

# Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 31 May 2004

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 31 May 2004 at 6.00pm**

Present: Councillors Marcus Ehrlich (Chair)  
Claudia Cullen  
Tanya Excell  
Wilhelmina Gardner  
Andrew Petrie  
Fiona Sinclair King from Item D4 only

Staff: G Clarke (Director – Corporate Services)  
W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)  
G James (General Manager)  
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)

Also in Attendance: Councillor Comino from Item D3 only  
Councillor Boskovitz from Item D4 only  
Councillor Martin from Item D4 only

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## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Walker and Leave of Absence granted.

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## **Late Correspondence**

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: D4 & R1

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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 17 May 2004**  
**Author:** Les Windle – Manager Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of 17 May 2004 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.

**(Cullen/Excell)**

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 17 May 2004 be taken as read and confirmed.

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**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Mc Kell Park Cottage**  
**Author:** Trish Menzies  
**File No:** 953.G  
**Reason for Report:** To inform Council of the results of a survey of Darling Point residents regarding use of McKell Park Cottage for older residents, and to seek approval for holding an Open Day.

**(Petrie/Cullen)**

**Resolved:**

- A. That the results of the survey of Darling Point residents regarding their preference for activities for older people at McKell Cottage be noted.
  - B. That an Open Day be held in July to commence activities for older people.
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**Item No:** D3 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Plastic Bags**  
**Author:** Philip Dahms - Leader Waste Planning  
**File No:** 588.G  
**Reason for Report:** To report to Council on issues relating to the use of plastic bags.

**Note:** Mr P Hoffman addressed the Committee.

**(Excell/Cullen)**

**Resolved:**

## A. That Council:

1. support the Australian Retailers Association Code of Practice to reduce the use of plastic bags and participate in the behavioural change program;
2. work with retailers to implement community education programs and with other regional councils to promote the “no use of plastic bags” and their effective recycling, pending the phasing out of plastic bags.
3. encourage supermarkets in the Municipality to provide recycling facilities for plastic bags, which are consumer friendly and which avoid contamination;
4. encourage the use of alternative materials such as paper for carrier bags for selective use such as in “take away” outlets and in public event situations, subject to Council permission, where it is shown that adverse litter or marine environment outcomes arise;
5. explore with the NSW Government whether there is a possible inconsistency between a ban on plastic bags with the policy objective to maximise the resource recovery of segregated food and develop an alternative strategy if necessary;
6. explore, with the Local Government Association and the NSW Government, the introduction of a charge in all retail outlets for plastic carry bags; the proceeds to be used to fund education campaigns and/or the supply of free calico bags to residents; and
7. note that the use of paper for the wrapping of putrescible waste in garbage bins in place of plastic bags may result in adverse environmental outcomes, reduced resource recovery and unfavourable economic outcomes for residents.

B. That the technical and cost issues related to the inclusion of plastic bags in kerbside collection be investigated and a report be made to Council.

C. That the feasibility and effectiveness of distributing free calico bags to residents, in conjunction with a targeted education campaign, and funded from the Domestic Waste Management Service charge, be investigated and a report be made to Council.

D. That a further report be provided to the Committee on:

1. The possibility of enforcing or regulating the phase out of plastic bags over the next one to two years and;
2. The terms of reference of a working party to assist in achieving the phasing out of plastic bags.

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**Item No:** D4 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.

**Subject:** **New South Head Road & Hopetoun Avenue, Vacluse – Intersection Treatment**

**Author:** John Stephens, Team Leader – Traffic & Transport

**File No:** T240.

**Reason for Report:** Request by Council for a report on further measures to reduce speeding in Hopetoun Ave, Vacluse.

**Note:** In accordance with Councils codes and policy this matter is referred to the Council meeting on 15 June 2004 due to a substantial change in the staff recommendation on the business agenda (See item R2).

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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 – R2)**

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Community Safety Plan**  
**Author:** Vissa Chandrasekaram  
**File No:** 1041.G CSC  
**Reason for Report:** To inform Councillors that the final draft of Woollahra Community Safety Plan has been completed in accordance with requirements of NSW Attorney General's Department Funding Strategy, and seek recommendation that the Plan be adopted by Council.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by The Vaucluse Progress Association.

(Sinclair King/Excell)

**Recommendation:**

That Council defer adoption of the Woollahra Community Safety Plan to allow for consideration of the submission received from the Vaucluse Progress Association, with a report to the next Community and Environment Committee meeting.

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**Item No:** R2 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration.  
**Subject:** **New South Head Road & Hopetoun Avenue, Vaucluse – Intersection Treatment**  
**Author:** John Stephens, Team Leader – Traffic & Transport  
**File No:** T240.  
**Reason for Report:** Request by Council for a report on further measures to reduce speeding in Hopetoun Ave, Vaucluse.

**Note:** In accordance with Councils codes and policy this matter is referred to the Council meeting on 15 June 2004 due to a substantial change in the staff recommendation on the business agenda.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by Mr & Mrs Derofo.

**Note:** Mr Hoffman addressed the Committee.

**(Sinclair King/Petrie)**

**Recommended:**

THAT:

- A. The RTA layout plan for the intersection of New South Head Road and Hopetoun Avenue tabled at the meeting be approved, subject to further negotiation with the RTA to eliminate the lane realignment on the north side of New South Head Road and the right hand turn bay at Ray Ave with the objective of maintaining kerb side parking in New South Head Road.
  - B. The RTA be advised of Council's decision.
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.10pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 865 to 871 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 31 May 2004 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on Tuesday 15 June 2004 as correct.*

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Chairperson

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Secretary of Committee