



# Community & Environment Committee

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

**Date:** *Monday 9 March 2009*

**Time:** *6.00pm*

## **Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:**

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

## **Delegated Authority (“D” Items):**

- Community Services and Programmes.
- Health.
- Liquor Licences.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waverley/Woollahra Process Plant.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meeting.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community and Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed below.
- Library Services
- Licensing.
- Regulatory.
- Waste Minimisation

## **Recommendation only to the Full Council (“R” Items):**

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of the Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Traffic Authority of NSW.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee, or which are not the subject of a Business Agenda (current or past).
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors, in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards".
- Parks and Reserve Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives)
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies

**Committee Membership:**

7 Councillors

**Quorum:**

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

# WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## Notice of Meeting

5 March 2009

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

Dear Councillors

### **Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 9 March 2009**

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at a Meeting of the Council's **Community and Environment Committee** to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 9 March 2009 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James  
General Manager

## **Additional Information Relating to Committee Matters**

**Site Inspection**

**Other Matters**

## Meeting Agenda

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2	Late Correspondence	
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 ‘Nil R Items’**

**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 23 February 2009**  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager - Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 23 February 2009 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

**Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 23 February 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle  
Manager - Governance

**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **WOOLLAHRA TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES  
3 March 2009**  
**Author:** Warwick Hatton –Engineering Services  
**File No:** 595.G 2008  
**Reason for Report:** For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

**Recommendation:**

THAT the Recommendations Y1-Y10 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee, and as signed by the members of the Committee, held on Tuesday 3 March 2009 be adopted.

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**Warwick Hatton**  
**Director - Technical Services**

# Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Double Bay, on Tuesday 3 February 2009 at 10.00am.

## 1. Attendances

### Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Const Louise Tsolakis	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Mr John Giblin	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)
Staff:	Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Daniel Pearse	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Kellie Richardson	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Ms Lorna Oliver	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr E Graham	(State Transit Authority)
	Ms S Fuchs	(Resident – Item Y4)
	Mr J McDonagh	(Harbourview Resident Group)

Apologies:

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## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.01/09 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 3 February 2009 were confirmed by Mr N Prasad.

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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

Nil



## 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.

### Item Y1-1: Victoria Road, Bellevue Hill – Establishment of Bus Zone

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That two new Bus Zones be located over existing bus stops in Victoria Road adjacent to and opposite Cranbrook School. The respective zones are located;
  - i. Southern kerb – Commencing from the existing No Stopping sign west of the pedestrian crossing and extending west for a distance of 25 metres.
  - ii. Northern kerb – Commencing from the existing No Stopping restriction on an ELP located on the western side of the main driveway entry to Cranbrook School and extending west for a distance of 16.4 metres.

### Item Y1-2: Darling Point Road, Darling Point – Request for Disabled Parking Zone

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That a 'Disabled Zone' be installed on the eastern side of Darling Point Road just south of the driveway serving No.37 Darling Point Road, Darling Point for a distance of 5.2 metres in an southerly direction.
2. That the applicant be advised of Council's Procedure and conditions for Disabled Parking zones, including the requirement to renew these zones annually.
3. That the Disabled Zone revert to Resident Permit Parking when it is no longer required.

### Item Y1-3: Darling Point Road, Darling Point – Request for Disabled Parking Zone

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That a 'Disabled Zone' be installed on the western side of Darling Point Road just south of the driveway servicing No.48 Darling Point Road, Darling Point for a distance of 5.2 metres in an southerly direction.
2. That the applicant be advised of Council's Procedure and conditions for Disabled Parking zones, including the requirement to renew these zones annually.
3. That the Disabled Zone revert to unrestricted parking when it is no longer required.

