this item be deferred to the July Traffic Committee meeting so that discussions can be held between Council officers, Sydney Buses, and the Rose Bay Chamber of Commerce

**Item Y1-4: Knox Lane, Double Bay – Alteration to parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That the 'No Stopping' (Arrow Right), 'Loading Zone, Ticket, 8am-3pm, Mon-Sat, 1P Ticket, 3pm-6pm Mon-Sat' (Arrow Left) sign on the southern side of Knox Lane, Double Bay currently located 3 metres west of the driveway at the rear of No.392 New South Head Road be relocated 2.2 metres in a westerly direction.

**Item Y1-5: Guilfoyle Avenue, Double Bay – Parking restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That 'No Parking' restrictions be installed in Guilfoyle Avenue, Double Bay for a distance of 6.8 metres across the driveway to No.30-36 Bay Street, Double Bay.

**Item Y1-6: Carlotta Road, Double Bay – No Stopping restrictions**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

1. That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the northern side of Carlotta Road, Double Bay from the western kerbline in Arthur Street for a distance of 10.8 metres in a westerly direction.
2. That 'No Stopping' restrictions be installed on the southern side of Carlotta Road, Double Bay from the western kerbline in Suttie Road for a distance of 13.3 metres in a westerly direction.

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

**Subject:** **Norwich Lane, Rose Bay – Traffic Calming**

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

**File No:** T333

**Reason for Report:** Review of traffic calming options in Norwich Lane following resident consultation meeting.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That Council survey the residents of Norwich Lane, Rose Bay to determine their opinion with regard to the following traffic calming options:

- Speed humps/ speed cushions located at the entry from Newcastle Street and midblock
- Footpath installed on the southern side of Norwich Lane, adjacent to 1 Norwich Lane and 45 Newcastle Street
- Entry treatment in Norwich Lane, at Newcastle Street
- Garden beds midblock in Norwich Lane
- Edgeline linemarking on the southern side of Norwich Lane
- Do Nothing

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

**Subject:** **Boundary Lane, Paddington – Parking Restrictions to allow Vehicular Access to Proposed Garage**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 50

**Reason for Report:** Report on proposed alterations to parking restrictions to allow proposed vehicular access.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That should a development application for the off-street carspace at the rear of No.108 Liverpool Street, Paddington off Boundary Lane be approved, and the on-site works be completed as per the approved plans, the existing ‘No Stopping’ restrictions installed on the southern side of the driveway to 118 Boundary Street, Paddington located on the western side of Boundary Lane be extended for a distance of 2 metres in a southerly direction.

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

**Subject:** **Glenmore Road, Paddington – Upgrade of Existing Pedestrian Refuge**

**Author:** Daniel Pearse - Traffic and Development Engineer

**File No:** T191

**Reason for Report:** Request for improved pedestrian facility at this location.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That no further action to be taken to pursue the modifications to the traffic island in Glenmore Road, Paddington, opposite Flinton Street, Paddington.

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

**Subject:** **Wallaroy Road, Woollahra – Temporary Closure to carry out Crane Works at rear of 283 Edgecliff Road, Woollahra**

**Author:** Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 480

**Reason for Report:** Request for temporary closure to enable operation of a crane.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That approval be granted for the temporary road closure of the section of Wallaroy Road, Woollahra between Weerona Avenue and Edgecliff Road on a date to be determined between the hours of 6.30am and 3pm subject to the following conditions:

- i. The applicant must apply for and obtain a Permit to Stand Plant from Council.
- ii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual and that inconvenience to the public on these roads is minimised. These measures should be detailed in a Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan for the site works which have been submitted to Council and subsequently RMS for approval.
- iii. The applicant must inform all business proprietors, residents and other occupants in closed portion of Wallaroy Road, Woollahra between Weerona Avenue and Edgecliff Road as well as within 200 metres of the intersections of Wallaroy Road with Weerona Avenue and Edgecliff Road as well as the residents of Roslyndale Avenue at least seven (7) days and then one (1) day before the closure via a letterbox drop.
- iv. The applicant must supply and erect any barriers and traffic signs necessary for the road closure and remove them at the completion of the works.

