



Community & Environment Committee

Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 15 May 2006*

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

11 May 2006

To: The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie, ex-officio
Councillors Anthony Boskovitz (Chair)
 John Walker (Deputy Chair)
 Claudia Cullen
 Marcus Ehrlich
 Tanya Excell
 Julian Martin
 Fiona Sinclair King

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee Meeting – 15 May 2006

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 **15 May 2006 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

Meeting Agenda

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Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 1 May 2006**
Author: Les Windle, Manager - Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 1 May 2006 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 1 May 2006 be taken as read and confirmed.

Les Windle
Manager - Governance

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes - 2 May 2006**
Author: Warwick Hatton, Director – Technical Services
File No: See Traffic Committee Minutes
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendations contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2006, Items Y1-Y5 be adopted.

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 2 May 2006 at 10.00am.

1. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Warwick Hatton (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Snr Const David Cattell	(Rose Bay Police - Traffic)
	Ms Robyn Attuell	(Clover Moore MP Representative)
	Mr Scott Farlow	(Peter Debnam MP Representative)
	Mr Eric Yeung	(Sydney Buses)

Staff:

Mr Alan Opera	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Mr Frank Rotta	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)

Also in Attendance:

Mr John McDonagh	(Harbour View Park Residents' Group)
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2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.3/06 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 April 2006 were confirmed by Ms Robyn Attuell and Mr Navin Prasad.

The minutes of Meeting No.3a/06 held by phone and e-mail on Monday 10 April 2006 were confirmed by Mr Navin Prasad.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

4. Local Traffic Committee recommendations not adopted or amended by Woollahra Council Community & Environment Committee

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. 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.

Recommendation:

Item Y1-1: Yarranabbe Road, Darling Point – Relocation of Parking Restrictions

1. That the ‘No Standing’ (Arrow Left) sign and ‘2 Hour Parking 8.00am-8.00pm ARVE Area Rush 1’ (Arrow Right) sign on the western side of Yarranabbe Road, 4 metres south of the prolongation of the southern boundary of No.62 New Beach Road be relocated 2 metres in a northerly direction and the ‘No Standing’ be replaced with ‘No Parking’.

Item Y1-2: Dover Road, Rose Bay – Pedestrian Crossing – Sighting of Crossing

1. That a ‘Pedestrian Crossing Ahead’ (W6-2) sign (facing north-west) be placed on ELP SY00038 located in Dover Road on the north-western corner of its intersection with Carlisle Street and the bottom of the sign be 1 metre above the blue directional sign to McAuley Catholic School.

Item Y1-3: Dudley Road, Rose Bay – Review of Regulatory Signposting

1. That the existing “No Standing” sign (Arrow Right) on the western side of Dudley Road 11.6 metres north of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos.38 & 40 Dudley Road be changed to ‘No Parking’ (Arrow Right).
2. That a ‘No Parking’ sign (Arrow Left) be installed 16.6 metres north of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos.38 & 40 Dudley Road, Rose Bay.
3. That a 42 metre long ‘1 Hour Parking 8.30am-6.00pm’ zone be installed on the northern side of Dudley Road from 16.6 metres north of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos.28 & 40 Dudley Road, to 10 metres west of the western kerb line of Old South Head Road.
4. That the 10 metres ‘No Stopping’ be installed on the northern side of Dudley Road at its intersection with Old South Head Road, Rose Bay and on the southern side of Dudley Road from the northern entrance to the site all the way to Old South Head Road.

Item Y1-4: Towns Road, Rose Bay – Review of Regulatory Signposting

1. That a ‘No Stopping’ sign (Arrow Left) be installed on the southern side of Towns Road 20 metres west of the western kerb line in Old South Head Road.
2. That a ‘No Stopping’ sign (Double Arrow) be installed on the northern side of Towns Road 10.7 metres west of the western kerb line in Old South Head Road to replace the ‘No Standing’ sign at this location.

3. That a 'No Parking' (Arrow Left) and a 'No Stopping' (Arrow Right) sign be installed on the northern side of Towns Road 27.9 metres west of the western kerb line of Old South Head Road on ELP No.SY01340.
4. That a 'No Parking' (Arrow Right) sign be installed on the northern side of Towns Road 48.9 metres west of the western kerb line in Old South Head Road to replace the 'No Standing' sign at this location.

Item Y1-5: Thornton Street, Darling Point – Alteration of Parking Restrictions

1. That the existing 'No Standing' (Arrow Left) sign on the northern side of Thornton St, 13.7 m west of the prolongation of the common boundary between No.5-11 & No.13 Thornton St be altered to 'No Parking' (Double Arrow).
2. That a 'No Parking' (Arrow Left) sign and stem be installed 14.5 m east of the prolongation of the common boundary between No.5-11 & No.13 Thornton St.
3. That the existing 'No Standing' (Arrow Right) sign on the northern side of Thornton St, 36.5 m east of the prolongation of the common boundary between No.5-11 & No.13 Thornton St be moved 4 metres in an easterly direction and altered to 'No Parking' (Arrow Right).