**Item Y1-4: Dudley Street, Paddington – No Through Road Signage**

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

1. That a new “No Through Road” sign be located on an ELP on the southern side of Dudley Street, 15 metres east of the eastern kerblines in William Street, Paddington. The sign is to be a new “B” sized sign and realigned to face oncoming traffic from William Street.
2. That a new custom sign stating “No turning available for vehicles past this point” be installed on an existing ELP, located on the southern side of Dudley Street at the head of the intersection with Ashton Lane.

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

**Subject:** **PADDINGTON 40K ZONE – ALTERATIONS  
(NEILD AVENUE/ BROWN STREET, & CASCADE STREET)**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 1166.G

**Reason for Report:** Consideration of alterations to the Paddington 40K Zone as required by the RTA to restrict vehicle speeds to 40kph.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the proposal to install Watts profile speed humps in the locations detailed in the Action Plan and Annexures 2 and 3 of this report be approved.
- B. That an application be made to the RTA for funding for these speed humps on a 50:50 basis with Council funding its share of the project from existing budget allocation in the 2008-09 Traffic Capital Works Program.

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

**Subject:** **PADDINGTON PAMP PROJECTS**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 445.G

**Reason for Report:** Proposed alteration of 3 Paddington PAMP Project Designs

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That pedestrian crossings and associated kerb blisters and signposting be approved for construction at the following locations:
  - i Queen Street just east of its intersection with Victoria Avenue (Plan 15017 Annexure 1)
  - ii Queen Street just west of its intersection with Holdsworth Street (Plan 15018 Annexure 2)
  - iii Glenmore Road/Campbell Avenue intersection (Plan 14991-1 Annexure 3, amended to move the pedestrian crossing northwards outside property No.69.)

- B. That zig-zag lines and pedestrian crossing warning signs be introduced on the approaches of all of the above pedestrian crossings.
- C. All kerb blisters be designed in accordance with RTAs Technical Direction.

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

**Subject:** **NORTHLAND ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 332.

**Reason for Report:** Concerns about width of Roadway and potential for vehicle conflicts in Northland Road, Bellevue Hill.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**NOTE:** Ms Fuchs addressed the Committee in relation to this item

**Recommendation:**

- A. That an unbroken centreline (with rpms) be installed in Northland Road from 8 metres west of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos 38 & 38A Northland Road in an easterly direction for 40 metres.
- B. That an unbroken centreline (with rpms) be installed in Northland Road from the Northland Road/Cooper Park Road intersection in an westerly direction for 25 metres.
- C. That a broken centreline (with rpms) be installed between the 2 sections of unbroken centreline referred to in recommendations 1 and 2 above.
- D. That a Watts profile speed hump in accordance with Plan No. T000708 of the RTA Technical Direction TDT 2001/04 (attached as an Annexure) be constructed approximately 25 metres east of No.38A Northland Road to improve safety at this location by reducing the speed of vehicles approaching this bend from the east.
- E. That the street lighting in the vicinity of this treatment be the subject of further investigation by Council officers.
- F. That a night-time inspection be carried out to determine appropriate action, if required, on lighting levels in this section of Northland Road.
- G. That following installation of the above measures, the location be monitored for parking offences and the need for signposting of parking restrictions.
- H. Council officers investigate the possibility of a parking bay being provided adjacent to No.38A Northland Road.

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

**Subject:** **MARINE PARADE, WATSONS BAY – DISABLED PARKING**

**Author:** Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

**File No:** 404.G Disabled Parking

**Reason for Report:** Council request for investigation into the provision of additional disabled car parking close to the proposed library at Watsons Bay.