- v. Council must be indemnified against all claims for damage or injury that may result from either the activities or from the occupation of part of the public way during the activities. A copy of Public Liability Insurance Cover to the value of \$10,000,000 shall be provided to Council at least 7 days prior to the event and Council must be listed as interested party on the insurance.
- vi. The applicant must gain approval of the owners of any private properties over which the crane lift extends.
- vii. Council must be reimbursed for the cost of repair of any damage caused to Council property as a result of the activities.
- viii. The applicant must inform all Emergency Services of the proposed road closure (that is NSW Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, SES and the RMS (formerly RTA)).
- ix. Council officers be authorised to alter the date and/or times of the approval because of weather or other unavoidable situations provided that all relevant authorities are advised as required.
- x. Woollahra Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.
- xi. That there be no disruptions to Edgecliff Road traffic between 7am and 9am

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

**Subject:** **Wyuna Road, Point Piper – Temporary Closure to carry out Crane Works at rear of 18 Wentworth Place, Point Piper**

**Author:** Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 506

**Reason for Report:** Request for temporary closure to enable operation of a crane.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

That approval be granted for the temporary road closure of the section of Wyuna Road, Point Piper between Wolseley Road and Wunulla Road on a date to be determined between the hours of 10am and 2pm subject to the following conditions:

- i. The applicant must apply for and obtain a Permit to Stand Plant from Council.
- ii. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site, and if necessary to and from the adjacent street system, in accordance with the RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual and that inconvenience to the public on these roads is minimised. These measures should be detailed in a Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan for the site works which have been submitted to Council and subsequently RMS for approval.
- iii. The applicant must inform all business proprietors, residents and other occupants in closed portion of Wyuna Road between Wolseley Road and Wunulla Road as well as within 200 metres of the intersections of Wyuna Road with Wolseley Road and Wunulla Road as well as any other properties with a frontage to Wentworth Place at least seven (7) days and then one (1) day before the closure via a letterbox drop.
- iv. The applicant must supply and erect any barriers and traffic signs necessary for the road closure and remove them at the completion of the works.

- v. Council must be indemnified against all claims for damage or injury that may result from either the activities or from the occupation of part of the public way during the activities. A copy of Public Liability Insurance Cover to the value of \$10,000,000 shall be provided to Council at least 7 days prior to the event and Council must be listed as interested party on the insurance.
- vi. The applicant must gain approval of the owners of any private properties over which the crane lift extends.
- vii. Council must be reimbursed for the cost of repair of any damage caused to Council property as a result of the activities.
- viii. The applicant must inform all Emergency Services of the proposed road closure (that is NSW Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, SES and the RMS (formerly RTA)).
- ix. Council officers be authorised to alter the date and/or times of the approval because of weather or other unavoidable situations provided that all relevant authorities are advised as required.
- x. Woollahra Council reserves the right to cancel this approval at any time.

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

**Subject:** No. 3 Beach Street, Double Bay – Works Zone

**Author:** Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 407.G Pt18

**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 in front of No.3 Beach Street, Double Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the western side of Beach Street, from the northern side of the driveway to No. 3 Beach Street for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction 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 7am-4pm Mon-Fri, 7am-1pm Sat, for a period of 42 weeks from 16 July, 2012.
  - 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 RMS's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual and that inconvenience to the public on these roads is minimised. These measures should be detailed in a Construction Management Plan and associated Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan for the site works being submitted to Council as part of the development application.
  - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works. A separate approval is required for each permit to stand plant.
  - v. Existing unrestricted parking restrictions 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 and the parking re-instated.
  - 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.

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

**Subject:** **No. 32 Gipps Street, Paddington – Works Zone**

**Author:** Frank Rotta - Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 407.G Pt18

**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 in front of No.32 Gipps Street, Paddington. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Gipps Street, from the 'No Stopping' restrictions to McLaughlan Place in front of No.32 Gipps Street, for a distance of 6 metres in an easterly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
  - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7am-4pm Mon-Fri, 7am-1pm Sat, for a period of 12 weeks from mid June, 2012 (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 RMS's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual and that inconvenience to the public on these roads is minimised. These measures should be detailed in a Construction Management Plan and associated Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan for the site works being submitted to Council as part of the development application.
  - iv. A Permit to Stand Plant will be required for all concrete pours, deliveries and/or truck presences in relation to the construction works. A separate approval is required for each permit to stand plant.