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

Subject: **Conversion of 'No Standing' Signposting – Darling Point**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer, Traffic & Transport

File No: 255.G Pt6

Reason for Report: Upgrade of existing 'No Standing' signs in Darling Point in accordance with RTA Directive

Recommendation:

- A. That Council adopt a principle for the conversion of No Standing signs to either No Stopping or No Parking throughout the Municipality of Woollahra based on the following criteria:
 - i. Intersections, Traffic Signals & Pedestrian Crossings – No Stopping
 - ii. Traffic hazards where sight distance is not available – No Stopping
 - iii. Cul-de-sacs – No Stopping
 - iv. Driveways – No Parking
 - v. Locations where sight distance is available – No Parking
 - vi. Locations critical to the manoeuvrability of buses – No Stopping
- B. That the existing 91 No Standing signs, detailed in Figure 1:Darling Point be upgraded to No Stopping or No Parking in line with the above principles.

Note: Figure 1:Darling Point was tabled at the meeting.

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

Subject: **No. 31 Cambridge Avenue, Vaucluse- Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer

File No: 407.G Pt6

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.31 Cambridge Avenue, Vaucluse. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 7.5 metres, and it is to be located on the southern side of Cambridge Avenue across the road from this property as indicated in Condition 20 of the Development Consent for this property 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 13 weeks commencing 5 June, 2006.
 - iii. Existing unrestricted parking is to be maintained outside of the operational hours of the Works Zone.
 - iv. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - 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 a residential area. 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 adjacent residents and business owners by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.
- C. That the applicant provide a Traffic Control Plan which conforms with the RTA's Traffic Control At Work Sites Manual and is certified by an RTA accredited Traffic Consultant. This Traffic Control Plan must indicate all steps to be taken to cater for access to the site and detailed pedestrian management in conjunction with this site.
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Item No: Y4 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

Subject: **Tivoli Avenue/Kambala School, Rose Bay - Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer, Traffic & Transport

File No: 407.G Pt6

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for Kambala School. The Works Zone is to be located on the eastern side of Tivoli Avenue adjacent to the frontage of Kambala School and is required by Condition 22 of the Development Consent for this property. The Works Zone will extend from 10.6 metres south of the southern kerb line of Bayview Hill Road for a distance of 40 metres in a southerly direction and is subject to the following conditions:
- i. Any directive provided by the NSW Police Department is to be complied with.
 - ii. The Works Zone is to operate between the hours of 7.00am-8.15am, 9.15am-2.30pm, 4.00pm-5.30pm, Mon-Fri and 7.00am -1.00pm Sat, for a period of 26 weeks commencing 22 May, 2006.
 - iii. Existing unrestricted parking and “No Parking 8.15am-9.15am, 2.30pm-4.00pm School Days Only” is to be maintained outside of the operational hours of the Works Zone.
 - iv. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the excavation site.
 - 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 a residential area. 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 adjacent residents and business owners by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.

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

Subject: **No. 8 Gap Road, Watsons Bay - Works Zone**

Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer, Traffic & Transport

File No: 407.G Pt6

Reason for Report: Request for a Works Zone

Recommendation:

- A. That approval be granted for a Works Zone to be temporarily installed for No.8 Gap Road, Watsons Bay. The length of the proposed Works Zone is 6 metres, and it is to be located on the eastern side of Gap Road across the road from this property from 10 metres south of the prolongation of the common boundary between Nos.8 & 9 Gap Road, Watsons Bay for a distance of 6 metres in a southerly direction. The Works Zone is required by Condition 20 of the Development Consent for this property 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 20 weeks commencing 29 May, 2006.
 - iii. Existing unrestricted parking is to be maintained outside of the operational hours of the Works Zone.
 - iv. Suitable traffic control measures are to be put in place to manage truck movements to and from the construction site.
 - 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 a residential area. 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 adjacent residents and business owners by a letterbox drop of the conditions of the Works Zone.
- C. That the applicant provide a Traffic Control Plan which conforms with the RTA's Traffic Control At Work Sites Manual and is certified by an RTA accredited Traffic Consultant. This Traffic Control Plan must indicate all steps to be taken to cater for access to the site and detailed pedestrian management in conjunction with this site.

7. Late Item/Correspondence

Item Y1-5 from April 2006 Local Traffic Committee / Letter forwarded from Clover Moore's Office: Glenmore Road / Cascade Street / Hampden Street, Paddington

Resolution from April 2006 Local Traffic Committee stated:

1. That the proposal to install upsized 'Stop' signs on both legs of this intersection be deferred to the next WTC to obtain feedback from the Police relating to current driver behaviour at this location.

Snr Const David Cattell provided a verbal report to the Committee in relation to this location. Police enforcement of this intersection was carried out in February / March 2006 and resulted in 17 infringements for travelling through the Stop sign at this location over this two month period.

A comparison of traffic accidents for the six months preceding the provision of the stop signs (while roundabout was in place) recorded nil traffic accidents. The recorded traffic accidents for the six months since the provision of the stop signs recorded one traffic accident which did not relate to the Stop sign in Cascade Street.

Snr Const Cattell noted that the enforcement of this intersection during February / March 2006 resulted in a similar number of infringements to those issued at the intersection of Brown Street / McDonald Street where Stop signs also govern the intersection. On this basis, it was noted that the issues relate to driver behaviour and not the configuration of the intersection.

A letter was presented to the Committee by Robyn Attuell in relation to this intersection, whereby a resident of Paddington raised concerns over the safety of this intersection.

Following consideration of the information provided by Snr Const Cattell, it was also noted that further traffic calming measures which are to be introduced in Cascade Street as part of the Paddington 40kph zoning would support the traffic changes at this intersection. Therefore, it was determined that no further action would be required in relation to this intersection, and that a letter would be sent to the correspondent and to Clover Moore explaining the LTC position.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.55am.

