



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 25 November 2013*

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

21 November 2013

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 – 25 November 2013

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 25 November 2013 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters

Site Inspection

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Meeting Agenda

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 11 November 2013**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 11 November 2013 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 11 November 2013 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager – Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FPRMC) held on 21 May 2013.**
Author: Michael Casteleyn –Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment
File No: 626.G Committee
Reason for Report: To report on the outcomes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 25 September 2013.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting held on 25 September 2013 be noted.

Background

A meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FPRMC) was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 25 September 2013, the minutes of which are attached as Annexure 1.

Michael Casteleyn
Design & Investigations Engineer
Stormwater & Environment

Tom O’Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Cathy Edwards-Davis
Manager Engineering Services

Annexures

1. Minutes of the FPRMC meeting held on 25 September 2013
2. Floodplain Management Program Status Report dated 25 September 2013

Floodplain Risk Management Committee Minutes

25 September 2013

The meeting of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee was held in the Committee Room on Wednesday 25 September 2013. The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm.

1. Attendance

Committee Members

Bart Foley	NSW Office of Environment & Heritage,
Kim Edwards	Waverley-Woollahra State Emergency Service (SES)
Maureen Clark	Rose Bay Residents Association
Nina Mistilis	Paddington Society

Staff:

Cathy Edwards Davis	Manager Engineering Services
Michael Casteleyn	Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & the Environment, Woollahra Municipal Council

Apologies:

Tom O'Hanlon	Director Technical Services
Michael Rolfe	Watsons Bay resident
Greg Levenston	Woollahra Municipal Councillor
Councillor Mathew Robertson	Woollahra Municipal Councillor
Tony Gregory	Double Bay Residents Association
Mathew Lewis	Sydney Water

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 May 2013 were confirmed, with the amendment that three representatives of Royal Sydney Golf Club were in attendance as observers.

3. Code of conduct – A guide for community representatives

A copy of the Code of Conduct – A Guide for Community Representatives dated March 2013 was distributed to the Committee with the agenda. Cathy Edwards-Davis explained the Council's code of conduct to the committee and detailed why it is required.

Recommendation

That the information be noted

4. Items for information & Discussion

Item 4.1 Woollahra Floodplain Management Program

Submitted by Michael Casteleyn – Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment

A report was presented by Mr Michael Casteleyn summarising the progress of Council's floodplain risk management program as outlined in the meeting agenda/report. It is planned to undertake the Watsons Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan in 2013/14. This is subject to grant funding.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Item 4.2 Rose Bay Catchment Flood Risk Management Study and Plan

Submitted by Michael Casteleyn – Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment

The Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan has been completed, it has been reviewed by the floodplain committee and the public consultation process is complete. Amendments have been made to the final version of the Study and Plan, based on feedback from the Committee and the community. It is now recommended that Study and Plan be adopted by Council.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

Item 4.3 Guilfoyle Avenue Drainage

Submitted by Michael Casteleyn – Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment

The construction contract for Guilfoyle Avenue drainage is practically complete and appears to be functioning well. After a recent storm, a resident reported that no ponding was observed and the drainage in the area was much improved.

Recommendation

That the information be noted

Item 4.4 Draft Local Environment Plan

Submitted by Michael Casteleyn – Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment

The draft Woollahra Local Environment Plan 2013 (DraftWLEP2013) is currently on exhibition till Wednesday 13 November 2013.

The draft WLEP will guide the future development of Woollahra, and applies to all land within the LGA. It has been prepared to update and improve our planning controls in accordance with NSW Government requirements and guidelines. Once the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure approves and makes the plan, the new LEP will replace the current Woollahra LEP 1995.

The draft WLEP includes Flood Planning Area maps. It also includes a new Clause 6.8 Flood Planning which aims to minimise the flood risk to life and property associated with the use of land.

Recommendation

That the information be noted

5. General Business

Ms Nina Mistilis tabled a list of resident comments on the Cecil Street overland flow path. The list contains a number of suggestions for improvements by residents in the area. All the suggestions will be considered and forwarded on to the relevant Council officers. Generally most residents are now pleased with the finished project with some residents commenting on how much they appreciated the new entry to Trumper park from Cecil Lane.

Nina Mistilis requested that stage two of the works should now be progressed. It was explained that although the completion of stage 2 would be of benefit to residents in the area it was on hold. Council has limited funding for stormwater/ flooding projects and this must be allocated and prioritised across the Woollahra Municipality. There are other projects with higher priorities. The project will be kept on Council's capital works list for consideration in future works programs.

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

5. Date and time of the next meeting

The date of next FPRMC has not been scheduled yet, with the date to be advised.

Meeting concluded at 7:15pm.

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Dog Regulations – Review Of Public Exhibition**
Author: Paul Fraser, Team Leader - Open Space & Recreation Planning
File No: 271.G OFF LEASH
Reason for Report: To report on the public exhibition of proposed changes to Dog Off-Leash Regulations.

Recommendation:

- A. That Council implement the proposed extension of hours of the Category C regulations as exhibited for Rushcutters Bay Park, Lyne Park, Christison Park and Royal Hospital for Women Park (RHWP) as follows:
- i. Extension of hours of the Category C regulations from 3.30pm to 10.30am.
 - ii. For RHWP - Sunday regulations prohibiting dogs between 10am to 8pm remains unchanged.
- B. That Council implement a 24hr dog off-leash area along the Rose Bay Foreshore from Dumaresq Reserve to Percival Park.
- i. That Council write to the Roads & Maritime Service advising that Council will invoke their powers under the Local Government Act to extend Council's enforcement provisions to State Government owned land being Rose Bay Foreshore.
- C. An update of all relevant signage be undertaken communicating the extensions of hours.
- D. That Trumper Park remain unchanged as follows:
- i. Dog on-leash at all times (except Trumper Oval)
 - ii. Dogs prohibited at all times on Trumper Oval playing surface.

Background:

Council at its meeting of Monday 12 August 2013, resolved the following;

- A. *That Council approve for public exhibition the following changes to the current dog regulations:*
 - i. *Extension of hours of the Category C regulations from 3.30pm to 10.30am for Rushcutters Bay Park, Lyne Park, Royal Hospital for Woman Park and Christison Park.*
 - ii. *Implement a 24hr dog off-leash area along the Rose Bay Foreshore from Dumaresq Reserve to Percival Park.*
- B. *Council exhibit the two proposals via a consultation period of no less than 28 days and report submissions received back to the Community & Environment Committee.*
- C. *That Council Staff make representations to external Land Managers in the review of their regulations in-line with Council's proposal in particular, Vaocluse Beach/ Paddock.*
- D. *That an update of relevant signage be undertaken following the implementation of any of the proposed changes to the current dog regulations.*

The proposed changes in regulations were placed on public exhibition on the 28 August 2013. The exhibition process was advertised by notices in the *Wentworth Courier*, a letter distributed to all adjoining residents of the affected parks, a letter to all sporting clubs and seasonal hirers of affected parks, information provided on Council's website (*Have Your Say* section) and signage within the parks.

As part of this overall process Council's Animal Advisory Committee (AAC) were also involved in the exhibition of the proposed regulations. Representation to the AAC was made on the 24 April, 17 July and 16 October 2013 to discuss the proposed changes and exhibition process.

Discussion:

Council received a total of 80 submissions (Summary as Annexure 1) during the public exhibition period with the following breakdown;

- 55 in favour
- 23 against
- 2 undecided.

In addition to the received submissions relating to the exhibition process there were an additional 22 submissions received that related to a review of regulations within Trumper Park. This was not a part of the exhibition process and will be further discussed within this report.

During the public exhibition period the main issues against the proposal and Council's responses are detailed below:

Increased conflicts between small children and dogs off leash

Concerns were raised that the increase in hours for dog off-leash regulations will result in further conflict between children and uncontrolled dogs. Many parents were opposed to the proposal and think that if the new regulations are approved their children will have less space to safely play away from uncontrolled dogs.

Council Response

The Companion Animals Act states that companion animal owners are to ensure that pets do not harm or threaten any other person or animal and furthermore that dogs are not permitting within 10m of a children's playground.

Council's Companion Animals Officer has reported that there have been 32 reported dog attacks in the last 12 months with only three occurring in designated dog off-leash areas which involved other persons.

Any changes to the regulations will be communicated via updated signage and a continued education program directed towards the affected parks with a focus on responsible dog ownership, micro chipping, registration and off-leash responsibilities.

Organised sport v Dogs off leash – how will this be managed?

There were concerns about how Council will manage the increased disturbances between organised sport bookings and dogs off-leash. These concerns were mainly centred around small children's organised sporting groups within Lyne Park.

Council Response

It is a Council process that any organised sport bookings, group bookings and/ or community events on the sports ovals being Christison Park, Lyne Park and Rushcutters Bay Park get priority over off-leash dog exercise within the dog off-leash hours. There have been very few complaints made by sporting clubs or schools that have issues with dogs interfering with activities during the current off-leash times.

Should the new times be approved new signage will be installed to communicate the regulations and Council's Companion Animals Officer will continue to educate dog owners of their responsibilities.

Regulation of off-leash times

There were concerns that the Compliance of the current regulations is not sufficient. It was also questioned that should the Council adopt the new proposed changes what strategies would be implemented to communicate the regulations and ensure dog owners are compliant.

Council Response

Council has one full time Companion Animal Officer and three full time Rangers tasked with patrolling the Municipality including parks, beaches and footpaths. Through these patrols, 43 infringements have been issued in the last twelve months for dogs being unleashed in a leashed area. Council will schedule extra patrols should any complaints be received by the public in regards to unleashed dogs in any park or beach, issuing infringements where applicable. Furthermore, Council's Companion Animal Officer is about to commence regular, targeted education campaigns and Q&A sessions in Council's off-leash areas in regards to responsible dog ownership, micro chipping, registration and off-leash responsibilities. These park visits will be scheduled in a different off-leash park each time, enabling these education programs to reach a large amount of off-leash park users in the area.

The new regulations will increase dog attacks

Concerns were raised that the 24hr off-leash proposal along the Rose Bay Foreshore will increase the likelihood of dog attacks as the beach is very popular for passive recreation by families. There were also safety concerns raised at the potential increase of hours at RHWP due to the small area of parkland, density of dogs in the park during the off-leash periods and the current interaction between dogs and children.

Council Response

The Rose Bay Foreshore is affected by extreme tidal movements which at low tide extends the usability of the foreshore for public recreation including dog exercise. It is a less populated stretch of foreshore with no facilities for beach users. While Council's Companion Animals Officer does receive a small amount of complaints regarding dogs on the foreshore, no dog attacks have been reported to Council on the foreshore. Should these new regulations be supported and implemented, Council staff would ensure that the proper signage and implementation of new signs at affected parks are updated and installed.

In relation to overall dog attacks there has been 32 dog attacks reported to Council in the past 12 months, with only seven occurring in a designated off-leash area. Of these attacks:

- Four involved other dogs, and three were directed at people.
- Two of the attacks directed at people were instigated by the same dog within a week of one another.
- The third attack on a person was perpetrated by a dog that was leashed, even though it was in an unleashed area
- No children were involved in any of these attacks.
- Of the attacks involving people, two required medical treatment (but not hospitalisation) and the third resulted in minor injury not requiring any treatment.
- Of the attacks on other dogs, three involved no injury to the dog at all, with the fourth dog requiring hospitalisation

What this data shows is that overall, very few attacks occur in Council's designated off leash areas, especially considering the large amounts of dogs and owners that attend these parks. Of the incidents that do occur, they are typically of a minor nature, and do not involve children.

It should be noted that four of the seven attacks occurred at the RHWP in Paddington. Considering the large amount of owners and dogs this park services, this is a very low number, however it is still a large proportion of the attacks in off-leash areas overall.

Council's Companion Animal Officer is of the opinion that the reason behind this park being such an anomaly compared to others in the area is the fact that this park services a very large amount of local owners and dogs, is of a much smaller size than most of Council's other off-leash parks, and has regulated off-leash hours.

Positive responses to the proposed new regulations

The submissions that were in favour of the proposed regulations can be summarised as following;

- The current times are restrictive and impractical especially during non-daylight savings.
- The proposed times would have little effect on organised sports and other users.
- The increase offers a better balance and attitude for dog owners.
- Some of the parks are empty during these proposed times which dog owners could utilise.
- An off-leash beach for dog owners will be great for the dog community. The area is currently being utilised for dog exercise.

It is recommended that due to the support of the proposed changes that the new regulations are implemented as advertised. Of the 4 parks that were proposed for change, the RHWP received differing opinions towards the proposal. Council's Companion Animal Officer is of the opinion that the reason behind this is due to the fact that this park services a very large amount of local owners and dogs, is of a much smaller size than most of Council's other off-leash parks, and has regulated off-leash hours. A very large amount of dogs all congregate in the park at the same time in a very small space, increasing the likelihood of altercations between the dogs, and with other people. Increasing the hours in the park to allow an extra two hours in the morning and hour in the afternoon will space out the amount of dogs together in the park at the same time, as owners will have the opportunity to attend at other times during the day. This is very likely to decrease the occurrences of dog attacks in this park, resulting in a safer park for dogs and people alike. It should be noted that the Sunday regulations prohibiting dogs between 10am-8pm will remain unchanged.

Trumper Park

During this public exhibition period Council received an additional 22 submissions that were related to the dog regulations within Trumper Park. The submissions noted that Trumper Park was not included in the review and requested that the park be considered as an off-leash regulated area. The public exhibition process did not include any changes to the current regulations at Trumper Park which are as follows:

- Dog on-leash at all times (except Trumper Oval)
- Dogs prohibited at all times on Trumper Oval playing surface

Trumper Park has been identified as a valuable green corridor through an otherwise densely developed area being the largest vegetated reserve in Paddington. Due to past quarrying, land filling and the construction of Trumper Oval, the original vegetation was replaced by exotic species and large amounts of weed growth. An extensive revegetation program is in place to plant native flora complemented by soil stabilisation and weed control. The park now incorporates 4.3 hectares of dense vegetation and has a prioritised revegetation and regeneration program in place. In addition to the Council program it also supports an active Bushcare Volunteer Program which meets once a week. The park provides refuge for native and introduced birds, reptiles and mammals that live in trees, grass and pond. It has been noted that ducklings and native turtles are regularly spotted in the Trumper pond. Bats use the mature fig trees for foraging habitat. It is reported that bird populations in the park appeared to be increasing since indigenous plantings were carried out. The replacement of weed species with a broad range of densely-planted local native species should further optimise

the year-round habitat for native fauna. Ongoing plantings and bush regeneration and revegetation are improving habitat.

The draft Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (currently in development) has identified that Trumper Park is deemed a 'Key Habitat Area' which is one of 9 terrestrial habitat areas in the LGA and one of 6 'Terrestrial Habitat Areas' managed by Council. Key Habitat Areas are fundamental to the future viability of Woollahra's biodiversity. Key Habitat Areas currently support most of Woollahra's natural vegetation and function as core foraging and breeding habitat for fauna species. Restoration and enhancement of Key Habitat Areas is crucial because they represent the last remaining extent of Woollahra's original native biodiversity and have potential for natural regeneration and recruitment of flora and fauna species that are locally extinct or are declining rapidly.

Trumper Park contributes to habitat connectivity within the region. The proximity of Trumper Park to Cooper Park and Centennial Park increase its value as it provides greater habitat connectivity within the area.

Council staff recommend that due to the importance of revegetating and regenerating Trumper Park it remains an on-leash area. Although the Paddington area does have a limited amount of public open space it is closely connected to Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park to the north and Centennial Parklands in the south. We do believe that the recommendations that we have provided gives a balanced approach to dog management within the area.

Some of the submissions received regarding Trumper Park proposed that the reserve pathways be changed to dog off-leash areas. Council's Companion Animal Officer stated that this type of proposal within small areas like pathways would increase the likelihood of altercations between the off-leash dogs and with other people.

Any changes to the regulations at Trumper Park would require an additional public exhibition and notification process.

Companion Animals Act 1998

The Companion Animals Act 1998 was designed to benefit pets, their owners and the wider community. The Act covers all dogs and cats in NSW and provides guidelines for pet owners to follow, to ensure their pets are happy, healthy and not a problem to the community. Woollahra Council is responsible for the implementation of the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 in our local area. This includes planning, community education and enforcement.

Companion animal owners have responsibilities towards other members of the community. These include:

- Preventing your animal from causing a nuisance through continuous and persistent barking, roaming the neighbourhood or causing damage to others property;
- Ensuring your pet does not harm or threaten any other person or animal;
- Making sure your dog is on a lead at all times when in public, except in a Council designated off-leash area;
- Ensuring your dog or cat does not enter public bathing areas, school grounds, children's playgrounds, shopping complexes, food preparation areas and similar public places where prohibitions are in force;
- Always picking up your dog's waste when in public;
- Keeping your dog secure;
- Keeping your cat inside at night to ensure it does not cause harm to our local wildlife; and
- Making sure your cat or dog wears a collar with a tag clearly showing the name of your pet and your address or telephone number.

Identification of Income and Expenditure:

The various costs that would be associated with this new proposal includes:

- Cost of the reproduction of People and Pets Guide \$2500
- Cost of the reprinting of regulation sign posting \$5000
- Bags and Bins on the foreshore \$1000

Under Council's Open Space & Trees Capital Budget we are allocated \$20,000 for Park Signage Improvements (00777). The cost of updating the People and Pets Guide is an annual publication and can be updated through this process.

Conclusion:

This exhibition process prompted over 100 submissions to Council in relation to the regulation of dogs off-leash. Although we cannot provide the ideal proposal that all community members will be happy with, we can regulate in a way to assist in reducing complaints and assist the needs of the community.

Council staff believe that this recommendation provides a balanced approach for dog owners and the general community and is a good balance. Should these changes be implemented, an update of signage will be installed along with the continued education campaigns and information sessions within these parks.

Paul Fraser
Team Leader – Open Space & Recreation Planning

Tom O'Hanlon
Director - Technical Services

Annexures:

1. Summary of submissions on draft Plan of Management and responses

Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **The Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan**
Author: Michael Casteleyn - Design & Investigations Engineer - Stormwater & Environment
File No: 626.G Committee
Reason for Report: To formally adopt the Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

Background

Council is required to manage flood prone land using the NSW Government's Flood Policy which is detailed in the Floodplain Development Manual. The policy contains four sequential stages that must be undertaken:

1. Flood Study.
 - To determine the nature and extent of the flood problem.
2. Floodplain Risk Management Study.
 - Evaluates management options for the floodplain in respect of both existing and proposed development.
3. Floodplain Risk Management Plan.
 - Involves formal adoption of a plan of management for the floodplain.
4. Implementation of the plan.
 - Construction of flood mitigation works to protect existing development.
 - Use of local environmental plans to ensure new development is compatible with the flood hazard.

The Flood Study for Rose Bay is complete and was adopted by Council in 2010.

The Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan have been combined into a single report. The Study and Plan contains five major flood mitigation measures on the lower catchment:

1. Flow diversions;
2. The installation of blockage prevention devices;
3. The use of development controls to encourage water sensitive urban design;
4. Widening of Worth Arcade near New South Head Road and Newcastle Street (potentially as part of a future development);
5. Modification of the seawall openings along New South Head Road (this is a technically feasible option which is highly unlikely to be implemented for various reasons including heritage).

The Study and Plan contains five flood mitigation measures in the upper catchment:

1. Pipe and pit upgrades;
2. Redirection of overland flows;
3. Management of pit blockage;
4. Onsite detention/retention;
5. Planning Controls.

Community Consultation

The draft Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan was publically exhibited, with a letterbox drop to approximately 6,000 residents. The Study and Plan was generally well received and all the public comments have been now addressed and incorporated into the report, where appropriate.

The Royal Sydney Golf Club is a major stakeholder within the Rose Bay catchment. Council staff met with representatives of the Club on several occasions to discuss the draft Plan. The Club has been advised that should Council wish to undertake further investigations or pursue any projects which would impact on the Club, then they and other impacted residents will be further consulted.

The Floodplain Risk Management Committee has recommended adoption of the Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

Identification of Income & Expenditure

At this stage it is not planned to include any of the Plan's recommendations in the five year capital works program, as they are all major undertakings which would require significant funding. The Study and Plan will however be used to guide Council's future policies and long term construction plans. Elements of the plan will also be incorporated into future streetscape works, where appropriate.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan be adopted by Council.

Michael Casteleyn
Design & Investigations Engineer
Stormwater & Environment

Tom O'Hanlon
Director Technical Services

Cathy Edwards-Davis
Manager Engineering Services

Annexures

Draft Rose Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan

Item No: R3 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee - Minutes of Meeting 31 October 2013**
Author: Joan Ruthven - Library Community Programs Team Leader
File No: 474.G Plaques
Reason for Report: To table the minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 31 October 2013.

Recommendation:

- A. That the minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 31 October 2013 be noted and endorsed.
- B. That the adopted “Terms of Reference for the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee” and “Selection Criteria for the Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme” be amended as presented in Appendix 1 and 2 of Annexure 1 of this report.

Background:

This report outlines the meeting held by the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee (WPAC) on 31 October 2013 (see Annexure 1).

Key discussion points at the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee (WPAC)

The key matters discussed at the meeting included:

- Confirmation of the program for the unveiling of the plaque for Dr Elwyn Lynn AM which was held on 14 November 2013. Dr Elwyn Lynn was an art historian, critic, administrator, curator, artist who had a notable and influential career in the arts in Australia.
- Discussion of dates for the inlay of plaques for Rudy Komon OBE (March 2014) and the Bombardment of the Eastern Suburbs (June 2014).
- Amendments were proposed to the current “Terms of Reference for the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee” and the “Selection Criteria for the Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme”. It was recommended that the reference to “places/buildings” be replaced with “events”. This change is to reduce possible confusion with Council’s heritage conservation role of identifying places and buildings of heritage significance and to stress the recognition of famous people and historical or cultural events which is in keeping with the following Council resolution of the 28 March 2011:

B. That Council consider the proposal of the creation of a plaque scheme in relation to where:

- i. Persons who are recognized as significantly contributing to the development of our nation and its culture resided.*
- ii. Significant historical or cultural events in the history of the Woollahra Municipality or Australia as a nation took place.*

Conclusion:

The Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee had a successful meeting in discussing the rollout of the remaining plaques for 2013/2014 and the proposed changes to the adopted “Terms of Reference for the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee” and “Selection Criteria for the Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme”. The next date for the Committee meeting is Thursday 6pm, 20 March 2014.

Vicki Munro

Joan Ruthven
Library Community Programs Team Leader

Vicki Munro
Acting Director, Community Services

Annexures:

1. Minutes of the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday 31 October 2013 (including Appendices with proposed amendments to “Terms of Reference” for the Woollahra Plaques Advisory Committee and “Selection Criteria for the Woollahra Council Plaque Scheme”.

Political Donations – matters to be considered by Councillors at Meetings