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That in association with the refurbishment of the Watsons Bay Baths including upgrading of facilities for disabled swimmers:
- i. That three 3.2 metre disabled parking spaces be provided at the northern end of the 90 degree angle parking area in Marine Parade, Watsons Bay.
  - ii. That eighteen 2.6 metre unrestricted spaces be provided south of the disabled spaces referred to in Part A above.
  - iii. That all spaces be linemarked to the above dimensions and signposted accordingly.
  - iv. That standard wheel stops be installed in each bay approximately 0.6 metres from the kerb face.
- B. That the use of disabled parking be monitored following the opening of the Watson Bay Baths, to ascertain the need, if any, for additional disabled parking.
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**Item No:** Y6 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration

**Subject:** **No. 2a PACIFIC STREET, WATSONS BAY – WORKS ZONE**

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

**File No:** 407.G Pt12

**Reason for Report:** Request for a Works Zone

**Committee Vote:** Split Vote (RTA and Police Representatives voted against the reduction of the Statutory No Stopping restrictions)

**Recommendation:**

That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.2a Pacific Street, Watsons Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the northern side of Pacific Street adjoining the driveway servicing No.3 Pacific 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 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 52 weeks from mid March, 2009 (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 RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
- iv. Existing 'unrestricted' parking restrictions are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
- v. 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.
- vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
- vii. 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.
- viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
- ix. 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.
- x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.

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:** Y7 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

**Subject:** No. 44 MANNING ROAD, DOUBLE BAY – WORKS ZONE

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

**File No:** 407.G Pt12

**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 for 44 Manning Road, Double Bay. The proposed Works Zone is to be located on the eastern side of Manning Road commencing 6 metres north of the driveway servicing 46 Manning Road, extending north for a distance of 8.8 metres 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 7.00am-4.00pm Mon-Fri and 7.00am-1.00pm Sat for a period of 8 weeks from late March, 2009 (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 RTA's Traffic Control at Works Sites manual.
  - iv. Existing 'unrestricted' parking restrictions are to be maintained outside of the Works Zone hours of operation.
  - v. 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.
  - vi. The applicant must inform Council's Traffic Engineer when the project is completed and the Works Zone can be removed.
  - vii. 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.
  - viii. Failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the cancellation of the Works Zone at Council's discretion.
  - ix. 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.
  - x. Should the Works Zone be required for additional hours of operation on any particular day, any amendment will require the approval of the Woollahra 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:** Draft design of bicycle facilities for elizabeth Street, paddington

**Author:** Lorna Oliver - Traffic & Transport Planner

**File No:** 256.G, 154.G

**Reason for Report:** Draft design for consideration of the Traffic Committee

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the draft plan No.15020 Rev.2 for Elizabeth Street, Paddington be approved in principle.
- B. That the draft plan No.15020 Rev.2 for Elizabeth Street, Paddington be placed on Public Exhibition.

**Item No:** Y9 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

**Subject:** **Draft design of bicycle facilities for Glenmore Road, Paddington**

**Author:** Lorna Oliver - Traffic & Transport Planner

**File No:** 256.G, T191

**Reason for Report:** Draft design for consideration of the Traffic Committee

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the draft plan No.15019 Rev.2 for Glenmore Road, Paddington be approved in principle.
  - B. That the draft plan No.15019 Rev.2 for Glenmore Road, Paddington be placed on Public Exhibition.
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**Item No:** Y10 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for consideration.

**Subject:** **Draft design of bicycle facilities for jersey road, paddington**

**Author:** Lorna Oliver - Traffic & Transport Planner

**File No:** 256.G, T253

**Reason for Report:** Draft design for consideration of the Traffic Committee

**Committee Vote:** Unanimous Support

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the draft plan No.15021 Rev.2 for Jersey Road, Paddington be deferred for further investigation
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## 8. Late Items

The STA representative reported that the integrated network plan for Region 9 has been approved by the Minister for Transport and that there are no route alterations for the Woollahra Municipality but running times in New South Head Road have been reviewed.

The RTA has advised that the design for pedestrian mid-block signals in New South Head Road at Rushcutters Bay Park has been completed and will be presented to a future Traffic Committee Meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11.51am.

**Warwick Hatton**  
**Chair**

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **WOOLLAHRA BIKE PLAN - BICYCLE WORKING PARTY MINUTES - 17 February 2009**  
**Author:** Warwick Hatton – Director, Technical Services  
**File No:** 256.G Working Party  
**Reason for Report:** For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Bicycle Working Party.