Warwick Hatton
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Extraordinary Meeting**
Woollahra Traffic Committee Minutes - 3 May 2006
Author: Warwick Hatton, Director – Technical Services
File No: See Traffic Committee Minutes
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Traffic Committee.

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendations contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee during its Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2006, Item Y1 be adopted.

Warwick Hatton
Director – Technical Services

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Extraordinary Meeting - Minutes

An Extraordinary Meeting (No. 4a/06) of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held by email, on Wednesday 3 May, 2006.

8. Attendances

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Alan Opera (Chairman)	(Woollahra Municipal Council)
	Mr Navin Prasad	(Roads and Traffic Authority)
	Snr Const D Cattell	(Rose Bay Police)
Staff:	Ms Armodee Reece	(Woollahra Municipal Council)

9. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Nil

10. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

11. Local Traffic Committee recommendations not adopted or amended by Woollahra Council Community & Environment Committee

Nil

12. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

13. Late Item/Correspondence

Nil

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

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING No.4a/06

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

Subject: **Bike Route 25: Alternative Route to Edgecliff Station**

Author: Lorna Oliver – Traffic & Transport Planner

File No: 256.G

Reason for Report: Plans adopted for implementation by Bicycle Working Party for consideration by Traffic Committee

Recommendation:

A. That the plans for Route 25 detailed in drawing 14932/C01 be adopted for implementation.



Alan Opera
Chair

Item No: D Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Environmental Works Program Principal Activity - 3rd Quarter Management Plan Review**
Author: Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services
File No: 827.G 04-07
Reason for Report: To review the status of works, services and projects for the Management Plan principal activity of Environmental Works for the year three months ending 31 March 2006.

Recommendation:

- A. That the status of projects for the Environmental Works Program principal activity be noted.
- B. That the variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported end of year financial review.

Background:

Section 407(1) of the Local Government Act requires that Council review the progress of the adopted Management Plan on a quarterly basis. Included with this report is the third quarterly review of Principal Activity No 8 of the Management Plan, which is the "Environmental Works Program" (EWP). This principal activity has the following sub-activities:

- 8.1 Administration and Auditing
- 8.2 Water Quality "at source" treatment program
- 8.3 Water quality "end of line" treatment program
- 8.4 Watercourse and bushland vegetation treatment program
- 8.5 Seawall restoration treatment program
- 8.6 Local flooding, critical Pits and overland flow program

The Annexure includes all the details for this principal activity, whereas, set out in the following part of this report is a commentary on variations, changes, exception, completed work, achievements, etc. The purpose being to provide Councillors with a snapshot on the key influences or issues arising from this quarterly review.

Comments on budget variations where they are material or have an impact on the program of works or projects may be included in this report. However, the budget review and confirmation of any changed forecast will be considered in a separate budget report, which reviews the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the quarter. It should be noted that this program is funded from a special rate levy and needs to meet the special rate requirements when it comes to variations and changes

Following is the commentary on each sub activity:

8.1 Administration and Auditing

Quotations were received for the Environmental Education Program. Implementation of the program will commence 4th quarter.

Nine projects were actively managed over the quarter.

8.2 Water Quality "at source" treatment program

The objectives of this program are to prevent pollutants, litter, vegetation matter and sediment entering the Harbour. Education programs and installation of water quality devices, such as stormwater inlet pit baskets, are the types of projects that meet this objective.

Achievements over the quarter:

- Maintenance records from Council's pollution control devices were collected over the quarter, to be included in the database being developed of Council's maintenance records for stormwater quality treatment devices. Interpretive park signage for dog management will be installed in the 4th quarter.
- A report was received from Storm Consulting reviewing Council's street sweeping and pit cleaning Recommendations to improve the street sweeping and pit cleaning program are being considered in consultation with Civil Works management.
- Performance specifications were developed for proposed GPT in Harbour View Park to allow calling for tenders, as part of a package of works (see 8.4)
- Concept options have been developed for using drainage cells in parking bays along New South Head Road at Rose Bay.

8.3 Water quality "End of Line" treatment program

The objectives of this program are to prevent pollutants, litter, vegetation matter and sediment entering the Harbour. This may be achieved by projects such as installation of larger water quality devices, such as GPT's and Stormwater Booms, constructed low in the catchment at the end of the stormwater network prior to discharging into the Harbour.

Achievements over the quarter:

- A review was conducted of our current Harbour foreshore cleaning schedules and practices, and a report is being prepared with recommendations for possible extension and/or improvement to the program.

8.4 Watercourse and bushland vegetation treatment program

The objective of this program is to prevent uncontrolled run-off, erosion, nutrient transport and weed intrusion into remnant bushland.

- Performance specifications were developed for watercourse remediation works in Harbour View Park, Queens Avenue (and possibly Rakes Gully) as a package for tendering.

8.5 Seawall restoration treatment program

The objective of this program is to restore the structural integrity of the seawalls located on public land to prevent erosion material from behind the seawalls from entering the harbour waters.

Achievements over the quarter:

- Contract works to the repair and restoration of the Double Bay and Darling Point Seawalls have been completed.

8.6 Local flooding, critical pits and overland flow program

The objective of this program is to prevent local flooding of flood-affected properties.

Achievements over the quarter:

- Tenders were called for Cliff Street, Watsons Bay, and a contractor has been selected.
- Options have been developed to address local flooding in The Crescent, Vaucluse. . The grant application lodged with DIPNR's Estuary Management Program for funding the storm water treatment component was successful. We are now developing a project, to be funded partly by the grant, to include stormwater treatment and minimise flooding, which will be reported to Council in the 4th quarter.
- Fisher Avenue, Vaucluse, and Boronia Avenue, Bellevue Hill investigations were completed and concept options are being reviewed.

