

**BUSINESS PAPER**

**for**

**COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**07/05**

**6.30 PM, TUESDAY,  
16 AUGUST, 2005**

# MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL

Administrative Centre  
PETERSHAM

10 August, 2005

Dear Councillors

Notice is given of the **COUNCIL MEETING**, to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, PETERSHAM, on TUESDAY, 16 August, 2005, commencing at 6.30pm.

Yours faithfully



Candy Nay  
**General Manager**

## **COUNCILLORS**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Councillor Morris Hanna OAM ( <i>Mayor</i> )	South Ward	Ph: 9569-1447 Fax: 9550-0636
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	Councillor Victor Macri	Central Ward	Ph: 9569-2865 Fax: 9569-8750
	Councillor Fiona Byrne	North Ward	Ph: 9519 1110 Fax: 9550-6878
	Councillor Barry Cotter	North Ward	Ph: 9550-4601 Fax: 9590-9539
	Councillor Colin Hesse	North Ward	Ph: 0401 719124 Fax: 9559-8921
	Councillor Peter Olive	South Ward	Ph: 0401 719148 Fax: 9559-6098
	Councillor Rae Owen	South Ward	Ph: 9559-5350 Fax: 9554-7842
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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.

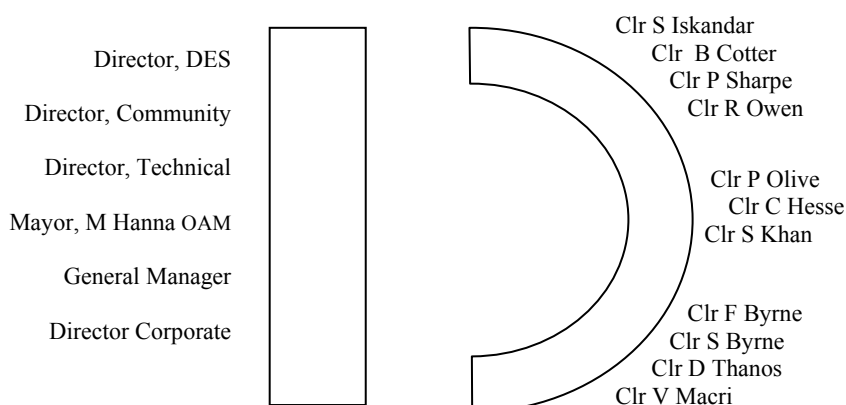
Items are *CONFIDENTIAL* if any of the following apply:

- (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**

**PRESENT**

**DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS (Section 451 of the Local Government Act and Council's Conflict of Interest Policy)**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**MINUTES OF MEETING 06/05 – 26 JULY 2005** **1**

**MINUTES OF MEETING CDM 07/05 - 2 AUGUST, 2005** **7**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

**CD 20** **UPDATE OF COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY** **8**

**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: 1873

This report proposes the consolidation of Council's Community Grants Policy following a number of amendments to the original policy relating to the Contingency Grants Program, Notices of Motion requests and in kind support, and to ensure a consistent approach with Council's Social Plan within an overall framework. It is recommended that Council approve the amended Community Grants Policy, which represents Council's requirement to treat all requests for cash donations or in kind support under a coherent policy framework.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Item CD 20 be deferred until the next Community Services Committee Meeting to allow further clarification of the Policy.

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**CD 21      RESPONSE TO THE INTEGRATED ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT PLANNING FOR MARRICKVILLE      11**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: 266

Council is advised of responses received to its correspondence expressing concerns about Integrated Accessible Transport Planning for Marrickville. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; Council write to the new NSW Minister for Transport, requesting a response to the issues previously raised in Council's letter of 8 October 2004; Council invite the Ministry to work in partnership to progress planning and delivery of accessible infrastructure as per the National Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002; and Council write to the new Local Member for Marrickville, requesting his support for the railway stations in the Marrickville LGA to be made accessible and to be given a priority in current and future upgrade programs.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMUNICATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MATTERS**

**CC 13      NEWTOWN RAILWAY BRIDGE ART BOARD PROJECT      14**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: 3375-02

The Newtown Railway Bridge Art Board Project is a new urban design initiative developed as part of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Project (NEPP). The intention of the Art Board project is to create a design landmark for the precinct, which will facilitate contemporary art practice and create exhibition opportunities for visual artists. A brief has been developed to seek designs and preliminary cost estimates from suitably qualified contractors and a funding application lodged with the NSW Ministry for the Arts to assist with the curatorial program. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council endorse the progression of the project; and that Council endorse the lodgement of a DA for the selected design.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CC 14      MARRICKVILLE ARTS GRANTS SCHEME 2005      25**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

**For**

File Ref: 1678

Council is advised of the applications received through the Marrickville Arts Grants Scheme 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that Council approve the grants, as set out in this report, under Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES MATTERS**

**CS 19      ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES GRANTS FOR      33**  
**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting)**

File Ref: 3078

Council is advised that the Australian Sport Commission has approved non-recurrent funding for Camdenville, Ferncourt, Stanmore and Wilkins Outside School Hour Care Centres for Terms 3 and 4 through the Active After-School Communities grants scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council accept the provision of funds under the Active After-School Communities grant scheme for \$2,646 at Camdenville, \$2,646 at Ferncourt, \$3,202 at Stanmore, and \$3,204 at Wilkins Outside of School Hour Care Centres; and that 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 20      FAMILY DAY CARE NETWORK SUPPORT FUNDING      35**  
**AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**(From Community Service Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: 40

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, through the Family Day Care Network Support funding program, has approved a further 12 month funding totalling \$190,293.40 for the period of 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006, to assist in running the Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council enter into the agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services; that the Mayor and the General Manager execute and affix the Common Seal of Council to the necessary documents; and that Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**COMMUNITY FACILITY MATTERS**

**CF 5      PROPOSED FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL'S      38**  
**SWIMMING POOLS**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: 849

This report provides an update on the progress of arrangements for the future management and operation of the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre and the Fanny Durack Pool. This follows the completion of the 2004 Aquatic Leisure Facility Feasibility Study and Council's commitment to upgrading the existing aquatic leisure facilities. It is recommended that the report be received and noted, and that Council agree to allow Pamstream to continue to manage the pools on a monthly hold over basis, at the completion of the current licence on 30 September 2005, pending a decision by Council in relation to the future operation and refurbishment of the aquatic facilities.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**FINANCE MATTERS**

**FS 15      COUNCIL'S INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2005      40**  
**(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: 399

This report provides a listing of Council's investments as at 30 June 2005 and includes the Financial Year 2004/05 Investment Portfolio Review by Oakvale Capital Ltd (Oakvale). It is recommended that the report be received and noted; and that the Committee give consideration to the Portfolio Review and adopt the recommendation to maintain Council's existing investment mix.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

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## **ENGINEERING MATTERS**

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# CAR PARK PROPOSAL FOR NEWTOWN ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT

File Ref: S4590-02

The Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association and Enmore Theatre are requesting Council's assistance for an investigation into the feasibility of a car park on Railcorp land in Station Street, Enmore. Whilst the need for car parking throughout Sydney continues to be an expectation of many, there is a growing acceptance that the use of public transport to reach major venues and events is becoming the norm. Notwithstanding Council's support of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct, it is considered that the provision of a 169 space car parking area is unlikely to significantly address the car parking issue during peak times in Enmore and potentially significantly impact on residential amenity. Further, the broader transportation issues of encouraging alternative forms of transport and reducing vehicle trips are not well served by this proposal. Accordingly, it is recommended that Council not support further investigation into the proposed car parking area at this time.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT

1. *Council not support progressing the feasibility study, at this stage, into the proposed car park at the State Rail Authority land at the end of Station Street, Enmore; and*
2. *Council officers from relevant divisions have further discussions with NEPA on possible transport and parking initiatives to ensure the continued viability and vibrancy of the Newtown entertainment precinct."*

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**ES 27      APPLICATION TO RE-ESTABLISH "ALCOHOL FREE ZONES"      49**  
**IN KING STREET AND NEWTOWN SQUARE**

**(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: 8559

This is a report on the proposal to re-establish an alcohol free-zone in Newtown Square and King Street between Newtown Square and the northern border of Telstra Plaza. The exact location is fully described on the map included in this report as ATTACHMENT 1. The proposal was advertised in July 2005 and no objections have been received. It is recommended that Council proceed with the re-establishment of an alcohol free-zone in Newtown Square and King Street between Newtown Square and the northern border of Telstra Plaza. This will prohibit the consumption of alcohol in the identified areas in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Alcohol-Free Zones) and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones issued by the Department of Local Government.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**PROPERTY SERVICES MATTERS**

**PW 13      PURCHASE OF NO. 1-3 WENTWORTH STREET, TEMPE      56**  
**(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**

File Ref: P5140.210-02

The purchase of No. 1-3 Wentworth Street was settled on 8 July 2005. It is recommended that Council consider a budget adjustment from Section 94 funds at the August Budget Review to cover the costs of acquisition; give 28 days public notice of its intention to classify the land as Community Land under the Local Government Act 1993 (Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 1); and approve the lodgment of a Development Application to demolish all building structures on the land.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**MAYORAL MINUTES**

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**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

- GM 51      OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS      59**  
File Ref: 4577-03  
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.
- GM 52      PETITIONS RECEIVED      60**  
File Ref: 4577-03  
This report outlines the petitions received by Council during the period 13 July 2005 to 5 August 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 53      COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION      61**  
File Ref: 4015-04  
This report outlines requests for access to Council information by Councillors during the period 13 July 2005 and 5 August 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 54      FEDERAL WORKPLACE RELATIONS REFORMS      62**  
File Ref: 1338  
Council has received notification from the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW of their concerns regarding the workplace reform package announced by the Prime Minister on 26 May 2005. The Industrial Panel of the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW has reviewed the reforms and has forwarded the ATTACHED information, outlining its views on the reforms. It is recommended that this report be received and noted and that Council consider supporting the Association through completing the template letter provided for forwarding to the Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

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- GM 55                      CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT                      63**
- File Ref: 1234  
This report is to advise Council of a number of recent amendments to the Local Government Act, relating to Councillor numbers, expenses and facilities policies, standard contracts for Senior Staff, and pecuniary interests. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 56                      INTERNATIONAL LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES AWARD                      65**
- File Ref: 1248  
Report advising of Council's successful submission into the International Awards for Liveable Communities 2005 in May this year (submission attached at Appendix A). In July Council was notified that it was shortlisted in its category and invited to participate in the finals which will take place in La Coruña, Spain from the 3rd to 7th of November, 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; and that Council approve the attendance of up to four representatives at the Finals, comprising the Mayor and one other Councillor, if they are interested in attending; one Senior Staff member; and a staff member from the Corporate Development team.
- GM 57                      2005 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT                      92**
- File Ref: 512  
Report on the 2005 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 7 to 10 November 2005, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. It is recommended that Council receive and note the report; determine whether it wishes to send any delegates; and determine any motions to be submitted.
- GM 58                      LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NSW - ANNUAL                      93**  
**CONFERENCE 22-26 OCTOBER 2005**
- File Ref: 1508  
Report in relation to the 2005 Local Government Association Annual Conference to be held in Mudgee from 22-26 October 2005. Council is advised that Motions are required to be submitted by 5.00pm on Friday, 19 August, 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and that Council determine its four voting delegates and any Motions to be submitted.

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- GM 59            OPTIONS PAPER FOR ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN NSW            95**  
File Ref: 4264-05  
In September 2004, Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods OAM and Cr John Wearne AM were commissioned by the NSW Local Government Association and the Shires Association of NSW to develop a draft model for one representative body to represent local government in New South Wales. "An Options Paper for One Local Government Association in NSW" was released in May 2005. The Executive of the Local Government Association of NSW recently resolved that the Options Paper be distributed to all member councils for comment. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; and that Council determine whether it wishes to submit comments on the Options Paper and the nature of any such comments.
- GM 60            COOKS RIVER MOTOR BOAT CLUB - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT WITH GRANT APPLICATION TO REFURBISH JETTY            96**  
File Ref: 10879-02  
The Cooks River Motor Boat Club proposes to lodge a grant application with the NSW Maritime Authority, under its new 2005/2006 Maritime Infrastructure Program (MIP), for the reconstruction of a new jetty in Holbeach Avenue, Tempe. The Club wishes to provide a new, modern jetty/ pontoon structure and requests Council's financial assistance to match grant funds on a dollar for dollar basis, with a contribution of up to \$50,000. It is recommended that Council provide the Cooks River Motor Boat Club with a letter of support for its proposal and that Council determine whether or not to give financial assistance to the Club. If Council wishes to provide financial assistance it is required under Section 356 of the Local Government Act to give 28 days public notice of its intention to pass a resolution to grant \$50,000 to the Club towards matching grant funds from the Maritime Authority of NSW, under the Maritime Infrastructure Program, for the construction of a new jetty and associated works off Holbeach Avenue, Tempe. Should the proposal proceed, it is recommended that a further amount of \$10,000 be allocated to the provision of canoe launching facilities in association with the work and a budget adjustment be made to allocate the resources for these purposes from Council's Working Funds.
- GM 61            AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2005            100**  
File Ref: 7105-05  
Report advising of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