- v. Existing unrestricted parking restrictions 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 and the parking re-instated.
- 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.

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

Nil

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**9. Late Items**

Nil

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.10am.

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



**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Sustainability Task Force 2012**  
**Author:** Chris Munro, Team Leader Environment & Sustainability  
**File No:** 1142.G Ecological Sustainability Task Force  
**Reason for Report:** To circulate the minutes from recent Ecological Sustainability Taskforce Meetings.

**Recommendations:**

That Council:

Note the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Ecological Sustainable Taskforce Meeting.

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**Background**

On 23 March 2009 Council resolved to establish an Ecological Sustainability Task Force reporting to the Community & Environment Committee.

The role of the Task Force is to review and recommend Council strategy in relation to sustainability initiatives and policies in the areas of:

- A. Water
- B. Energy
- C. Public Transport
- D. Waste Management
- E. Carbon reduction.

Membership of the Ecological Taskforce includes 5 Councillors, the Chair and staff as appointed by the Mayor.

Susan Wynne	Mayor
Greg Medcraft	Chair, Councillor
Chris Howe	Councillor
Toni Zeltzer	Councillor
Nicola Grieve	Councillor
Ian Plater	Councillor
Tom O'Hanlon	Director Technical Services
Bruce Rann	Manager Open Space and Trees
Chris Munro	Team Leader Environment & Sustainability

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Sustainability Task Force meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 have been attached to this report as Annexure 1.

Chris Munro Team Leader Environment & Sustainability	Bruce Rann Manager Public Open Space
Tom O'Hanlon Director Technical Services	

**Woollahra Council**  
**Ecological Sustainability Taskforce**  
Minutes Of Meeting No. 11  
Held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Present:**

Greg Medcraft	Chair Councillor
Chris Howe	Councillor
Nicola Grieve	Councillor
Chris Munro	Team Leader Environment & Sustainability
Bruce Rann	Manager Open Space and Trees
Lachlan Kranz	Kinesis

**Apologies:**

Susan Wynne	Mayor
Ian Plater	Councillor
Toni Zeltzer	Councillor
Tom O'Hanlon	Director, Technical Services

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm

**1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

The Taskforce noted and accepted the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ecological Sustainable Taskforce Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**2. Carbon Tracking Tool– PRESENTATION**

Chris Munro introduced Lachlan Kranz from Kinesis.

Lachlan Kranz presented Council's Carbon tracking tools and summarized Council's green house gas emission profile. The Taskforce discussed Council's current carbon reduction projects.

Lachlan Kranz also presented the current Community emission profile for the Woollahra Local Government Area. This includes; commercial, retail and residential activities.

The EST agreed that Council's carbon management information needs to be shared with our residents. Councillors requested that both the Council carbon footprint and our community carbon footprint be displayed on the Council's website. The EST also resolved to upload the following information;

**Solar System at Redleaf** - Calculate and display the payback period. Review real savings and compare to estimated savings. Display information on the overall payback period.

**Public Lighting Audit** - Look into the feasibility of lighting upgrades across Council's owned sites such as public parks, public realm and public carparks. Chris Munro advised that he was obtaining quotations to undertake a public lighting audit.

**ACTION:**

1. Chris Munro to coordinate carbon management information for the website.
2. Chris Munro to obtain quotations for a Public Lighting Audit.

### 3. COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

Chris Munro summarized the Community Energy Efficiency Projects that have been undertaken over recent years. These projects include; the 'Go Solar Project', The '10% Challenge', the 'Sustainable Building Advisory Service' and the 'Reduce Your Footprint' project.

The results from these projects can now be uploaded to the Ccap tool and displayed on our website to highlight the benefits of such projects.

The taskforce agreed that when posting data on Council's website or in media about energy use and energy savings, that it would be helpful to include an example of what the energy (kWh) use/savings meant to the average homeowner, such as the running of a standard fridge for 100 hrs etc.

