

Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 24 February 2014*

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:

- 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 Roads and Maritime Services.
- 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:

- 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

20 February 2014

To: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer ex-officio
Councillors Deborah Thomas (Chair)
Peter Cavanagh
Anthony Marano
Andrew Petrie
Elena Wise
Susan Wynne (Deputy Chair)
Jeff Zulman

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 24 February 2014

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 24 February 2014 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 10 February 2014**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10 February 2014 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 10 February 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Cultural committee Minutes Report**
Author: Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator
File No: 79.G Cultural Committee
Reason for Report: To table the minutes of the Cultural Committee meeting held on 12 February 2014

Recommendation:

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 February be noted and endorsed.

Background:

This report outlines the Cultural Committee (CC) meeting held on 12 February 2014, with the minutes of this meeting provided as Annexure 1.

Cultural Committee Project Briefings:

1. 2014 Traffic Signal Box Project: A draft application form for the 2014 Traffic Signal Box Project was circulated with five shortlisted signal box sites. Artist submissions will close at the end of March and CC members will select designs at the next CC meeting in April. The CC approved of the application form for circulation.
2. 2014 Artist in Residence Program: A summary of the selection process for the 2014 Artist in Residence Program was presented to the CC. The proposed community engagement projects of artists were discussed along with ideas to better promote the outcomes of the program. An afternoon tea to meet the artists and discuss their projects will be scheduled for available Councillors, CC members and appropriate Community Services staff on 9 April.
3. Council Truck Art Competition: Two CC members nominated to assist in the selection of designs for the Truck Art Competition, which is managed by Council's Waste Projects Team.
4. Public Art Trust Update: The CC were provided with an update on the launch of the Public Art Trust and installation of the Jenny Green sculpture in Double Bay on 4 February.

Opportunities: The CC had an open discussion on the development of some new cultural initiatives. These ideas are presented in the minutes (Annexure 1) and will require further analysis by staff.

Conclusion:

The Cultural Committee meeting on 12 February 2014 discussed a number of key projects including the 2014 Traffic Signal Box Project, the 2014 Artist in Residence Program and Council's Truck Art Competition. Opportunities for new initiatives reflective of the community were also discussed and will require further analysis and feasibility studies by staff prior to proceeding.

Jo Jansyn
Cultural Development Coordinator

Kylie Walshe
Director Community Services

Annexures:

1. Minutes of the Cultural Committee Meeting, Wednesday 12 February 2014.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee

Subject: **Delivery Program 2013 to 2017 & Operational Plan 2013/14 (DPOP) Quarterly Progress Report December 2013 against Goal 1 - A connected & harmonious community, Goal 2 - A supported community, Goal 3 - A creative & vibrant community, Goal 5 - Liveable places, Goal 7 - Protecting our environment and Goal 8 - Sustainable use of resources.**

Author: Kylie Walshe - Director Community Services
Tom O'Hanlon - Director Technical Services

File No: 1229.G

Reason for Report: To review the status of the Priorities and Actions in Council's Delivery Program 2013 to 2017 and Operational Plan 2013/14 for the three months ending 31 December 2013.

Recommendation:

THAT the December 2013 Quarterly Progress Report on Goal 1 (A connected & harmonious community), Goal 2 (A supported community), Goal 3 (A creative & vibrant community), Goal 5 (Liveable places), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) of Council's Delivery Program 2013 to 2017 and Operational Plan 2013/14 be received and noted.

Background:

Council adopted its Delivery Program 2013 to 2017 and Operational Plan 2013/14 (DPOP) in June 2013 in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting Legislation for NSW Local Government. The Delivery Program and Operational Plan are two of the key strategic planning documents that comprise Council's Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework.

It is a requirement under the Integrated Planning & Reporting Legislation that Council report on the progress of its Delivery Program at least every six months. In response to this requirement, and in order to ensure that Council's reporting to the community is transparent, timely and manageable under the legislation, progress reports on the DPOP are presented to Council quarterly for the periods ending 30 September, 31 December, 31 March and 30 June each year.

The framework for quarterly progress reports is consistent with the structure of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan developed around the following interrelated themes and supporting goals:

Theme: Community well-being
Goal 1: A connected and harmonious community.
Goal 2: A supported community.
Goal 3: A creative and vibrant community.

Theme: Quality places and spaces
Goal 4: Well planned neighbourhoods.
Goal 5: Liveable places.
Goal 6: Getting around.

Theme: A healthy environment
Goal 7: Protecting our environment.
Goal 8: Sustainable use of resources.

Theme: Local prosperity
Goal 9: Community focused economic development.

Theme: Community leadership and participation

Goal 10: Working together.

Goal 11: A well-managed Council.

Annexure 1 to this report is Council's Quarterly Progress Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2013 for Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8, being most relevant to the Community and Environment Committee (C&E).

Progress comments for all Delivery Program Priorities and Operational Plan Actions are provided in the tables of **Annexure 1**. Council staff provide updates on these comments on an ongoing basis for internal management purposes, with the comments then collated at the end of the quarter for reporting to Council and the community. Generally, actions included in the Operational Plan relate to the current financial year, however there are a number of actions that extend beyond June 2014, as indicated in the Target Date column.

A tick in the final column of the tables in Annexure 1 headed "Updated Comments" indicates that the comments relating to that action have been updated since the previous quarterly report to Council. The purpose of the tick is to enable Councillors and other readers of the report to easily identify where an action status has been updated.

Adopted notices of motion and other decisions of the Council:

To further improve the efficiency and transparency of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting procedures, notices of motion and other decisions of the Council which are strategic and/or project based are now included as additional actions in the DPOP and reported on through the Quarterly Progress Report.

Adopted notices of motion which are non-strategic in nature, such as placement of an additional agenda item on a meeting or writing a letter to an organisation, will be monitored administratively.

During the period 1 October to 31 December 2013, no new notices of motion have been identified as strategic and/or project based in nature.

Conclusion:

THAT the December 2013 Quarterly Progress Report on Goal 1 (A connected & harmonious community), Goal 2 (A supported community), Goal 3 (A creative & vibrant community), Goal 5 (Liveable places), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) of Council's Delivery Program 2013 to 2017 and Operational Plan 2013/14 be received and noted.

Kylie Walshe
Director Community Services

Tom O'Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Annexures:

- 1 DPOP Quarterly Progress Report December 2013 for Goal 1 (A connected & harmonious community), Goal 2 (A supported community), Goal 3 (A creative & vibrant community), Goal 5 (Liveable places), Goal 7 (Protecting our environment) and Goal 8 (Sustainable use of resources) – *distributed separately*.

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Queen Street, Woollahra - Strategic Masterplan**
Author: Cathy Edwards-Davis, Manager Engineering Services
File No: 373
Reason for Report: Council Resolution

Recommendation:

- A. That Council adopt the proposed footpath paving, street trees and tree management recommendations as outlined in the Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013.
- B. That Council adopt the City Plaza (long and short) seat for use in Queen Street, with black powder coated arms and legs.
- C. That Council adopt the composite timber planter and bench seating around the trees for use in Queen Street.
- D. That Council adopt the timber bin for use in Queen Street.
- E. That Council adopt the Cora bike rack for use in Queen Street.
- F. That Council adopt the number and locations of the seats, bins and bike racks as recommended in the report.
- G. That Council not proceed with the adoption of new street lighting and banners for use in Queen Street.
- H. That the Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013 be adopted with the above recommended street furniture style, number and locations to be incorporated into the final version of the document.

Background

At the Community & Environment Committee meeting on the 11 November 2013 and Council meeting on the 25 November 2013 consideration was given to a Strategic Masterplan for Queen Street, Woollahra. Council resolved:

- A. That Council adopt the proposed footpath paving, street trees and tree management recommendations as outlined in the Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013.
- B. That Council defer implementing resolution A and defer adopting the recommendations for seating, garbage bins, lighting and banners/signs as outlined in the Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013 until:
 - i. The Queen Street Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013 report be finalised in accordance with the terms of reference and include specific recommendations as to the style, number and location of seats/benches, bins, bike parking, lighting and banners, and
 - ii. A further report from Council addressing the priorities and costing for all of the streetscape components, as outlined in parts A and B, for consideration prior to Council's 2014/15 budget deliberations.

The earlier Council report, attached, outlines the background to the development of the Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan.

Consideration of the various design elements will be discussed below.

Footpath Paving

The key objective is to use a palette of pavement types which can be used across all areas. The Strategic Masterplan includes the continuation of the pavers which are already in use in the core retail area of Queen Street. That is a 300mm x 300mm concrete paver with a 200mm x 600mm concrete paver trim. See page 11 of the Masterplan.

A porous paving has been recommended as a typical tree pit detail. This is a pour-on resin designed to bind loose aggregate to form permanent tree surrounds and footpaths. The colour recommended is burgundy granite.

Trees

The existing street trees in Queen Street are a significant contributor to the streetscape environment.

The Strategic Masterplan allows for different tree surrounds to define the commercial and residential areas.

An arboricultural assessment report was undertaken on the street trees. See pages 9, 22, 26 and 29 of the Masterplan. In summary, it found:

Trees of High Retention Value

- All 36 trees of high retention value are considered worthy of preservation and their retention a priority and are to be retained in this Masterplan, including all Plane Trees.
- Trees with large canopies where significant pruning is generally not acceptable.

Trees of Moderate Retention Value

- 33 of 43 trees of moderate retention value are retained in this draft Masterplan.
- The retention of these trees is desirable, but not essential.
- These trees should be retained where possible, however they are less critical for retention.
- If these trees are removed, replacement planting should be considered.
- There are 8 new replacement trees proposed in this draft Masterplan.

Trees of Low Retention Value

- All 12 trees of low retention value will be removed or replaced in this draft Masterplan.
- Trees not considered worthy of any special measures to ensure their preservation due to their current health, condition or suitability. Common issues include vehicle damage, exposed and decaying roots, overcrowded canopies and trunks with prominent leans.
- Trees with no special ecological, heritage or amenity value.
- Trees with substantially diminished values due to their short estimated life expectancy.

The existing small to medium trees within the residential and commercial zones are proposed to be treated with a porous paving surround, which extends the full width of the footpath. See page 12 of the Masterplan.



The existing large mature trees within the residential areas are proposed to have a typical 10m garden bed, with a 1.5m porous paving footpath. Stepping stones are proposed to allow access to parked vehicles. See pages 13 and 14 of the Masterplan.



The existing medium to large trees within the residential areas are proposed to be treated with a raised composite timber planter and bench seat. This somewhat reflects the informal timber treatments around trees which have been installed by the community in parts of Queen Street.

It is proposed that new trees will be placed in formal tree pits with appropriate subsoil drainage. They are to be treated with a porous paving surround, which extends the full width of the footpath.

Seats

The Strategic Masterplan outlined a number of style options for seat types. See page 18 of the Masterplan. The positive and negative attributes of these seat types are discussed in the table below.

Seat Type	Photo	Positives	Negatives
Emerdyn Boulevard		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a small number of Emerdyn seats already installed in the Queen Street area • They have a “heritage” characteristic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From an urban design perspective, these seats are visually bulky, particularly given the constrained footpath spaces which are available • They only come in the standard 1800mm lengths
City Plaza (long and short)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are visually less imposing • These seats come in two sizes, long and short which allows them to be used in different size spaces • The arms and legs can be powder coated and painted in a wide range of colours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These seats are more contemporary in characteristic, which some members of the community do not support • This would introduce a new style of seat to Woollahra

Seat Type	Photo	Positives	Negatives
Phoenix		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a “hybrid” seat, which falls somewhere between the heritage Emerdyn seat and the more contemporary City Plaza seat • They are visually less imposing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would introduce a new style of seat to Woollahra
Bench seat		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are visually less imposing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bench seat does not provide back support • This would introduce a new style of seat to Woollahra • Overall, there seems to be a lack of support for the existing bench seating in Queen Street
Concrete Bench (existing benchtop) with new steel supports		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would retain the existing concrete benchtops • The heritage plaques could be retained within the benchtops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, there seems to be a lack of support for the existing bench seating in Queen Street • There is concern that these benches look “dirty” • From an urban design perspective, these seats are visually bulky

It is recommended that Council adopt the City Plaza (long and short) seat for Queen Street. The main benefit of this seat is that it comes in multiple lengths. This allows Council to easily replace the existing concrete bench seats with the short City Plaza seat. Further, these seats are less visually imposing. It is recommended that the arms and legs be black powder coated. The black powder coat helps provide more of a heritage character than the plain steel finish.

In general, the community expressed support for the composite timber planter and bench seating around the trees in Precinct A. See page 15 of the Masterplan. It is therefore recommended that Council adopt the use of these seats for Queen Street.

The following table outlines the number and proposed location of seats as identified in the Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013 and the staff recommended number and location of seats.



Section of Queen Street	Type	Queen Street Strategic Masterplan Recommended Locations	Council Staff Recommendation to Install
Queen Street, southern side, between the Post Office and Victoria Avenue (Precinct B)	City Plaza	Outside Number 77 Queen Street	Yes
Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	City Plaza	Number 32	No (there are bench seats nearby)
		Number 46	No (there are bench seats nearby)
		Number 66	Yes
	Bench Around Trees	3 benches at Number 8-16	Yes
		Number 22	Yes
Number 26	Yes		
Queen Street, southern side, between Victoria Avenue and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	City Plaza	Number 51	Yes
		Number 43	Yes
Queen Street, northern side, between Holdsworth Street and Ocean Street; and Queen Street southern side, between Dorhauer Lane and Ocean Street (Precinct C&D)	City Plaza	Number 162	Yes
		2 seats at Number 115	1 seat only (there is an existing seat at the bus stop)
Queen Street, northern side, between Moncur Street and Holdsworth Street; and Queen Street, southern side, between Moncur Street and Dorhauer Lane (Precinct C)	City Plaza (short)	2 seats at Number 118	Yes (it is proposed to replace the existing eight seats with three seats)
		Number 128	
		Number 130	Yes
		Number 136	(it is proposed to replace the existing seven seats with four seats)
		Number 142	
Number 160			
Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Moncur Street; and Queen Street, southern side at the Post Office (Precinct B)	City Plaza	Number 80-82	Yes
		Number 86	(it is proposed to replace the existing seven seats with five)
		Number 92	
		Number 102	
		Number 110	
Moncur Street, both sides, north of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	City Plaza	Nil	Install 1 additional seat not recommended by the consultant (there is an existing seat at the bus stop)
Moncur Street, both sides, south of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	City Plaza	Adjacent to Post Office	Yes (there is an existing seat)
Total for Queen Street		27	25

The heritage plaques contained within the existing concrete bench seats will need to be relocated into the adjacent footpath.

In the event of Council receiving and approving an application for outdoor dining, the existing outdoor seating and/ or benches will be removed and replaced with tables, chairs and garbage facilities to be supplied and maintained/ cleaned by the retailer.

Bins

The Strategic Masterplan outlined a number of style options for bins types. The positive and negative attributes of these bin types are discussed in the table below.

Bin Type	Photo	Positives	Negatives
Timber		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These bins match the City Plaza timber seats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These bins are likely to require more maintenance/ be more difficult to clean
Steel		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These bins are easier to maintain/ keep clean 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These bins are more contemporary in characteristic, which some members of the community do not support

It is recommended that Council adopt the timber bin for use in Queen Street as it matches the recommended City Plaza seats. This will help to provide a visually consistent streetscape.

The following table outlines the number and proposed location of bins as identified in the Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013 and the staff recommended number and location of bins.

Section of Queen Street	Queen Street Strategic Masterplan Recommended Locations	Council Staff Recommendation to Install
Queen Street, southern side, between the Post Office and Victoria Avenue (Precinct B)	Nil	N/A
Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	Number 8-16	Yes

Section of Queen Street	Queen Street Strategic Masterplan Recommended Locations	Council Staff Recommendation to Install
Queen Street, southern side, between Victoria Avenue and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	Outside Number 41 Queen Street	Yes
Queen Street, northern side, between Holdsworth Street and Ocean Street; and Queen Street southern side, between Dorhauer Lane and Ocean Street (Precinct C&D)	Number 154	Yes
	Number 115	Yes
Queen Street, northern side, between Moncur Street and Holdsworth Street; and Queen Street, southern side, between Moncur Street and Dorhauer Lane (Precinct C)	Number 124	Yes
	Number 132	No
	Number 136	Yes
	Number 146	No
	Number 111	Yes
Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Moncur Street; and Queen Street, southern side at the Post Office (Precinct B)	Number 60-62	No
	Number 92	Yes
	Number 106	No
	Number 116	Yes
Moncur Street, both sides, north of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	Nil	Install 1 additional bin not recommended by the consultant (at the bus stop)
Moncur Street, both sides, south of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	Nil	N/A
Total for Queen Street	13	10

Bike Parking

Council has a standard (single) bike stand that it generally utilises throughout the municipality. This is the Cora bike rack which looks like the following:



It is recommended that Council adopt the use of the Cora bike rack in Queen Street.

The following table outlines the number and proposed location of bike racks as identified in the Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013 and the staff recommended number and location of bike racks.

Section of Queen Street	Queen Street Strategic Masterplan Recommended Locations	Council Staff Recommendation to Install
Queen Street, southern side, between the Post Office and Victoria Avenue (Precinct B)	Nil	N/A
Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	Nil	N/A
Queen Street, southern side, between Victoria Avenue and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	Victoria Avenue, at the side of Number 55 Queen Street	Yes (there is an existing bike rack)
Queen Street, northern side, between Holdsworth Street and Ocean Street; and Queen Street southern side, between Dorhauer Lane and Ocean Street (Precinct C&D)	Number 162	Yes
Queen Street, northern side, between Moncur Street and Holdsworth Street; and Queen Street, southern side, between Moncur Street and Dorhauer Lane (Precinct C&D)	2 bike racks at Number 118	1 only (there is one existing bike rack at this location)
	Number 128	Yes (there is an existing bike rack)
	Number 146	No
Moncur Street, both sides, north of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	Nil	N/A
Moncur Street, both sides, south of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	Adjacent to Post Office	Yes (there is an existing bike rack)
	Adjacent to Number 101-103 Queen Street	Yes (there are bikes being chained to a street sign at this location)
Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Moncur Street; and Queen Street, southern side at the Post Office (Precinct B)	Nil	N/A
Total for Queen Street	8	6

Lighting

Only 47% of the community indicated support for street lighting.

Ausgrid have recently approved a tender for LED lighting, which they will be rolling out in local and collector streets. These lights will provide more effective light distribution.

Should Council choose to install its own decorative lights, this will likely require the undergrounding of electricity. It will also mean that Council has to install the street lighting independently of Ausgrid. Council will then be required to pay for what is known as a special small service. This will be at some considerable cost. It is therefore recommended that Council continue to work with Ausgrid to improve street lighting in Queen Street.

Banners

Only 33% of the community indicated support for banners. Concerns were raised that banners are more commercial, rather than providing a village/ residential concept. It was noted that the trees will obscure banners.

Based on the low community support, it is recommended that no further action be taken with regards to the installation of banners at this time.

Priorities

Funding is not allocated to Queen Street within the 2013/14 capital works budget.

The staging and implementation of future works will largely be dependent on the amount of funding which is available. However, it is generally recommended that works be prioritised as follows:

Priority	Section of Masterplan
1	Queen Street, southern side, between the Post Office and Victoria Avenue (Precinct B)
2	Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Oxford Street (Precinct A)
3	Queen Street, southern side, between Victoria Avenue and Oxford Street (Precinct A)
4	Queen Street, northern side, between Holdsworth Street and Ocean Street; and Queen Street southern side, between Dorhauer Lane and Ocean Street (Precinct C&D)
5	Queen Street, northern side, between Moncur Street and Holdsworth Street; and Queen Street, southern side, between Moncur Street and Dorhauer Lane (Precinct C)
6	Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Moncur Street; and Queen Street, southern side at the Post Office (Precinct B)
7	Moncur Street, both sides, north of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)
8	Moncur Street, both sides, south of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)

Other Streetscape Priorities

It is noted that the above priorities provide comparative priorities for Queen Street only. That is, the various sections of Queen Street are prioritised against each other.

Council staff have undertaken an investigation and review of all of the retail/ streetscape areas within the Municipality. Council receives many requests for funding of various capital works and streetscape projects. Each community sees its own problems as requiring “immediate action” and as being essential for the amenity of its members. There are a number of other streetscape areas which are of higher priority than Queen Street. For example, New South Head Road, Edgecliff, Bellevue Road at Streatfield Avenue, Bellevue Hill, Plumer Road, Rose Bay, and Boundary Street, Paddington.

Estimate of Costs

The following table contains an estimate of the cost of works for Queen Street.

Priority	Location	Component	Estimated Cost
1	Queen Street, southern side, between the Post Office and Victoria Avenue (Precinct B)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$35,460
		Footpath pavement	\$131,100
		Street furniture	\$4,140
		Project management	\$28,510
		Total	\$210,710
2	Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$51,340
		Footpath pavement	\$306,130
		Street furniture	\$17,940
		Project management	\$57,170
		Total	\$444,080
3	Queen Street, southern side, between Victoria Avenue and Oxford Street (Precinct A)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$60,520
		Footpath pavement	\$309,870
		Street furniture	\$14,490
		Project management	\$58,500
		Total	\$454,880
4	Queen Street, northern side, between Holdsworth Street and Ocean Street; and Queen Street southern side, between Dorhauer Lane and Ocean Street (Precinct C&D)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$46,000
		Footpath pavement	\$386,400
		Street furniture	\$24,840
		Project management	\$68,630
		Total	\$537,370
5	Queen Street, northern side, between Moncur Street and Holdsworth Street; and Queen Street, southern side, between Moncur Street and Dorhauer Lane (Precinct C)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$38,470
		Footpath pavement	\$289,800
		Street furniture	\$17,480
		Project management	\$53,020
		Total	\$410,270
6	Queen Street, northern side, between Halls Lane and Moncur Street; and Queen Street, southern side at the Post Office (Precinct B)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$19,320
		Footpath pavement	\$170,830
		Street furniture	\$29,440
		Project management	\$35,360
		Total	\$266,450
7	Moncur Street, both sides, north of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$5,520
		Footpath pavement	\$91,770
		Street furniture	\$0
		Project management	\$18,240
		Total	\$127,030
8	Moncur Street, both sides, south of Queen Street (Precinct B&C)	Site management	\$11,500
		Tree management	\$27,490
		Footpath pavement	\$107,070
		Street furniture	\$4,830
		Project management	\$24,130

Priority	Location	Component	Estimated Cost
		Total	\$175,020
	Total for Queen Street		\$2,625,810

It should be noted that the above costs are estimates only. The cost of works can be better quantified once a detailed design has been completed for each of the prioritised sections of work.

Concrete Benches

Overall, there seems to be a lack of support for the existing bench seating in Queen Street. There is concern that these benches look “dirty” and from an urban design perspective, these seats are visually bulky.

There are 22 concrete bench seats on the northern side of Queen Street, between Halls Lane and Holdsworth Street. If Council were of a mind to remove the existing concrete benches and replace them with the recommended 12 City Plaza seats as the first priority for Queen Street, then the cost to do this would be approximately \$64,000.

The heritage plaques contained within the existing concrete bench seats will need to be relocated into the adjacent footpath. This has been included in the above estimated cost.

Consultation

Considerable community consultation was undertaken in the preparation of the Queen Street Strategic Masterplan. This was outlined in the earlier Council report, attached. A full account of the community consultation can be found in the Community Engagement Report which is contained within the annexures.

Identification of Income & Expenditure

As discussed above.

Conclusion

The Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan provides recommendations to improve the streetscape environment in Queen Street and it is largely supported by the community.

It is recommended that Council adopt the proposed footpath paving, street trees and tree management recommendations as outlined in the Masterplan.

It is recommended that the style, number and location of seating, garbage bins and bike racks be adopted as per the discussion above.

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Annexures

1. Earlier Council report dated 28 October 2013
2. Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan dated September 2013
3. Queen Street, Woollahra Strategic Masterplan: Community Engagement Report dated September 2013
4. Correspondence from the Queen Street West Woollahra Association, received on the 15 July 2013

Political Donations – matters to be considered by Councillors at Meetings