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<b>GM 62</b>	<b>REPORT ON MAJOR PROJECTS</b>	<b>110</b>
	<p>File Ref: 1877</p> <p>This report provides a strategic overview of the five Major Projects adopted by Council as part of the 2005/06 Budget; outlines progress to date in the planning and financing of these projects; and suggests the next steps to be taken in advancing these projects. It is recommended that Council receive and note the report; a Major Projects Steering Committee be formed comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, nominated Councillors, Senior Staff and relevant Council staff; the General Manager be authorised to commence negotiations with the Department of Health to obtain the Department's properties adjacent to the old Marrickville Hospital site and to report to Council on progress; a Councillor Conference be held in relation to options for the final form and cost of aquatic facilities to be considered by Council before commencing to the final stage of community consultations; a review be undertaken of leased community facilities to obtain strategic advice on the current use of these properties, the future development of community properties and modification, acquisition or disposal needs; a childcare needs analysis be undertaken to determine childcare needs across the LGA, confirm the Marrickville South area as an area of need and provide information to assist Council in determining the future location of the May Murray Child Care Centre; and probity advice be obtained in relation to the existing SES headquarters.</p>	
<b>GM 63</b>	<b>JULY 2005 BUDGET REVIEW</b>	<b>122</b>
	<p>File Ref: 328</p> <p>A review of Council's 2005/06 Budget for the period to the end of July 2005 revealed a number of variances. The net effect of these variances will result in a decrease in the call on Council funds. This results in Council having a surplus for the 2005/06 Budget of \$17,600. The anticipated working funds position as at 30 June 2006 will therefore be \$6,977,024. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that the variations to the Budget be approved.</p>	
<b>GM 64</b>	<b>REVOTES OF UNEXPENDED 2004/2005 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>*</b>
	<p><i>* This report will be included as part of a Supplementary Business Paper</i></p>	
<b>GM 65</b>	<b>DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005</b>	<b>*</b>
	<p><i>* This report will be included as part of a Supplementary Business Paper</i></p>	



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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

<b>NM 18</b>	<b>NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST VOLUNTARY STUDENT UNIONISM</b>	<b>128</b>
	File Ref: 4056-03	
<b>NM 19</b>	<b>MEET THE CANDIDATES</b>	<b>129</b>
	File Ref: 4056-03	
	<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>	<b>130</b>

***MINUTES OF MEETING 06/05 - 26 July, 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 S Iskandar, D Thanos, C Hesse, 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 and Manager Corporate Development.

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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**

**5663**

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the apologies extended for Councillor Khan, who was unable to attend because he had a personal commitment and Councillor Owen, who was sick, be accepted and leave of absence be **GRANTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**BUSINESS**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

File Ref: 4084

**Nil**

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

File Ref: 4322

- 5664**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Minutes of the Council Meeting 05/05, held on Tuesday, 21 June 2005, and Minutes of the CDM Meeting 06/05, held on 25 July 2005, as circularised, be **CONFIRMED**.

**For Motion:**     Unanimous

**MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

- 5665**     **IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR HANNA, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THANOS, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPEARING ON THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**CC 11**     **REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR NEWTOWN FESTIVAL 2005**  
File ref:    386

**CS 13**     **FAMILIES FIRST FUNDING FOR MARRICKVILLE CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES INTERAGENCY 2005-2006**  
File Ref:    3476

**CS 14**     **SPECIAL NEEDS SUBSIDY SCHEME FUNDING FOR ADDISON ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE**  
File Ref:    3071-02

**CS 15**     **FAMILIES FIRST INNER WEST SMALL GRANTS SCHEME**  
File Ref:    39

**CS 16**     **OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FUNDING**  
File Ref:    3078

**CS 17**     **SUCCESSFUL COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MINOR CAPITAL UPGRADE PROGRAM 2005**  
File Ref:    3144-06

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**CG 11      REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS UNDER THE COMMUNITY GRANTS CONTINGENCY PROGRAM**

File Ref: 1678

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**MATTERS ARISING FROM TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**BU 9      TWO YEAR CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES – TENDER 01/05**

File Ref: 1874

**5666      RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Technical Services Committee Business Paper be **ADOPTED.**

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**MM 8      OUTCOMES OF DELEGATION'S VISIT TO COUNCIL'S SISTER CITIES OF LARNACA MUNICIPALITY, CYPRUS AND THE CITY OF SAFITA IN TARTOUS, SYRIA**

File Ref: 4547-05

**5667      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

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**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**5668 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 43 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY STAFF**

File Ref: 4325-02

**GM 44 PETITIONS RECEIVED - JUNE 2005**

File Ref: 4577-03

**GM 45 OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**

File Ref: 4577-03

**GM 46 ANNUAL REVIEW OF COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

File Ref: 4015-04

**GM 47 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK 2005**

File Ref: 1678

**GM 48 ANNUAL REPORTING OF CONTRACTS FOR SENIOR STAFF**

File Ref: 4577-03

**GM 49 ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (SSROC) HELD ON THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2005**

File Ref: 4577-03

**GM 50 FINAL QUARTERLY REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENT OF 2004/2005 MANAGEMENT PLAN TARGETS**

File Ref: 1766

**For Motion:** Unanimous

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**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**NM 15     AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION HOURS**

File Ref: 4056-03

**5669     RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**NM 16     RE-ZONING UNDER THE NEW COMPREHENSIVE LEP**

File Ref: 4056-03

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with an additional point:

- (d) Council draws to the attention of the Minister its proactive approach in supporting rezonings of redundant and inappropriate industrial sites to residential and their contribution to new housing stock, and the ability of this new housing to reduce pressure on increased densities in predominantly residential streets.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** the **MOTION** be adopted with the amendment that point (c) be deleted.

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

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

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

**5670     The MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**NM 17     FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AGENDA**

**5671     RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

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Meeting closed at 7.24 pm

**CHAIRPERSON**

***MINUTES OF MEETING CDM 07/05 - 2 AUGUST, 2005***

**Meeting commenced at 7.22 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, P Olive, C Hesse, S Khan, F Byrne and V Macri.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Director Development and Environmental Services, Manager Development Assessment, Acting Manager Monitoring Services and Team Leader Development Assessment (Planning).

**DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MATTERS**

The Chairperson advised that there were no Items to be referred to the Council Development Matters Meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

**CHAIRPERSON**



**CD 20 - UPDATE OF COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**  
**For Recommendation**

File Ref: 1873

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report proposes the consolidation of Council's Community Grants Policy following a number of amendments to the original policy relating to the Contingency Grants Program, Notices of Motion requests and in kind support, and to ensure a consistent approach with Council's Social Plan within an overall framework. It is recommended that Council approve the amended Community Grants Policy, which represents Council's requirement to treat all requests for cash donations or in kind support under a coherent policy framework.

**Background**

The Marrickville Small Grants Policy (CP.3), which is provided at **ATTACHMENT 1**, was adopted by Council on 2 August 1999 (Item CD25) pursuant to Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993. The policy established the eligibility and assessment criteria, accountability requirements and administrative procedures to ensure applications for funding under the Community Grants Program are treated consistently and fairly.

A Contingency Budget was established in the same year to accommodate submissions received outside the annual application period, which is usually of five weeks duration. The Contingency Budget of \$5000 represents a line item under the Community Grants Program, which totals \$60,000 per annum.

On 18 May 2004, in considering Notice of Motion (Item NM3), Council resolved to form a policy on donations to organisations conducting events, particularly when requested through Notices of Motion. On 17 August 2004, after considering a report from Council officers (Item GM66) Council resolved that:

- 1. the report be received and noted;*
- 2. as a matter of policy, any request for a grant from Council by way of Notice of Motion be treated as an application under the Community Grants Contingency Program by being referred to a panel consisting of the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, the General Manager, and Director Community Services for recommendation and then to Council for approval.*
- 3. Council consider establishing a separate contingency budget for the Community Grants Program to the value of \$5000 at its next budget review;*
- 4. the Community Grants policy be updated to include the changes outlined in this report; and*
- 5. at the end of each financial year, a report be presented to Council listing the recipients and amounts funded under the program.*

On 21 September 2004 (Item GM 90, 07/04) Council adopted a Budget adjustment to provide for a separate contingency budget to cover donations to community organisations sought through Notices of Motion. At the same meeting, Council requested that Council officers “develop a policy in

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*relation to requests from organisations for in kind support similar to the recent policy adopted to providing monetary support”.*

On 19 October 2004 (Item GM110) Council resolved that:

- 1. the report be received and noted;*
- 2. applications for in kind support by community organisations including requests by Notices of Motion, be considered as part of the Community Grants Program; and*
- 3. the Community Grants policy be amended accordingly by the inclusion of an additional section relating to contingency grants, and contingency grants of a cash and in kind nature arising from Notices of Motion.*

**Discussion**

In accordance with Council’s resolutions, the Marrickville Small Grants Policy has been reviewed and renamed to better reflect its relationship to the Community Grants Program identified in Council’s Budget. The Community Grants Policy is provided here as **ATTACHMENT 2**.

A table comparing the changes in each section of the policy is also provided here at **ATTACHMENT 3**.

Administrative procedures have also been reviewed to help clarify distinctions between applicants, based on a priority ranking system.

Primary features of the newly titled Community Grants Policy include:

- improved consistency between the *Belonging in Marrickville* Social Plan and assessment of applications, whether received inside or outside the annual funding round;
- Streamlined assessment criteria that remain consistent with the original intent whilst enabling more objective prioritisation of applications;
- an opportunity for all Councillors to familiarise themselves with the grant applications, received and individually assessed, whilst retaining a separation between elected and salaried officials in the administrative process (the pro forma assessment is provided here at **ATTACHMENT 4** ; and
- for grants received outside the annual 5-week funding round, a consistent approach to all requests from community groups, whether for cash or in kind support.

Additionally, and in accordance with the Council resolution of 17 August 2004 (Item GM66), a report listing the recipients and amounts funded under the program’s Contingency Fund and by way of Notices of Motion for the 2004-2005 financial year is provided here at **ATTACHMENT 5**.

**Conclusion**

Changes have been drafted to reflect the requirements of the resolutions of Council to bring requests for donations received throughout the year within the framework for applications received during the annual funding round. The consolidation of the grants program will streamline the administrative process and will result in a more 'user-friendly' process for applicants.

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***For Recommendation***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council approve the amended Community Grants Policy, which represents Council's requirement to treat all requests for cash donations or in kind support under a coherent policy framework.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Item CD 20 be deferred until the next Community Services Committee Meeting to allow further clarification of the Policy.

**ATTACHMENTS: Total 15 pages**

1. Marrickville Small Grants Scheme Policy – 3 pages
2. Amended Community Grants Policy - 4 pages
3. Comparison of Changes Table - 5 pages
4. Project Assessment Proforma – 2 pages
5. List of recipients and amounts for 2004-2005 Financial Year – commitments under the Contingency Fund and donations received under the Community Grants Program by way of Notices of Motion – 1 page

***CD 21 - RESPONSE TO THE INTEGRATED ACCESSIBLE  
TRANSPORT PLANNING FOR MARRICKVILLE***

***(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 266

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised of responses received to its correspondence expressing concerns about Integrated Accessible Transport Planning for Marrickville. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; Council write to the new NSW Minister for Transport, requesting a response to the issues previously raised in Council's letter of 8 October 2004; Council invite the Ministry to work in partnership to progress planning and delivery of accessible infrastructure as per the National Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002; and Council write to the new Local Member for Marrickville, requesting his support for the railway stations in the Marrickville LGA to be made accessible and to be given a priority in current and future upgrade programs.

**Background**

Council previously resolved at the Community Services Committee meeting of 10 August 2004 (Item CD 25 06/04) as follows:

1. *Council write to the Hon. Michael Costa, MLC, Minister for Transport Services in relation to the NSW Accessible Transport Action Plan expressing concern that Marrickville continues to have no accessible railway stations, limited accessible bus services and there is no clear integrated planning mechanism to assist implementation of the Standards according to local priorities. In addition, that he be advised that the situation would be greatly improved by the following actions:*
  - a. *Sydney and Newtown to be included in the 2004-05 Easy Access program;*
  - b. *A station on each line be considered for upgrading during future "Easy Access programs to provide an equitable level of service to the local community as follows:*
    - *Marrickville and Petersham;*
    - *Stanmore and St Peters;*
    - *Dulwich Hill and Tempe; and*
    - *Lewisham.*
  - c. *Closer consultation with Councils and local Access Committees in future planning for integrated accessible public transport and implementation of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002; and*
  - d. *The provision of adequate funding to Marrickville Council to assist with the implementation of the NSW Accessible Transport Action Plan.*
2. *Council undertake an access audit of bus stops to determine the current level of compliance and estimate the total cost of compliance at each benchmark over the 20-year*

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*period and that this information be used to prioritise a program of bus stop and other infrastructure access upgrades to meet the compliance timeframe;*

- 3. Council replace the current 14 seater community bus with an accessible as part of the 2005/06 Vehicle Replacement Program and in the interim appropriate equivalent access arrangements (not including separate or parallel services) be explored and developed;*
- 4. Council bus policy and booking systems be amended where appropriate to incorporate the requirements of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport, 20023; and*
- 5. where Council provides information about transport, it is provided in alternative formats indicating where accessible services and the location of accessible bus stops are available; and*
- 6. Council write to the Federal Government and to local State and Federal members of Parliament requesting financial assistance with the implementation of the NSW Accessible Transport Action Plan.*

Letters were sent as per Council's resolution in October 2004. To date responses have been received from:

- Anthony Albanese, Federal Member for Grayndler;
- John Anderson, Federal Minister for Transport Services;
- Phillip Ruddock, Federal Attorney General;
- Andrew Refshauge, NSW Treasurer and Local Member for Marrickville, and
- John Watkins, NSW Minister for Transport

Advice noted from the Federal Ministers clearly indicates that it is Council's responsibility to fund local implementation of the National Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 as they relate to Council infrastructure supply and maintenance. In regard to integrated planning of accessible transport services and supporting infrastructure, the reply received from the NSW Minister for Transport did not address any of the issues on which clarification was sought or give any commitment to the priorities identified. Further, the reply advised that if the issues raised continue to be of concern Council should write again.

