

# Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 6 April 2009

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# Community & Environment Committee Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 6 April 2009 at 6.00pm**

Present: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie ex-officio  
Councillors Peter Cavanagh (Chair)  
Anthony Boskovitz  
Susan Jarnason  
Greg Medcraft (Arrived 6.40pm)  
Ian Plater  
Isabelle Shapiro  
Susan Wynne

Staff: S Dunshea (Director – Corporate Services)  
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)  
G James (General Manager)  
B Rann (Acting Manager – Open Space & Street Trees)

Also in Attendance: Councillor Grieve  
Councillor Howe  
Councillor Young  
Councillor Zelter

## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Nil

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## **Late Correspondence**

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

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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**Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D4)**

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 23 March 2009**  
**Author:** Les Windle – Manager Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of 23 March 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.

**(Plater/Jarnason)**

**Resolved:**

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

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**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Yarrannabbe Park Trees**  
**Author:** Bruce Rann - Acting Manager Open Space and Street Trees  
**File No:** 226.G  
**Reason for Report:** Report on assessment of trees in New Beach Road as required by a Council resolution

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by Margaret Luker & Philip Luker.

**Note:** The Committee received a presentation from Paul Espie and Dennis Rabinowitz from the Rushcutters Bay Parks Enhancement Group (RUBPEG).

**Motion moved by Councillor Petrie  
Seconded by Councillor Plater**

1. That Council note the consultant's report on the assessment of the New Beach Road trees as required by Part C of the resolution of 8 September 2008;
2. That we remove Yarrannabbe Tree 1;
3. That Council defer consideration of action in respect of tree 12 until a report is received advising of its absolute safety;
4. That pruning be deferred pending the Committee being presented with a montage of images depicting both 5-10% and 15- 20% pruning;
5. That we remove the tree cages and fill the holes (which were dug for the replacement Fig Trees) until the review of the Park Plan of Management clarifies these planting positions;

6. That we keep local residents informed of any works arising from these recommendations.
7. That Council proceed with the preparation of a Masterplan for the Yarranbbe Park, which will include a review of the existing Park Plan of Management

**Amendment moved by Councillor Boskovitz**

1. That Council note the consultant's report on the assessment of the New Beach Road trees as required by Part C of the resolution of 8 September 2008;
2. That we remove Yarranabbe Tree 1;
3. That tree 12 be removed now;
4. That we undertake interim pruning per TWM report and Treescan report 10 06 08, 15%-20% with lateral foliage trimmed to reinstate light and view corridors (and to be maintained pending the implementation of the Master Plan)
5. That we remove the tree cages and fill the holes (which were dug for the replacement Fig Trees) until the review of the Park Plan of Management clarifies these planting positions;
6. That we keep local residents informed of any works arising from these recommendations.
7. That Council proceed forthwith in the preparation of a Masterplan for the Rushcutters Bay Parks pursuant to objectives of the Community & Environment Committee meeting of 25 August 2008.

**The Amendment lapsed for want of a Seconder.  
The Motion was adopted.**

**(Petrie/Plater)**

**Resolved:**

1. That Council note the consultant's report on the assessment of the New Beach Road trees as required by Part C of the resolution of 8 September 2008;
2. That we remove Yarranabbe Tree 1;
3. That Council defer consideration of action in respect of tree 12 until a report is received advising of its absolute safety;
4. That pruning be deferred pending the Committee being presented with a montage of images depicting both 5-10% and 15- 20% pruning;
5. That we remove the tree cages and fill the holes (which were dug for the replacement Fig Trees) until the review of the Park Plan of Management clarifies these planting positions;
6. That we keep local residents informed of any works arising from these recommendations.
7. That Council proceed with the preparation of a Masterplan for Yarranabbe Park, which will include a review of the existing Park Plan of Management.

**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Tree Management Policy**  
**Author:** Bruce Rann - Acting Manager Open Space and Trees  
**File No:** 262.G  
**Reason for Report:** To respond to a Council Resolution

**Note:** In accordance with Council's meeting procedures and policy this matter is referred to full Council due to a substantive change to the Committee's recommendation to the Officers recommendation. **(See Item R2)**

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**Item No:** D4 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Cooper Park Draft Plan of Management**  
**Author:** Paul Fraser, Parks & Recreation Coordinator  
**File No:** 178.G MP  
**Reason for Report:** To recommend the draft Plan of Management for Cooper Park be placed on public exhibition and submissions be invited in accordance with Section 38 of the Local Government Act 1993.