**Recommendation:**

- A. THAT the Recommendations contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Bike Plan – Bicycle Working Party meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2009, be adopted:.
1. Item 4.1: Draft Design for Jersey Road
    - a. That the design be forwarded to the Traffic Committee for consideration after investigation of the following items:
      - i. PS-2 logos to be located with a minimum of 2.2m clearance from edge of logo to face of kerb and to be contained within the travel lane
      - ii. Further investigation of the right turn into Jersey Road from Moncur Street
      - iii. Road widths in Jersey Road from Hargrave Street to Thorn Street
      - iv. Addition of a fingerboard sign to Edgecliff Station at the intersection of Jersey Road and Thorn Street.
      - v. Location of median islands at the pedestrian crossing at Jersey Road near Trelawney Street
      - vi. Relocate bicycle warning sign on Jersey Road as shown on the plans
    - b. Council's Design Engineer is to meet with Adrian Boss of BIKEast onsite to address the above items
  2. Item 4.2: Draft Design for Elizabeth Street  
That the design be forwarded to the Traffic Committee for consideration after investigation of the following items:
    - i. Fingerboard signs to be added to the intersection of Paddington and Elizabeth Streets
    - ii. Logos to be deleted from the two-way section of Elizabeth Street as traffic volumes are so low
  3. Item 4.3: Draft Design for Glenmore Road  
That the design be forwarded to the Traffic Committee for consideration after relocation of the logo from outside house number 108 Glenmore Road to outside house number 96 Glenmore Road.

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Lorna Oliver  
**Traffic and Transport Planner**

Warwick Hatton  
**Director Technical Services**

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**Annexures:**

1. Bicycle Working Party Minutes 17 February 2009



# Woollahra Bike Plan – Bicycle Working Party Minutes

## 17 February 2009

The Woollahra Bike Plan – Working Party meeting was held in the Dining Room, Council Chambers, Double Bay on 17 February 2009, at 11.00am.

### 1. Attendances

#### Committee Members:

Present:           Mr Warwick Hatton                                 (Woollahra Municipal Council)  
                      Ms Lorna Oliver                                   (Woollahra Municipal Council)  
                      Mr John O’Neill                                   (Bicycle NSW)  
                              Mr Adrian Boss                                   (BIKEast)  
                      Clr Nicola Grieve                                 (Woollahra Municipal Council)  
                              Clr Susan Jarnason                                 (Woollahra Municipal Council)

#### Apologies:

                      Mr Adrian Boss                                 (BIKEast)  
                      Snr Const Janna Brisby                                 (Paddington Police)  
                              Mr Owen Denmead                                 (Vaucluse Progress Association)  
                      Mr Eric Graham                                   (Sydney Buses)  
                      Mr Robert Rosadi                                 (State Transit Authority)

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### 2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 18 November 2008

The Minutes of the Bicycle Working Party meeting held on 18 November 2008 were confirmed by John O’Neill of Bicycle NSW and Clr Nicola Grieve of Woollahra Municipal Council.

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### 3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting

Nil

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#### 4. Matters for consideration by the Working Party

**ITEM NO:** 4.1 Matters for Consideration by the Working Party –  
Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

**SUBJECT:** **Draft Design for jersey road**

**Author:** Lorna Oliver - Traffic & Transport Planner

**File No:** 256.G

**Reason for Report:** Draft design prepared for consideration by the Working Party

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the design be forwarded to the Traffic Committee for consideration after investigation of the following items:
- i. PS-2 logos to be located with a minimum of 2.2m clearance from edge of logo to face of kerb and to be contained within the travel lane
  - ii. Further investigation of the right turn into Jersey Road from Moncur Street
  - iii. Road widths in Jersey Road from Hargrave Street to Thorn Street
  - iv. Addition of a fingerboard sign to Edgecliff Station at the intersection of Jersey Road and Thorn Street.
  - v. Location of median islands at the pedestrian crossing at Jersey Road near Trelawney Street
  - vi. Relocate bicycle warning sign on Jersey Road as shown on the plans
- B. Council's Design Engineer is to meet with Adrian Boss of BIKEast onsite to address the above items