### **Discussion**

The responses have been reported to the Marrickville Access Committee of 14 April 2005 and 9 June 2005, as well as to the Seniors Reference Group of 8 June 2005. Both were deeply disappointed with the NSW Minister for Transport's response and the failure of the recent State Budget to include any Easy Access railway station upgrades for the people of Marrickville.

The Ministry of Transport has also confirmed that \$17.9 million will be spent in 2005-06 for Easy Access station upgrades to complete 10 locations currently in progress. A further \$5 million will be spent on planning and design for 14 new sites. None of the upgrades underway, nor any of the proposed new sites include stations in the Marrickville LGA. This is despite Council's representations based on demonstrated need.

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In light of Ministerial portfolio changes since the original letters were sent, the Access Committee requested that Council write back to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. John Watkins, attaching a copy of the original letter and explaining that Council requires a response to enable progress with its own planning.

The Access Committee and Seniors Reference Group also proposed that Council write again to The Hon Dr. Andrew Refshauge, NSW Treasurer and Local Member for Marrickville, requesting his support for stations identified by the Marrickville community to be included in the current and future works program for Easy Access railway station upgrades. In view of his recent resignation, it is recommended that Council write to the new Local Member.

In moving to progress accessible transport for Marrickville, it is also recommended that the Ministry be invited to work cooperatively with Council to plan and deliver urgently needed improvements to the local area that will also satisfy the National Disability Standards.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council write to the new NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. Mr John Watkins, attaching a copy of Council's original letter of 8 October 2004, and requesting a response to the issues previously raised and that Council invites the Ministry to work in partnership to progress planning and delivery of accessible infrastructure as per the National Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002; and
3. Council write to Local Member for Marrickville, requesting support for the railway stations in the Marrickville LGA to be made accessible and to be given a priority in current and future upgrade programs.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**CC 13 - NEWTOWN RAILWAY BRIDGE ART BOARD PROJECT**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**  
**For Recommendation**

File Ref: 3375-02

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

The Newtown Railway Bridge Art Board Project is a new urban design initiative developed as part of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Project (NEPP). The intention of the Art Board project is to create a design landmark for the precinct, which will facilitate contemporary art practice and create exhibition opportunities for visual artists. A brief has been developed to seek designs and preliminary cost estimates from suitably qualified contractors and a funding application lodged with the NSW Ministry for the Arts to assist with the curatorial program. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council endorse the progression of the project; and that Council endorse the lodgement of a DA for the selected design.

**Background**

The Newtown Railway Bridge Art Board is an innovative urban design initiative developed as part of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Project (NEPP). NEPP's inception in 2000 integrated existing strategies, including the Newtown Urban Design Strategy, the Inner West Tourism Study and Council's Management Plan with a view to improving the physical environment of Newtown by enhancing the attractiveness, appeal, and liveability through the creation of quality public space.

To support the NEPP strategies, Council applied for and received funding from the Australia Council for the Arts, the Department of Planning Infrastructure and Natural Resources' Urban Improvement Program, and the Department of Transport and Regional Services' Regional Assistance Program.

One of the first NEPP initiatives was to assess the role of Newtown Square, located at the intersection of King Street and Enmore Road. (Image A). An Urban Gateway Workshop was held in March 2003 involving Council staff and professionals working in the arts, architecture and urban design. The workshop focussed on options which would enhance the urban design of this key gateway site. The workshop was also part of the consultation process for the Marrickville Public Art Strategy: *People + Place and Art*.

As a result of the workshop, a recommendation for a substantial artwork for Newtown Square was reported to Council in August 2003 (Item CC18 07/03). Council officers advise that the site is zoned Special Uses 5(B) Railway Zone and the erection of such a structure would be permissible with the consent of Council. Council has received in-principle support from RailCorp and the RTA for the project and will seek final approval once the art board designs are complete.

Council allocated \$80,000 in the 2003/2004 Resources Plan Budget and an additional \$40,000 in the 2004/2005 budget for this project. Funding support has also been sought from the Ministry for the Arts and the City of Sydney.

The Newtown Precinct Selection Panel was subsequently established in June 2004 to review a draft public art brief for the site. At this meeting it was resolved that an Art Board was the most cost

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effective solution to developing a dynamic relationship between public art and the community and to strengthen Newtown's unique local character and cultural identity.



**Image A: Aerial View of Newtown Square**

**Discussion**

The intention of the Art Board project is to create a design landmark for the precinct, which will facilitate contemporary art practice and create exhibition opportunities for visual artists. Communication & Cultural Services (CCS) developed an architectural brief in conjunction with Council's Public Art Reference Group (PARG), with an aim to engage a consultant to design an Art Board that would host contemporary art in Newtown Square. This will be an opportunity for an architect to create a substantial architectural structure of design excellence, which interprets local culture and experience and will host four curated, contemporary artworks per year.

The brief (**ATTACHMENT 1**) outlines requirements for an expression of interest and a preliminary concept design for the Art Board. Once selected, the preferred architect will be contracted to complete the design and manage the construction process. The architect will be required to determine the exact size and position of the Art Board, develop a suitable framing concept, and take into account architectural, landscaping, heritage and environmental issues.



**Image A: Artistic Impression of the Art Board at Newtown Square**



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**Curatorial Program**

It is intended that the inaugural Art Board program will have four art works in its first year. CCS aims to establish partnerships and source subsequent funding to continue a dynamic program of artwork that is innovative and of a high quality.

With this in mind, the conceptual structure of the proposed ongoing curatorial program involves engaging a well-known curator each year to select four artists to develop one artwork each for the Art Board. A selection panel consisting of a Councillor, Council Officers, a well known arts professional and a member of the partnership body will be convened to select a curator each year.

It is proposed that the curatorial program be launched with the work of a contemporary, indigenous, urban artist's work. This will highlight the vibrancy of contemporary Koori culture.

To create broader funding opportunities and relationships with regions outside of Sydney, it is proposed, pending funding, that one artist each year will be selected from regional NSW. The curator will source a regional artist who will live in the Petersham Town Hall Artist Residence for three weeks while producing their artwork. The artist will be required to undertake a community engagement project during their residency such as a talk, seminar or workshop. The two other artists will consist of one local artist and another left to the discrepancy of the curator.

In preparation for the development of this curatorial program, CCS has commenced exploring potential partnerships with:

- City of Sydney;
- NSW Ministry of the Arts; and
- Sydney Biennale.

A funding application has been lodged with the NSW Ministry for the Arts for \$60,000 over a two year period to assist with the curation of the Art Board, in June 2005. Letters of support were provided with the funding application (**ATTACHMENT 2**).

CCS will also investigate creating partnerships with:

- regional centres such as Penrith Regional Gallery, Campbelltown Regional Gallery, Hazelhurst Gallery, Casula Powerhouse Art Centre, Newcastle Regional Gallery, Tweed River Gallery and Dubbo Regional Gallery;
- annual events and festivals;
- Sydney art institutions such as the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Art Gallery of NSW and Addison Road Centre;
- educational institutions for graduate and post-graduate students; and
- independent artists and galleries.

**Architectural Contractors**

CCS, in consultation with Parks and Reserves, has identified that specialist urban design experience will required for this project. Contractors would require a combination of skills and experience suited to addressing the project challenges including:

- **aesthetics;**
- **size;**
- **safety and insurances; and**

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- architectural and engineering solutions.

**Project Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
10 August	Brief sent to four architects
31 August	Proposals received from architects
9 September	Architect approved and contract signed
7 October	Final design accepted by the Newtown Selection Committee. Design submitted to RailCorp and RTA (6 weeks minimum assessment period).
18 November	Design adjusted if necessary and approval received
24 November	Senior Staff to consider final design.
13 December	Report to Council advising of selected architect.
14 December	Construction document prepared by selected architect.
17 January 2006	Development Application submitted to Development and Environmental Services (up to 3-4 months to complete depending on complexity).
March 2006	Construction commences (pending RailCorp, RTA and Telstra approvals and Council development approval).

**Conclusion**

The Newtown Railway Bridge Art Board Project aims to develop a dynamic relationship with local arts communities and strengthen Newtown's unique local character and cultural identity. The Art Board is an innovative urban design initiative which will improve the physical environment of Newtown and create quality public spaces. It will also build on Marrickville's growing artistic reputation and facilitate contemporary art practice by creating exhibition opportunities for local and other visual artists.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

- 1 the report be received and noted;
- 2 Council endorse the progression of the project; and
- 3 Council endorse the lodgement of a Development Application for the selected design.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS:    Total 13 pages**

1.    Newtown Square Artboard Project Design Brief
2.    Letters of support from the RTA, RailCorp, MACC, Biennale of Sydney, Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, and Wollongong City Gallery.

**MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL**

**DESIGN BRIEF**

**NEWTOWN RAILWAY BRIDGE**

**ART BOARD PROJECT**

**10 August 2005**

## Introduction

The purpose of this brief is to seek designs and preliminary cost estimates from suitably qualified consultants to develop a design for an Art Board to be located on the Railway Bridge at Newtown Square. The Art Board will have a curated program of contemporary art showcasing the vibrancy and vitality of Marrickville and its region.

This brief outlines requirements for an expression of interest and a preliminary concept design. Once selected, the preferred consultant will be contracted to complete the design and construction process. The brief requests consultants to submit project management costs, as the selected consultant will be required to oversee all stages of the project including construction and installation. Ongoing curatorial responsibilities will be managed by Council.

The extent of works will be located across, but not restricted to the South Western end of Newtown Square Railway Bridge between Enmore Road and Bedford Street as shown below (Image A) and on the attached survey plan (Image B).

The successful consultant will engage a multidisciplinary team to undertake this project. The primary team must have expertise in the areas of architecture, landscape design and civil and structural engineering. Other supporting expertise may need to be provided in the areas of quantity surveying, heritage and construction.



**Image A: Preferred location for the Art Board**

## Project Vision

Marrickville Council implemented the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Project in 2002 to foster the economic and cultural development of the area. Newtown includes seven theatres, several live music venues including jazz and alternative music, restaurants, pubs, art galleries, artists' co-ops and studios. This gives Newtown Sydney's largest concentration of theatres and entertainment venues outside the Opera House, Wharf and Rocks area in the CBD.

As a part of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Project, Council will be implementing the Newtown Bridge Art Board Project. The intention of this project is to create a design landmark for the precinct, which will facilitate contemporary art practice and create exhibition opportunities for visual artists. The Art Board will highlight the dynamic and vibrant feel of this significant cultural and entertainment area.

The Art Board Project will involve erecting a large, two-dimensional canvas on the Newtown Railway Bridge approximately 10 metres wide and 6 metres high. This canvas will host a curated program of contemporary artworks on a 3 month rotational basis and will mark Newtown Square as a major centre for the arts in Sydney.

RailCorp and Road Transport Authority have given in principle support to proceed, allowing Marrickville Council to engage the services of an architect to determine concept plans for the design of the Art Board.

The Newtown Bridge Art Board project is funded by Marrickville Council and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources.



Image B: Aerial View of Newtown Square

## Project Aims and Objectives

The aims of the Art Board project are to design a structure that is receptive and sensitive to the local area and which celebrates Newtown's identity and culture.

The objectives of the project are to:

- produce a substantial architectural structure of design excellence;
- interpret local culture and experience;
- address local and regional recreational issues associated with the site;
- address pedestrian safety and access issues;
- produce a facility which is fit for its purpose, durable, easily maintained and achievable within current land management arrangements;
- realise design concepts in an affordable manner; and
- ensure the final design proposal can be constructed to meet Council's resource requirements and budgets.

## **Design Elements**

The architect will be asked to determine the exact size and position of the Art Board; develop a suitable framing concept; and engage with architectural, landscaping, heritage and environmental issues.

### **Size and Position**

The architect will consider size and placement of the Art Board in relation to:

- the overall aesthetics of the site including nearby heritage buildings and the vista over the railway bridge;
- visibility in relation to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
- safety and access (both in terms of printed vinyl installation and vandalism); and
- cost in terms of engineering considerations.

### **Framing Concept**

The architect will consider a framing concept that:

- will withstand all effects from loading and wind;
- has a minimum lifespan of 10-15 years;
- gives consideration to the maintenance of the facility;
- will have suitable aesthetics in view of the fact that the focus will be on the artwork;
- takes into consideration costs related to engineering and installation;
- considers options for gantries to install printed vinyl posters in light of cost, safety and ease of installation;
- is safe to be used by persons placing new artworks on the Art Board;
- incorporates a lighting plan showing a suitable and cost effective level of lighting for night-time illumination;
- indicates the types of materials used throughout; and
- addresses issues identified by the bridge asset owner.