**(Petrie/Wynne)**

**Resolved:**

- A. That Council place the draft Plan of Management for Cooper Park (Annexure 1) on public exhibition for not less than 28 days and that submissions be received for a period of not less than 42 days from the date the plan is placed on exhibition, in accordance with Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
  - B. That Council considers submissions received and, where appropriate, incorporates changes in a Final Plan of Management to be further considered by Council.
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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R2)**

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** Proposed Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy  
**Author:** Mark Ramsay – Manager Depot and Waste Services  
**File No:** 588.G  
**Reason for Report:** To respond to a Resolution of Council on 9 March 2009

**Motion moved by Councillor Medcraft  
Seconded by Councillor Plater**

- A. That Council place the attached draft Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy, with background information, on public exhibition for 28 days with a submission period of 42 days including the exhibition period.
- B. That a report be provided at the conclusion of the exhibition period, with recommendations for a final Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy.
- C. That the report be referred back to Council's Ecological Sustainability Task Force.
- D. That Council officers evaluate, and report to Council's Ecological Sustainability Task Force, on the options for organic waste collection in Paddington.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Boskovitz**

- A. That Council place the attached draft Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy, with background information, on public exhibition for 28 days with a submission period of 42 days including the exhibition period.
- B. That a report be provided at the conclusion of the exhibition period, with recommendations for a final Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy.
- C. That the report be referred back to Council's Ecological Sustainability Task Force
- D. That Council officers evaluate, and report to Council's Ecological Sustainability Task Force, on the options for organic waste collection in Paddington.
- E. That an addendum be included in the information placed on public exhibition that highlights the mains issue in the Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy

**The Amendment lapsed for want of a Seconder.  
The Motion was adopted.**

**(Medcraft/Plater)****Recommendation:**

- A. That Council place the attached draft Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy, with background information, on public exhibition for 28 days with a submission period of 42 days including the exhibition period.
  - B. That a report be provided at the conclusion of the exhibition period, with recommendations for a final Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Policy and Strategy.
  - C. That the report be referred back to Council's Ecological Sustainability Task Force
  - D. That Council officers evaluate, and report to Council's Ecological Sustainability Task Force, on the options for organic waste collection in Paddington.
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**Item No:** R2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Tree Management Policy**  
**Author:** Bruce Rann - Acting Manager Open Space and Trees  
**File No:** 262.G  
**Reason for Report:** To respond to a Council Resolution

**Note:** In accordance with Council's meeting procedures and policy this matter is referred to full Council due to a substantive change to the Committee's recommendation to the Officers recommendation.

**(Plater/Medcraft)****Recommendation:**

1. That the draft Woollahra Tree Management Policy be developed around the following Aim, Objectives and Principles:

**Aim**

The overall aim of the Woollahra Tree Management Policy is to ensure the right trees are planted in the right place to retain and conserve Woollahra's leafy character.

**Objectives**

The primary objectives of tree management in Woollahra are:

- to maintain our tree canopy and leafy landscape character,
- to ensure trees in our care are healthy and well maintained,
- to ensure public safety and
- to preserve a balance of public and private amenity.



## **Principles**

In making decisions about tree selection, planting, pruning, removal and replacement:

### **General Principles**

- We will consider the public interest and private interests; the public interest will generally take precedence over private interests, but a major private benefit may take precedence over a minor public detriment.
- We will take into account the Goals and Strategies of the [draft] Community Strategic Plan 2010-2025 and Delivery Program 2010-2013, the relevant provisions of the Woollahra LEP and relevant DCPs, REPs and SEPPs, and the relevant provisions of Community Land and Crown Land Plans of Management.
- Whenever practicable we will promote the use of local native plant species and indigenous trees in remnant bushland areas will not be permitted to be pruned or removed except where warranted by the condition of the tree.

### **Replacement Planting Principles**

- Where trees are permitted to be removed because of poor condition or danger to public safety, replacement planting will occur with the objective of restoring (over time) lost tree canopy.
- Where trees are permitted to be removed as part of a TPO approval, replacement planting will be required as a condition of approval with the objective of restoring (over time) lost tree canopy.
- Where trees are permitted to be removed as part of a development consent, replacement planting will be required as a condition of consent with the objective of restoring (over time) lost tree canopy.
- Preferred species for private property, street and park tree replacement plantings will generally be indigenous to the local area.
- Species selection will take into account specific local needs such as solar access, shade, overhead wiring, adjacent buildings, harbour views and view corridors.
- Species selected for planting will be avoided which have potential to cause damage to or interfere with public infrastructure or private property, or iconic views.

### **View Pruning Principles**

- Pruning of public trees for views will be considered where they affect harbour views and view corridors and will be managed to take into account and balance private and public interests.
  - Where repeated view pruning is assessed as detrimental (or potentially detrimental) to the condition of a tree, consideration will be given to removal and replacement planting which will allow views past, over or through the selected species.
2. That the Vegetation Management Strategy Working Party be convened to review the detailed draft Tree Management Policy.
  3. That expressions of interest be invited from community groups to each nominate a representative to participate in the review by the Vegetation Management Strategy Working Party.

4. That an expert peer review of the Tree Management Policy be carried out following feedback from the VMSC.
  5. That following completion of the peer review, the draft Tree Management Policy be submitted to the Community and Environment Committee with a view to placing it on public exhibition.
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.40pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 1463 to 1472 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 6 April 2009 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 27 April 2009 as correct.*

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**