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**COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**03/05**

**6.30 PM, TUESDAY,  
19 APRIL, 2005**

**Volume 1 of 2**

# MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL

Administrative Centre  
PETERSHAM

13 April, 2005

Dear Councillors

Notice is given of the **COUNCIL MEETING**, to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, PETERSHAM, on TUESDAY, 19 April, 2005, commencing at 6.30pm.

Yours faithfully



Candy Nay  
**General Manager**

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## COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting is chaired by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna OAM. The names of the Councillors and their contact details are listed on the previous page. Councillors are entitled to one vote on a matter. If votes are equal, the Chairperson has a second or casting vote. When a majority of Councillors vote in favour of a Motion it becomes a decision of the Council.

## THE MEETING

The Meeting is conducted in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. The order of business is listed in the Agenda. That order will be followed unless a request has been made by a member of the community to address the Council on an item on the Agenda. If a request has been made, the Chairperson will ask the Council whether it wishes to bring that item forward. If Council resolves to bring more than one item forward the items will be considered in the order they are listed on the Agenda, unless the Council decides otherwise. The procedures for addressing the Council are contained on the following pages, under the heading "Meeting Procedures - Public Forum".

Some items are *CONFIDENTIAL* in accordance with S10(2) of the Local Government Act. This will be clearly stated in the Business Paper. These items are not discussed in open Council and observers will be asked to leave the Council Chambers when they are discussed.

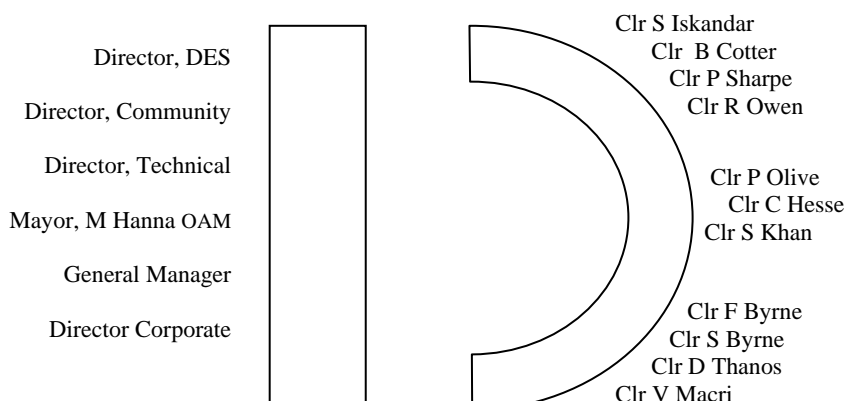
Items are *CONFIDENTIAL* if any of the following apply:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals;
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business;
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
  - (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest; or
  - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest; or
  - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest;
- (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest;
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege, and on balance, would be contrary to the public interest.

The grounds on which a meeting is closed to the public must be specified in the decision to close the meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The number of items that are dealt with as *CONFIDENTIAL* are kept to a minimum.

## LAYOUT FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS



## **THE ROLE OF THE ELECTED COUNCIL**

Marrickville Council has twelve Councillors who are elected every four years to direct and control the affairs of the Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act. The Councillors review the performance of the Council and its delivery of services, the Council's financial and management plans and its annual budget.

The work of a Councillor is voluntary and a small allowance is paid to compensate them for the cost of attending the many Council Meetings and carrying out their civic duties.

In Marrickville, the Mayor is elected by the twelve Councillors to lead the Council, and is required to represent Council at many civic and community functions. The Mayor receives an additional allowance to undertake these duties.

### **MEETING TIMES**

<b>1st Tuesday of each month</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <i>(Development Approvals, Monitoring Services, Planning Services, Environmental Services)</i>
	<b>at conclusion of Development &amp; Environmental Services</b>	<b>ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING</b> (Development & Environmental Services Committee Matters Only)
<b>2nd Tuesday of each month</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <i>(Children's Services, Community Relations, Community Development, Library Services)</i>
	<b>at conclusion of Community Services</b>	<b>CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <i>(Finance, Administrative Services, Employee Services, Information Systems)</i>
	<b>at conclusion of Corporate Services</b>	<b>TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <i>(Parks &amp; Reserves, Traffic, Engineering Services, Property Services, Business Units)</i>
<b>3rd Tuesday of each month</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING</b>

Each of Council's committees has delegated authority to make decisions subject to a number of limitations. Matters which cannot be decided by the committees are referred to the Ordinary Council Meeting for decision. Meetings are held on the 3rd floor of Council's Administrative Centre, 2-14 Fisher St, Petersham.

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS PAPERS**

To enable Council to give consideration to items of business at each Meeting, a Business Paper, like this one, is prepared, containing reports by senior staff in relation to each item listed on the Agenda for the Meeting. The Business Paper for each Meeting is available for perusal by members of the public at Council's Libraries and Community Neighbourhood Centres on the Thursday prior to the Council Meeting.

### **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council and Committee Meetings and are also permitted to address Council and Committee meetings if the subject is directly related to an item before the Meeting. Details of the procedures to be followed in addressing Council and its committees are contained in the section of the Business Paper entitled "Meeting Procedures - Public Forum"

### **INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE**

If you do not understand any part of the information given above, or wish to obtain information in relation to Council, don't hesitate to come to any of Council's offices.

## **MEETING PROCEDURES - PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Persons will be permitted to address Council/Committee Meetings only if the subject is related directly to an item before the Council/Committee at that meeting.
2. A precis of the address shall be submitted in writing and shall be delivered to the General Manager on the ground floor of the Administrative Centre by midday on the day of the meeting. The precis should include a reference to the item on the Business Paper, details of the speaker's name, telephone number, interest in the item, brief details of the points to be made in the address and whether the recommendation is favoured or opposed.
3. Copies of the precis received shall be given to all Councillors at the commencement of the Meeting.
4. All persons addressing the Meeting shall speak to the Chair.
5. The time allowed for each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes with one (1) extension of not more than three (3) minutes with the approval of the Council Committee. This time limit shall apply no matter how many items are addressed by the speaker.
6. Not more than one (1) member of a Group may speak.
7. Each item before Council Committee is restricted to three (3) speakers for and three (3) speakers against the Recommendation.
8. Any proposed variation from 1 to 7 above shall be subject of a procedural motion.
9. Councillors will not enter into general debate with, or ask questions of, speakers.
10. The Chairperson may curtail public participation where the information being presented is considered repetitive or irrelevant.
11. Questions or representations will be dealt with in strict sequence of the Agenda for the Meeting.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, PLEDGE OR CONTEMPLATION**

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***DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES***

***ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MATTERS***

**EN 10** **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION ON PACKAGING WASTE** **14**  
**(From Development and Environmental Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

File Ref: 4570-02

Council received a letter from the Boomerang Alliance on 14 March 2005. The Boomerang Alliance is an alliance of leading environment and community groups working towards zero waste. The NSW Local Government and Shires Associations are members of the Boomerang Alliance. The Boomerang Alliance are asking for Council support for a redrafting of the National Packaging Covenant and the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility. The Boomerang Alliance have asked that Council support their campaign by highlighting the issue of packaging waste through the local media, writing to State and Federal Ministers, and providing the community with information to allow them to contribute to the campaign. It is recommended that Council consider this report and support the Boomerang Alliance Campaign.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the matter be deferred for consideration to the next Council Meeting.

***PRECIS***

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**COMMUNICATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MATTERS**

**CC 4**

**SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP REQUESTS  
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

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File Ref: 190

Council is advised that four requests have been received for new sister city relationships including Larnaca Municipality, Cyprus; Moree Shire Council, New South Wales; Tartous City, Syria and Zhaozhuang City, People's Republic of China. It is recommended the report be received and noted; Council endorse the signing of a Sister Cities Agreement with Larnaca Municipality, Cyprus and formally invite the Mayor of Larnaca to Council during his June 2005 visit to sign a Sister Cities Agreement; and a further report be presented to the Community Services Committee advising the recommendations of the Sister Cities Policy and Program Review and actions to progress the sister city relationship requests with Moree Shire Council, New South Wales; an appropriate Syria city; and Zhaozhuang, People's Republic of China.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted noting that the Mayor of Larnaca, Cyprus is now visiting Sydney between 6-13 May 2005 with a possible extension to 16 May 2005.

***PRECIS***

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES MATTERS**

- CS 6                    SPECIAL NEEDS SUBSIDY SCHEME FUNDING FOR WILKINS AND STANMORE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICES                    22**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

File Ref: 3078

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (DFACS) has approved funding for Stanmore and Wilkins Outside School Hours Care under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that Council enter into the agreement for the provision of funds under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme for \$20,213 at Stanmore Outside of School Hours Care Service and \$12,341 at Wilkins Outside of School Hours Care Service.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

- CS 7                    YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FUNDING FOR GLOBE WILKINS PRESCHOOL                    24**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

File Ref: 39

Council is advised that the Department of Education and Training (DET) has approved funding of \$6,500 for Globe Wilkins Preschool under the Young Children with Disabilities Component of the Intervention Support Program. It is recommended that Council enter into an agreement for this funding and that the Common Seal of Council be affixed to relevant documents.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.



***PRECIS***

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES MATTERS CONTINUED**

- CS 8                    DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES                    26**  
**CHILD CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM: SERVICE AND FUNDING**  
**IMPLICATIONS FOR MARRICKVILLE**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

File Ref: 39

This report provides an update to Council, regarding the implementation of the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (DFACS) Child Care Support Program. Council has previously considered other reports regarding the Child Care Support Program. Since the last report to the October Community Services Committee meeting (CS 26), DFACS has provided further updates of information relating to the competitive tender process, and changes in operational funding agreements for Family Day Care Schemes. It is recommended that Council maintain regular communication with DFACS for updates, and that a report be brought back to Council prior to the submission of a detailed tender for the Inclusion Support Agency. In addition it is recommended that a review of the Children and Family Services staff structure take place in light of changes in funding.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.



***PRECIS***

**TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**BUSINESS UNIT MATTERS**

**BU 4                      SUPPLY AND COMMISSIONING OF ONE FRONT END                      36**  
**LOADER BACKHOE - TENDER NO. 8/04**  
**(Report to Technical Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

File Ref: 12776-02

Tender No. 8/04 called for the supply and commissioning of one front end loader backhoe to replace the existing unit which is about 7 years old. Tenders were received from six companies. An evaluation of the tenders is attached in the confidential attachment. It is recommended that the tender of Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd, for the supply and commissioning of one front end loader backhoe, be adopted.

This report contains a CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT which is confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, because it contains commercial information in relation to the tenders, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers if it was provided. The information identifies the tenderers in relation to the tender price and the evaluation of the products offered by each tenderer. If disclosed, the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers in terms of market competitiveness, by giving their competitors an advantage. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.

During its debate on this item at the Meeting, the Council/Committee may decide, by resolution, to discuss the confidential information in closed confidential committee. Before doing so, the Committee will determine if members of the public will be allowed to make verbal representations as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.**

***PRECIS***

**PROPERTY SERVICES MATTERS**

**PW 5      PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION OF TEMPE LANDS      41**  
**(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

File Ref: 12700-04

This report discusses the proposed consolidation and subdivision of a number of land parcels at Tempe to facilitate the sale of land parcels north of the SPIRE road, the leasing of the temporary uses on the site and the proposed rezoning north of the SPIRE road. It is recommended that Council proceed with the consolidation and subdivision of land as detailed in the report subject to the Road and Traffic Authority's (RTA) concurrence to the exact location of the SPIRE road.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

**PW 6      PROPOSED PURCHASE OF NO. 1-3 WENTWORTH STREET, TEMPE      44**  
**(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

File Ref: P5140.210-02

This report discusses the proposed acquisition of No. 1-3 Wentworth Street, Tempe, which is reserved for the purpose of Local Open Space 9(A) Reservation Zone under Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2001. The property is strategically located and if acquired will form part of the Tempe wetlands and recreation areas. It is recommended that Council enter into negotiations with the owner, subject to the valuation advice and availability of Section 94 funding, with a view to purchasing the property.

This report contains **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS** which are confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as they contain information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on any person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.

During its debate on this item at the Meeting, the Council may decide, by resolution, to discuss the confidential information in closed confidential committee. Before doing so, the Committee will determine if members of the public will be allowed to make verbal representations as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.