### **Landscaping, Heritage and Environmental Issues**

The architect will:

- use ecologically sensitive materials;
- give consideration to vegetation and weed management methods;
- incorporate drainage and water management through landscape treatment;
- incorporate suitable landscape ornamentation and interpretive elements;
- address heritage issues associated with the site;
- give consideration to the spatial relationships between Newtown Square, surrounding architecture, Newtown Railway Station, pedestrian access and traffic flow;
- be required to restore or relocate existing plant beds along the existing railway bridge wall between Enmore Road and Bedford Street at the South Western end of Newtown Square Railway Bridge as well as any vegetation effected by the delivery; and
- install the structure in accordance with Council's environmental and ecological requirements.

## **Construction Budget**

The estimated budget for construction for the project is between **\$70,000-\$100,000**. The construction budget is a nominal budget at this time and not fixed.

## Companion Documents

The contractor selected for the final designs will need to refer to some or all of the relevant Council documents including:

- Marrickville Public Art Strategy: *People, Place + Art*;
- *The Belonging in Marrickville* Social Plan;
- Council Management Plan;
- Marrickville Local Environment Plan 2001 (MLEP2001);
- Marrickville Heritage Study; and
- Development Control Plans including:
  - No 1 - Landscape Control Plan;
  - No 20 - Heritage Retail Areas;
  - No 31 - Access and Mobility;
  - No 28 - Urban Design guidelines for Business Centres; and
  - No 34 - King Street and Enmore Road Urban Design and Heritage DCP.

All works are to be consistent with relevant legislation and Council policy including, but not limited to:

- Marrickville Council Environmental Policy 1997;
- Marrickville Heritage Study 1987;
- Marrickville Council Disabilities Discrimination Act Access Action Plan;
- Safety in Marrickville Strategy 2001;
- Marrickville Council Management Plan 2003-2006;
- Marrickville State of Environment Report; and
- Marrickville Council SAFE Manual.

Most policies and plans can be accessed on Council's website at [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

## Project Deliverables

Prior to formal implementation of the Art Board the selected architect and Council will enter into a contract which will cover project deliverables including:

- a feasibility report which includes final design directions and budgets for project management;
- a final design that incorporates structural details carried out by an appropriately qualified structural engineer registered on the National Professional Engineers Register No.3 (NPER3);
- detailed production drawing including written instructions for the implementation of the Art Board;
- developing a detailed pricing schedule identifying each distinct stage of the overall project as a separate component;
- periodic on site supervision of the contractors to ensure the integrity of the design is realised;
- required site inspections and photographic records;
- a Safe Work Method statement prepared by an appropriately qualified person for persons placing new artworks on the Art Board;
- liaising as required with all relevant Council staff, major stakeholders and all relevant public authorities, including but not limited to RailCorp (approval), Road Transport Authority (approval) and Telstra (approval);
- complying with all Council, stakeholder and public authorities' guidelines;
- preparing Development Application (DA) documents, submitting DA documents and taking necessary actions to ensure approval of DA; and



- a schedule of track possession and power outage times/dates during which construction works over the tracks can take place.

## **Submission**

The submission must provide:

- a written response to the brief;
- a critical approach to the project including description of tasks to be undertaken for each stage and clarification of allowances not stated in the brief;
- details of relevant experience and expertise for the consultant / sub-consultants;
- details of project team including key personnel and/or sub-consultants;
- references from and contact details of two client referees for projects of similar scope;
- a demonstration that the consultant is able to achieve the scope of works;
- relevant insurances;
- a budget breakdown for final design and construction;
- a draft list of all personnel and sub-consultants to be included in the project team, their role and the percentage of time expected to be committed to the project; and
- a draft timeframe and program for the activities set out for each project stage.

## **Selection Criteria and Process**

**The selection criteria shall be based on:**

- **a design aesthetic that is integrated into the local area and which maintains the focus on the artwork;**
- **experience and capability;**
- **technical, managerial, physical and financial resources;**
- **cost effectiveness;**
- **environmental sensitivity;**
- **heritage sensitivity; and**
- **OH&S systems**

**Marrickville Council is not bound to accept the lowest offer or any offer and will not in any circumstances be responsible for the costs incurred in preparing or submitting an offer.**

The consultant's submission for the work set out in the brief is to be lodged with Council by 27 August 2005 and addressed to:

**Arts Officer  
Newtown Square Railway Bridge - Art Board Project  
Architect Services Consultancy  
Marrickville Council  
2-14 Fisher Street  
Petersham NSW 2049**

For further information please contact:

**Arts Officer**  
**Phone: 9335 2233**  
**Fax: 9335 2029**  
**Email: [artsoff@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artsoff@marrickville.nsw.gov.au)**

**CC 14 - MARRICKVILLE ARTS GRANTS SCHEME 2005**  
**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)**  
**For Recommendation**

File Ref: 1678

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised of the applications received through the Marrickville Arts Grants Scheme 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that Council approve the grants, as set out in this report, under Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

**Background**

Marrickville Council's Arts Grants Scheme was developed in 2003 (Item CC17 07/03) to provide an equitable means of support and promotion for artists and art programs in the local area.

Under the provision of Section 356 of the Local Government Act, Council may contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to groups or individuals for the purpose of exercising its functions. Accordingly, Council provides financial support to artists and non-profit, non-government arts organisations who implement art programs of benefit to residents in the Marrickville local government area, with a particular focus on developing innovative, experimental art for, about, in and from the area. The Marrickville Arts Grants Scheme 2005 assists Council in meeting its overall vision for a 'safe, healthy, culturally enriching and ecologically sustainable environment.'

The Arts Grants Scheme was initiated to complement Council's other arts policies and programs and to further assist in the organic development of ideas and projects throughout the local community. The Scheme addresses the needs of the artists and cultural workers of the area in an equitable manner and contributes to the industry's sustainability over time. In 2003, Council endorsed objectives for the Scheme which included:

- facilitating the development of art for, about, in and from the local government area;
- promoting strong arts networks;
- supporting artistic initiatives, which meet diverse social, cultural and community needs;
- providing opportunities for the implementation and development of experimental, innovative art;
- assisting local artists to develop professionally;
- providing opportunities for artists and participants to engage in the life of the community; and
- developing partnerships between Council, local arts organisations, individual artists and other institutions.

Applications were assessed against the following approved selection criteria:

- artists or local non-profit, non-government arts organisations had to demonstrate how they would use the grant to provide programs or resources or engage in professional development that would address the development of the arts in Marrickville;

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- artists had to demonstrate a history of working in the arts and organisations had to demonstrate a capacity to deliver artistic services or programs;
- funds provided by Council must not lead to an organisation or group becoming dependent on Council for ongoing financial support;
- each application was considered in light of other contributions Council has made to the applicant, for example receipt of other Council grants and resources; and
- all relevant documentation supplied.

**Discussion**

The successful 2003/04 Arts Grants Scheme recipients were:

- Graham Chalcraft, who received \$4,500 to develop *Gumbramorra Swamp Thing*, a project which involved community workshops and a series of site specific public art works and installations on the Cooks River in March 2005;
- Cindi Drennan, who received \$4,500 for *Illuminart: Travelling Light*, a program of outdoor mobile video projections by local sound and video artists of their own and other local artists' work taking place in October 2005;
- Radio Skid Row, who received \$4,000 for *Rapping It Up*, which provides African, Islander and Indigenous youth broadcasters/musicians with an opportunity to develop a CD; and
- Joshua Morris, who received \$2,000 for *Trash and Treasure*, a photographic documentation of locales and shops in Marrickville that have remained relatively unchanged for the last 30 years and exhibited at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery in March 2005.

The 2005 Arts Grants Scheme opened on 1 June 2005 and closed on 6 July 2005. The Arts Grants Scheme was promoted in local media; the Council Column; Marrickville Matters; and Council's website and ACME. Ten applications were received. A combined total of \$42,442 was requested by applicants, who competed for the \$20,000 available in the 2005 Arts Grants Scheme.

Council officers from relevant sections of Council reviewed the applications. Council staff rated applications against Council's approved Arts Grants Scheme objectives and selection criteria.

The recommendations are set out in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

**Projects Recommended for Funding**

Of the ten applications received and considered, six applications are recommended for funding. The recommended funding level is based on the information provided in the application and where the amount recommended is less than the amount requested, projects are still achievable. Projects recommended for funding cover theatre, conceptual art, painting, drawing, multi-media, installations, art workshops, music and photography.

The recommended applications were of a high standard and met the Arts Grants Scheme objectives set out in the application guidelines. In addition, these applications complement other Council policies and objectives, such as the Marrickville Public Art Strategy: *People, Place + Art*, environmental improvement programs, the Newtown Artspace Project, youth policies, disability policies and the *Belonging in Marrickville* Social Plan.

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Projects Not Recommended for Funding

Four applications are not recommended for funding (see **ATTACHMENT 2**). The main reasons for which applications were not recommended include:

- did not meet selection criteria;
- were not as well developed as recommended projects; and
- were not local, non profit organisations.

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An amount of \$20,000 is available for the Arts Grants Scheme from the Arts and Cultural Development Operating Budget in 2005/06.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council approve the six recommendations for the Marrickville Arts Grants Scheme 2005/2006 as outlined in **ATTACHMENT 1** totaling \$20,000; and
3. each applicant be advised of Council's decision.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS: Total 5 pages**

Attachment 1 — 2005 Arts Grants Applications List Recommended for Funding - 3 pages

Attachment 2 — 2005 Arts Grants Applications List Not Recommended for Funding - 2 pages

**CC 14 - ATTACHMENT 1: APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED**  
*For Recommendation*

**2005 ARTS GRANTS APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED**

ARTIST/ ORGANISATION & PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDS REQUESTED	COMMENTS	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
<b>1. Peter McGuinness</b> <b><i>Songs from Illawarra Rd</i></b>	A multi-media project involving a short film, ambient music and paintings at the Gladstone Hotel, Dulwich Hill.	\$2,500	This cross-media project will involve a painter, filmmaker and musician and link to Council's Newtown Artspace Project. The exhibition/event will utilise a non-traditional public art space, provide opportunities for artists to engage in the life of the community and assist in facilitating awareness of the arts to a new audience.	\$2,000
<b>2. Lucas Ihlein</b> <b><i>Bilateral Petersham</i></b>	In an attempt to create a sense of neighbourhood and local belonging, this project will involve the applicant undertaking an artist-in-residence in their own home for 8 weeks without leaving the Petersham and Marrickville postcode areas. The project will include an exhibition at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery, a daily online journal (blog), art workshops at local schools, stories from local residents, photography, an artist talk, printed publicity, research on local histories and guided tours of the	\$4,960	This is an unusual and innovative project that could potentially engage a large number of local residents, encourage engagement in local community life and create a sense of belonging in the area. This project will promote strong cultural networks and facilitate the development of art for, about, in and from the local government area through workshops, a blog, guided tours and an exhibition.	\$4,000

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	neighbourhood.			
<b>3. X-Ray Theatre Mind Solutions</b>	This project aims to develop a new environmentally themed theatre piece for primary schools and community events. The applicant will work with local students and teachers to develop a performance about environmental issues that are of concern to them. The performance will also explore ways of addressing these environmental concerns.	\$5,000	This project will link with Council's environmental improvement objectives. The performance piece will engage with and educate people on key issues of environmental concern to young residents. This application is well conceived and will meet diverse social, cultural and community needs though its educative and interactive components. The project will also foster awareness about the environment amongst local young people.	\$4,000
<b>4. House With No Steps The Friendship Centre and Alice Street House with No Steps Art Show</b>	This project aims to assist in weekly art groups for clients with mental illness and physical disability. The project will culminate in an exhibition.	\$3,000	This project will assist in making issues around mental illness and physical disability visible, link to Council's disability access program and support an artistic initiative that meets diverse community needs.	\$3,000
<b>5. SNO Sydney Non Objective Exhibition Assistance</b>	SNO aims to develop an exhibition program for local artists which will include well known international artists. SNO members will hold exhibitions at the SNO gallery space in Marrickville, which will be open to the public and facilitate critical art discourse.	\$5,000	This project will promote local, professional artists and expose residents to internationally recognised artists in their local environment. This project will also facilitate strong arts networks and provide opportunities for developing experimental, innovative art.	\$4,000

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<b>6. Pam Aitken</b> <b><i>Milan to Marrickville</i></b>	This project will see the creation of a series of nine large, interlocking art works for a solo show in Marrickville and include an in-house catalogue and an artist floor talk.	\$4,440.00	This applicant is from a professional artist with extensive exhibition experience. Assistance towards this exhibition will facilitate the professional development of an important artist who is working in the local area.	\$3,000

**CC 14 - ATTACHMENT 2: APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED**  
*For Recommendation*

**2005 ARTS GRANTS APPLICATIONS LIST  
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING**

<b>ARTIST/ ORGANISATION &amp; PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FUNDS REQUESTED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>1. Anthony Fry Electric Scooter Purchase</b>	This application asks for assistance to buy an electric scooter so that the applicant can paint outdoors.	\$2490-\$3790	An electric scooter will give the applicant more mobility, but this mobility is not solely related to the applicant's art practise.	Not recommended for funding, as this request is more suitable for other grant schemes.
<b>2. Petersham AOG Media Eden Dreaming TV Series</b>	This project aims to develop a 14 episode TV series revealing local treasures of food and arts in the inner west. This series is primarily being made to air on New Community TV Channel 31, to be re-launched in October 2005.	\$5,000	The TV series would create links between a television production group and local businesses and showcase the cultural diversity of the inner west. Each episode will contain coverage of some aspect of the arts.	Not recommended for funding, as there is only an indirect benefit to innovative, experimental art for, about, in and from the area.
<b>3. PACT Youth Theatre Sedako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</b>	Over a period of 10 weeks jamPACT, PACTup and imPACT will work with a team of professional artists to develop a puppet show based on the children's book <i>Sedako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i> .	\$5,000	The program is innovative and will involve a wide range of young people, but the company is unfortunately not eligible as it is not a local organisation.	Not recommended for funding, as the company is not a local arts organisation.