Warwick Hatton
Director Technical Services

Annexures:

1. March 2006 Quarterly Review of Principal Activity: Environmental Works Program

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Parks & Public Space Principal Activity – 3rd Quarter Management Plan Review**
Author: Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services
File No: 827.G 04-07
Reason for Report: To review the status of works, services and projects and Notices of Motion for the Management Plan principal activity of Parks and Public Space for the three months ending 31 March 2006.

Recommendation:

- A. That the status of projects for the Parks and Public Space principal activity be noted.
- B. That the variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported quarterly financial review.

Background:

Section 407(1) of the Local Government Act requires that Council review the progress of the adopted management plan on a quarterly basis. Included with this report is the third quarterly review of Principal Activity No 4 of the Management Plan, which is "Parks & Public Space". This principal activity has the following sub- activities:

- 4.1 Open Space Management
- 4.2 Open Space Asset Management
- 4.3 Open Space Maintenance & Construction
- 4.4 Park Facilities

Included as an Annexure to this report is:

- 1. The Parks & Public Space Principal activity of the Management Plan with detailed comments on the status of items in each sub activity.
- 2. Any uncompleted adopted "Notices of Motion" related to the Parks and Public Space principal activity.

The Annexure includes all the details, whereas, set out in the following part of this report is a commentary on variations, changes, exception, completed work, achievements, etc. The purpose being to provide Councillors with a snapshot on the key influences or issues arising from this quarterly review.

"Notices of Motion", which have a major impact on approved Management Plan core activities and projects, have been included in the management plan as variations so as to facilitate the changing of priorities in an orderly and transparent manner.

Comments on budget variations, where they are material or have an impact on the program of works or projects, may be included in this report. However, the budget review and confirmation of any changed forecast will be considered in a separate budget report, which reviews the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the quarter.

Following is the commentary on each sub activity:

4.1 Open Space Management

This quarter we processed 611 park hire approvals and 22 filming approvals.

A draft Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy has been completed and will be presented to Council next quarter recommending that it be placed on public exhibition. Council resolved 13.03.06 to prepare a policy on the use of parks by commercial fitness trainers. A report regarding this matter will be prepared for Council consideration in September 06.

Council also adopted a Notice of Motion 27.03.06 to investigate and report on the use of parks by commercial dog walkers. This report will be presented to Council towards the end of 2006.

Grant funding was obtained for Rushcutters Bay Park refurbishment (now completed), Lough Playing Field irrigation and Yarranabee Park playground, at a total value of \$51,393. New grant applications are currently being prepared for further water saving projects.

4.2 Open Space Asset Management

Review and updating of Plans of Management are underway for Trumper Park and Cooper Park. The draft Foreshore Parks Plan of Management will be presented to Council next quarter for public exhibition. .

The Parks Technical Officer is working with GIS staff to develop data collection software to carry out asset inventory and condition surveys, as well as assisting with the identification and implementation of open space capital works projects. Data collection trials for parks asset management will be completed by July 2006.

4.3 Open Space Maintenance & Construction

New improved floodlighting has been installed at Lyne Park in readiness for the winter sports season.

Public consultation on the playground design at Yarranabee Park has been completed, and a new playground will be installed by the end of June 2006.

An additional cricket practice net was installed at Trumper Park and the existing two nets refurbished. A new pedestrian / cycleway bridge at Rushcutters Bay Park has been ordered for installation next quarter.

A new bore pump facility was installed at Lough Playing Fields and an irrigation system will be installed and connected in June 2006.

New retaining walls and associated landscaping were installed at Bradley Reserve this quarter.

Gap Park and Parsley Bay primary bush regeneration projects were ongoing throughout this quarter with significant areas completed to program.

A redesign of the Redleaf handball courts was constructed this quarter, enhancing views from Blackburn Gardens to the harbour.

4.4 Park Facilities

See notes on capital works projects above.

Warwick Hatton
Director Technical Services

Annexures:

1. March 2006 Quarterly Review of Principal Activity: Parks and Public Space
2. March 2006 Quarterly Review of Outstanding Notices of Motion – Parks and Public Space

Item No: D6 Delegated to Committee

Subject: **Natural Environment Principal Activity - 3rd Quarter Management Plan Review**

Author: Warwick Hatton - Director Technical Services
Chris Bluett - Acting Director Planning and Development

File No: 827.G 04-07

Reason for Report: To review the status of works, services and Notices of Motions for the Management Plan principal activity of Natural Environment for the three months ending 31 March 2006.

Recommendation

- A. That the status of projects for the Natural Environment principal activity be noted.
- B. That the variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported quarterly financial review.

Background:

Section 407(1) of the Local Government Act requires that Council review the progress of the adopted management plan on a quarterly basis. Included with this report is the third quarterly review of Principal Activity No 2 of the Management Plan, which is "Natural Environment". This principal activity has the following sub- activities:

- 2.1 Environmental Protection
- 2.2 Stormwater Systems
- 2.3 Tree Management
- 2.4 Waste Services
- 2.5 Street Cleaning
- 2.6 Bush Regeneration
- 2.7 Harbour Facilities

Included as an Annexure to this report is:

1. The Natural Environment Principal Activity of the Management Plan with detailed comments on the status of items in each sub activity.
2. Any uncompleted adopted "Notices of Motion" related to the Natural Environment principal activity.

The Annexure includes all the details, whereas, set out in the following part of this report is a commentary on variations, changes, exception, completed work, achievements, etc. The purpose being to provide Councillors with a snapshot on the key influences or issues arising from this quarterly review.

"Notices of Motion", which have a major impact on approved Management Plan core activities and projects, have been included in the management plan as variations so as to facilitate the changing of priorities in an orderly and transparent manner.

Comments on budget variations, where they are material or have an impact on the program of works or projects, may be included in this report. However, the budget review and confirmation of any changed forecast will be considered in a separate budget report, which reviews the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the quarter.

Following is the commentary on each sub-activity

2.1 Environmental Protection

The preparation of the Woollahra Sustainability Plan continues. The project involves a sustainability audit of Council's functions and activities, literature review of national, state and regional legislative requirements, identification of community issues and vision and the development of actions to increase Woollahra's level of sustainability. The plan aims to build on and promote Council's existing programs, ensuring that the principles of Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) are applied to all function areas. Stage 1 – Background (literature review and audit) and Stage 2 – Issues and Visioning (community, staff and councillor consultation) are now complete. Stage 3 – Action plan is now being prepared in consultation with related staff and MANEX.

Council is currently preparing the Water Savings Action Plan (WSAP), a NSW Government requirement. The plan focuses on the water use of Council's top ten water using facilities and the actions that can be implemented to conserve water. Preparation of the WSAP will complement and build on the water management actions being undertaken by Council and provide a strategic document that will identify and prioritise the implementation of water conservation initiatives. Council has joined Sydney Water's Every Drop Counts Program to assist with the development of the WSAP.

The environmental impacts and legal issues associated with bore water use and private desalination plants are currently being investigated. The investigation will also consider the development of policy controls.

2.2 Stormwater Systems

Priority ranking of stream remediation and drainage improvement projects will be developed as part of Council's adopted infrastructure asset management strategy.

The Draft Development Control Plans for Stormwater Management and Flood Management are being reviewed to include greater emphasis on stormwater retention and reuse. A report on the plans will be provided following a decision regarding the relevant clause in Council's LEP.

Gross pollutants trapped in stormwater pit devices are being recorded and monitored by our works teams as part of the Environmental Works program.

Consultants have been engaged to undertake the DRAINS modelling project and the Rushcutters Bay Flood Study. Proposals to undertake the Double Bay Flood Study have been received and are currently being reviewed. Quotes to undertake the Drainage Condition Survey and Analysis are currently being sought.

2.3 Tree Management

This quarter we processed 146 applications for pruning or removal of trees protected by the Tree Preservation Order, and assessed 113 development applications related to tree management issues.

We inspected 1,500 street trees and carried out pruning work on 527 of these. We planted 40 new street trees and completed 405 tree-related customer requests.

A draft Tree Preservation Order was prepared with the input of the Vegetation Management Strategy (VMS) Working Party and placed on public exhibition. The TPO 2006 was adopted by Council and is being implemented.

During this period we also investigated a number of tree vandalism cases including the poisoned fig in Victoria Road opposite the Council Chamber. We are also seeking legal advice on the likely success of prosecuting a property owner for removal of trees without TPO approval.

2.4 Waste Services

Council staff are working with Collex on a community education program to encourage greater levels of recycling.

The "Plastic Bag Working Party" have developed new initiatives to gain the support of local shopping precincts to projects which aim to increase the level of awareness of both shopkeepers and consumers on reducing plastic bags use.

2.5 Street Cleaning

Closer integration is being achieved between Business Centres and Street Cleaning operations.

New sweeping runs and a changed team structure are being implemented to improve the cleaning of all streets, lanes, walkways, traffic islands and removal of litter from bus shelters.

2.6 Bush Regeneration

The review of bush regeneration service levels and schedules for all natural areas has been completed, with new schedules delivering regeneration maintenance to all agreed areas, plus a progressive primary clearance schedule.

The Volunteer Bushcare Program has been successfully restoring natural areas in Harbourview Park, Gap Park and Cooper Park. A new group is being established in Trumper Park. We currently have 37 active volunteers plus recruitment and training days were carried out in February 2006

We have completed a draft community education information strategy on noxious weed eradication.

2.7 Harbour Facilities

Options for upgrading the Watsons Bay Baths have been the subject of extensive investigations into piled structures, floating pontoons, turning boards, etc to identify an option which will be safe, functional and affordable in the conditions prevailing at Watsons Bay. These investigations will be reported to the Baths Working Party and the Corporate and Works Committee in the next quarter.

Warwick Hatton
Director Technical Services

Chris Bluett
Acting Director Planning & Development

Annexures:

1. March 2006 Quarterly Review of Principal Activity – Natural Environment
2. March 2006 Quarterly Review of Outstanding Notices of Motion – Natural Environment

Item No: D7 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Community Services Principal Activity - 3rd Quarter Management Plan Review**
Author: Kylie Walshe - Director Community Services
Tim Tuxford – Manager Compliance
File No: 827.G 04-07
Reason for Report: To review the status of works, services, and Notices of Motion for the Management Plan principal activity of Community Services for the three months ending 31 March 2006.

Recommendation:

- A. That the status of projects for the Community Services Principal Activity be noted.
- B. That variations to projects be agreed subject to adoption of the relevant budget variations included in the separately reported quarterly financial review.

Background:

Section 407(1) of the Local Government Act requires that Council review the progress of the adopted management plan on a quarterly basis. Included with this report is the third quarterly review of Principal Activity No 5 of the Management Plan, which is "Community Services". This principal activity has the following sub- activities:

- 5.1 Community Services Management
- 5.2 Library Services
- 5.3 Family & Community Development
- 5.4 Aged & Disability Services
- 5.5 Cultural Development
- 5.6 Environment & Public Health
- 5.7 Ranger Services

Included as Annexure 1. to this report is the Community Services Principal activity of the Management Plan, with detailed comments on the status of items in each sub activity.

The annexure includes all the details whereas set out in the following part of this report is a commentary on variations, changes, exception, completed work, achievements, etc. The purpose being to provide Councillors with a snapshot on the key influences or issues arising from this quarterly review.

Comments on budget variations where they are material or have an impact on the program of works or projects may be included in this report. However the budget review and confirmation of any changed forecast will be considered in a separate budget report which reviews the overall financial position of the Council at the end of the quarter.

Following is the commentary on each sub activity.

5.1 Community Services Management

This sub-activity covers the area of strategic planning and activities that impact on all operations of community services. All projects are on track as detailed below:

A recommendation to place the Community Consultation Project on exhibition encouraging public comment and submissions was adopted in April. This public exhibition period will close in mid May, with a report in relation to submissions due to Council in June 2006. The agreement between Council and the Holdsworth Street Community Centre is in final drafting stages, due to be presented to Council in June for adoption.

5.2 Library Services

This sub-activity covers all library activities, including projects for library facilities and the library service as a whole. All management plans projects were either completed or taken a stage further in this quarter. The children's sections of the Library in each of the branches have been successful in attracting good numbers to each of the storytelling and special activities organised for young children and families – emphasis has been given to planning, marketing and delivering these core programmes at a quality standard throughout this year. The special data base for Archives indexing has been evaluated and is ready for use after a longer than anticipated period of development. The Local History Librarians will now commence the indexing starting with the 1860 volume of Woollahra Council Minutes.

Some highlights of the library activities and projects for this quarter were:

Presentation of “summer reading programme” awards after a very successful summer holiday programme for children - January 27.

Poets Picnic on the theme of *Love and other Desires* - February 14 - an audience of around 500 enjoyed the evening which featured poetry readings and musical interludes.

Frank Moorhouse in conversation with Andrea Stretton - March 16 - a booked out popular writers and readers event.

All the library core service and usage statistics for - lending; memberships; reservations; information enquiries; attendance at activities and usage of computer resources are showing increases when compared with the quarter of the previous year. These will be reported in further detail in the Library Quarterly Report on activities.

5.3 Family and Community Development

This sub-activity covers the programs for children, youth, community safety, volunteering and culturally and linguistically diverse communities. The majority of the projects are on target.

Youth

The Beat Graffiti project, in partnership with *RailCorp*, ran a succession of workshops with young ex-taggers during the preceding period, producing twenty panels. Deputy Mayor Marcus Ehrlich and *RailCorp* officials addressed an audience of fifty young artists, youth workers and members of the public at the launch at the Edgecliff Bus Interchange in February.

The following activities took place during the last quarter:

The first Youth Week 2006 event was held on March 31st. This was a Schools' Forum on the topic of Safe Partying and attracted students from all the high schools in Woollahra, as well as those from Waverley and Randwick;

A workshop for parents was held in March by an RTA consultant on how to teach one's child to drive safely, attracting 15 local parents.

Community Safety

Council's new Community Development Officer (CDO) Louise Simon commenced in this role on Monday 30 January. The Crime Prevention Plan is currently being updated. Arrangements were made for a special meeting of the Community Safety Committee on graffiti with a guest speaker discussing the approach to graffiti management taken by Auburn Council. Contact was also made with the Rose Bay Licensing Police in regard to the Liquor Accord for the area.

The Eastern Suburbs Domestic Violence (DV) meeting was attended and copies of 'Directory of services for women in South East Sydney' have been placed in the Double Bay Library for easy access.

Volunteering

Links have been made with Holdsworth Street Community Centre's (HSCC) Volunteer Coordinator to promote volunteer services. As a result of this meeting the following has occurred:

Meetings with Council staff have taken place to bring position descriptions for volunteers into a standard format.

Contact has been made with Volunteer NSW who has been asked to assist with a review of Council's volunteer documents.

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities

The Cultural Development Coordinator and the Community Development Officer promoted Harmony Day on 23 March with a Customer Service display, Bulletin Board message and Mayoral column piece.

Contact was made with the Sydney Multicultural Community Service and an overview of their services received.

Children's Services

The following activities took place during the last quarter:

Services for isolated mothers. Early Childhood Health Centre nurses at Double Bay and Paddington were contacted to promote availability of Rose Bay Cottage as a venue for new mothers groups.

The Children Services Forum held in March focused on the needs of parents with a disability, with a presentation on a new program "Healthy Start", that is being auspiced by Jewish Care, to skill family services staff in working with parents who have an intellectual disability or learning difficulty.

Better Futures. Liaison was re-established with the Better Futures Sub-regional Reference group that is currently investigating the feasibility of pilot projects to attract 9-13 year old children to continue to attend Out of School Hours (OOSH) projects. Contact was made with most school principals and OOSH Co-ordinators in Woollahra to gain their views on the need for projects of this type in Woollahra LGA. This is the first stage of a roll out of funding for this purpose across the region under the state wide Families First program.