The Woollahra Sustainability Team will work with Justine Henderson and the communication team to advertise the energy savings that have been achieved.

### 4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Chris Munro reported on the environmental projects currently underway.

- 10Kw Solar System at Readleaf Kiosk – COMPLETED
- Cooper Creek Stormwater Recycling Project - COMPLETED
- Stormwater nets on the outlets at Rose Bay Park – COMPLETED
- Rose Bay Raingardens on O'Sullivan road, Bunyula, and Boronia - COMPLETED
- Sustainable Landscapes Project in the Cooper Creek Catchment - COMPLETED
- Sustainable Building Advisory Service (SBAS) - UNDERWAY
- Water Quality Monitoring Program - UNDERWAY
- Coastal Zone Management Plan - UNDERWAY

**ACTION:**

1. Chris Munro to update on progress at the next meeting.

### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Howe suggested that the taskforce request that a member of Council's Planning Department attend future meetings of the EST as there was value in getting feedback and opinion from and to planning staff on sustainability issues relating to development applications and other "built environment" issues. It was suggested that Council's planning department could rotate the team leaders to attend future EST meetings.

**ACTION:**

1. Chris Munro to coordinate with Planning managers.

**Next Meeting: 6pm, July 2012 - TBC**

**Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **BiKe Hire scheme**  
**Author:** Shirlene Yee Yet, Team Leader Traffic and Transport  
**File No:** 256.G  
**Reason for Report:** Response to Notice of Motion

**Recommendation:**

That the Committee receive and note the report.

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**Background**

At its meeting held on the 12 March 2012, Council adopted a Notice of Motion requesting an update on a bike hire scheme for Woollahra.

Bicycle hire schemes vary; however they generally operate such that shared bicycles are securely held in on-street bike stations. Bike hire subscribers, or members, are able to collect a bike from the station and cycle one-way to another destination. They then park the bicycle at another on-street bike station. The bicycles are generally hired for short periods and are utilised for short distance trips only. The bike hire scheme is particularly useful for cross-city trips within the inner city, where there may not be a direct public transport route, the person may not have a car available and previously the bike hire subscriber may have taken a taxi. Different payment schemes are in place for different bike hire schemes in different cities. Bike hire members may pay an annual subscription and then a low per hour hire fee. Casual members may not pay a subscription fee; however they pay a higher per hour hire fee.

**Existing Bike Share Schemes in Australia**

Melbourne CBD has an existing bike share scheme. There are 50 bike stations and 600 bikes situated around the CBD. Bikes may be returned to any of the 50 bike stations. The Melbourne bike hire scheme is designed for short trips. Members pay a \$52 yearly fee. They may then use the bikes for up to half an hour at no charge. If the member wishes to utilise the bicycle for a longer period, the cost is \$2.60 per day or \$8 per week.

Brisbane also has an existing bike share scheme. There are 101 City Cycle stations and 1,000 bikes. Brisbane intend to expand the scheme with a further 50 stations and 1,000 bikes. Similarly to Melbourne, annual subscribers may utilise the bikes for the first 30 minutes for free.

While figures on usage of the [Brisbane](#) and [Melbourne schemes](#) are hard to come by, the available information suggests that the schemes started slowly and are now growing at a slow but steady rate.

Garry Brennan from Bicycle Network Victoria noted the following issues in relation to the setup of the Melbourne bike hire scheme:

- Central Melbourne is still in the process of building its network of bicycle infrastructure. So therefore parts of the City are still bike unfriendly.
- The Melbourne bike hire scheme does not have good catchment areas. This is due to restrictive contracts in the municipalities surrounding Melbourne City. The neighbouring Councils have granted outdoor advertising contracts to particular companies which give them exclusive rights to operate any future bike share schemes.

- The location and distribution of the bike stations throughout Melbourne, which is critical to the success of the scheme, was less than optimal. Many of the preferred bike station locations were not made available by the Council. Further, many bike stations could not be placed in optimal locations due to the cost of relocating signs, seats and other street furniture.
- The Melbourne bike hire scheme was launched in winter and therefore the original uptake was very slow.