***PRECIS***

- GM 27      THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT ON 2004-2007 MANAGEMENT PLAN      54**  
File Ref: 1461  
This business paper report summarises Council's performance over the third quarter of the financial year against service improvement projects and performance indicators set out in the 2004/2007 Management Plan. The attachment provides detailed advice on the status of all projects and indicators as at 31 March 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 28      MARCH 2005 BUDGET REVIEW      57**  
File Ref: 328  
A review of Council's 2004/05 Budget for the period to the end of March 2005 revealed a number of variances. The net effect of these variances will result in an increase in the call on Council funds. This results in Council having a deficit for the 2004/05 Budget of \$38,576. The anticipated working funds position as at 30 June 2005 will therefore be \$6,959,424. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that the variations to the Budget be approved.
- GM 29      SPORT AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT AND LIAISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE      63**  
File Ref: 4056-03  
In accordance with a resolution of Council in March 2005, this report outlines the current arrangements for managing sport and leisure issues and the liaison processes undertaken by Council with the local sport, leisure and community clubs. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

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***MINUTES OF MEETING 02/05 - 1 MARCH, 2005***

Meeting Commenced at 6.45 pm.

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor M Hanna, who occupied the Chair, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Byrne, and Councillors R Owen, S Iskandar, D Thanos, S Khan, P Sharpe, P Olive, B Cotter, F Byrne and V Macri.

**ALSO PRESENT**

General Manager, Director Corporate Services, Director Development & Environmental Services, Acting Director Technical Services, Director Community Services, Manager Administrative Services, Manager Parks & Reserves and Manager Planning.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON**

*We meet today on the special land of the Cadigal Wangal People and I acknowledge their care of the land over many generations and celebrate their ongoing survival and achievements in today's society.*

**PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, PLEDGE OR CONTEMPLATION**

**APOLOGIES**

**5606**

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** the apology extended for Councillor Hesse, who was unable to attend because of other commitments, be accepted and leave of absence be **GRANTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

File Ref: 4084

Nil

***MINUTES OF MEETING 02/05 - 1 MARCH, 2005***

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

File Ref: 4322

**5607** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Minutes of the Council Meeting 01/05, held on Tuesday, 15 February 2005 and the Minutes of CDM Meeting 02/05 held on 1 March 2005, as circularised, be **CONFIRMED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**  
**OPEN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**5608** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT:**

1. Standing Orders be suspended to allow items to be brought forward and for members of the public to address Council in relation to those items as follows:

*Item NM 7 Michael Waterman, Convenor, Newtown Peace Group*  
*Item NM 8 John Ferreira, Dulwich Hill Soccer Club*

2. Council resume Standing Orders at the completion of each address to allow Council to consider the particular item.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**NM 7** **TROOPS OUT OF IRAQ PUBLIC MEETING**

File Ref: 4056-03

Mr Waterman addressed the meeting.

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**5609** The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Iskandar, Olive, Khan, S Byrne and F Byrne.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Macri, Cotter, Olive, Owen, Sharpe, Thanos and Hanna.



**MINUTES OF MEETING 02/05 - 1 MARCH, 2005**

**NM 8 MARRICKVILLE SPORT AND LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

File Ref: 4056-03

Mr Ferreira addressed the meeting.

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Iskandar, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** points 1 and 2 be deleted and that Council officers prepare a report outlining the current arrangements for managing sport and leisure issues and the liaison process with local sport, leisure and community clubs.

The **AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Cotter, Sharpe, Thanos, Hanna, Owen and Macri .

**Against Motion:** Councillors Olive, Khan, S Iskandar, S Byrne and F Byrne.

**5610** The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION** and was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Cotter, Sharpe, Thanos, Hanna, Owen, Macri, Iskandar, S Byrne and F Byrne.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Olive and Khan.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**COMMUNICATION & CULTURAL SERVICES, CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND COMMUNITY GENERAL MATTERS**

**5611** **IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR HANNA, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THANOS, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**CC 2 DRAFT MEDIA LIAISON POLICY**

File Ref: 290

**CS 4 SCAN FUNDING FOR GLOBE WILKINS PRESCHOOL**

File Ref: 3348-04

**MINUTES OF MEETING 02/05 - 1 MARCH, 2005**

**CS 5 SPECIAL NEEDS SUBSIDY SCHEME FUNDING FOR ENMORE CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND TILLMAN PARK CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

File Ref: 39

**CG 3 HISTORY CENTRE DRAFT COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

File Ref: 1219

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES MATTERS**

**CF 2 OUTCOME OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HIRE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

File Ref: 1438

**5612 RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Recommendation of the Community Services Committee as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Hanna, S Byrne, F Byrne, Olive, Khan, Macri and Thanos.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Owen, Sharpe, Cotter and Iskandar.

Councillor Sharpe temporarily left the meeting at 7.34 pm.

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**FINANCE MATTERS**

**FS 5 COUNCIL'S INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 JANUARY 2005**

File Ref: 399

**5613 RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** the Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**Absent:** Councillor Sharpe

**MINUTES OF MEETING 02/05 - 1 MARCH, 2005**

**TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**PARKS & RESERVES MATTERS**

**PR 8      WICKS PARK - LICENCE FOR TENNIS COACHING AND COMMUNITY ACCESS**

File Ref: 10984-02

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor F Byrne, **THAT** the Recommendation of the Technical Services Committee as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

Councillor Sharpe returned to the meeting at 7.35 pm.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** the Committee Recommendation be adopted with the amendment of point 3 to delete all of the words after "facility".

Councillor Iskandar temporarily left the meeting at 7.35 pm and returned at 7.37 pm.

The **AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Owen, Sharpe, Iskandar and Cotter.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Hanna, Macri, S Byrne, F Byrne, Olive, Khan and Thanos.

**5613** The **MOTION** was put the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

Councillor Sharpe temporarily left the meeting at 7.40 pm and returned at 7.42 pm.

Councillor Macri temporarily left the meeting at 7.41 pm and returned at 7.43 pm.

**MM 3      PROPOSED ACTIONS BY MAYORAL GROUP IN RESPONSE TO THE PLANNED REDEVELOPMENT OF NON-AVIATION COMMERCIAL USES AT SYDNEY AIRPORT**

**5614** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**MINUTES OF MEETING 02/05 - 1 MARCH, 2005**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**5615 IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR HANNA, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THANOS, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**GM 13 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2005**  
File Ref: 7105-05

**GM 14 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY STAFF**  
File Ref: 4325-02

**GM 15 COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION**  
File Ref: 4015-04

**GM 16 PETITIONS RECEIVED - FEBRUARY 2005**  
File Ref: 4577-03

**GM 17 OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**  
File Ref: 4577-03

**GM 18 COUNCIL'S ORGANISATION STRUCTURE**  
File Ref: 1330

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**5616 IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR HANNA, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THANOS, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**GM 19 ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDUCT COMMITTEE**  
File Ref: 1234

**GM 20 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS**  
File Ref: 1310-03

**GM 22 FEBRUARY 2005 BUDGET REVIEW**  
File Ref: 328

**For Motion:** Unanimous

***MINUTES OF MEETING 02/05 - 1 MARCH, 2005***

**GM 21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS UPDATE**

File Ref: 13442

**5617 RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**NM 3 CHANGES TO PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS POLICY**

File Ref: 4056-03

**5618 RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Hanna, S Byrne, F Byrne, Cotter, Sharpe, Thanos, Macri, Khan, Iskandar and Olive.

**Against Motion:** Councillor Owen.

**NM 4 DEVELOPER DONATIONS**

File Ref: 4056-03

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Motion be adopted with the deletion of point 4.

A **FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** point 4 of the Motion be amended to delete reference to partnerships and individuals and to replace the word “involves” with “is”.

The **AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Hanna, Cotter, Sharpe, Thanos, Macri, Iskandar and Owen.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Olive, Khan, S Byrne and F Byrne.

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The **FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Olive, Khan, S Byrne and F Byrne.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Hanna, Cotter, Sharpe, Thanos, Macri, Iskandar and Owen.

**5619** The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION** and was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous.

**NM 5**      **COMMUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

File Ref: 4056-03

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor F Byrne, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

Councillor Macri temporarily left the meeting at 8.22 pm and returned at 8.25 pm.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Iskandar, **THAT** the Motion be adopted with the amendment that point 2 of the Motion be deleted and replaced with a new point 2 as follows:

*“2. A Councillor nominated by Council represent Council on the Committee”.*

The **AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Cotter, Sharpe, Owen and Iskandar.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Hanna, S Byrne, F Byrne, Khan, Thanos, Macri and Olive.

**5620** The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Hanna, S Byrne, F Byrne, Khan, Thanos, Macri and Olive.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Cotter, Sharpe, Owen and Iskandar.

**NM 6**      **PARKING STRATEGY**

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**5621** A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

Councillors F Byrne and Owen temporarily left the meeting at 8.33 pm.

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Councillor F Byrne returned at 8.35 pm.

Councillor Owen returned at 8.36 pm.

The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Hanna, S Byrne, F Byrne, Khan, Thanos, Macri and Olive.

**Against Motion:** Councillors Cotter, Sharpe, Owen and Iskandar.

**NM 9**      **ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PENSION REBATE AND COUNCIL'S VOLUNTARY REBATE**

**5622**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING CDM 03/05 - 5 APRIL, 2005**

Meeting commenced at 11.31 pm

**PRESENT** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor M Hanna (in the Chair), the Deputy Mayor, Councillor S Byrne and Councillors S Iskandar, B Cotter, P Sharpe, R Owen, P Olive, C Hesse, S Khan, F Byrne, D Thanos and V Macri.

**ALSO PRESENT** Director Development and Environmental Services, Manager Planning Services, Manager Development Assessment, Manager Monitoring Services and Team Leader Development Assessment (Planning).

**APOLOGIES** Nil

**PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, PLEDGE OR CONTEMPLATION**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST** Nil

**DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MATTERS**

**5623** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** Council **ADOPT** the recommendation of the Development and Environmental Services Committee for the following Items:-

**EN 9 COMMITTEE FOR COOKS RIVER - REPORT ON OPTIONS**

*File Ref: 6210-02*

*A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Olive, **THAT** Council:-*

- 1 establish a Marrickville Cooks River Committee as outlined in the report;*
- 2 officers research the structure of a Regional Cooks River Foreshores Committee as outlined in the report and **REPORT** back to Council with recommendations; and*
- 3 seek formal expressions of interest from other Councils in the creation of a Regional Cooks River Foreshores Committee.*

*An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** that the Committee adopt Option 3 commencing on Page 36 of the Business Paper.*

*A **FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Committee adopt all three (3) options as outlined in the report.*



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The **AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Cotter, Sharpe, Owen, Thanos and Macri

**Against Motion:** Councillors S Byrne, Iskandar, Olive, Hesse, Khan, F Byrne and Hanna

The **FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Iskandar, Hesse, Khan and Thanos

**Against Motion:** Councillors S Byrne, Cotter, Sharpe, Owen, Olive, F Byrne, Hanna and Macri

The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors S Byrne, Olive, Hesse, Khan, F Byrne, Hanna and Macri

**Against Motion:** Councillors Iskandar, Cotter, Sharpe, Owen and Thanos

**EN 10 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION ON PACKAGING WASTE**

File Ref: 4570-02

**RECOMMENDED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor F Byrne, **THAT** the matter be **DEFERRED** for consideration to the next Council Meeting.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**DA 30 INSPECTION REPORT - 451-457 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD AND 43 DULWICH STREET, DULWICH HILL**

File Ref: DA200300837

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor F Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Recommendation commencing on Page 137 of the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** subject to the addition of a condition requiring noise attenuation measures to be incorporated into the development to reduce road noise.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Macri, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** subject to:-

- 1 The deletion of Condition 4 in B(i) on Page 137 of the Business Paper.
- 2 The deletion of Point 1 of Part A commencing on Page 169 of the Business Paper.
- 3 The addition of a condition requiring noise attenuation measures to be incorporated into the development to reduce road noise.

A **FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** the matter be **DEFERRED** pending the submission of amended plans that includes the retention and restoration of the facade at 453-457 New Canterbury Road and restoration of the facade at 451 New Canterbury Road.

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A **SECOND FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Olive, in terms of the Motion and that the ground floor be moved further back.

The **AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Iskandar, Thanos, Hanna and Macri

**Against Motion:** Councillors S Byrne, Cotter, Sharpe, Owen, Olive, Hesse, Khan and F Byrne

The **FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Olive and Khan

**Against Motion:** Councillors S Byrne, Iskandar, Cotter, Sharpe, Owen, Hesse, F Byrne, Thanos, Hanna and Macri

The **SECOND FORESHADOWED AMENDMENT** was put to the vote and was **LOST**.

**For Motion:** Councillors Olive and Khan

**Against Motion:** Councillors S Byrne, Iskandar, Cotter, Sharpe, Owen, Hesse, F Byrne, Thanos, Hanna and Macri

The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Councillors S Byrne, Iskandar, Cotter, Sharpe, Owen, Hesse, Khan, F Byrne, Thanos, Hanna and Macri

**Against Motion:** Councillor Olive

**IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR THANOS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR COTTER, TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THE RECOMMENDATION AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE ADOPTED:**

**DA 44 65 NEW CANTERBURY ROAD, PETERSHAM**

File Ref: DA200400118

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**DA 45 22-24 HERBERT STREET, DULWICH HILL**

File Ref: DA200400300

**RECOMMENDED:** On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** subject to the proposed back bedroom (Bedroom 1) of proposed Units 7 and 8 being deleted and the proposed balconies to Units 1, 2, 4 and 5 being deleted and the existing floor area in those areas of the respective units being retained.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**PS 6 RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND FINAL ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REZONING OF 500 PRINCES HIGHWAY, ST PETERS, TO ALLOW BULKY GOODS USES – DRAFT MARRICKVILLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2001 (AMENDMENT NO. 30)**

File Ref: 4571

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**RECOMMENDED:** *On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.*

**For Motion:** *Unanimous*

**For Motion:** Unanimous

At this point, the Chairperson thanked Peter Barber (Manager Development Assessment) for all his help and wished him all the best in his new job.

Meeting closed at 11.34 pm.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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***EN 10 - REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION ON  
PACKAGING WASTE  
(From Development and Environmental Services Committee Meeting 03/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 4570-02

**Director, Development & Environmental Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council received a letter from the Boomerang Alliance on 14 March 2005. The Boomerang Alliance is an alliance of leading environment and community groups working towards zero waste. The NSW Local Government and Shires Associations are members of the Boomerang Alliance. The Boomerang Alliance are asking for Council support for a redrafting of the National Packaging Covenant and the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility. The Boomerang Alliance have asked that Council support their campaign by highlighting the issue of packaging waste through the local media, writing to State and Federal Ministers, and providing the community with information to allow them to contribute to the campaign. It is recommended that Council consider this report and support the Boomerang Alliance Campaign.

**Background**

The National Packaging Covenant which came into effect in 1998/99 is the voluntary industry agreement for the management of packaging waste which relates to most of the materials collected by local government in its recycling service. The covenant expired in August 2004.

The National Packaging Covenant Council (NPCC) is conducting consultation sessions in every state to ascertain the views of stakeholders (including local government) on the proposed extension to the Covenant.

Recently there have been two major reviews of the covenant:

1. a general review commissioned by the NPCC; and
2. an assessment of the degree to which the Covenant has achieved its aims with regard to packaging waste.

The NPCC made funding available for a separate review to investigate local government's views and experiences with the Covenant. The project was conducted by Meinhardt Infrastructure and Environment Pty Ltd, overseen by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), with input and involvement from other state / national associations including LGSA NSW and ALGA.

Local Government in most states and nationally through ALGA did not endorse the Covenant however two State Associations - LGAQ and Municipal Association of Victoria - did in fact become signatories. The review explores the reasons for this variation in support and also provides advice on what sort of a waste management agreement might be more likely to attract more widespread or universal local government support.

In the past Council, the Southern Sydney Region of Councils and the Local Government and Shires Associations have been active in promoting a more sustainable approach to waste issues and waste

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management. With respect to the National Packaging Covenant and Extender Producer Responsibility the following action has been taken.

The LGSA has:

- opposed the NPC from its inception in 1998;
- in 2000 convened a meeting of mayors and elected councillors from councils in all waste board regions to clarify Local Government's position (both in NSW and nationally) regarding the NPC (**ATTACHMENT 1** for details of the resolution);
- in 2004 supported a study by the NPCC, ALGA and the LGAQ - the Meinhardt Review - which highlighted a number of shortcomings with the NPC and at its April 2004 meeting resolved to maintain their firm policy position and support the outcomes of the Meinhardt Review (**ATTACHMENT 2** copy of a letter from the LGSA outlining the resolution); and
- on 22 July 2004 attended the Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane sessions on the review of the NPC. A submission was subsequently prepared and provided to NPCC (**ATTACHMENT 3**).

Council has:

- supported LGSA and SSROC in all their submissions;
- written to the EPA (2003) regarding EPR and the need for its introduction; and
- attended forums and seminars on both issues - Councillors and staff attended the Total Environment Centre's Green Capital Breakfast on 22 March 2005 (this event was supported by the Boomerang Alliance - copy of information on packaging is **ATTACHMENT 4**)

### **Discussion**

The Boomerang Alliance (the Alliance) has written to Council to provide information on the impact of packaging, advise us of the situation with the review of the NPC, industry has been seeking an extension of the Covenant and a new NPC is due to be implemented from July 2005 for another 5 years.

The LGSA has issued a statement through the weekly circular Friday 01/04/05 (**ATTACHMENT 5** copy of Issue 13: 05 Item 12: Boomerang Alliance, National Packaging Covenant and Recycling) that confirms their full support for the Alliance and the content contained in the letter received by Council on 14 March 2005 (**ATTACHMENT 4**).

The Meinhardt Review has drafted its report which highlights a number of shortcomings of the Covenant from local government's point of view.

To summarise, (Exec Summary page v/vi):

*"Most Local Governments believe that a major overhaul of the current Covenant framework would be necessary before their support would be forthcoming for any post-Covenant initiatives. There is a strong view that post-Covenant initiatives should be based on Extended*

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*Producer Responsibility. Local Government believes the post-Covenant framework should embed the principle of EPR more fully than current arrangements. Local Governments wish to see a stronger commitment by industry towards the life-cycle management of used packaging material, supported by appropriate legislation and enforcement programs."*

The Alliance highlights some of the key issues with the NPC the major one for local government being that the entire cost of recycling packaging rests with local government while producers bear none of the costs.

The Alliance is "*campaigning for the introduction of high recycling targets as a first step. All state, territory and federal environment ministers agreed to this approach at the Environment Protection and Heritage Council meeting on 3 December 2004.*"

They ask that Council join them in their campaign to ensure that the:

- "*costs to achieve targets are not borne by local government; and*
- *targets deliver significant and adequate environmental improvement.*"

The Alliance also states that:

*"Complementing this approach is a call to introduce Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) mechanisms including a container deposit scheme, take back systems and Advanced Disposal Fees in a new revised NPC. The Alliance sees packaging as a natural first sector for implementation of an EPR scheme, to:*

- *provide a working reference for EPR's effectiveness as a waste management tool;*
- *help establish necessary infrastructure — community return points — for expanding EPR to additional products e.g. batteries, mobile phones;*
- *transfer collection costs from ratepayers/local government to consumers/producers; and*
- *establish an economically efficient recycling processing industry.*

*Packaging, due to its ease of collection and recyclability, public nuisance (broken glass injuries) and environmental harm (clogging waterways and killing marine wildlife), can and must be dealt with by the NPC or some other viable regulatory package. Unilateral adoption of South Australian style Container Deposit Legislation or national EPR legislation are two examples."*

The Alliance asks Council to support their campaign by:

1. highlighting the issue of packaging waste and the need for action in our local media;
2. writing to state and federal environment ministers calling for more effective waste management;
3. mobilising the community to write to state environment ministers by establishing a web link to the Boomerang Alliance's online petition; and
4. agreeing to receive ongoing updates from the Alliance on the campaign.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council fully support the Boomerang Alliance Campaign by:

1. writing to state and federal environment ministers calling for more effective waste management;
2. issuing a media release which outlines the need for action on the issue of packaging waste and Councils full support of the Boomerang Alliance;
3. establishing a web link from Councils web site to the Boomerang Alliance so the community can access the online petition; and
4. agreeing to receive ongoing updates from the Alliance on the campaign.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the matter be deferred for consideration to the next Council Meeting.

**ATTACHMENT: Total 22 pages**

**ATTACHMENT 1:** Local Government and Shires Associations Resolution from meeting 11 July 2000 - 1 page

**ATTACHMENT 2:** Local Government and Shires Associations on the National Packaging Covenant 2 pages

**ATTACHMENT 3:** A submission prepared and provided to NPCC 5 pages

**ATTACHMENT 4:** Information provided at the Green Capital Waste Wars Breakfast on 22 March 2005 13 pages

**ATTACHMENT 5:** LGSWeekly Circular Issue 13: 05 Item 12: Boomerang Alliance, National Packaging Covenant and Recycling 1 page

***CC 4 - SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP REQUESTS  
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 190

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised that four requests have been received for new sister city relationships including Larnaca Municipality, Cyprus; Moree Shire Council, New South Wales; Tartous City, Syria and Zhaozhuang City, People's Republic of China. It is recommended the report be received and noted; Council endorse the signing of a Sister Cities Agreement with Larnaca Municipality, Cyprus and formally invite the Mayor of Larnaca to Council during his June 2005 visit to sign a Sister Cities Agreement; and a further report be presented to the Community Services Committee advising the recommendations of the Sister Cities Policy and Program Review and actions to progress the sister city relationship requests with Moree Shire Council, New South Wales; an appropriate Syria city; and Zhaozhuang, People's Republic of China.

**Background**

The Sister Cities program is aimed at increasing international understanding and fostering world peace by furthering international communication and exchange at the person-to-person level through city-to-city affiliations.

Marrickville has sister city relationships with four cities - Damanhour, Egypt, established in 1996; Funchal, Portugal, established in 1996; Keelung, Taiwan established in 1989; and Kos, Greece, established in 1990. Council also has two Memorandums of Understanding with Bethlehem, Palestine, signed in 2001; and Huangpu, People's Republic of China, signed in 1999.

The Sister Cities Committee comprises local representatives from each country with which Council holds sister city relationships and it meets quarterly to provide advice to Council on the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships.

Council's Sister Cities Policy states that in establishing sister city relationships, Council will consider the national, cultural and linguistic diversity of the Marrickville community and establish new sister city relationships where:

- (a) a commitment exists from both Marrickville Council and the prospective sister city to develop a long term relationship;
- (b) there are benefits to the local area to be obtained from the promotion of mutual understanding, and social, cultural and economic exchange; and
- (c) there is a recognition that a close civic friendship is important to the long term sister city relationship but that formal visits by Council to its sister cities will not be an essential element.

At the Sister Cities Committee meeting of 23 November 2004, the Committee agreed that a review of the Sister Cities Policy and program be undertaken.



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**Discussion**

The following is a summary of the four requests for a sister city relationship with Council: -

**Larnaca Municipality, Cyprus**

In late 2004, the Mayor, Councillors and the General Manager met with the High Commissioner of Cyprus to discuss the establishment of the new sister city agreement with the city of Larnaca. Following this meeting, Larnaca passed a resolution to formalise a sister city relationship with Marrickville. The proposal was discussed and supported by the Sister Cities Committee at the November 2004 and February 2005 meetings.

The Mayor of Larnaca advised in January 2005 that he will visit Marrickville in June 2005 with a view to formally signing a Sister City Agreement with Marrickville and he will invite a delegation for a reciprocal visit to Larnaca.

There are currently 5,252 Greek-speaking residents in the Marrickville area, of which a considerable proportion were either born in Cyprus or have Cypriot ancestry. The Cyprus Club in Enmore has long been a cultural centre for the Marrickville and Sydney Cypriot community.

The proposal to establish a sister city relationship with Larnaca complies with Council's criteria.

**Moree Shire Council, New South Wales**

Moree Shire Council passed a resolution in December 2004 to formalise their interest in establishing a sister city relationship with Marrickville, following discussions between Councillors at the 2004 Aboriginal Network Conference regarding the common interests between Marrickville and Moree.

At the February 2005 Sister Cities Committee Meeting, the Committee noted that Marrickville currently does not have any sister cities relationships within Australia and agreed to refer the matter to the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC) for advice. The matter will be discussed at the MACC meeting on 11 April 2005 and will be further considered at the Sister Cities Committee meeting in May 2005.

**Syria**

In February 2005, the Syrian Ambassador met with the Mayor, Councillors, the General Manager and Community Services staff and expressed interest in establishing a sister city relationship between Marrickville and the city of Tartous or another appropriate city. During his visit, the Ambassador advised that Council will receive a letter from the appropriate Mayor formalising their interest in establishing an agreement and inviting a delegation from Marrickville to visit the Syrian city.

It is estimated that of the 2,658 Arabic-speaking residents in Marrickville, approximately half were either were born in Syria or have Syrian ancestry.

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**Zhaozhuang City, People's Republic of China**

In January 2005, an enquiry was received from Zaozhuang regarding Council's interest in establishing a Sister Cities Agreement. As Council currently has a Memorandum of Understanding with Huangpu district in Shang-hai, the Sister Cities Committee agreed at its February 2005 meeting to defer making a recommendation to Council on the matter until the review of the sister cities program is completed.

**Policy and Program Review**

Communication & Cultural Services are currently undertaking a review of the Sister Cities Policy and program with consideration being given to the history of individual sister city relationships, current activity and program resources. It is anticipated that the review will be tabled at the May 2005 Sister Cities Committee meeting, with recommendations to be tabled at the July Community Services Committee meeting.

**Conclusion**

Following ongoing discussion, it is now proposed that a Sister City Agreement be entered into with Larnaca Municipality, Cyprus. As indicated above the proposals for Moree Shire Council, Syria and Zhaozhuang are the subject of ongoing consideration. The Program Review is also proceeding for report to the Community Services Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council endorse the signing of a Sister Cities Agreement with Larnaca Municipality, Cyprus and formally invite the Mayor of Larnaca to Council during his June 2005 visit to formalise a Sister Cities Agreement; and
3. A further report be presented to the July 2005 Community Services Committee advising the recommendations arising out of the Sister Cities Policy and Program Review and actions to progress the sister city relationship requests with Moree Shire Council, New South Wales; an appropriate Syrian city; and Zhaozhuang, People's Republic of China.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted noting that the Mayor of Larnaca, Cyprus is now visiting Sydney between 6-13 May 2005 with a possible extension to 16 May 2005.

***CS 6 - SPECIAL NEEDS SUBSIDY SCHEME FUNDING FOR WILKINS  
AND STANMORE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICES  
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 3078

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (DFACS) has approved funding for Stanmore and Wilkins Outside School Hours Care under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that Council enter into the agreement for the provision of funds under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme for \$20,213 at Stanmore Outside of School Hours Care Service and \$12,341 at Wilkins Outside of School Hours Care Service.

**Background**

The Special Needs Subsidy Scheme is funded by the Commonwealth Government to assist childcare services to include children with ongoing high support needs, in particular children with a disability. The Scheme enables these children, who may previously have been unable to use childcare services, to participate equally in childcare programs. The funding is used to employ an additional worker to ensure that the child is able to fully participate in all aspects of the program.

An application for funding under the Scheme was submitted to DFACS in January 2005 to support two children enrolled at Stanmore Outside of School Hours Care Service and two children at Wilkins Outside of School Hours Care Service.

**Discussion**

The Department has advised that Council's application to the Scheme has been successful. The sum of approximately \$32,554 has been approved for the next 12 months. Stanmore Outside of School Hours Care Service has been provided with \$20,213, and Wilkins Outside of School Hours Care Service has been provided with \$12,341. This income will provide additional carer support at both Stanmore and Wilkins Outside of School Hours Care Service.

**Conclusion**

Supporting the inclusion of children with additional needs is vital in ensuring that Marrickville Council meets its obligation to children in the community with additional needs. The funding will cater for four children at the two services.

**Director, Corporate Services reports:**

Council consider a budget adjustment for \$20,213 at Stanmore Outside of School Hours Care Service and \$12,341 at Wilkins Outside of School Hours Care Service to reflect the increased funding and associated costs in 2004/05 at its next Budget review.

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For Recommendation**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council enter into the agreement for the provision of funds under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme for \$20,213 at Stanmore Outside of School Hours Care Service and \$12,341 at Wilkins Outside of School Hours Care Service; and
3. Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

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**CS 7 - YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FUNDING FOR  
GLOBE WILKINS PRESCHOOL**

***(From Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05)***

***For Recommendation***

File Ref: 39

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised that the Department of Education and Training (DET) has approved funding of \$6,500 for Globe Wilkins Preschool under the Young Children with Disabilities Component of the Intervention Support Program. It is recommended that Council enter into an agreement for this funding and that the Common Seal of Council be affixed to relevant documents.

**Background**

The Young Children with Disabilities funding supports the integration of young children with disabilities into early childhood settings to ensure they have equal access to learning opportunities. The funding is used to employ an additional worker to support the successful inclusion of children into a mainstream service. An application for funding under the Intervention Support Program, which is managed by the Department of Education and Training, was submitted to the Department in December 2004 to support the inclusion of three children with disabilities enrolled at Globe Wilkins Preschool.

**Discussion**

DET has advised that Council's application has been successful. The sum of \$6,500 has been approved. The funding will be allocated from the date of receipt of the first payment to 31 December 2005. This income will provide additional carer support for three children currently enrolled at Globe Wilkins Preschool.

Council is required to complete the Form of Acceptance, which requires the Common Seal to be affixed, and to submit this form to DET prior to receiving the funding.

**Director, Corporate Services reports**

Council can consider a budget adjustment of \$6,500 to reflect the increased funding and associated costs in 2004/05 at its next Budget review.

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***For Recommendation***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Education and Training for the provision of funds to the amount of \$6,500 for Globe Wilkins Preschool under the Young Children with Disabilities Component of the Intervention Support Program, and that the document be executed under the Common Seal of Council; and
3. Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

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File Ref: 39

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report provides an update to Council, regarding the implementation of the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (DFACS) Child Care Support Program. Council has previously considered other reports regarding the Child Care Support Program. Since the last report to the October Community Services Committee meeting (CS 26), DFACS has provided further updates of information relating to the competitive tender process, and changes in operational funding agreements for Family Day Care Schemes. It is recommended that Council maintain regular communication with DFACS for updates, and that a report be brought back to Council prior to the submission of a detailed tender for the Inclusion Support Agency. In addition it is recommended that a review of the Children and Family Services staff structure take place in light of changes in funding.

**Background**

At the August and October 2004 (CS 21 and CS 26) Community Services Committee meetings, reports were presented to Council outlining the Department of Family and Community Services review of the Child Care Support Broadband funding scheme.

The Department of Family and Community Services currently funds:

- \$134,703 for the Resource and Support Program;
- \$40,731 for the Family Services Development Officer; and
- \$161,158 for Family Day Care.

The major changes in the Child Care Support Program include an expansion in the existing region currently supported by the Resource and Support Program, discontinuation of funding for the Family Services Development Officer position, and a change in Operational Funding agreements for Family Day Care.

In November 2004, the DFACS held a series of community consultations. These consultations provided opportunities for service providers to seek further information relating to the Child Care Support Program. Council Officers attended one of these sessions, and information provided at the community consultation is now available on the DFACS website and included within this report.

**Discussion**

The following discussion outlines further information received since the report to Council in October 2004, pertaining to the Child Care Support Program and associated timeframes for its implementation.



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**(1) Resource and Support Program**

Council receives funds from DFACS to deliver its Resource and Support Program. Two full time Early Childhood trained educators are employed in the role of Resource and Support workers. Their primary role is to facilitate the successful inclusion of children with additional needs into mainstream early childhood services in the Marrickville and Leichhardt LGA's.

Advice has been provided to the Early Childhood Sector that current arrangements for all auspicing bodies of Resource and Support Programs (referred to as Inclusion Support Agencies) will be put out as a national tender in July 2005. Organisations wishing to auspice an Inclusion Support Agency are required to submit a competitive tender addressing the selection criteria, which is yet to be released.

Applications for Inclusion Support Agencies will be assessed to 'identify those that can deliver the best value in social services delivery'. This means the delivery of an optimum combination of quality and cost with minimal risk to the Australian Government. Best value does not mean monetary value alone or lowest cost.

Following the closing of the tenders, the Department will conduct an assessment of all applications against the selection criteria. The assessment will be a centralised national process with involvement of the DFACS State and Territory Office Network.

The relative merits of each application will be assessed to determine the extent to which an applicant meets the selection criteria. The selection process will comprise analysis of applications and may include consideration of responses to clarification questions, referee reports, verification of claims and site visits, as required.' (DFACS 2004)

The DFACS have provided advice via their website, of the following timelines associated with the implementation of the Child Care Support Program Redevelopment.

July 2005	National advertising for Inclusion Support Agencies, selection documents available in hardcopy and on the internet
September 2005	Applications for Inclusion Support Agencies providers close
November 2005	Advice to successful and unsuccessful applicants
November 2005	Funding agreement negotiations commence
December 2005	Agreements active
Dec 2005 – Feb 2006	Inclusion Support Agencies recruit their staff
Jan – Mar 2006	Model fully operational

On 31 March 2005, the DFACS released further information via their website about to the regions which future Inclusion Support Agencies will be expected to service. Council's Resource and

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Support Team currently provides support and advice to childcare services within the Marrickville and Leichhardt Local Government Areas, however the Child Care Support Program has extended the Region to cover the Local Government Areas of Marrickville, Leichhardt, Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick, Botany Bay and Sydney. The DFACS has announced eighteen Inclusion Support Agency Regions across New South Wales. This includes nine metropolitan and nine regional and remote Inclusion Support Agency Regions.

Council's Children and Family Services Section has begun collecting quantitative and qualitative data relating to current service delivery, which will be needed in the development of a competitive tender document. A request for funding within the 2005/2006 Resources Plan budget has been made to assist in the development of the above tender. It is proposed that a report be bought back to Council for approval with details of the tender proposal, prior to its submission to the DFACS.

**(2) Family Services Development Officer**

The Family Services Development Officer position has the responsibility for strategic planning and policy development within the Children and Family Services. In addition the role co-ordinates the Magic Yellow Bus, convenes the Marrickville Children and Family Services Forum and the Primary Principles Consultative Committee, and facilitates linkages with the State Government in respect to its Families First project.

The Child Care Support Program review recommended that this and similar positions across NSW not be refunded after December 2005. Recent updates from DFACS would indicate that this is still the case, therefore resulting in a substantial gap in the existing children and family service program, and the deliver of services to the broader community. A further report is to be submitted to Council's Community Services Committee outlining the expected gap in community and strategic development as well as information relating to a review of the Children and Family Services staff structure in light of the possible changes in funding.

**(3) Family Day Care**

Previous advice provided to Council from DFACS indicated that there would be no changes to Family Day Care Services under the Child Care Support Program. However correspondence received from DFACS on the 28 February 2005 indicates that DFACS is currently reviewing the Family Day Care Network Support Funding.

The Family Day Care Network Support Funding is a payment made by DFACS to assist Family Day Dare Services to support their carers. The Family Day Care Network Support funding is provided in recognition of:

- employment, training, monitoring and support of carers, provided by the coordination units;
- flexibility of care, including 24 hour care, weekend care and out of hours care for the children of shift workers;
- costs associated with visiting carers in their own homes;
- support and training for quality assurance;

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- high levels of part-time attendance; and
- the co-ordination unit's limited face to face contact with parents.

Recent correspondence from DFACS provides limited information regarding the impact of any possible changes to this funding; however it does alert Family Day Care providers to the fact that a review is imminent and community consultations with peak agencies will be scheduled.

**Conclusion**

Preparations for the Inclusion Support Agency tender are currently underway to ensure that Council is in a strong position to be successful in its bid as the auspicing organisation for the local Inclusion Support Agency.

Council's Children and Family Services staff will continue to gather further information about the impact to Council's Family Day Care Service as a result of changes to funding arrangements. A further report will be submitted to Council's Community Services Committee once further information is provided to Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the Children and Family Services Section continue to maintain close links with the Department of Family and Community Services and keep Council informed of any further developments;
2. pending the finalisation of Council's 2005/2006 Budget; the Children and Family Services Section prepare a tender for the Inclusion Support Agency funding, and report back to Council on the draft tender proposal prior to submission; and
3. a review be taken of the Children and Family Services staff structure in light of the possible changes in funding and the perceived gaps in service delivery.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

**FS 7 - 2004/2005 LOAN PROGRAM**  
**(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**  
**For Recommendation**

File Ref: 1588

**Director, Corporate Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

In adopting the 2004/2005 Budget, Council adopted a loan program totalling \$1,645,000. The Minister for Local Government has determined this as Council's Borrowing Limit for 2004/2005 and requires that the money be borrowed before 30 June 2005 (**ATTACHMENT A**).

It is recommended that Council receive and note the report, raise a loan in the amount of \$1,645,000 for a period of ten years at a fixed interest rate, delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to accept the lowest quotation for the loan and to affix the Seal to the mortgage documentation for the loan.

**Background**

In adopting the 2004/2005 Budget, Council adopted a loan program for 2004/2005 comprising the following projects:

**3121- ADDISON RD CCC**

1-3121-7201-3321-00	Replace carpet & vinyl	\$30,000.00
		<b>\$30,000.00</b>

**3122- CAVENDISH ST CCC**

1-3122-7201-3325-00	Construct disabled ramp in Cavendi.	\$10,000.00
		<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**3123- DEBORAH LITTLE CCC**

1-3123-7201-3301-00	Outdoor play space upgrade	\$30,000.00
		<b>\$30,000.00</b>

**3612- PETERSHAM POOL**

1-3612-7201-3555-00	P/sham Pool-separ filter sys for pool	\$300,000.00
		<b>\$300,000.00</b>

**4121- LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

1-4121-7201-7728-00	Alice Street, Newtown	\$27,500.00
1-4121-7201-7729-00	Alice St, N/town - Walenore to Edg.	\$52,500.00
1-4121-7201-7735-00	Silver St, Marrickville	\$8,000.00
1-4121-7201-7737-00	Wicks Avenue, Marrickville	\$38,000.00
1-4121-7201-7738-00	Ewart Street, Marrickville	\$107,000.00
1-4121-7201-7739-00	Probert Street, Newtown	\$25,000.00
1-4121-7201-7742-00	Additional roads B/F	\$120,000.00
		<b>\$378,000.00</b>

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**4123- REGIONAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

1-4123-7201-7727-00	Regional Rd - Illawarra Rd, Marrick.	\$33,000.00
		<b>\$33,000.00</b>

**4131- DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION**

1-4131-7201-7638-00	Forward design – Drainage	\$13,000.00
1-4131-7201-7768-00	Marrickville Rd, M/ville-Stage 2	\$90,000.00
1-4131-7201-7769-00	Beach Rd, Dulwich Hill	\$125,000.00
1-4131-7201-7770-00	Manchester St, Dulwich Hill	\$45,000.00
		<b>\$273,000.00</b>

**4141- FOOTPATHS CONSTRUCTION**

1-4141-7201-7755-00	Union St, Dulwich Hill	\$70,000.00
1-4141-7201-7756-00	Union St, Dulwich Hill-Stage 2	\$70,000.00
1-4141-7201-7757-00	Newington Road, Marrickville	\$11,000.00
1-4141-7201-7758-00	New/ton Rd, Mville-England Av to	\$12,000.00
1-4141-7201-7759-00	Oxford Street, Petersham	\$12,000.00
1-4141-7201-7760-00	Pile Street, Marrickville	\$102,000.00
1-4141-7201-7761-00	Abergeldie St, Dulwich Hill	\$50,000.00
1-4141-7201-7762-00	Trafalgar St, Petersham	\$17,000.00
1-4141-7201-7763-00	Augustus St, Enmore	\$45,000.00
1-4141-7201-7764-00	Accessible Ramps	\$40,000.00
		<b>\$429,000.00</b>

**4142- HERITAGE FOOTPATHS CONSTRUCTION**

1-4142-7201-7765-00	Graham Ave, Marrickville (N side)	\$50,000.00
1-4142-7201-7766-00	Graham Ave, Marrickville (S side)	\$50,000.00
		<b>\$100,000.00</b>

**4160- STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT**

1-4160-7201-7787-00	Replace colorbond fence Camdenvil.	\$12,000.00
		<b>\$12,000.00</b>

**4176- CONSTRUCTION - REGIONAL TRAFFIC CALMING**

1-4176-7201-7771-00	Edgware Road Stage 2	\$50,000.00
		<b>\$50,000.00</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,645,000.00</b>
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**Discussion**

In accordance with the adopted loans program, application was made to the Minister for Local Government for Council's 2004/2005 borrowing limit to be set at \$1,645,000. The Minister has confirmed Council's borrowing limit as \$1,645,000. A copy of the Minister's determination is attached. This amount must be borrowed within the financial year to which it applies.

In view of the current interest rate climate, it is considered prudent to draw down the loan in May/June and to lock into a fixed term loan. Given the nature of the projects to be funded, it is proposed to raise a loan for \$1,645,000 over ten years with repayments comprising interest and principal.

Repayments will not commence until the 2005/2006 financial year.

The composition of the borrowings in 2004/2005 is as follows:

\$1,645,000	Ten years fixed (Principal and Interest)
<b>\$1,645,000</b>	<b>Total New Borrowings</b>
<u>\$0</u>	Old Money
<b>\$0</b>	<b>Total Old Money</b>

The loans will be secured by a mortgage over Council's income.

**Conclusion**

It is recommended that authority be delegated to the Mayor and General Manager to accept the lowest quotation for the loan being raised. Quotations will be sought from at least four Banks and a recommendation made to the Mayor and General Manager for approval. For a ten-year term, the market interest rate applicable on **Wednesday 30 March 2005 was 6.84%** (Source: Indicative Borrowing Rates for Local Government Authorities published in The Australian Financial Review).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note the report;
2. raise a loan in the amount of \$1,645,000 for a period of ten years at a fixed interest rate;
3. delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to accept the lowest quotation for the loan;
4. delegate authority to the Mayor and General Manager to affix Council's Seal to the mortgage document.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

**ATTACHMENTS: Total 2 pages**

- A. Department of Local Government – 2004/2005 Approved Borrowing Limit – Minister’s Determination – 2 pages.

***FS 8 - PAYMENT OPTIONS AT AUSTRALIA POST OUTLETS  
(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 03/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 4577-03

**Director, Corporate Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report provides information in relation to the option of payment of rates through local newsagencies. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

A report on Payment Options at Australia Post Outlets was submitted to the Corporate Services Committee meeting on 8 February 2005. The recommendations in that report were adopted with one additional point that Council:

“4. investigates the option of payment of rates through local newsagencies”.

The Committee noted that there would be no Post Office or Commonwealth Bank facility in the Tempe or Sydenham area following the impending closure of the Commonwealth Bank at Sydenham in April 2005. As a result of the closure of the CBA Sydenham branch and the movement of the Post Office on the Princes Highway from Tempe to Enmore, there is an identified need for payment options in this area.

**Discussion**

Officers of Council have met with the owners of the Tempe Newsagency who have confirmed that they use another bill payment option known as *BillEXPRESS* for the payment of Sydney Water, Energy Australia and other accounts.

Officers have obtained documentation from *BillEXPRESS* which confirms that it offers bill payment through newsagencies and Coles Myer stores for various utility accounts. *BillEXPRESS* is currently used by several Councils in Sydney including Canterbury, Baulkham Hills and Willoughby Councils.

The advantages of implementing the *BillEXPRESS* system are as follows:

- there are 9 newsagencies in the Marrickville LGA to assist citizens who wish to pay over the counter;
- the transaction rates are similar to the rates being charged by POSTbillpay for over-the-counter transactions; and
- there is a newsagency in Tempe on the Princes Highway which has *BillEXPRESS* and could provide over-the-counter payment option facilities, as there are no other facilities available in the Tempe and Sydenham suburbs.



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Council is in the process of implementing the Australia Post system POSTbillpay which has all the available functionality as detailed in the report to the Corporate Services Committee on 8 February 2005. The *Bill*EXPRESS system provides no more functionality than the POSTbillpay system, except that POSTbillpay is used by numerous Councils, Utilities including Telstra, and several other credit providers. In addition, POSTbillpay has proven functionality which has been tested with the Child Care system STARCARE and this is currently being reviewed for implementation during 2005.

The initial set-up cost for *Bill*EXPRESS is \$1,500 which could be met within the existing Finance Program Budget. The transaction cost over the counter for *Bill*EXPRESS is commensurate with the rate charged by Australia Post for POSTbillpay over-the-counter transactions. There will be additional administrative cost incurred by Council Finance and Information Systems in processing the *Bill*EXPRESS files, which is not substantial.

**Conclusion**

The *Bill*EXPRESS payment option would enable payment of Council rates over-the-counter at newsagencies, in particular at Tempe.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note this report; and
2. give consideration to the implementation of the *Bill*EXPRESS system over-the-counter payments to enable the payment of rates at newsagencies.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted with point 2 being amended to read, “implement the *Bill*EXPRESS system for over-the-counter payments to enable the payment of rates at newsagencies”.

***BU 4 - SUPPLY AND COMMISSIONING OF ONE FRONT END  
LOADER BACKHOE - TENDER NO. 8/04  
(Report to Technical Services Committee Meeting 03/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 12776-02

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Tender No. 8/04 called for the supply and commissioning of one front end loader backhoe to replace the existing unit which is about 7 years old. Tenders were received from six companies. An evaluation of the tenders is attached in the confidential attachment. It is recommended that the tender of Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd, for the supply and commissioning of one front end loader backhoe, be adopted.

This report contains a **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT** which is confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, because it contains commercial information in relation to the tenders, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers if it was provided. The information identifies the tenderers in relation to the tender price and the evaluation of the products offered by each tenderer. If disclosed, the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers in terms of market competitiveness, by giving their competitors an advantage. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.

During its debate on this item at the Meeting, the Council/Committee may decide, by resolution, to discuss the confidential information in closed confidential committee. Before doing so, the Committee will determine if members of the public will be allowed to make verbal representations as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

**Background**

Council currently operates one front end loader backhoe (purchased in 1997) for its Civil Works construction and maintenance program. The machine is on a seven year replacement cycle and is included in the 2004/2005 plant replacement program. This tender was called to replace this machine. Tenders were invited on 6 July 2004 and they closed on 27 July 2004. As a number of the tendered machines were not available in Australia delays were inevitably encountered in finalising the tender.

**Discussion**

The Plant Panel, consisting of representatives from the Civil Works and Fleet Services Sections, met on a number of occasions to review the tenders. After analysing the specifications of the machines offered, it was decided to consider in detail one machine from each of the six tenderers.

Each of the selected machines was inspected and trialled by the Plant Panel members. The trials included thorough demonstrations by the Supplier and on site operation of the units under normal working conditions.

The Tender Review Panel, consisting of the Business Units Administrator/Civil Works, Supply Co-ordinator and the Fleet Co-ordinator, considered the expert technical advice provided by the Plant

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Panel in making their recommendation. The Tender Review Panel's report and recommendation is attached in the confidential attachment.

The selection criteria determined by the Tender Review Panel is listed below:-

- compliance with Tender Conditions;
- purchase price of the unit;
- technical suitability against the specifications;
- performance of similar units owned by other customers;
- operating and maintenance costs including cost and availability of spare parts; and
- customer service record and capacity to provide after sales service.

The results of the tender review against the above criteria are listed in the table below:

**Tender 8/04 - Assessment Criteria Preferences Table**

<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting %</b>	<b>FSR Equipment</b>	<b>Westrac</b>	<b>C.E.A.</b>	<b>Komatsu Australia</b>	<b>CJD Equipment</b>	<b>Hitachi Construction Machinery</b>
Compliance with Tender conditions	20	Equally preferred	Equally preferred	Equally preferred	Equally preferred		Equally preferred
Purchase price of the unit	30	Preferred					
Technical suitability against the specifications	15				Preferred		
Performance of units owned by other customers	15				Preferred		
Operating and maintenance costs including cost and availability of spare parts	10				Preferred		
Customer service record and capacity to provide after sales service	10				Preferred		

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**FSR Equipment Pty Ltd** offered the New Holland machines which met the specifications but were not considered to be equal to the Komatsu and Caterpillar machines. In addition, existing users have reported problems with oil leaks and after sales service has been below average.

**Westrac** has offered the Caterpillar machines and the Model 432D met the specifications and was extensively trialled. It operated well under varying conditions and existing users report that they are happy with its performance and after sales service. The Tender Review Panel have ranked this offer second.

**C.E.A.** offered the JCB3CX machine which is similar to Council's current machine. Whilst the machine tested satisfactorily, there didn't appear to be any significant improvements on the old model. Existing users have reported that the machine is reliable.

**Komatsu Australia** has offered two backhoes and the machine which met the specifications best was the WB97R-2 which was trialled extensively by Council operators. The Tender Panel reported that this machine performed best of all machines trialled. Existing users have been very satisfied with the performance of their machines and the after sales service is reported to be very good. The Tender Review Panel recommends this tender for acceptance.

**CJD Equipment** has offered the Volvo machine which was trialled at their site. The Tender Panel reported that the operator was concerned about the power of the machine and the operation of the brakes. Existing users have advised that the machine is performing satisfactorily.

**Hitachi Construction** offered the John Deere 315SG backhoe. The Tender panel reported that the operator complained of poor vision from the cabin and awkward entry. Existing users have complained about the hydraulic hose set up and have reported problems with hoses loosening during operation.

Further comments about aspects of each machine are included in the confidential attachment.

**Conclusion**

The tender which provides the best value and overall benefit to Council is considered to be the tender from Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd for the WB97R-2 Front End Loader Backhoe.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

- 1) the tender from Komatsu Australia Pty Ltd for the supply and commissioning of one Komatsu Model WB97R-2 front end loader backhoe at a cost of \$128,406.54, be accepted; and
- 2) the **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT** be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993, because it contains commercial information in relation to the tenders, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers if it was provided.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENT: Total 5 Pages**

Confidential Attachment - Tender Assessment

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**THIS ATTACHMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
10A(2)(d) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1993, BECAUSE IT CONTAINS  
COMMERCIAL INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE TENDERS,  
THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH WOULD BE LIKELY TO PREJUDICE THE  
COMMERCIAL POSITION OF THE TENDERERS IF IT WAS PROVIDED.**

***PW 5 - PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION OF TEMPE  
LANDS  
(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 03/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 12700-04

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report discusses the proposed consolidation and subdivision of a number of land parcels at Tempe to facilitate the sale of land parcels north of the SPIRE road, the leasing of the temporary uses on the site and the proposed rezoning north of the SPIRE road. It is recommended that Council proceed with the consolidation and subdivision of land as detailed in the report subject to the Road and Traffic Authority's (RTA) concurrence to the exact location of the SPIRE road.

**Background**

Council is the owner of 30.6 hectares of land holdings at Tempe known as Tempe Lands. The land holdings are currently held in separate titles and relate to the original subdivisions of the land carried out some 40-50 years ago. Recently two land parcels have been transferred to Council from the RTA and the NSW Department of Commerce subject to certain conditions of transfer outlined in the Deed of Agreement between Council and the Minister of Commerce.

In recent years Council has adopted a number of decisions with respect to the land holdings. In order to implement Council's decisions the land holdings partly need to be consolidated and subdivided. Council's consulting surveyor has prepared draft consolidation and subdivision plans which are included in **ATTACHMENT 1**. An overview of the Tempe Lands is shown in **ATTACHMENT 1**. This diagram also shows the location of the St Peters Industrial Route (SPIRE) road based on previous discussions and meetings with the RTA. As the western boundary of the SPIRE road defines the boundaries of land to be sold by Council, it is essential that this boundary be formalised by way of a subdivision. This is indicated in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

A brief outline of Council's previous decisions is as follows:

**1. Sale of land north of the SPIRE road between Smith Street and Bellevue Street, Tempe**

Council at its December 2002 meeting (Item GM 98) resolved in part to sell 5.85 hectares of Council-owned land to a number of interested persons. Some 4.3 hectares of this land has been sold with contracts exchanged in March 2004 and with settlement scheduled for completion in March 2006. The sale is subject to completion of the subdivision and rezoning of the land to Light Industrial 4 (B) with allowable bulky goods uses. This parcel is shown as Proposed Lot 201 in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

Sale of the balance of the land located at the rear of the Ateco site with access from Smith Street is also subject to completion of the subdivision and rezoning of the land to Light Industrial 4 (B). On completion of the subdivision, rezoning and site works the land will be sold by open tender. This parcel is shown as Proposed Lot 200 in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

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**2. Conditions of transfer of 11 hectares of land to Council from the Minister for Commerce.**

Council accepted transfer of Lots 19 and 20 in DP 825649 from the Minister for Commerce subject to the following conditions:-

- Council remediating the land;
- 6 hectares of the land to be rezoned and dedicated for use as public recreation and made available to the public by 31 July 2006;
- Council agreeing to rezone additional Council owned land adjacent to South Street (wetlands) as open space by 31 July 2006; and
- Council rezoning the remaining 5 hectares of land to Light Industrial 4 (B).

To comply with the conditions of transfer Council will need to subdivide and rezone the land by the target date of 31 July 2006.

**3. Extension of Smith Street, Tempe**

Extension of Smith Street, Tempe and construction of a turning bulb was necessary to meet the requirements of Sydney Water and Energy Australia to supply water, sewage and electrical services into the Tempe Lands. Additionally the Smith Street extension provides access to RTA properties and Council owned land north of Smith Street. The consolidation of the Smith Street extension is required for future dedication of the extended section of the roadway to the public for road purposes. This land is shown in **ATTACHMENT 3**.

**4. Consolidation and subdivision of land adjacent to South Street (wetlands)**

This land is currently held in several separate titles. It is proposed first to consolidate all the land parcels into one parcel. On completion of the consolidation the land will need to be subdivided into four major land parcels to identify the land parcels to be zoned into open space (proposed Lot 1111 and 1112) and light industrial (proposed Lot 1113), and to identify the future RTA SPIRE road (proposed Lot 1114). These parcels are shown in **ATTACHMENT 4**.

**5. Temporary land uses**

Advice has been received that final registration of the temporary leases can only occur once the land subdivision is completed.

**Discussion**

The consolidation and subdivision of the land holdings is required to comply with conditions of previous land transfer and to progress Council's previous decisions.

The RTA has given in principle approval to the location of the SPIRE road, however before the consolidation and subdivision of the land can be completed, written consent will need to be obtained from the RTA on the exact location of the SPIRE road.

Council will be aware that the RTA is currently rethinking the future uses of the SPIRE road and has investigated the use of this corridor for public transport services. Council has acted on previous advice from the RTA that the current County Road Reservation over the Tempe Lands can be vastly



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down-sized to a 50 metre wide corridor. The final alignment has yet to be agreed by the RTA, however in-principle agreement has been received to an alignment which is being used within Council for planning purposes. Whilst the final width of the SPIRE "road" may vary, it is understood the RTA is satisfied with the north-western alignment which will define the boundary of proposed Lot 201 (see **ATTACHMENT 2**) and facilitate its sale. Since Council is the owner of all the land abutting the SPIRE road shown in **ATTACHMENT 1**, and which is edged in a heavy black line, hence there are no other owners from which permission is required to be obtained prior to lodging a development application for the subdivision.

**Conclusion**

It is imperative for Council to consolidate and subdivide the land holdings in accordance with Council's previous decisions and subject to the RTA agreeing to the exact location of the proposed SPIRE road.

It is recommended that Council proceed with the consolidation and subdivision of the land holdings to comply with previous Council decisions, conditions of land transfers and contractual obligations for the sale of land. It is further recommended that Council write to the RTA seeking endorsement of the exact location of the SPIRE road through the submission of a final linen plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. authorise the lodgment of development applications for the proposed land consolidation and subdivisions for the land holdings as described in the report and based on the exact position of the future SPIRE road and the extension of the public road in Smith Street;
2. write to the RTA seeking written concurrence to the exact position of the SPIRE road; and
3. attach the seal of Council to the consolidation and subdivision plans, road dedication plans, electricity and Sydney Water easements and other necessary transfer documentation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

**ATTACHMENT: Total 4 Pages**

Attachments 1-4 - Draft consolidation and subdivision plans - prepared by Council's consulting surveyor

**PW 6 - PROPOSED PURCHASE OF NO. 1-3 WENTWORTH STREET,  
TEMPE**

**(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 03/05)**

**For Recommendation**

File Ref: P5140.210-02

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report discusses the proposed acquisition of No. 1-3 Wentworth Street, Tempe, which is reserved for the purpose of Local Open Space 9(A) Reservation Zone under Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2001. The property is strategically located and if acquired will form part of the Tempe wetlands and recreation areas. It is recommended that Council enter into negotiations with the owner, subject to the valuation advice and availability of Section 94 funding, with a view to purchasing the property.

This report contains **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS** which are confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as they contain information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on any person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.

During its debate on this item at the Meeting, the Council may decide, by resolution, to discuss the confidential information in closed confidential committee. Before doing so, the Committee will determine if members of the public will be allowed to make verbal representations as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

**Background**

In a letter dated 11 February 2005, the owner of No. 1-3 Wentworth Street, Tempe requested that Council acquire the property, given that the land is reserved for the purpose of Local Open Space 9 (A) Reservation Zone under Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2001 (MLEP 2001).

The owner has also previously made enquiries to Council's Development and Environmental Services (D&ES) Division in relation to developing the property. The advice received by the owner from Council's D&ES Division was that "*Council would be very unlikely to grant consent to the erection of a new dwelling on the land. Modest additions, alterations and renovations may be supportable*".

**Discussion**

The subject property is located on the northern side of Wentworth Street, east of South Street, and abutting the Tempe Lands which are currently being remediated following the Environment Protection Authority's remediation order issued to Council on 22 March 2001. The property measures an area of 607 sq m. The location of the property is shown in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

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**Zoning**

The land is within the Local Open Space 9 (A) Reservation Zone under MLEP 2001. Clause 66 of MLEP 2001 is relevant to land within the 9 (A) Zone and is reproduced below:-

***"66 Acquisition of certain land reserved for Council***

- (1) The owner of any land zoned Local Open Space 9 (A) Reservation or Local Road and Local Road Widening 9 (D) Reservation may, by notice in writing, require the Council to acquire the land, but only if:*
  - (a) the land is included in the Council's Section 94 Contributions Plan or a Works Program current at the time of the receipt of the notice, or*
  - (b) the Council has decided not to grant consent to the carrying out of development on the land, on the basis of those matters specified under subclause (3), or*
  - (c) the Council is of the opinion that the owner of the land will suffer hardship if the land is not acquired within a reasonable time.*
- (2) On receipt of a notice under this clause, the Council must acquire the land unless the land might reasonably be required to be dedicated for:*
  - (a) local recreation, in the case of land zoned Local Open Space 9 (A) Reservation, or*
  - (b) local roads, in the case of land zoned Local Road and Local Road Widening 9 (D) Reservation."*

**S.94 Plan - Open Space Work Schedule**

The land is included in the Open Space Work Schedules (Fourth Schedule) of Council's Section 94 Contribution Plan under "Sub-Area 7 - Tempe Area, Item 1 South Street Acquisition and Embellishment Tempe". This provides for the acquisition and embellishment of land south-east of South Street in stages including improvements as a neighbourhood park. The estimated project cost as outlined in the Open Space Work Schedule is \$400,000.

It is therefore established under Clause 66 of the MLEP 2001 that Council is required to acquire the land.

**Community Value of Acquiring the Property**

The Manager Parks & Reserves has provided the following comments:-

*"The property is located between South Street and the newly designated open space areas of Tempe Lands and has vacant lots on either side. Acquisition would open up the existing open space areas*

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*to South Street and Tempe residents, increasing the open space frontage onto South Street and improving the physical accessibility and visual safety of the area. The land will extend the flat, useable area for turf-based passive recreation activities. The area can also accommodate trees and shrub planting which will further embellish the area."*

**Market Valuation**

A market valuation for the subject property was obtained by Council and received on 31 March 2005. The property has been assessed under clause 66 of the MLEP 2001 as if the acquisition would trigger the provisions of the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

In arriving at the market value for the property, the valuer has considered the surrounding Residential 2 (A) zoning as this zoning would apply to the land had it not been zoned/reserved for public purposes.

An analysis of the valuation is included in the **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT "A"**. The owner has also been requested to obtain an independent valuation of the property.

The market valuation for the property is enclosed in **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT "B"**. An addendum to the valuation dated 5 April 2005 is enclosed in **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT "C"**.

**Funding**

The estimated project cost of \$400,000 outlined in the Marrickville S.94 Plan Open Space Work Schedule (Fourth Schedule) is insufficient to acquire the subject property. Additional S.94 contributions or a reworking of the works schedule funding is required to acquire the property.

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Council can consider a Budget adjustment from S94 funds Open Space Sub Area 7 to meet the cost of acquiring the subject property.

**Conclusion**

Under Clause 66 of MLEP 2001 Council is required to purchase the subject property which is reserved for Local Open Space 9 (A) under MLEP 2001.

The property is strategically located east of South Street, Tempe and if acquired and redeveloped will form part of the Tempe wetlands and recreation areas.

It is recommended that Council enter into negotiations with the owner with a view to acquire the property subject to the market valuation advice and subject to availability of funds from S.94 contributions.

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TEMPE***

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***For Recommendation***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

- 3) Council enter into negotiations with the owner of No. 1-3 Wentworth Street, Tempe in accordance with the recommendations contained in the **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS**, with a view to acquiring the property subject to the valuation advice and availability of funds from Section 94 Contributions;
- 4) Council authorise His Worship the Mayor and General Manager to execute the purchase contract;
- 5) the seal of Council be attached to the purchase contract and the transfer documentation;
- 6) Council approve in principle a budget adjustment from S94 funds Open Space Sub Area 7 to meet the cost of acquiring the property, and the budget adjustment be presented to Council when the final purchase price is known; and
- 7) the **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS** are confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as they contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on any person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

**ATTACHMENTS Total 38 Pages**

Attachment 1 - Location plan, 1 page  
Confidential Attachment "A", 2 pages  
Confidential Attachment "B", 34 pages  
Confidential Attachment "C", 1 page

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**THIS ATTACHMENT IS CONFIDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10A(2)(c) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1993, AS IT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT WOULD, IF DISCLOSED, CONFER A COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE ON A PERSON WITH WHOM THE COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING (OR PROPOSES TO CONDUCT) BUSINESS.**

**GM 23 - COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION**  
*For Decision*

File Ref: 4015-04

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report outlines requests for access to Council information by Councillors during the period 5 March 2005 and 12 April 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

Councillors' Access to Information Policy (AS 11) provides a framework for Councillors to access Council information necessary for them to exercise their statutory role as a member of the governing body of Council.

The policy provides in clause 10.6 that the "General Manager is to report monthly to Council in relation to Councillor requests for information, including the nature of the information requested, whether access was provided and, if access was refused or restricted, the reasons for the determination, and any other information considered appropriate." Accordingly, the **ATTACHMENT** provides details of requests for access that have been received during the period 5 March 2005 and 12 April 2005.

The policy also provides, in clause 13, that an annual review be carried out with a report to Council. The next review is due in July 2005. It will be based on the collation of data from this and other monthly reports.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the report be received and noted.

**ATTACHMENT:** Total 1 page  
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NO.	COUNCILLOR	DATE REQUEST RECEIVED	INFORMATION REQUESTED			DATE ACCESS PROVIDED	STAFF RESOURCES HOURS	STATUS	CONFIDENTIAL
			MEETING	ITEM NO.	NATURE OF INFORMATION				
6	Olive	5/4/05	DES 03/05	DA 30 & 43	Review of files for DA's discussed in reports	5/4/05	10 mins	Completed	No



**GM 24 - PETITIONS RECEIVED MARCH 2005**  
*For Decision*

File Ref: 4577-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report outlines the petitions received by Council during the period 5 March 2005 to 11 April 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Discussion**

The procedure for handling petitions requires all petitions to be tabled at a Council meeting.

The following petitions were received during the period 5 March 2005 to 11 April 2005 and referred to the appropriate Division for attention:

1. from 253 people regarding the issue of objecting to the closure of the median island on Princes Highway at Station Street, Tempe; and
2. from 17 people regarding a resident parking scheme in Yelverton Street, St Peters.

These petitions are **TABLED** for the information of Council. The status of the petitions will be reported to the relevant committee of Council in the Director's monthly Outstanding Reports, Conferences and Petitions report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the report be received and noted.

**GM 25 - ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN SYDNEY  
REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SSROC) HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2005  
For Decision**

File Ref: 4577-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

Report of the Ordinary Meeting of the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) held at Waverley Council Chambers on Thursday, 17 March 2005 with a copy of the Minutes **ATTACHED**.

**Discussion**

An Ordinary Meeting of the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) was held at Waverley Council Chambers on Thursday, 17 March 2005 and the following matters were discussed:

1. Late Agenda Item – Metropolitan Strategy;
2. Report of the Meeting of Standing Committee 1;
3. Report of the Meeting of Standing Committee 2;
4. Combined SSROC Working Groups Planning Day;
5. Metropolitan Strategy Update;
6. Metropolitan Water Strategy;
7. Commission of Inquiry into the Proposed Expansion of Port Botany;
8. Consolidation of Light Rail Position Statement;
9. Proposal from Bike East;
10. Dealing with Asbestos;
11. Waste Management Program;
12. Street Lighting Improvement Program; and
13. Presentation of Australia Day Botany Bay Regatta Trophy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the report be received and noted.

**ATTACHMENT: Total 8 pages**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of SSROC held on Thursday, 17 March 2005.

**GM 26 - OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS  
REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS  
For Decision**

File Ref: 4577-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

A progress report on all outstanding conferences and reports requested by Council in respect of the General Manager and Corporate Development Section, with a note on the current status of each item. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**A. Outstanding Conferences**

1. GM 21 – Council Meeting 02/05 – 15 March 2005  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MATTERS UPDATE

A Councillor Conference was requested to discuss the matters raised in this report.

**A Councillor Conference is scheduled for 26 April 2005 to discuss the matters raised in this report.**

**B. Outstanding Reports**

1. NM 8 – Council Meeting 02/05 – 15 March 2005  
MARRICKVILLE SPORT AND LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Officers prepare a further report on Terms of Reference, frequency of meetings and structure of the Committee for Council's consideration at its April meeting.

**A further report prepared jointly by Community Services and Technical Services officers on Terms of Reference, frequency of meetings and structure of the Committee appears on this Business Paper.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the report be received and noted.

**GM 27 - THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT ON 2004-2007 MANAGEMENT  
PLAN  
For Decision**

File Ref: 1461

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This business paper report summarises Council's performance over the third quarter of the financial year against service improvement projects and performance indicators set out in the 2004/2007 Management Plan. The attachment provides detailed advice on the status of all projects and indicators as at 31 March 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

This quarterly report is the third for Council's current 2004/2007 Management Plan.

The attached report details the status of the 122 service improvement projects set out in the Management Plan. It also provides information on Council performance against 66 program performance indicators identified in the Management Plan.

The service improvement projects included in the Management Plan are the highest priority projects for enhancing the look, feel and a sustainable future for the Marrickville area, as well as those for improving Council operations. They represent Council's 'change management' program which is implemented over and above the delivery of ongoing services and programs.

The performance indicators provide quantitative and qualitative information on program performance. They provide an indication of how well the program is performing overall and the benefits being received by the community.

The following is a summary of the highlights for the third quarter of 2004-2005 (bearing in mind that not all projects have been scheduled to start in this quarter):

**The look of Marrickville**

- The new Transport Planner has completed an initial program of consultation with relevant Council officers and external bodies, as well as a review of existing Council plans and documentation.
- The inspection of high risk food premises and premises with cooling towers is continuing and Council has expressed an interest to participate in a legionella working group with the Department of Health.
- Inspection Programs aimed at improving fire safety for shared accommodation premises continues with the assistance of the Fire Brigade.
- Paving of the Rail Bridge at Newtown has been completed and footpath widening near King Street has started. Works around Enmore Theatre are to be completed by June 2005 with works in the Petersham Shopping Centre substantially completed.

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- The 2004/2005 Local Roads Resurfacing Program has been completed. The Regional Road REPAIR Program has been completed. Resurfacing of Charlotte Street has been added to the latter program.
- Local lane resurfacing has been completed in Myrtle Street (West), Albany Lane, Warham Lane, Salisbury Lane, Cahir Lane. Works in Garnet Lane have started.
- 65% of the Heritage Brick Footpath Program is complete. 100% of the Accessible Footpaths Program is complete. 60% of the Footpath Reconstruction Program is complete.
- Marrickville Road Drainage works are complete. Work in Manchester Street is complete. Design work for Beach Street storm water is progressing.
- Tempe Lands 'Turf Plaza' works adjacent to South St and the Dog Off-Leash area are substantially complete. Steel Park field upgrading has been completed and Tempe Reserve shade structures have been installed.

**The feel of Marrickville**

- Hard copies of the Belonging in Marrickville Social Plan have been distributed to major stakeholders including government agencies and local community organisations. Implementation of the plan continues.
- Widespread interest in the "Missed Business" guide continues through the website and distribution of hard copies throughout NSW.
- Completion of the Marrickville South Interagency Planning Day Report which will provide a strategic plan for Marrickville South over the next 12-18 months.
- International Women's Day celebrations were held on 8 March at the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre. Over 500 women and children attended the day enjoying a program of events including workshops, cultural walks along Cooks River, Recreation and Leisure activities.
- Linking of mentors and mentees for the StAMP program continues.
- A Client Assessment Strategy is being developed for meals on wheels clients in the Leichhardt LGA to identify clients needs as required under the agreement with the State Government for the provision of the meals on wheels service.
- Bi-Monthly meetings of Marrickville MACC Aboriginal Cultural Research Group meetings continue to be held to create partnerships to promote Aboriginal history and culture.
- Leisure Forum held last month with over 30 participants and 5 guest speakers which provided an opportunity for community based leisure and sporting organisations to network, information share and learn about new training.
- Training on the use of multi-language keyboards at the Library has commenced.
- The Nestle Write Around Australia story writing competition was launched at the Marrickville library with sixty students from two local schools present.
- Email training in English and Greek continues.
- Poster bollards were installed at Newtown Square, St Peters Station and corner of Enmore & Stanmore Roads with a launch held on 6 March 2005.
- Australia Day Celebrations on 26 January; Summer Fiesta on 27 February; International Women's Day Breakfast on 8 March; and Bairro Portugese on 13 March were all successfully produced, commencing the implementation of the new Major Community Events Program.

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**A sustainable future for Marrickville**

- Test borehole drilling at 2 sites is being planned as part of a program to improve water storage and diversify irrigation water supply to assist Council in complying with compulsory water restrictions. Consultancy has also been planned for Camdensville Park master planning, including investigating upgrade of water storage.
- "Waste Watchers" school education program has been delivered by Keep Australia Beautiful during March 2005. New Municipal Recycling Facility (MRF) education posters developed for circulation.
- Remediation works at Tempe Lands are progressing and nearing completion.
- Domestic recyclables have increased by 164 tonnes (7.7%) for the same period last year.
- Domestic green waste has increased by 241 tonnes (64.1%) for the same period last year.
- Domestic waste has decreased by 33 tonnes (2.2%) for the same period last year.

**Improved Council operations**

- Councillors Budget planning workshop weekend held in March to review strategies and projects proposed for the 2005/2008 Draft Management Plan and 2005/2006 Draft Budget.
- 10 year financial plan presented to Councilors workshop outlining funding requirements for major projects.
- Asset Master5 asset management software has been installed on Council's IT network and key client PC's with data loading and training to commence upon completion of user testing.
- The Records Management System was upgraded during the quarter, resolving mail notification and workflow problems existing in the previous version.
- Scoping of the implementation of the new citizen request management system has commenced.

**Conclusion**

Council has continued with a wide range of projects to enhance the look, feel and future of Marrickville over the past 9 months and significant progress has been achieved in the implementation of the 2004/07 Management Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the report be received and noted.

**ATTACHMENT: Total 62 pages**

Achievements Of 2004-2005 Management Plan Targets - Third Quarter

**GM 28 - MARCH 2005 BUDGET REVIEW**  
*For Decision*

File Ref: 328

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

A review of Council's 2004/05 Budget for the period to the end of March 2005 revealed a number of variances. The net effect of these variances will result in an increase in the call on Council funds. This results in Council having a deficit for the 2004/05 Budget of \$38,576. The anticipated working funds position as at 30 June 2005 will therefore be \$6,959,424. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that the variations to the Budget be approved.

**Discussion**

In accordance with Clause 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1999, the following Budget Review Statement is provided of revised estimates of income and expenditure for the year ending 30 June 2005.

**ATTACHED** to this report is the March 2004 Financial Report comprised of the Operating Budget at Division Level, the Operating Budget at Program Level and the Operating Budget and Resources Plan summarised at Activity Level.

Details of the budget variances requested in March 2005 are provided below. The variances outlined below will result in an anticipated deficit for 2004/05 of \$38,576.

<b><u>PROGRAM</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> \$	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>
<b>Corporate Services</b>		
Information Systems	No net effect	It is proposed to transfer savings of \$28,400 from various completed projects to fund the new CRM (Citizen Request Management) System. Expenditure budgets are being adjusted accordingly.
<b>Community Services</b>		
Children & Family Services	No net effect	As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05 of 12 April 2005 the Department of Family and Community Services has approved SNSS (Special Needs Subsidy Scheme) funding of \$20,213 for Stanmore Outside School Hours Care and \$12,341 for Wilkins Outside School Hours Care Service. It is proposed to increase the income and expenditure budgets for the Stanmore OSHC by \$901 and the

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Children & Family Services		Wilkins OSHC by \$11,295 which is the difference in the current budget.
	No net effect	As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting 03/05 of 12 April 2005 the Department of Education and Training has approved funding of \$6,500 for Globe Wilkins Preschool. It is proposed to increase the income and expenditure budgets by \$1,670 which is the difference in the current budget.
<b>Technical Services</b>		
Engineering	No net effect	As reported to the Technical Services Committee Meeting 02/05 of 8 March 2005 it is proposed to undertake various road safety education initiatives costing \$22,505 which are being funded from restricted grant funds relating to prior years. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
Parks & Reserves	No net effect	It is proposed to increase the salary budget within Planning and Design by \$45,534 to cover Landscape Architect costs to be funded by s94 funds. The funds will assist in undertaking a range of technically complex projects including Tempe Lands re-vegetation, Tempe Reserve embellishment, Kendrick Park river edge restoration, Camdenville and Camperdown Parks upgrading. It is proposed to increase the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
	\$20,000 (D)	It is proposed to reduce the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) Income due to a decline in the number of requests for tree trimming.
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	20,000 (D)	
<b>TOTAL</b>		



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**RESOURCES PLAN:**

**Development and  
Environmental Services**

Environmental Services	No net effect	.	It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets for the Cooks River/Alexandra Canal Management Strategy by \$33,360 to reflect the contribution from Strathfield Council who has received the State Grant for this project.
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**Community Services**

Community Development	2,000 (D)		As reported to the Council Meeting 02/05 of 15 March 2005 on Affordable Housing Matters Update it was resolved to contribute \$2,000 to the Affordable Housing Forum. It is proposed that the income and expenditure budgets be adjusted accordingly.
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**Technical Services**

Engineering	No net effect		As reported to the Technical Services Committee Meeting 02/05 of 8 March 2005 it is proposed to fund the increased scope of work for the Unwins Bridge Road/Hillcrest Street, Tempe costing \$16,782 from savings in the Tempe LATM project. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
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As reported to the Technical Services Committee Meeting 02/05 of 8 March 2005 it is proposed to fund the increased scope of work for reconstruction of Albion Lane, St Peters of \$19,440 from savings identified in Myrtle Lane, West Stanmore project. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.

It is proposed to reduce the income and expenditure budgets for the Cooks River Cycleway – Stage 1 by \$175,000 and the Cooks River Iron Cove Greenway by \$100,000 and the Local Bike Route Improvement program by \$5,000 after receiving advice from the RTA that the grant application has not been successful.

It is proposed to cover the increased costs of

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\$40,000 arising from the increased scope of works in Warham Lane, Marrickville from savings in the Probert Street, Newtown project. Income and expenditure budgets are being adjusted accordingly.

As reported to the Technical Services Committee Meeting 03/05 of 12 April 2005 it is proposed to use savings of \$50,000 identified within the Pile Street, Marrickville project to complete accessible ramp work on Parramatta Road which is partly funded by the RTA (\$25,000). It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.

Parks & Reserves	No net effect	It is proposed to cover the increased scope of works for Jack Shanahan Park Improvements of \$82,758 and Maundrell Park Improvements of \$16,577 from s94 funds. It is proposed to increase the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
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Property Services	No net effect	As reported to the Technical Services Committee Meeting 02/05 of 8 March 2005 the Building Façade Panels of the Administration Building required emergency works costing \$20,000 to avoid the risk of failure. It is proposed to fund this from the Property Reserve. Income and expenditure budgets are being adjusted accordingly.
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<b>RESOURCES PLAN</b>	<b>2,000 (D)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$22,000 (D)</b>
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**S=Saving, an improvement in Council's position.**

**D=Deficit, a reduction of Council's position.**

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**Conclusion**

Council's anticipated result for the 2004/2005 Budget will be a surplus as shown in the Budget Summary below:

<b>Adopted Budget</b>		<b>\$0</b>
	\$	\$
July Review	58,810	
August Review	(79,886)	
September Review	3,000	
October Review	(50,243)	
November Review	9,000	
December/January Review	65,895	
February Review	10,000	
March Review	22,000	38,576
<b>Anticipated Deficit 2004/05</b>		<b>38,576</b>

**SUMMARY OF 2004/05 APPROVED BUDGET**

<b>1.</b>	<b>2004/05 Budget Position</b>	<b>\$</b>
	Operating Budget Surplus	(2,005,326)
	Resources Plan Revenue Funding	2,005,326
	<b>OVERALL BUDGET</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Projected Working Funds Position based on 2004/05 Budget and 2003/04 Financial Reports</b>	
	Council's Projected Working Funds Position as at 30 June 2004	(6,998,000)
	Add back: 2003/2004 Revotes	(1,941,799)
	Projected Working Funds Position	(8,939,799)
	Less: Anticipated deficit for 2004/2005	38,576
	: 2003/2004 Revotes	1,941,799
	<b>Projected Working Funds Position at 30 June 2005</b>	<b>(6,959,424)</b>
	<b>Benchmark Figure as at 30 June 2004</b>	<b>1,296,000</b>

***GM 28 - MARCH 2005 BUDGET REVIEW  
For Decision***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. approve the variations to the budget.

**ATTACHMENT: Total 44 pages**

Operating Budget at Division level, 5 pages  
Operating Budget at Program level, 6 pages  
Operating Budget at Activity Level, 19 pages  
Resources Plan at Activity Level, 14 pages

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For Decision**

File Ref: 4056-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

In accordance with a resolution of Council in March 2005, this report outlines the current arrangements for managing sport and leisure issues and the liaison processes undertaken by Council with the local sport, leisure and community clubs. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

A Notice of Motion at the March 2005 Council Meeting (NM 8 of 02/05) proposed that Council support the establishment of the Marrickville Sport and Leisure Advisory Committee (SLAC). The SLAC would include local sport, leisure and community groups, relevant peak sporting organisations, Council staff from Technical Services and Community Services Divisions, a representative from the Youth Council and three Councillors.

Following discussion, Council resolved that a report be brought back to Council "*outlining the current arrangements for managing sport and leisure issues and the liaison process with the local sport, leisure and community clubs*".

**Discussion**

The management function of recreation and leisure within Council is undertaken across the Divisions of Community Services and Technical Services as follows:

- Planning for the active and passive use of Council's parks and traditional sports ground management, including allocation and maintenance, is undertaken by Technical Services through Parks and Reserves Section; and
- Recreation planning, including the management of the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre, the Robyn Webster Sports Centre, as well as both of Council's pools, is undertaken by the Community Services Division.

It is relevant to note that the need for a broader strategic approach to recreation and leisure provision by Council was identified some years ago, with the view to incorporate indoor leisure provision, recreation programming, marketing and liaison with recreation organisations, as well as the traditional role of outdoor facility provision.

As a result, in November 2003 Council adopted the Marrickville Recreation Strategic Plan. This Plan provides a strategic guide for Council and the community for the future development of leisure in Marrickville. It established Council's priorities, principals and commitment for leisure provision for the next five to ten years.

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Key strategies of the Plan include:

- Developing a strong involved community;
- Provision of effective leisure information resources;
- Supporting community based leisure organisation in providing leisure opportunities; and
- Developing an active and healthy community.

**The Management Role**

The management of Council's recreation facilities can be divided into four areas across the two responsible Divisions.

(i) Management of Sports Grounds (Technical Services Division)

Council has ten sports grounds and within these sports grounds, 21 sports fields are allocated to local clubs for a range of summer and winter sports including rugby league, soccer, cricket, rugby union and baseball.

Allocations are made for both training and match play on an annual basis. Applications by previous users and organisations that have expressed their interest in a ground allocation throughout the year, are assessed and allocation recommendations made to Council. Following Council's resolution in relation to this seasonal allocation, a meeting is held with the sports clubs to advise of current requirements and discuss clubs' needs. The sports ground users meeting is a recent innovation and is held in December and July, prior to the commencement of the relevant season.

It is envisaged that the development and implementation of a Sports Grounds Strategy, which is currently being prepared, will provide a framework for transparent and equitable allocation of sports grounds across a range of sporting codes. This new framework will also provide an opportunity to improve liaison with sports ground users.

The Parks and Reserve Section deal with the day to day management of a wide range of enquiries, casual bookings and requests for changes to booking arrangements, as well as operational requirements such as field line marking, access and lighting. This has enabled Council officers to develop relationships with key representatives of the various user clubs on a formal and informal basis.

(ii) Management of Swimming Pools (Community Services Division)

The Community Services Division currently manages the swimming pool contract with Pamstream for both the Annette Kellerman and Fanny Durack Pools. Under the contract, the pool operators manage the relationship with the principal swimming club in the LGA (Marrickville RSL Youth Swimming Club). The pool operators also assist Council with its broader leisure liaison role with the local clubs.

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(iii) Management of Indoor Leisure Facilities

Council has recently acquired two indoor sports facilities at Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre (DABCRC) Steel Park, and the Robyn Webster Sports Centre (RWSC) at Tempe Reserve.

The Police Citizens Youth Club leases the DABCRC facility and manages it on a daily basis. This includes the relationship with the various sporting and leisure organisations using the Centre on a regular basis. This Centre is managed through the Community Services Division.

The Robyn Webster Sports Centre was developed to promote women's sport (primarily netball) in Marrickville. The management of the Centre is undertaken through a licence arrangement between a primary netball association and a secondary general recreation provider. Council is involved on a daily basis with the maintenance of the Centre and liaison with the licencees. This Centre is the responsibility of the Technical Services Division.

(iv) Management of traditional leased outdoor facilities (Technical Services Division)

Council has a number of traditional outdoor facilities, including bowls, tennis and croquet. These facilities are leased on a long-term basis, with management and liaison undertaken by Parks and Reserves Section.

**The Liaison Role**

The implementation of the Recreation Strategy began in January 2004 with the publication of Recreation Guides, which were launched at the inaugural Leisure Forum in June 2004. The Forums have been developed as a central feature of the liaison strategy and will now be held regularly twice a year (Spring and Autumn). They provide an opportunity for networking, debating, information exchange, briefing, distribution of new brochures and the launch of new training programs

Local sporting, leisure and community clubs as well as the Department of Sport and Recreation have participated in the Forums by presenting information and sharing experiences and programs. These Forums are growing in popularity and the flexible structure allows for discussion of a wide range of current issues.

The liaison role also includes the management of:

- regular recreation updates and current information;
- training opportunities for local sport, leisure and community clubs;
- potential grant funding programs;
- partnership projects and new initiatives; and
- promotional opportunities at Council events, festivals and in Council publications.

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**Comment**

The existing structure of sport and leisure liaison and management provides for flexibility and informality in communicating with the community. The agenda for meeting with sport and leisure groups is currently developed by Council officers for both the Leisure Forums and seasonal sports ground licencees. Issues of interest to clubs and other leisure organisations are accommodated within this structure and sport and leisure groups are encouraged to actively participate.

The development and implementation of the new Sports Grounds Strategy will include consultation with sporting organisations. Where ongoing improvement in Council's liaison with these groups is identified, this will be addressed as a recommendation from the consultation process.

Since the adoption of the Recreation Strategic Plan in January 2004 Council has achieved significant improvements in its liaison and provision of services to sporting organisations including leisure information resources and support for community based organisations providing leisure opportunities. Improvements in communication at a range of levels have increased the scope and frequency of information sharing with community based leisure organisations. Current arrangements provide regular opportunities for contact with leisure organisations at the broader strategic and planning levels and for the operational detail of facility usage.

The current arrangements provide Council with flexible tools for effective liaison of recreation and leisure issues and management of sports ground assets.

**Conclusion**

In response to the resolution of Council, the report outlines the current arrangements for managing sport and leisure issues, and highlights the existing liaison processes with the clubs and sporting groups involved. The report also notes the recent implementation of the Marrickville Recreation Strategic Plan which addresses both issues of management and liaison.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the report be received and noted.

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*For Decision*