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<b>4. Bella Vendramini</b> <b><i>Photography: Culture, Identity and Local Environment</i></b>	This project aims to organise and manage a photography competition and exhibition around the themes of culture, identity and local environment. The competition will be open to Marrickville residents.	\$3,752.20	The project will support local photographers and explore issues of culture, identity, locale and multiculturalism in the Marrickville Lga. Grant money unfortunately cannot be rolled over into another year as requested in this application and the process of selecting artists for the exhibition is not fully developed in the application.	Not recommended for funding, as other applications have higher priority.

**CS 19 - ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES GRANTS FOR  
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

***(From Community Services Committee Meeting)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 3078

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised that the Australian Sport Commission has approved non-recurrent funding for Camdenville, Ferncourt, Stanmore and Wilkins Outside School Hour Care Centres for Terms 3 and 4 through the Active After-School Communities grants scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council accept the provision of funds under the Active After-School Communities grant scheme for \$2,646 at Camdenville, \$2,646 at Ferncourt, \$3,202 at Stanmore, and \$3,204 at Wilkins Outside of School Hour Care Centres; and that Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

**Background**

Active After-School Communities is a national program, which is part of the Federal Government's \$116 million 'Building a Healthy Active Australia' package. It provides access to primary school aged children to free structured physical activity programs in after school care programs. The program is designed to engage traditionally non-active children in physical activities and build pathways with local community organisations such as sporting clubs.

The Active After-School Communities program aims to involve approximately 3,250 Australian primary schools and/or child care benefit approved Outside of School Hour Care Centres in the scheme, as well as aiming to involve 150,000 children.

The funding formula is determined by calculating the number of sessions per week the Outside of School Hour Care Centres propose to deliver as well as the number of children participating within each session. In addition to funding, services can access support through an Area Co-ordinator. The Area Co-ordinators assist with training of staff, budget development and grant applications for each term.

Council submitted its application forms to access funding through the Active After-School Communities grant scheme for Terms 3 and 4 in May 2005.

**Discussion**

A previous report for receipt of funding under the Active After-School Communities grant scheme for Terms 1 and 2 was considered by Council at its Community Services Committee meeting in June 2005 (Item CS 12). For Terms 1 and 2, a total of \$5,841.80 was received under the grant scheme.

In deciding what programs to run during Terms 3 and 4, staff spent time talking with children and seeking their feedback about possible activities. The outcome of these discussions with children led to the following activities to be run:

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- Camdenville OSHC - Soccer and sports clinic;
- Ferncourt OSHC - Dance classes and sports clinic;
- Stanmore OSHC - Football and sport clinic; and
- Wilkins OSHC - Basketball and sports clinic.

The Active After-School Communities Programs started the week beginning 18 July 2005, and are held twice a week in each service for eight weeks. Coaches to run these sports programs were sourced from a register operated by the Australian Sports Commission. The sports clinics will involve children participating in ball games, sports races and learning new ball skills; whilst the additional activities will assist children in developing skills specific to the sports being run at each centre.

**Conclusion**

The funds received from the Australian Sports Commission's, Active After-School Communities program will be used to implement sports activities for children attending Council's Outside School Hour Care Centres. Ensuring children in the local community are physically active will support a healthier community.

**Director Corporate Services reports:**

Council consider a budget adjustment of \$11,698 to reflect the Active After-School Communities Grant Scheme received in 2005/06 at its next Budget review in August 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council accept the funding from the Australian Sports Commission under the Active After-School Community Grants Scheme for Terms 3 and 4 2005, for \$2,646 at Camdenville, \$2,646 at Ferncourt, \$3,202 at Stanmore, and \$3,204 at Wilkins Outside of School Hour Care Centres; and
3. Council considers a budget adjustment at its next Budget review for \$11,698.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

***CS 20 - FAMILY DAY CARE NETWORK SUPPORT FUNDING  
AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF  
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
(From Community Service Committee Meeting 07/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 40

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, through the Family Day Care Network Support funding program, has approved a further 12 month funding totalling \$190,293.40 for the period of 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006, to assist in running the Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council enter into the agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services; that the Mayor and the General Manager execute and affix the Common Seal of Council to the necessary documents; and that Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

**Background**

The Family Day Care Network Support funding program is administered by the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services. The Family Day Care Network Support funding program is part of the Commonwealth Governments Child Care Support Program. The objectives of the Child Care Support Program are to:

- Promote, support and enhance quality childcare;
- Improve access to childcare for children and families with special or additional needs; and
- Support equitable access to childcare for children and families in areas and/or circumstances where services would not otherwise be available.

The purpose of the Family Day Care Network Support funding program is to assist Family Day Care Schemes support carers through the provision of field support and professional development.

**Discussion**

The Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme operates as part of the Children and Family Services Section. The program is staffed with one full time co-ordinator, one full time field worker, one part time field worker (15 hours per week) and a part time administrative assistant (24 hours per week). The Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme supports 34 carers and 195 children across the LGA. Marrickville Council has been operating the Family Day Care Scheme for 30 years.

The Family Day Care Scheme provides support to carers through the delivery of field visits to carers homes, the facilitation of a playgroup one day per week, the provision of training for families and carers, and the administration of the program through enrolments and orientation for new carers and families.

Council's Family Day Care Scheme has received Family Day Care Network Support on a yearly basis. A report was submitted to Council's Community Services Committee meeting in February

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2004 (Item CS 4) regarding the Commonwealth Department of Family and Communities Services review of children's services funding. Council was advised that the funding arrangements for all Family Day Care Schemes were under review and that this may result in a variation of funding.

Under the terms of the Family Day Care Network Support funding agreement for 2005/2006, Council will receive \$190,293.40. In the 2005/2006 budget it was estimated that \$181,123 would be received through the funding program. The rate of funding for the Family Day Care Network Support payment for 2005/2006 is \$21.25 for each occupied place per child per week. This is an increase of \$24,809 from the previous year (total received in 2004/2005 \$165,484.80).

The funding amount is an estimate of total funding to be paid during the funding agreement, and may be revised due to variations in occupied places. Quarterly payments are made to Family Day Care Schemes.

The funding agreement states that Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme will provide access to flexible and inclusive family day care which is responsive to the needs of families and the local community.

Funding provided under the Family Day Care Network Support will be used as part of the Operational Budget to assist in funding staff salaries, equipment purchases and general administration costs.

**Director, Corporate Services reports:**

Council consider a Budget variation for \$9,170.40 to reflect the increased funding and associated costs in 2005/2006 at its next Budget review.

**Conclusion**

The Family Day Care Network Support provides a significant funding contribution to the operation of the Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme. The funding will be used to support the provision of high quality family day care within the Marrickville LGA.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council enter into an agreement for the provision of funds totalling \$190,293.40 under the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services, Family Day Care Network Support funding program; and that the Common Seal of Council be executed and affixed by the Mayor and General Manager to the Funding and Performance Agreement; and
3. Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

***CF 5 – PROPOSED FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL’S  
SWIMMING POOLS***

***(From Community Services Committee Meeting 07/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 849

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report provides an update on the progress of arrangements for the future management and operation of the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre and the Fanny Durack Pool. This follows the completion of the 2004 Aquatic Leisure Facility Feasibility Study and Council’s commitment to upgrading the existing aquatic leisure facilities. It is recommended that the report be received and noted, and that Council agree to allow Pamstream to continue to manage the pools on a monthly hold over basis, at the completion of the current licence on 30 September 2005, pending a decision by Council in relation to the future operation and refurbishment of the aquatic facilities.

**Background**

At its meeting September 2000 (Item GM77 08/00) Council resolved to award the contract for the operation and management of the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre and Fanny Durack Pool to Pamstream Pty Ltd. Pamstream commenced operation of the facilities in October 2000.

The contract was for an initial period of four years with a further one year option available at Council’s discretion. The report noted that the one year extension would be “*subject to formal Council approval by 30 June 2004.*” The initial four years of the contract concluded at the end of September 2004.

At its meeting of May 2004 (Item CF2 03/04) Council approved the extension of the contract with Pamstream for a further year to conclude at the end of September 2005 to allow further time to consider the findings of the Aquatic Leisure Feasibility Study, and to consider proposed future options for management of Council's swimming pools.

**Discussion**

Following the completion of the 2004 Aquatic Leisure Facility Feasibility Study in December 2004, Council has incorporated the upgrade of the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre and the Fanny Durack Pool as well as the creation of a new water play park in Marrickville South in its long term financial plan. It is planned to hold a Councillor Conference in September 2005 with specialist aquatic consultants to review the current aquatic options before proceeding to the final stage of community consultations. A report will be presented to Council’s August meeting in that regard.

As part of the planning process for these new and updated aquatic leisure facilities, Council needs to consider management options to enhance venue management and to maximise future usage of these facilities. The new aquatic facilities will represent a significant improvement in facilities and will consequently require operators who have the necessary skills to develop programs and services that will appeal to all sections of the community. Hence the future management of the two facilities over the next five to ten years needs to be carefully considered by Council.

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In these circumstances, it is proposed that until a further decision is made in relation to the future operation and management of the aquatic facilities, that Pamstream continue to operate and manage the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre and the Fanny Durack Pool on a monthly hold over basis, at the end of the current licence on 30 September 2005. This will allow Pamstream to operate the pools through to the end of the 2006 summer season and subsequent closure of Petersham Pool. Discussions have been held with Pamstream in this regard, and they have indicated that they would be satisfied with this approach.

**Conclusion**

After careful consideration of possible future approaches to the aquatic management of Marrickville Pools it is recommended that Council continues to use Pamstream on a monthly hold over basis at the completion of the current lease on 30 September 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report is received and noted; and
2. Council agree to allow Pamstream to continue to manage Council's swimming pools on a monthly hold over basis at the completion of the current licence on 30 September 2005 through the upcoming summer season, which concludes on 1 April 2006.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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



***FS 15 - COUNCIL'S INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2005***  
***(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 07/05)***  
***For Recommendation***

File Ref: 399

**Director, Corporate Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report provides a listing of Council's investments as at 30 June 2005 and includes the Financial Year 2004/05 Investment Portfolio Review by Oakvale Capital Ltd (Oakvale). It is recommended that the report be received and noted; and that the Committee give consideration to the Portfolio Review and adopt the recommendation to maintain Council's existing investment mix.

**Background**

Each month, the Corporate Services Committee is provided with a report on Council's Investment Holdings. In relation to the CBA Cash Deposit Account, the interest rate can vary daily and interest is paid quarterly. Thus the "Actual Returns" Graph on the Council's Holdings Attachment will show a spike in interest received at the end of each quarter.

**Discussion**

The Investment Holdings Report for the period to 30 June 2005 (**ATTACHMENT A**) reflects Council's prior adopted movement into managed funds along with the movement:

- into Floating Rate Note Investments from July 2003;
- into Mortgage Backed Securities from September 2003;
- from Macquarie A Rated Cash Plus Funds to Macquarie AA Rated Cash Plus Funds at the end of September 2003;
- into ANZ AA Rated Cash Plus Funds from March 2004;
- into Local Government Financial Services Ethical Investment Facility from 3 June 2004;
- out of Macquarie AA Rated Cash Plus Funds on 11 January 2005;
- out of Colonial First State Wholesale Premium Cash Plus Funds on 11 January 2005; and
- out of FirstMac Series 2-2003B Mortgage Backed Security which matured on 10 March 2005.

Oakvale has provided Council with the Oakvale Capital Limited Economic Report - July 2005 (**ATTACHMENT B**).

The One-Month Portfolio Investments Return out performed the UBSWA Bank Bill Index Benchmark. The Financial Year-To-Date Portfolio Performance out performed the UBSWA Bank Bill Index Benchmark. The Graph titled "Portfolio Performance vs. Benchmark" in **ATTACHMENT "A"** shows the Financial Year-To-Date Return for the Portfolio is 6.42% p.a. and the UBSWA Bank Bill Index Benchmark is 5.64% p.a.

Oakvale has completed the Marrickville Council Investment Portfolio Review for the Financial Year 2004/2005 (**ATTACHMENT C**). The Committee needs to give consideration to the Investment Portfolio Review undertaken by Oakvale.

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**Certificate by Responsible Accounting Officer**

I hereby certify in accordance with Clause 16(1)(b) of the *Local Government (Financial Management Regulation 1999)* that the investments listed in **ATTACHMENT "A"** have been made in accordance with section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policies.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. the Committee give consideration to the Investment Portfolio Review undertaken by Oakvale Capital Ltd for the financial year 2004/2005 and adopt the recommendation to maintain Council's existing investment mix.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENTS: Total 10 pages**

- A. Council's Holdings as at 30 June 2005 – 1 page.
- B. Oakvale Capital Limited Investment Portfolio Review – Financial Year 2004/2005 – 4 pages.
- C. Oakvale Capital Limited – Economic Report – July 2005 – 5 pages.