### **Bike Helmets**

One issue that makes a bicycle hire scheme in Australia more difficult is that Australia has mandatory bike helmet laws. Such laws do not exist in some European cities that already have established bike hire schemes.

Under the NSW Road Rules 2008 a rider of a bicycle on roads and road-related areas must wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened on their head. This law was first introduced into NSW in 1991 based on the known safety benefits, particularly in relation to preventing brain trauma.

Bicycle Network Victoria found that mandatory helmet laws likely prevented some uptake of the scheme in Melbourne. However, they felt that this was of lesser concern than some of the other issues mentioned above. Bicycle Network Victoria notes that over 99% of bike riders in Melbourne wear a helmet and therefore helmet wearing has become normalised. In Brisbane, bike share members were surveyed. When unprompted, bike helmets were not raised as a barrier to participation.

In January this year, Brisbane City Council provided complimentary helmets and reduced hire fees to boost the uptake of their scheme. In Melbourne, the State Government subsidises the sale of cheap \$5 helmets at 7-Eleven stores and at vending machines. The helmets may be returned to participating stores for \$3 cash back.

The Sustainable Transport Infrastructure department of the Roads and Maritime Services has advised that helmet laws are not being reviewed in NSW at this time. If the bike helmet law were to be changed, every State transport minister would have to agree to have the national road rules changed.

### **City of Sydney**

The City of Sydney is currently considering a bike hire scheme, covering the key areas of Central Sydney through to the University of Sydney, with potential expansion to other areas in subsequent years.

The City has plans for a 2,000 bike hire scheme with 3,500 docking stations. However the City believes it is desirable for more of its bike network to be completed before the public bike system is introduced. This will help ensure safer cycling options.

Based on a review of other bike schemes, the City of Sydney believes that compulsory helmet laws are acting as a major inhibitor to the use of such schemes. The City is therefore considering options for addressing this issue, such as advocating a pilot scheme where helmets are not compulsory for adults in an approved area with low traffic speeds and separated cycleways. The City has not confirmed when this may occur.

## Conclusion

Introducing a bike hire scheme in Woollahra would provide an alternate transport option for our residents and visitors. It should increase the mobility and health of our residents while encouraging cycling in the municipality. However, before committing to such a scheme, Council must first ensure that the scheme would be financially sustainable and that it can be practicably implemented.

It is unlikely that the helmet laws will be changed in the near future to help facilitate the bike hire schemes.

The Melbourne and Brisbane schemes have demonstrated that two of the other key factors in the successful implementation of a bike scheme are the quality and extent of the regional bicycle network and a common bike scheme operating across several Council LGAs.

The City of Sydney, in co-operation with fourteen inner Sydney Councils have prepared an Inner Sydney Regional Bike Plan that identified enhancements that would provide high quality radial and cross regional cycling links within the inner parts of Sydney, including Woollahra. The network includes the construction of 160 kilometres of cycleways which are separated from general traffic and 70 kilometres of upgraded shared paths. The City of Sydney are investigating means to fund these works.

Woollahra Council is a comparatively small area of 12 km<sup>2</sup> with 50,000 residents and 16,000 employees. In order for a bike share scheme to operate successfully, it needs to operate on a larger scale and with a greater population pool. In comparison, City of Sydney is 26 km<sup>2</sup> with 177,000 residents and 385,000 employees.

There are few destination to destination routes within Woollahra. For example, there would be a limited number of people working in say Edgecliff who would have a meeting in Rose Bay for which it would be convenient to take a bike. It is far more likely that people would travel from a Woollahra destination to a City destination or vice versa.

It would therefore be prudent to wait until the City of Sydney have undertaken a detailed feasibility study and implemented their bicycle hire scheme to better understand the many factors influencing the success of a bike share scheme in the Sydney area. It is likely that once City of Sydney have implemented the regional bike network and introduced a bicycle hire scheme then Woollahra staff will work with the City of Sydney and other surrounding Councils to expand the City's bicycle hire scheme.

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## ANNEXURES:

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## POLITICAL DONATIONS DECISION MAKING FLOWCHART FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS