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**ITEM NO:** 4.2 Matters for Consideration by the Working Party –  
Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

**SUBJECT:** **Draft Design for elizabeth Street**

**Author:** Lorna Oliver - Traffic & Transport Planner

**File No:** 256.G

**Reason for Report:** Draft design prepared for consideration by the Working Party

**Recommendation:**

- That the design be forwarded to the Traffic Committee for consideration after investigation of the following items:
- iii. Fingerboard signs to be added to the intersection of Paddington and Elizabeth Streets
  - iv. Logos to be deleted from the two-way section of Elizabeth Street as traffic volumes are so low
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**ITEM NO:** 4.3 Matters for Consideration by the Working Party –  
Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

**SUBJECT:** **Draft Design for glenmore road**

**Author:** Lorna Oliver - Traffic & Transport Planner

**File No:** 256.G

**Reason for Report:** Draft design prepared for consideration by the Working Party

**Recommendation:**

That the design be forwarded to the Traffic Committee for consideration after relocation of the logo from outside house number 108 Glenmore Road to outside house number 96 Glenmore Road.

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**5. Next Meeting**

Friday 20 March 2009 at 10am

**Warwick Hatton**  
**Chair**

**Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **NEW YEARS EVE 2008**  
**Author:** Bruce Rann, Acting Manager Parks and Trees  
**File No:** 1031.G  
**Reason for Report:** To recommend additional assistance and regulation in the management of Woollahra's popular New Years Eve event in our harbour-side parks and reserves.

**Recommendations:**

A. That Council:

1. Create a restricted entry area at Yarranabbe and Rushcutters Bay Parks, with bar service alcohol only;
2. Create a restricted entry, alcohol free, family friendly zone at McKell Park;
3. Continue with our current successful restricted entry, alcohol free, family friendly zone at Redleaf;
4. Maintain non restricted entry at Christison Park and locate public toilets to minimise impact on views;
5. Continue with our current successful unrestricted entry at Dumaresq Reserve and Robertson Park.

B. That specifications and a brief for expressions of interest be prepared for event organisers, to run a restricted access area with bar service, for Yarranabbe and Rushcutters Bay Parks, and to provide event supervision services for our other parks and be the subject of a further report.

C. That a contract cleaning company be engaged if we cannot staff the New Years Day cleanup.

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**Background:**

Sydney is famous for its New Years Eve fireworks and celebrations with large crowds gathering at all the vantage points of the harbour and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Each year our staff spend a significant amount of time preparing for, and cleaning up from celebrations and revellers who gather in Yarranabbe Park, Rushcutters Bay Park, McKell Park, Duff Reserve, Dumaresq Reserve, Queens Avenue, Robertson Park and Christison Park.

Despite careful post event analysis each year, for the last few years we have found it increasingly difficult to prepare for the exponential growth in visitation to our parks. This significant increase in numbers seems to stem from the fact that most other harbour-side park agencies and councils are now restricting numbers and alcohol to their venues to provide safer, family friendly event experiences.

Until New Years Eve 2009 we had been relatively lucky with public safety, however, this year we had several alcohol and/or drug related incidents, some of which could result in risk liability exposure for Council. I believe that in addition to the current resourcing of pre and post event functions, we should now seek advice and engage assistance for a presence on the actual night.

## **Preparation for the 2008 event**

- Based on our knowledge of the 2007 New Years Eve event (gathered from debriefings with staff, Police and National Parks and Wildlife Service representatives) we provided approximately 55 porta loos, 6 skip bins, 20 x 600L bins, 130 x 240L bins, primarily at Yarranabbe Park, Christison Park, McKell Park, Dumaresq Reserve and Duff Reserve for New Years Eve 2008.
- Public toilets were kept open at McKell Park, Christison Park, Robertson Park and Blackburn Gardens.
- At the request of the Police, Redleaf House and Beach, as well as Blackburn Gardens were closed using 1.8m high temporary event fencing.
- Woollahra Council staff worked with the Police on road blocks in the Watsons Bay area.

## **Some specific issues leading up to the event**

- Suppliers delivered the toilets, bins and fences close to the agreed times and the setup on 30 and 31 December went fairly smoothly, however:
- There were some issues with the delivery and location of the bins and toilets at Yarranabbe Park, as many people had already claimed parts of the park where we have traditionally setup amenity areas in easy access delivery points; and
- At Christison Park, Councillor Boskovitz requested that staff arrange for contractors to move the porta loos from the upper oval area, to the footpath following complaints from nearby residents.

## **Cleanup**

In an attempt to offer greater incentive to participating staff, we increased our usual 10 staff to 15 staff, plus an additional contract garbage truck driver on a “work finish” type offer, for a full days pay for 1 January 2009.

Due to this year’s unprecedented increase in littering, our staff had to work all day and remove around 18 tonnes of rubbish, primarily from Yarranabbe, McKell and Christison Parks.

## **Some staff observations**

For the first time the Yarranabbe celebrations extended all along Yarranabbe Park, with some groups also picnicking on Rushcutters Bay Park. In all previous years the crowd in this area has been almost exclusively between the Yarranabbe Park playground and the Point.

Despite increasing and expanding the number and positioning of bins, in general, bins were poorly used, especially at Yarranabbe and Christison Parks where large volumes of rubbish were left on the ground while bins and skips were left half empty. In contrast, Dumaresq Reserve, Queens Avenue and Duff Reserve were left relatively tidy with most rubbish in or next to bins.

There was a noticeable increase in bottle and glass smashing. Luckily there were no reports of ‘glassing’ type assaults, however our staff spent an additional 52 hours at Yarranabbe Park, 26 hours at Christison Park and 10 hours at McKell Park (over several days) picking up primarily glass, but also sparkler wire and bottle tops which are a potential risk issue to community and staff post event.

All waste was transported to landfill via the Veolia contractors.

## Debriefing and presentations

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009, Woollahra hosted a meeting with local Police, Eastern Suburbs National Parks and Wildlife Service representatives, and Property Managers from Strickland House. Some of the key issues from this meeting were:

- Yarranabbe Park is becoming extremely crowded. The Police estimated 15,000 visitors between the RANSA buildings and the Point, with the area between the playground and the Point being standing room only at 9:00pm and 12:00am;
- Strickland House had similar crowds and issues to Yarranabbe Park;
- McKell Park showed signs of large numbers of people sitting on cliffs and rock ledges. The stairs from the upper park to the seawall terrace were completely covered in broken glass;
- There were at least two serious injuries involving people falling or diving from walls and / or seawalls;
- We have had a complaint from a person who sprained their ankle at Duff Reserve. This visitor has said that Woollahra is inviting people into poorly lit and potentially dangerous vantage points, via our promotion on our website;
- Reports from other inner Sydney property managers and Councils indicate that restricted access and restricted alcohol zones are now in place in many harbour-side vantage points for New Years Eve;
- Our one alcohol restricted access zone at Redleaf was considered a success by the Police; and
- The National Parks and Wildlife Service and Department of Commerce Properties were manned on the night while Woollahra's parks relied largely on intermittent Police patrols for most areas. National Parks and Wildlife Service and Strickland House representatives believe that they have achieved a number of benefits from having staff present throughout the evening. These benefits included:
  - Better crowd behaviour especially with the proper use of bins and toilets;
  - The ability to carry out a progressive cleanup rather than leaving everything for the morning;
  - Direct contact with Police and Ambulance staff as necessary; and
  - Accurate information gathering on crowd distributions for future events.

In addition to the information passed onto us at the 22 January meeting, at a subsequent meeting hosted by Woollahra Council on 26 February, staff from National Parks and Wildlife Service, Strickland and Woollahra heard presentations from Gaye Smallwood of North Sydney Council and Senior Sergeant Darrin Thompson CMR Licensing Coordinator of the New South Wales Police. Gaye Smallwood told the group about North Sydney Council's bad experiences with extreme overcrowding, binge drinking and antisocial and violent behaviour at Blues Point and McMahons Point, during the 1999 and 2000 celebrations.

Since that time North Sydney Council has worked closely with the community and the Police to implement large fenced event zones at both of these points. Bring your own alcohol is not allowed within the fenced area, and a restriction on numbers plus a strict adherence to the responsible service of alcohol laws, saw a dramatic improvement in behaviour and public safety. To prevent increased drinking and smashing of bottles etc. in and around the restricted areas North Sydney Council included Council managed bars within the restricted areas. Sales of alcohol are managed under the responsible service of alcohol (RSA) provisions and help to defray the cost of managing the event.

In addition to the "restricted numbers and alcohol zones," North Sydney sets up a network of road closures and alcohol free zones in streets leading to these and other vantage points. The entire operation costs North Sydney Council approximately \$250,000 each New Years, and the bars recoup approximately \$118,000 in profits. Following two cases of rape in Bradfield Park last New Years, North Sydney Council is now contemplating some totally alcohol free family friendly zones.

Senior Sergeant Darrin Thompson CMR Licensing Coordinator of the New South Wales Police shared some of his experiences in helping other harbourside park and garden agencies, such as the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust and City of Sydney Council to move to a mix of:

- Number controlled;
- Ticketed;
- Alcohol controlled; and
- Alcohol free zones.

Senior Sergeant Darrin Thompson said that each model had its merits, and that a mix of areas seemed to give a range of relatively safe New Years Eve experiences for all age groups. Senior Sergeant Darrin Thompson and Gaye Smallwood both stressed the importance of advanced communication, negotiation and planning between Councils, the Police and the community; especially on issues relating to licensed areas and road closures.

### **Conclusions**

- As a result of actions taken by other Councils and property managers, visitation to our harbourside parks on New Years Eve is increasing dramatically.
- Yarranabbe Park and McKell Park are becoming extremely crowded and we have reached a point where some areas are becoming potentially unsafe;
- As a generalisation, a large proportion of these crowds are young travellers, people looking for cost free vantages, or people avoiding alcohol restrictions elsewhere;
- We endeavour to manage the setup and cleanup periods, but apart from Redleaf we rely on periodic police and ambulance patrols on the night;
- We do not have the appropriate in-house skills or experience to manage large scale events of this magnitude;
- We are finding it increasingly difficult to get enough staff to man the New Years Day clean-up.
- We have very poor compliance with the use of bins;

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**Item No:** D5 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Author:** Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator  
**File No:** 1160.G Public Art  
**Reason for Report:** To table the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 February 2009.

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2009 be noted and endorsed.

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**Background:**

This report outlines the meeting held by the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) on 4 February 2009. The focus of this particular meeting was to prioritise all project ideas that had been discussed in PAAC Meetings, from the Advisory Committee's inception in May 2007 to date. Project ideas were assigned low, medium and high priority according to what PAAC members deemed achievable within the next twelve to twenty four months. PAAC members acknowledged that the successful delivery and completion of some projects is budget dependant. It was also acknowledged that projects requiring minimal funding resources could be researched by PAAC members and concepts could be brought back to a PAAC meeting for presentation and further discussion.

**High priority projects:**

Projects that were deemed a high priority by PAAC include:

- Double Bay Eastern Gateway,
- Women in Woollahra public art component,
- Exhibition Guidelines for the Customer Services area of Council,
- Watsons Bay Zaishu Seat project,
- Drain Stencilling project, and;
- Temporary Public Art Programs.

Please see Annexure 1 for a detailed listing of public art project idea priorities.

**Conclusion:**

At the meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee on 4 February 2009, a range of ideas that have been on the agenda of meetings since the commencement of the Advisory Committee in May 2007 were discussed and prioritised.

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**ANNEXURES:**

1. Minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting, Wednesday 4 February



**Item No:** D6 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **2008 Cultural program evaluation**  
**Author:** Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator  
**File No:** 79.G CCD, 20.G, 596.G  
**Reason for Report:** To provide a detailed summary of the 2008 Community Services Cultural Activities Program and present information on the 2009 Cultural Activities Program.

**Recommendation:**

- A. That the evaluation of the 2008 Community Services Cultural Activities Program summary be noted.
- B. That the 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program be noted.

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**1. Background**

For many years Council has facilitated or hosted cultural activity that engages with the local community and benefits a range of age and target groups. Well established cultural activity coordinated by Council includes the Poets Picnic, now in its 20th year, the Youth Photographic Award, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, and the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of key cultural events and activities within the 2008 Community Services Cultural Activities Program and to provide a calendar of scheduled programs and activities for 2009.

**2. Relationship to the Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan (2008 – 2013)**

Adopted in July 2008, the Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan (2008 – 2013) combines Council's social planning and cultural planning roles and responsibilities. The Plan was developed through consultation with a diverse range of community and cultural networks and incorporates a number of key strategic documents such as the Library and Information Services Strategy (2007), Woollahra Social Needs Studies 2005 - 2007 and the Woollahra Council Cultural Plan (2003).

For the purposes of this report, it is those activities that predominantly align with Objective 4 of the Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan (2008 – 2013) that have been identified as cultural activities and programs. In 2008, other activities facilitated by the Community Services Division included self defence workshops, resource sessions for parents and subsidised first aid training. These have not been covered in this report.

The Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan (2008 – 2013) states in **Objective 4: A creative community** that

*'Woollahra is a community where local creativity, cultural pursuit, the arts and cultural heritage are supported. Creative talents, contributions and initiatives of the community are valued and showcased' (pg 41).*

Under this objective it is also recognised that *'Cultural activities are fostered and supported by Council, cultural groups, local organisations and businesses in Woollahra' (pg 41).*

### **3. 2008 Community Services Cultural Activities Program**

Consistent with strategies identified in the Woollahra Social and Cultural Plan (2008 – 2013) and the 2008 – 2011 Management Plan, the Community Services Division continued to strengthen its Cultural Activities Program by bringing together a range of projects supported by Library and Information Services, Cultural and Community Development staff. A number of community organisations were also involved in these activities, with Council staff working with the community in a collaborative approach.

Community Services cultural programs and activities were regularly evaluated and feedback from community members, attendees and participants was encouraged as part of the evaluation process. Please see Annexure 1 for a summary listing of 2008 Community Services cultural activities, including intended aims and objectives of the activity as well as evaluation comments.

Overall, the cultural activities facilitated and coordinated by Council were successful and met their aims and objectives, with the evaluation process highlighting some areas for improvement in specific activities that will be implemented in 2009.

### **4. 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program**

2009 will be another year of cultural activities for Council, with a summarised calendar of the scheduled 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program presented in Annexure 2.

### **5. Conclusion**

The 2008 Community Services Cultural Activities Program was conducted through an integration of Library and Information Services, Cultural Development and Community Development for the coordination of a diverse and overall successful program which met Council objectives. The whole of division and partnership approach used to coordinate activities and programs maximised resources and ensured professional events was delivered to the community.

The 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program will continue with the same approach as well as endeavour to be responsive to any changing community needs through strategic review and evaluation processes.

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### **ANNEXURES:**

1. 2008 Community Services Cultural Activities Program Summary.
2. 2009 Community Services Cultural Activities Program Calendar

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