***ES 26 - CAR PARK PROPOSAL FOR NEWTOWN ENTERTAINMENT  
PRECINCT***

***(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 07/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: S4590-02

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

The Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association and Enmore Theatre are requesting Council's assistance for an investigation into the feasibility of a car park on Railcorp land in Station Street, Enmore. Whilst the need for car parking throughout Sydney continues to be an expectation of many, there is a growing acceptance that the use of public transport to reach major venues and events is becoming the norm. Notwithstanding Council's support of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct, it is considered that the provision of a 169 space car parking area is unlikely to significantly address the car parking issue during peak times in Enmore and potentially significantly impact on residential amenity. Further, the broader transportation issues of encouraging alternative forms of transport and reducing vehicle trips are not well served by this proposal. Accordingly, it is recommended that Council not support further investigation into the proposed car parking area at this time.

**Background**

Representatives from the Enmore Theatre (Elia Eliades and Greg Khoury) recently met with the Mayor, Director, Community Services, and Manager, Communication and Cultural Services to discuss the potential for car parking on State Rail Authority (SRA) property and Sydney Water property in the vicinity of Station Street and Gladstone Street, Enmore (see Figure 1). The State Rail site is parallel to the main western railway line and lies just to the north of the new "Silos" residential development. The Sydney Water site is at the corner of Station Street and Crescent Lane. The matter was referred to the Acting Director, Technical Services for investigation. Since the initial representation from Enmore Theatre/ Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association (NEPA), representatives from NEPA have been meeting with local MP's and Ministers to garner support for this proposal.



**Figure 1 - Proposed Car Parking**

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Enquiries have been made through Sydney Water and the State Rail Authority about the future uses of both of these parcels. Sydney Water has not replied to Council's enquiries regarding the use of its site. The Sydney Water site has a number of very large trees and the advice from Council's Parks Section is that to construct a car parking area here would result in severe damage to the roots of these trees. RailCorp has advised that its site is being used for rail infrastructure purposes at present, and that it proposes to construct an electrical substation on part of the site. This is currently scheduled for late in 2005. As the site is required for operational use, RailCorp says, it is not available for Council's purposes.

**Discussion**

The provision of a car park on the Railcorp land needs to be considered in the context of the following issues:

- a) Council support for social and cultural issues and the Newtown Entertainment Precinct.
- b) Feasibility of constructing a car park in the proposed location.
- c) Integrated Land Use and Transport Planning (draft SEPP 66).
- d) Work in progress on the Marrickville Integrated Transport Plan (target completion 2006).
- e) Potential initiatives to promote the use of public transport.

**The Proponents**

In a preliminary report prepared by the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association (NEPA), the lack of a designated car parking facility in the area is considered to “threaten the continued viability of the social, cultural and retail infrastructure, both during the day but most notably the night life of the Newtown Precinct”. They point to the universal support of the proposal by various restaurants, hotels, clubs, theatres and retailers. According to NEPA, research (undertaken by UTS in 2004) the inability to park is a decisive factor in not attending performances in the Newtown Precinct.

NEPA considers the parking proposal would also benefit the many residents of the Enmore area by relieving on-street parking used by visitors, as well as the potential for use by commuters.

In various correspondence from NEPA and the Enmore Theatre, see copies **ATTACHED**, the proponents contend that the need for a car parking facility is supported by the following:

- a) there are 10 theatres in the Newtown Entertainment Precinct placing a significant demand on the available on-street parking. For example last year the Enmore Theatre entertained 210,000 patrons. More recent email correspondence indicates that there were 174 performances, averaging 3.3 performances per week, with an average house size of 1,126;
- b) the provision of significant car parking facilities at entertainment venues is a “not negotiable” demand from patrons. Similarly, presenter organisations of shows increasingly take into account the availability of parking on patrons when selecting venues. The current lack of parking is having an adverse impact on patrons deciding whether or not to attend venues in the Newtown Entertainment Precinct. There is a well established nexus that if you don’t live in an area well served by public transport, then travelling to a venue by car and finding car parking is an expectation.

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- c) this location is in a strategic position in relation to all major venues. It is within walking distance of many of the main venues as well as the main shopping strip and railway station;
- d) the future viability of the Enmore Theatre, the @newtown Club and the other venues is, according to the proponents, under serious jeopardy of closure and redevelopment (Enmore to residential development, @newtown level 2 to restaurant or gym). The theatres have a multiplier effect on the other businesses, such as, restaurants and cafes, in the area;
- e) in 1999, the Sydney City Council Venues Audit found all major venues over 500 seat capacity had either designated car parking facilities or car parking facility within 400 metres of the venue;
- f) every major venue (and areas with a concentration of venues) has significant car parking. For example, the Sydney Opera House, Olympic Park and other major venues all have significant parking facilities complimenting public transport;
- g) the promotion of public transport use as an option is supported by NEPA. It is not intended to supplant public transport but provide options for patrons; and
- h) research by the Enmore Theatre in regard to its proposed restoration has revealed that the exercise may prove pointless. By restoring the theatre a greater range of productions and consequently audience types would be secured, however without car parking neither the producers nor the audiences would be prepared to support the restored venue without car parking.

**Feasibility**

Following the initial representations to Council, it was agreed to undertake some preliminary investigations into the feasibility of the two car parking areas.

The Sydney Water site is unsuited to car parking as it would result in the destruction of a number of very large trees. A preliminary schematic layout has been prepared for the proposal on the SRA site and it is clear that a 169 space outdoor car parking area can be physically accommodated here, assuming the whole site is available, however, the number of spaces could be substantially less, taking into account terrain and Railcorp operational requirements. The estimated cost of construction is \$1.5 million. RailCorp has indicated by email, that it needs its land for operational purposes and a formal response from RailCorp is being sought to confirm this.

If Council wishes to proceed with the proposal it will not only need to lobby for a change in RailCorp's position but will need to have the support of the wider community. Future progress will rely on Council consulting with local businesses and the adjoining residential community as well as investigating the proposal in greater depth. The issues that may need to be considered include visual impact, traffic generation, noise, light pollution and increasing impervious surfaces.

Apart from the abovementioned costs, the perceived benefits of a car park to serve the Newtown Entertainment Precinct may need to be investigated in more detail to gauge the demand for parking at different times. Whilst the demand for parking at night is recognised, particularly when shows are

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on, the level of demand at other times is less well understood. The Newtown Entertainment Precinct, like all large places of assembly, generates a large number of trips, particularly when shows are on. It therefore suffers the excessive peak demand problem. Given the large number of patrons visiting this precinct it is unknown whether a car park of this size would have any noticeable impact on the availability of parking at this location.

The broader transportation issues of discouraging car usage and encouraging other forms of transport should also be considered, including the effects of traffic generation and encouraging the use of alternative forms of transport. Council's Development and Environmental Services (D&ES) Division has raised concerns about the proposal in terms of entrenching car usage and the provision of a car parking area for what is likely to be a "peak" demand. The comments of the D&ES Division are included in the following section of this report.

**Transportation Issues**

The NSW Government recognises the need to manage (i.e. restrict) car parking in centres in its Integrating Land Use & Transport (ILUT) Planning Policy Package (draft SEPP 66.) The ILUT guidelines comprise ten "accessible development principles". Principle 8 is "Manage Parking Supply – Use the location, supply and availability of parking to discourage car use." It states – "Control of parking is an effective tool in managing the demand for [car] travel."

Consideration needs to be given to:

- a) reducing parking requirements for development in areas with good public transport;
- b) the location and design of parking areas."

As an inner-city precinct that is well served by public transport, there is a strong argument for restricting parking in the Newtown area. The proposed car park for the Newtown Entertainment Precinct is contrary to this policy.

The car parking policies of the former South Sydney Council and current City of Sydney are indicative of the general direction of local council parking policies. The former South Sydney Council's DCP 11 is explicit in its aim to restrict car parking across the LGA, but does not distinguish between centres with good accessibility and outlying areas. The City of Sydney has overhauled DCP 11, and a new "Land Use & Transport DCP", which links parking rates to accessibility, is expected soon. This policy will further restrict parking in accessible areas and centres, and will set a precedent for local council parking policies across NSW, including Marrickville. This policy direction is reinforced by the City's restriction of parking with the Carlton United Brewery redevelopment in line with the site's good accessibility and central location.

Whilst Marrickville Council does not (yet) have planning policies that explicitly restrict on-site car parking in centres, DCP 19 does recognise the need to waive or reduce 'normal' parking requirements in the densely developed areas in and around centres. In the upcoming Marrickville Integrated Transport Plan process, investigations will be made into the viability of amending DCP 19 so that parking rates are linked to density and accessibility. In this regard DCP 19 could be

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modified to restrict parking in densely developed areas with good accessibility, such as the Newtown precinct, but be less restrictive in outlying areas.

Whilst the above policies are largely focused on restricting provision rates, other parking demand management mechanisms, such as pricing and regulation of on-street parking, are available. Effective parking policies utilise all the different kinds of mechanisms available.

Restriction of parking, as a 'stick' to reduce car use, would be accompanied by a number of 'carrots' to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Although the State Government has a major role to play in this area, there are nonetheless many policy initiatives Council could undertake. These initiatives would rely on a partnership approach between Council, major trip generators such as the Newtown theatre venues, service providers such as RailCorp and Sydney Buses and the community. Initiatives would include improved walking and cycling facilities, Transport Access Guides (TAGs) and promotion of walking, cycling and the use of public transport at events and in promotional material.

In the case of the businesses in the Newtown Entertainment Precinct, proactive transport policy initiatives of this kind could include:

- a) Transport Access Guides on tickets;
- b) in theatre foyer and in promotional material for shows;
- c) directional signage from key public transport stops such as Newtown Station; and
- d) provision of quality bicycle parking and taxi stopping areas.

These initiatives should be implemented and marketed as a partnership project for improving the amenity, viability and liveability of the Newtown area and involve the Enmore Theatre, Council, the Main Street Centre, public transport providers and the community.

**Conclusion**

As the land owners will not give permission, and further the traffic and transportation impacts are considered to be major and not in keeping with the objectives of Council it is considered that no further investigation should be undertaken of the proposal. Whilst the increased provision of car parking throughout Sydney continues to be the expectation of many, there is a growing acceptance that the use of public transport to reach major venues and events is becoming the norm.

Notwithstanding Council's support of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct, it is considered that the provision of a 169 space car parking area is unlikely to significantly address the car parking issue during peak times in Enmore and could potentially significantly impact on local residential amenity.

Accordingly, it is recommended Council not support further investigation into the proposed car park at this time.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council not support progressing the feasibility study into the proposed car park in the State Rail Authority land at the end of Station Street, Enmore.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**RECOMMENDED:** On the **MOTION** of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor F Byrne,

**THAT**

1. *Council not support progressing the feasibility study, at this stage, into the proposed car park at the State Rail Authority land at the end of Station Street, Enmore; and*
2. *Council officers from relevant divisions have further discussions with NEPA on possible transport and parking restrictions to ensure the continued viability and vibrancy of the Newtown entertainment precinct."*

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

**For Motion:** Councillors Hesse, S Byrne, F Byrne, P Olive, Khan and Thanos  
**Against Motion** Councillors Cotter, Iskandar, Hanna and Macri

**ATTACHMENT: Total 14 Page**

1. Plan of subject land, 1 page
2. Correspondence from NEPA and Enmore Theatre, 13 pages



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ATTACHMENT 1

***ES 27 - APPLICATION TO RE-ESTABLISH "ALCOHOL FREE ZONES"  
IN KING STREET AND NEWTOWN SQUARE  
(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 07/05)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 8559

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This is a report on the proposal to re-establish an alcohol free-zone in Newtown Square and King Street between Newtown Square and the northern border of Telstra Plaza. The exact location is fully described on the map included in this report as **ATTACHMENT 1**. The proposal was advertised in July 2005 and no objections have been received. It is recommended that Council proceed with the re-establishment of an alcohol free-zone in Newtown Square and King Street between Newtown Square and the northern border of Telstra Plaza. This will prohibit the consumption of alcohol in the identified areas in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Alcohol-Free Zones) and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones issued by the Department of Local Government.

**Background**

At its Technical Services Committee meeting of 14 June 2005, Council considered an application from the Newtown Police Command for the re-establishment of an alcohol free-zone in Newtown Plaza and King Street, Newtown from Newtown Plaza to the northern boundary of Telstra Plaza.

The alcohol-free zone has been in operation since 1998 and was re-established in 2002. The consumption of alcohol in these public places continues to cause policing problems in this area.

At its meeting on 14 June 2005, Council resolved:

***THAT:***

- 1. a proposal be prepared for the re-establishment of Alcohol-Free Zones in Newtown Plaza and in King Street from Newtown Square to the northern boundary of Telstra Plaza;*
- 2. the duration of the proposed Alcohol-Free Zones be three (3) years, twenty-four hours per day;*
- 3. a public consultation process be undertaken for the proposal in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993; and*
- 4. following the consultation period, a further report be submitted to Council to consider adoption of the proposal to establish the Alcohol-Free Zone.*

**Discussion**

The proposal, a copy of which is included in this report as **ATTACHMENT 2**, was advertised in The Courier on 12 July 2005 and in The Glebe on 21 July 2005. In addition, letters were sent to

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Newtown Police Commands, liquor licensees and secretaries of registered clubs whose premises adjoin the proposed zone and to local organisations and community groups.

Following the consultation period only one written comment was received, being from the Bank Hotel in Newtown, which was in support of the proposal.