International Women's Day

Funding to the amount of \$900 was obtained from the NSW Office for Women to hold an event to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th, focussing on the achievements of women, past and present and their contribution to the development of community services. Four guest speakers, with varied experiences in community services, were greatly appreciated by around 120 women who attended.

5.4 Ageing & Disability Services

This sub-activity includes EJ Ward Community Centre and activities related to ageing and disability. All Management projects were on target during this quarter.

EJ Ward Community Centre

Regular activities took place during the last quarter. These included weekly gentle exercise classes, full and half day bus trips, table tennis, bingo, cards, and the monthly outing to the Old Time Dance at Randwick Bowling Club. Highlights for seniors during this quarter included an Australia Day lunch party and St Patrick's Day lunch party.

Ageing, Disability and Access

Eastern Sydney Home & Community Care Forum Regional Planning 2006-2007 was attended in January 2006 to look at existing provision of services that cover the Woollahra LGA. Woollahra Council Access Committee held a planning day at the February meeting. The main focus for the committee, as a result of the planning session, is to create an information brochure on services for people with a disability, educate the committee members and the wider community on accessible pathways, invite a guest speaker to talk about vision impairment and participate in the International Day of People with a Disability to be held on 23 August.

5.5 Cultural Development

This sub-activity includes cultural events and cultural development activities. All management plan activities were on target for this quarter. Highlights include:

Council elected to take part in the 2006 Australia Day Council NSW Local Citizen of the Year Awards 2006, in recognition of community members of Woollahra that demonstrated excellent citizenship and contribution to the people of Woollahra. The presentation and announcement of the Award recipients occurred in January 2006, with Elizabeth Wolfe being named Woollahra Council Citizen of the Year.

Planning commenced for the 2006 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize with the Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize Committee meeting on 2 March. The Committee secured profiled judges for the 2006 Prize including Anthony Bond : Director of Curatorial Services at Art Gallery of NSW, Professor Anne Graham , School of Fine Art, University of Newcastle and Felicity Fenner: Curator, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts UNSW

Further research and internal consultation was also carried out into the drafting of a Public Art Policy for Council. Two internal working party meetings were conducted with key staff stakeholders and Cllrs Excel and Shapiro. A draft Public Art Policy will be presented to Council in late May 2006.

Two free bush tucker walks held in conjunction with the Eastern Suburbs Organisation for Reconciling Australia and Woollahra Council were conducted in Nielsen Park during February and March. Both walks attracted maximum group sizes of 30 participants who forwarded extremely favourable comments on the walks.

Council representation continued on the Eastern Regional Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum, with planning commencing for Reconciliation Week activities to be held in late May 2006.

5.6 Environment & Public Health

The activities and projects listed under this sub-activity aim to protect the health and well being of residents and visitors to our area.

478 health premises are currently recorded in the Council's health registers, over 14% less than at the beginning of the financial year. 347 of these premises handle, prepare and/or sell food, over 10% less than at the beginning of the year. Council's Environmental Health Officers endeavour to inspect all food premises twice a year.

The remaining 131 premises include hairdressers, beauty saloons and businesses involved in skin penetration activities and are inspected at least once a year. The number of these premises recorded on Council's health registers has fallen over 24% since the beginning of the year.

During the quarter;

91 food and 60 health premises were inspected as part of our Food Safety and Public Health Program;

3 food related notices were issued;

31 babies were immunised under our Childhood Immunisation Program, representing only 49.6% of our quarterly estimate;

66 pollution related matters were reported and investigated, as part of our Pollution Control Program, representing a 100% and 64% increase on the first and second quarters respectively. 49 (76.6%) matters were noise pollution, 10 (15.6%) water pollution, 4 (6.2%) air pollution and 1 (1.6%) land pollution; and

17 health notices/orders were issued, including 5 under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, 10 under the *Local Government Act 1993* and 1 under the *Public Health Act 1991*.

5.7 Ranger Services

Council's Rangers provide a variety of enforcement services to ensure the public safety and convenience of our community in relation to the use of public places.

During the quarter;

88 abandoned vehicle matters were reported and investigated, representing an increase of approximately 16% and 11% on the first and second quarters respectively;

17 road and footpath obstruction matters were reported and investigated, representing an increase of approximately 13% and 41% on the first and second quarters respectively;

1 private skip bin matter was reported and investigated;

1 littering fine was issued;

128 companion animals were registered on the New South Wales Companion Animals Register for our area, representing an increase of approximately 8% on the first quarter and a decrease of over 13% on the second quarter. Approximately 95.5% of the registrations were for desexed animals, up from 87% and 92% from the previous quarters; 55 barking dog matters were reported and investigated, representing an increase of approximately 71% and 89% on the first and second quarters respectively; No nuisance/dangerous dog orders were issued; and 15 dog related fines were issued, representing an increase of over 66% on the first quarter and a zero increase on the second quarter.

The consultant's final report on the review of Council's Ranger, Parking Enforcement and Animal Control Sections was received during the quarter. The improvements recommended by the report included the following items, which have been incorporated in next year's Management Plan for implementation;

1. Improved access to defect reporting for the officers while in the field;
2. Revised spread of hours;
3. Development of patrol sheets and work plans;
4. Introduction of multi-skilled "hybrid" crews responsible for school patrols and limited ranger/animal control duties;
5. Trial mobile access to the New South Wales Pet Registry for the Animal Control Officer.

The implementation of the new hand-held infringement issuing devices commenced during the quarter, with the system going live in early April 2006. The "*palm pilot*" type equipment permits penalty infringement notices to issued and printed by Council staff, with the relevant data being stored for overnight electronic transfer to the Infringement Processing Bureau.

A draft 'Policy on Clothing Bins on Council Land' was presented to the Community & Environment Committee meeting on 27 March 2006 and the policy was formally adopted by Council on 10 April 2006.

Work commenced on reviewing cat controls for the area and the preparation of a cat education program pursuant to a notice of motion dated 14 November 2005. The matter is listed for discussion at the next Animal Advisory Committee meeting on 17 May 2006, before a final report is presented to the Community & Environment Committee during June 2006.

Conclusion:

In summary, the projects detailed within the Community Services Principal Activity for the March 2006 quarter were predominantly on time and within budget, except as otherwise noted.

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Annexures:

1. March 2006 Quarterly Review Report - Community Services Principal Activity of the Management Plan
2. March 2006 Quarterly Review of Outstanding Notices of Motion – Community Services

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Draft Community Cultural Relations Statement**
Author: Lotta Jackson
File No: 79.G CCRS
Reason for Report: The attached draft Community Cultural Relations Statement has been developed to ensure Council complies with the relevant legislation in relation to planning and the provision of inclusive services for people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds.

Recommendation:

- A. That Council approve the release of the draft Community Cultural Relations Statement for a public exhibition period of 28 days.
- B. That a further report be presented back to Council in consideration of submissions received during the public exhibition period.

Background:

All Councils in New South Wales are obligated to plan for and implement strategies for people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds in addition to Social Planning strategies for this target group. Woollahra Municipal Council is currently guided by the Social Plan 2002-2007 in relation to this target group, and has carried out activities relating to diverse cultures over the years. In order to ensure Council meets all its obligations under relevant legislation, the attached Draft Community Cultural Relations Statement (also known as Local Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement) has been developed for consideration by Council.

The following Acts and regulations apply to the attached draft Policy Statement:

- 1) Local Government Act (1993) Section 8 (1) requires the Council to:
“exercise its functions in a manner that is consistent with and actively promotes the principles of multiculturalism”.
- 2) The Local Government (General) Amendment (Community and Social Plans) Regulation (1998) requires Local Councils to incorporate access and equity activities in their management plans and to monitor and report on these activities in their annual reports.
- 3) The NSW Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act (2000) (previously the Ethnic Affairs Commission Amendment Act 1997).
This Act legislates for the NSW Charter of Principles for a Culturally Diverse Society. The Community Relations Commission (former Ethnic Affairs Commission) and the Principles of the Multiculturalism Act (2000) recognise and value the differences of people of linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds of NSW and promotes equal rights and responsibilities for all residents of NSW. All NSW government agencies are guided by the Principles of Multiculturalism contained within the Act.

Proposal:

It is proposed that Council approves the attached draft Community Cultural Relations Statement to be placed on public exhibition for the mandatory 28 days for public comment prior to adoption as a Policy of Council, and that the strategies within the Statement are implemented through the development of an action plan.

Although Council has already implemented some activities in relation to the proposed strategies, Council has not had a policy position in regards to people from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and subsequently activities have at times been unplanned and delivered ad hoc. The proposed draft Community Cultural Relations Statement would ensure that Council has an adopted policy direction on the matter, and as such, Council would in effect meet its obligations under the relevant legislation.

The proposed strategies within the Policy Statement are as follows:

Community Harmony:

1. To celebrate Woollahra's cultural diversity via relevant and appropriate cultural programs and activities as well as recognising the participation of cultural and religious leaders.
2. To promote community harmony, aim to eliminate discrimination, and promote the diverse cultures of Woollahra.
3. To raise awareness of cultural diversity within Woollahra Municipality.

Access and Equity:

4. To ensure services are provided in the community in a culturally sensitive manner.
5. Work in partnership with local organisations on mutual beneficial initiatives to provide services to CALD communities.

Economic and Cultural Opportunities:

6. To recognise and promote the cultural diversity of the Woollahra population and heritage in all Council policies and activities.
7. To promote the richness of cultural diversity within our community and utilise the cultural and linguistic assets of the population to facilitate economic development in the local area.

Leadership:

8. To ensure that cultural community relations are integrated into Council's core business through its management plan and appropriate accountability in all levels of the organisation.
9. To use authority to influence, endorse and support the promotion of the equal rights and responsibilities of all residents in the municipality within a cohesive and harmonious multicultural society.

It is further proposed that an action plan be developed in relation to the strategies. This action plan will then be incorporated into Council's Management Plan activities and reported in Council's Annual Reports, as required under section 428(2) (j) of the Local Government Act.

Consultation:

Consultations on the draft Community Cultural Relations Statement were conducted through informal discussions with service providers in the local area, through a review by Community Services Staff and MANEX, and through surveys to service providers.

Options:

Council could decide not to adopt the draft Community Cultural Relations Statement, however, Council could be considered non compliant with relevant legislation as outlined earlier in this report.

Identification of Income & Expenditure:

There are no funding implications for the recommendation of this report.

Conclusion:

This Policy Statement will guide Council in its activities and ensure compliance with relevant sections in the Local Government Act and with the Principles of Multiculturalism as highlighted within the Community Cultural Relations Act 2001.

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Director Community Services

Annexures:

Annexure 1: Draft Community Cultural Relations Statement