**Conclusion**

The alcohol related problems experienced in Newtown Square and King Street between Newtown Square and the northern border of Telstra Plaza will be reduced with the re-establishment of an alcohol free-zone prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in accordance with the provision of Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Alcohol-Free Zones) and the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones issued by the Department of Local Government.

No objections to the proposal have been received and one letter of support has been received. Accordingly, it is reasonable to conclude that the community is in support of the re-establishment of the alcohol free-zone to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in the affected streets.

In accordance with Council's previous resolution, the duration of the re-established alcohol free-zone should be for a maximum duration of three (3) years, applicable 24 hours per day.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. an alcohol free-zone be re-established in Newtown Square and King Street between Newtown Square and the northern border of Telstra Plaza in accordance with the advertised proposal; and
2. the duration of the alcohol free-zone be for three years, 24 hours per day.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

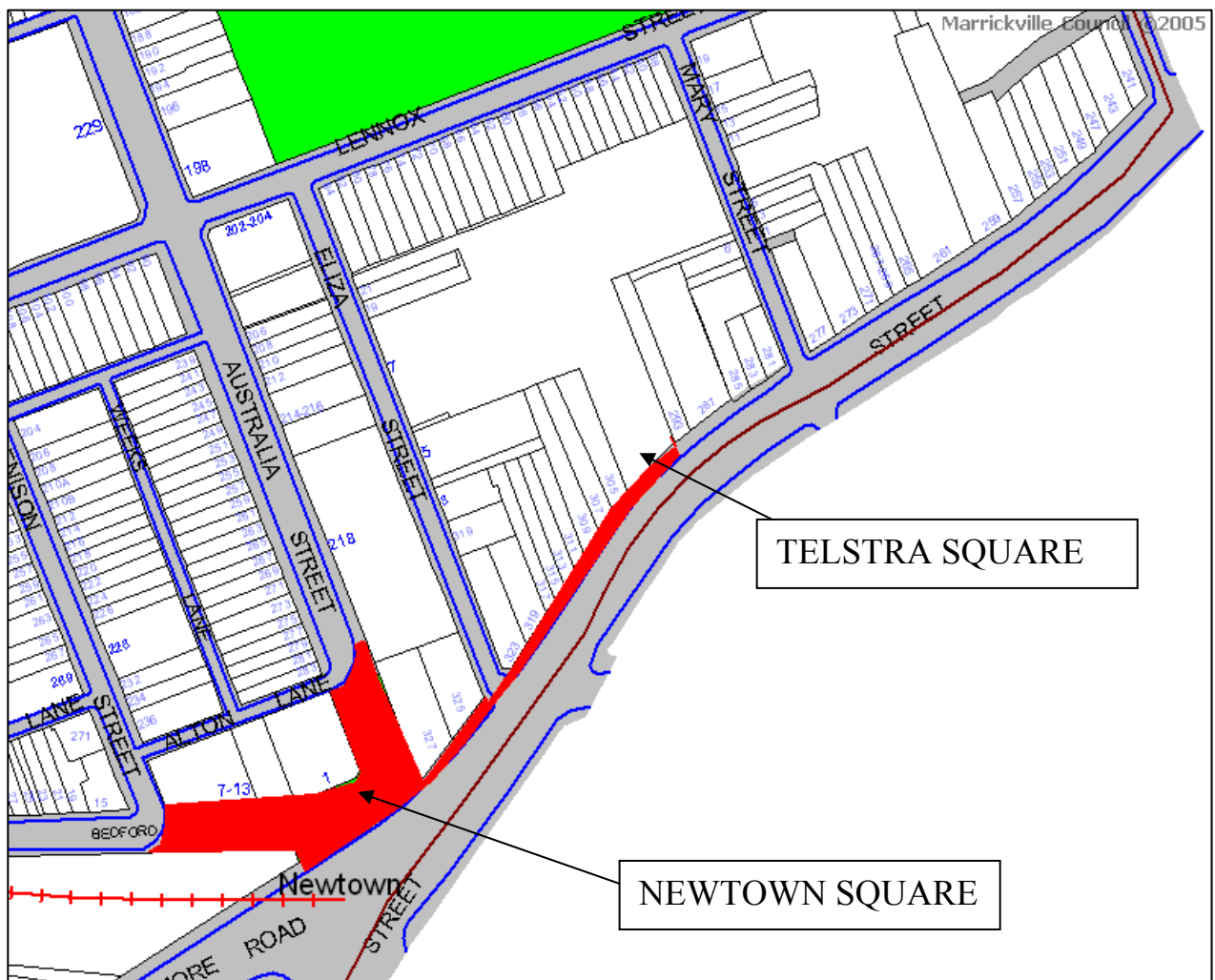
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1. Area Map - 1 page
2. The proposal to re-establish an alcohol free-zone, 1 page
3. Letter from Newtown Local Area Police Command, 2 pages
4. Copy of advertisement placed in local newspaper media, 1 page



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**ATTACHMENT 1 – PROPOSED NEWTOWN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**



**Legend:**

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**ATTACHMENT 2 – PROPOSAL FOR NEWTOWN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**

The current application requests the following proposal:

**(a) Location**

**Zone 1** - Newtown Plaza - entire area of plaza

**Zone 2** - King Street, Newtown - northern side, from Newtown Plaza to the northern boundary of Telstra Plaza.

**(b) Reasons**

The original alcohol free zone was established following complaints received as part of the "Community Safety Audit of Newtown" held on 28 April 1998. It was established that the irresponsible consumption of alcohol has given rise to harassment and other anti-social behaviour. The Police Community Safety Officer at Newtown Local Area Command has sought the current zones be extended for a further 3 years.

**(c) Duration**

The Guidelines allow Council to establish an Alcohol-Free Zone for a maximum duration of three (3) years, and apply it for twenty-four hours per day, for Zones 1 and 2.

**(d) Consultation**

A new proposal can be prepared and communicated in accordance with the provisions of the legislation, inviting representations, submissions or objections from interested parties by publishing a notice of the proposal in the Glebe & Inner Western Weekly and The Courier, and by sending a copy of the proposal to:-

- i) the officer in charge of the local police station,
- ii) liquor licensees and secretaries of registered clubs whose premises border or adjoin the proposed zones, and
- iii) to local organisations as required in the Guidelines.

At the conclusion of the consultation period, thirty (30) days, a report will be prepared for the consideration of Council in determining the application to establish the three (3) Alcohol-Free Zones. Council's discretion is further reinforced where the Guidelines again state that: "After complying with the procedures a council may, by resolution, adopt a proposal to establish an alcohol-free zone".

**(e) Cost**

All zones are required to be re-sign posted in accordance with the provisions of the guidelines and will incur costs associated with each zone. These are estimated at \$1,500 and can be met from Council's Operating Budget.

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**ATTACHMENT 3 – APPLICATION FOR NEWTOWN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**

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Attachment 2

**APPLICATION FOR  
ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE**

(Local Government Act 1993, section 644)

To Marrickville Council

Name of Council

1. I Lyndee McKenzie-Hicks

(Full Name)

2. of 222 Ashcombe St Newtown 9550 8159

(Address)

(Telephone No.)

3. Being (tick appropriate box):

(a) ☐ a representative of .....  
(Name of Community Group in area)

(b) ☒ a police officer stationed at Newtown

(c) ☐ a person living in the area

(d) ☐ a person working in the area at .....

(work address)

apply to the Council to establish an alcohol-free zone.

4. Roads or parts of roads ('roads' includes 'footpaths') and/or public  
carparks to be included in the alcohol free zone:

(Specify exactly by referring to street numbers or other landmarks)

5. Reasons for requesting the alcohol-free zone:

Re-establish existing AFZ as they are due to  
expire in June 05. The same areas are  
being put for a further 3 year period.

(Give details of obstruction, littering, personal injury, property damage, police  
intervention, etc. that have occurred on those roads or in those carparks)

Signed [Signature]  
Date: 25-5-05

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**ATTACHMENT 4 – ADVERTISEMENT- NEWTOWN ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**

**MARRICKVILLE**  
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**PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE -  
IN NEWTOWN SQUARE AND KING STREET**

Council has received a request from Newtown Police to establish an Alcohol-Free Zone in Newtown. The areas affected include parts of Newtown Square and King Street, between Newtown Square and the northern boundary of Telstra Plaza. The exact location is more fully described on a map available for inspection at Council's offices.

Section 644B(4) of the Local Government Act 1993 permits the re-establishment of an Alcohol-Free Zone in public roads and carparks. Accordingly this application is restricted to Newtown Square and King Street, between Newtown Square and the northern boundary of Telstra Plaza.

Council proposes to control the consumption of alcohol in Newtown Square and King Street, between Newtown Square and the northern boundary of Telstra Plaza, under Section 642 of the Local Government Act 1993 to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in a public place.

The current proposal is for the establishment of an Alcohol-Free Zone for a period of three (3) years. The Alcohol-Free Zone is proposed to be effective twenty-four (24) hours per day.

Council invites representations, submissions or objections from interested parties, addressed to the General Manager at the address below, and these must be received by 1 August 2005. At the conclusion of the consultation period a report will be prepared for the consideration of Council in determining the Application to Establish the Alcohol-Free Zone and to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in the areas zoned open space.

Candy Nay  
General Manager

Marrickville Council  
2 Fisher Street  
Petersham NSW 2049





***PW 13 - PURCHASE OF NO. 1-3 WENTWORTH STREET, TEMPE***  
***(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 07/05)***  
***For Recommendation***

File Ref: P5140.210-02

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

The purchase of No. 1-3 Wentworth Street was settled on 8 July 2005. It is recommended that Council consider a budget adjustment from Section 94 funds at the August Budget Review to cover the costs of acquisition; give 28 days public notice of its intention to classify the land as Community Land under the Local Government Act 1993 (Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 1); and approve the lodgment of a Development Application to demolish all building structures on the land.

**Background**

Council at its April 2005 Meeting (CM 03/05, Item PW 6) resolved in part to enter into negotiations with the owner of No. 1-3 Wentworth Street Tempe, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the confidential report, with a view to acquiring the property subject to valuation advice and availability of funds from Section 94 Contributions. Council further resolved to approve in principle a budget adjustment from the Section 94 funds Open Space Sub Area 7 to meet the cost of the acquisition based on the final negotiated purchase costs. The location of the property is shown in the ATTACHED location plan.

Following negotiations with the owner and the receipt of a second independent valuation, the property was purchased at a price equal to the maximum limit of the higher market valuation.

The purchase settled on Friday, 8 July 2005. Services to the property have been disconnected to deter squatters from moving into the premises and Council's security providers are patrolling the premises.

**Discussion**

**Classification of the Land**

The Local Government Act 1993 (Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 1, Sections 25 and 31), stipulates that Council must classify this land as either Community Land or Operational Land within three months of its acquisition. Failing this, the land will automatically become Community Land. Further, the Act (section 34) requires that Council must give at least 28 days public notice of a proposed resolution to classify or reclassify public land.

The subject land is reserved for the purpose of Local Open Space 9(A) Reservation Zone under Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2001 and was purchased with Section 94 funds. It is also located adjacent to the recently revitalised wetlands which are intended to be re-classified as community land as part of the proposed rezoning of the land north of the proposed RTA SPIRE Road.

It therefore recommended that the subject land be classified as Community Land and, in accordance with S.34 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council give 28 days public notice of this intention.

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**Funding**

Council will recall that the estimated project cost of \$400,000 outlined in the Marrickville Section 94 Plan Open Space Work Schedule (Fourth Schedule) was insufficient to acquire the property. The purchase price for the property was, as previously indicated, higher than the estimated cost of \$400,000.

It is therefore recommended that Council approve a budget adjustment from available Section 94 funds.

**Demolition of Existing Building Structures**

The building structures on the land consist of a double brick and tile single-storey single-front cottage and a steel colorbond double garage. The cottage covers an area of approximately 84 square metres and the garage covers an area of approximately 54 square metres. The cottage on inspection showed several significant structural wall cracks.

Significant funds would be required to underpin the footings, repair the cracks and restore the cottage for occupation. Given the condition of the cottage it is recommended that the cottage be demolished as soon as practical and, subject to obtaining development consent, to demolish all building structures on the land.

Further, as previously reported by the Manager Parks and Reserves, demolition of all building structures and extending the flat usable area for turf-based passive recreation activities would increase the open space frontage on South Street and improve the physical accessibility and visual safety of the area.

**Conclusion**

Council under the Local Government Act 1993 must classify the land. The land is reserved for the purpose of Local Open Space 9 (A) Reservation Zone under Marrickville Local Environmental Plan 2001 and the most appropriate development is for passive recreation activities. Such use would require demolition of all building structures on the land.

It is recommended that Council consider a budget adjustment as part of the August Budget Review to cover the additional costs of acquisition of 1-3 Wentworth Street, Tempe. It is further recommended that Council give 28 days notice of its intention to classify the property as Community Land and that a Development Application be lodged to demolish all existing building structures on the land.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. consider a budget adjustment from Section 94 Contribution Funds to cover the costs of acquisition of 1-3 Wentworth Street, Tempe as part of the August Budget Review;

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2. give 28 days public notice of its intention to classify the land as Community Land under the Local Government Act 1993 (Chapter 6, Part 2, Division 1) and a further report be submitted to Council on any submissions received; and
3. authorise the lodgment of a Development Application for the demolition of all building structures on the land.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENT:**      **Total 1 Page**  
Location Plan

**GM 51 - 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**

There are no outstanding Conferences at this time.

**B. Outstanding Reports**

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RE-ZONING UNDER THE NEW COMPREHENSIVE LEP

A report be presented to Council regarding the outcome of negotiations with DIPNR to ensure that “spot” re-zonings occurring before the completion of the “new comprehensive LEP” process are able to be used in the “new comprehensive LEP” to support corresponding down-zonings in other areas of the LGA, and that this report comes to Council before the report regarding the public consultation for the re-zoning of the “Toyota site” comes before the DES Committee.

**A letter has been sent to DIPNR outlining Council's resolution and requesting a meeting with Council staff. A report will be submitted back to Council following this meeting.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

***GM 52 - PETITIONS RECEIVED***  
***For Decision***

File Ref: 4577-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report outlines the petitions received by Council during the period 13 July 2005 to 5 August 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 petition was received during the period 13 July 2005 to 5 August 2005 and referred to the appropriate Division for attention:

1. from 48 people regarding the Residential Parking Scheme in Zone M4.

This petition is TABLED for the information of Council. The status of this petition 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 53 - 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 13 July 2005 and 5 August 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."

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 2006. It will be based on the collation of data from this and other monthly reports.

Council is advised that there were no access to information requests from Councillors during the period 13 July to 5 August 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**GM 54 - FEDERAL WORKPLACE RELATIONS REFORMS**  
***For Decision***

File Ref: 1338

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council has received notification from the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW of their concerns regarding the workplace reform package announced by the Prime Minister on 26 May 2005. The Industrial Panel of the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW has reviewed the reforms and has forwarded the **ATTACHED** information, outlining its views on the reforms. It is recommended that this report be received and noted and that Council consider supporting the Association through completing the template letter provided for forwarding to the Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations.

**Background**

The Local Government and Shires Associations (LGSA) have reviewed the proposed package of workplace reforms, as announced by the Prime Minister on 26 May 2005. The LGSA has provided their view of the reforms in a letter to the Mayor, as **ATTACHED**.

The LGSA has written to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, expressing their opposition to the proposed reforms. This correspondence is provided as **ATTACHMENT 2**.

The LGSA have requested that all councils review the information provided and consider writing to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations themselves to provide further support to the LGSA's concerns.

A standard letter has been provided by the LGSA for completion by Council, included as **ATTACHMENT 3**.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council authorise the Mayor to complete and sign the template letter and send it to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations expressing Council's opposition to the proposed Federal Workplace Relations reforms.

**ATTACHMENTS:**            **Total 7 pages**

Letter to the Mayor from the LGSA, regarding the Workplace Reforms – 2 pages

Letter from the LGSA to the Prime Minister and Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations – 3 pages

Template Letter provided by the LGSA – 2 pages

**GM 55 - CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**  
***For Decision***

File Ref: 1234

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report is to advise Council of a number of recent amendments to the *Local Government Act*, relating to Councillor numbers, expenses and facilities policies, standard contracts for Senior Staff, and pecuniary interests. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

The *Local Government Amendment Act 2005*, was assented to on 1 July 2005. This Act amends provisions in the *Local Government Act 1993*, relating to Councillor numbers, expenses and facilities policies, standard contracts for Senior Staff, and pecuniary interests.

These amendments, with the exception of the provisions relating to Senior Staff/General Manager contracts, came into effect on 15 July 2005. Provisions relating to the contracts of Senior Staff and General Managers will commence following the finalisation of the Standard Model Contract which is currently being developed by the Department of Local Government.

**Discussion**

A Department of Local Government Circular (05-34) summarising the amendments is **ATTACHED** for the information of Council. The changes include:

*Councillor Numbers (Sections 224A and 294A)*

A one-off opportunity for Councils to resolve to apply to the Minister for Local Government for approval to reduce the number of councillors on the Council without the holding of a constitutional referendum. This opportunity is available for twelve months only and at least 21 days public notice of a proposed notice of motion is required. The current minimum (5) and maximum (15) number of Councillors remains. Additionally, a Council divided into wards may not have less than 3 Councillors per ward. As Council has four (4) wards it would not be possible for Council to reduce the number of Councillors should it wish to utilise this provision, without first altering the number of wards within the Marrickville LGA.

The process to alter ward boundaries under Section 210A of the Act involves consultation with the Electoral Commissioner and Australian Statistician and public notice of the ward boundary plan with a 42 day period for submissions before consideration and decision by the Council.

*Expenses and Facilities Policies (Sections 252 and 253)*

A requirement that Councils adopt an Expenses and Facilities Policy within 5 months after the end of each financial year. Public exhibition is required except for minor amendments. Policies must comply with guidelines to be issued by the Department of Local Government under Section 23A of the Act. At the time of writing this report these guidelines had yet to be finalised. Council's policy will be reviewed when the guidelines are available and a further report will be presented to Council.



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*Standard Contracts for Senior Staff (Section 338)*

Power for the Director-General of the Department of Local Government to approve one or more standard forms of contract for the employment of the General Manager or other Senior Staff. The standard form of contract approved by the Director-General is not to include provisions relating to the level of remuneration or salary, performance based requirements or the duration of the contract. Councils will be required to use these contracts when employing new Senior Staff or when renewing current contracts.

*Pecuniary Interests (Sections 442, 443, 448, 457 and 486A)*

Clarification of the meaning of “associated persons”. The amendments now make it clear that a pecuniary interest of a person associated with a person associated with a designated person cannot give rise to a pecuniary interest for the designated person.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENT:**   **Total 3 pages**  
Department of Local Government Circular

***GM 56 - INTERNATIONAL LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES AWARD  
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File Ref: 1248

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

Report advising of Council's successful submission into the International Awards for Liveable Communities 2005 in May this year (submission attached at Appendix A). In July Council was notified that it was shortlisted in its category and invited to participate in the finals which will take place in La Coruña, Spain from the 3rd to 7th of November, 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; and that Council approve the attendance of up to four representatives at the Finals, comprising the Mayor and one other Councillor, if they are interested in attending; one Senior Staff member; and a staff member from the Corporate Development team.

**Background**

The Liveable Communities Awards (LivCom) were launched in 1997 and are endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme. The objective of LivCom is to encourage best practice, innovation and leadership in providing a vibrant, environmentally sustainable community that improves the quality of life of individual citizens through the creation of 'liveable communities'.

The Awards cover five population categories and communities are not compared against others within their category but are judged as to how they are performing against the judging criteria of:

- Enhancement of the landscape;
- Heritage management;
- Environmentally sensitive practices;
- Community involvement; and
- Planning for the future;

within the cultural, political, economic, geographic and climatic environment in which they are situated.

The number of overall entries for the 2005 awards was 204. Marrickville Council entered into Category C (75,000 – 200,000 population), which received a total of 47 submissions of which 11 have been invited to present at the finals. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are presented for each category.

**Discussion**

The Finals will be held in La Coruña, Spain from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2005. Registration for participation must be returned to the LivCom headquarters by 30th September 2005.

As part of the Finals, Council must:

- make a 35 minute audio-visual presentation based around the award submission;
- take part in a LivCom Exhibition by preparing material and staffing a promotional stand about our community; and

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- participate in a range of events associated with the Awards.

Attendance at the Awards will also provide a valuable opportunity to gain quality insights into best practice and benchmarking in urban design and development, environmentally sensitive practices, community empowerment and forward planning.

The LivCom guidelines outline that a maximum of three representatives from each community are able to participate in the presentation, and up to four delegates are invited to all events associated with the Awards without payment of an additional registration fee.

In that regard, Council has been advised that the Trustees of the LivCom Awards and the Mayor of La Coruna have extended “a warm and sincere invitation to your city to send as many delegates as possible, including a special invitation to your Mayor, to make the 2005 Finals a truly memorable event”. The scheduled events include a finals briefing; welcome reception and exchange of civic gifts at the Town Hall, La Coruna; presentations of Award entries during 3 days; dinner for City Mayors; Livcom Seminar; City visits relating to the themes of the environment, social, history and museums; and the Awards Presentation.

In line with this, it is recommended that up to four Council representatives attend the Finals, including the Mayor and one other Councillor, if they are interested in attending; one member of Senior Staff; and a member of the Corporate Development Section team who will already be in Spain on leave around that time, and will be available to co-ordinate the presentation and assist in setting up and operating the Exhibition Stand.

In accordance with Council’s Policy on Expenses and Facilities (CO 3) Council’s representatives will meet the cost of their airfares, with the cost to Council being limited to accommodation and meal expenses while on official business. It is anticipated that the cost will be in the order of \$1,000 to \$1,300 for each representative, depending on Council’s success in securing the cheapest of the two accommodation alternatives available. Council will also apply for a grant of up to £500 (\$1,150) which is available from the LivCom organisation towards travel costs for attendance of presenters at the finals, to reduce the total cost. Funding is available in the Councillor Delegates expenses vote and the relevant section’s conferences budget for staff attending.

**Director Corporate Services reports:**

Funds are available within the existing Operating Budget to fund this initiative.

**Conclusion**

The LivCom Awards are a prestigious international award endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme. Involvement in The LivCom finals will result in increased international profile for our community and an opportunity to learn from communities from around the world in regard to best practice in environmental and landscape management, heritage management, community empowerment and forward planning.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council approve the attendance at the International Liveable Communities Awards of the Mayor and one other Councillor, if they are interested in attending; a member of Senior Staff; and one member of the Corporate Development team (who will already be in Spain).

**ATTACHMENT:    Total 24 pages**

International Liveable Communities Award submission, 24 pages

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### **Executive summary**

Marrickville Council (in New South Wales, Australia) is working in close partnership with our citizens to make the Marrickville area a truly liveable community.


The Marrickville Local Government Area covers 15 square kilometres, and comprises some of Sydney's oldest suburbs. Marrickville is home to more than 76,000 residents. It is a culturally and linguistically diverse community. The main community languages are Greek, Vietnamese, Chinese, Arabic and Portuguese.

Recognising the challenges associated with an inner city urban environment, and the need to respond to a rapidly gentrifying population, Marrickville Council is working hard to:

- enhance the look and feel of the area's landscape to generate civic pride, provide recreational opportunities and improve the quality of life of its citizens;
- preserve the area's diverse, vibrant and unique cultural, built and natural heritage for the benefit of this and future generations;
- build a liveable and environmentally sensitive and sustainable community in one of the oldest and most densely settled areas of Australia;
- ensure the involvement of our citizens and community organisations in the planning, development and management of the Marrickville area; and
- develop Council's capacity to plan for the future and exercise leadership while working with the community to respond to Marrickville's complex and changing community.

Details of specific projects and initiatives are provided within the body of this submission.

I am pleased to submit this submission to the International Awards for Liveable Communities on behalf of Marrickville Council and our community.



Candy Nay  
General Manager

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Marrickville Council has worked tirelessly to enhance the landscape of our local area by creating people-friendly, quality public spaces that improve the quality of life within the Marrickville local government area.

This has been achieved through major infrastructure projects, upgrades of existing shopping strips, parks and recreational facilities, and a number of other programs such as street tree plantings and a unique project aimed at beautifying key gateway areas.

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## Major Projects

"Our vision for Tempe Reserve was to create a popular family destination which offers a range of recreation options while respecting the ecology and heritage of the site."  
*Marrickville Mayor, Councillor Morris Hanna*

### Tempe Reserve

Prior to its redevelopment, Tempe Reserve, comprised a stretch of barren playing fields on the banks of the Cooks River, and a construction site for an adjacent rail link. In just over 2 years, Council transformed the Reserve into 18 hectares of open space providing parklands and gardens, as well as a range of indoor and outdoor sporting and leisure facilities.

The new Reserve provides:

- a Sports Centre comprising 2 indoor multi-purpose courts and 11 outdoor netball courts;
- six football playing fields and two cricket ovals;
- leisure areas including a riverside promenade, a cycleway along the Cooks River edge, a children's adventure playground, barbeque facilities and a village green; and
- a wetlands and salt marsh constructed to manage stormwater, provide native habitat and act as an environmental demonstration site.



**Tempe Reserve 2004 - improving the local landscape and environment**

Council's Plan for the Reserve embraced the concept of adaptive reuse, and the protection of the natural heritage and biodiversity of the site.

Community ownership of the Reserve was generated by organising community planting days to establish the Cooks River Valley Community Garden, and by conducting information and activity days to seek the views of citizens on design and construction.

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**Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community  
Recreation Centre**

The Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre was the culmination of an extensive planning and community consultation process. Located in Marrickville South, an area which lacked modern community facilities and which is home to a high proportion of young people, families from non-English speaking backgrounds and public housing residents, the Centre provides residents with more sporting, leisure and social opportunities.

The \$5M state-of-the-art recreation centre comprises a 3 court multipurpose sports hall, 8 community meeting rooms with Internet facilities, and a café with indoor and outdoor seating for 50. The Centre is managed by the Police Community Youth Clubs (PCYC) in a partnership agreement with Council that ensures that all citizens benefit from the Centre's services and facilities.



**Snapshots of the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre**

"It's hard not to feel excited. In the first 3 days there were 60 young people each afternoon at the Centre shooting hoops."

*Hazel Maxwell, Community Recreation Planning Officer.*

## Upgrades

### Shopping strip upgrades

Marrickville's strip shopping centres and village shops have always been a focus for community life. An extensive program of upgrades was introduced to improve the look of these strips, make footpaths more pedestrian friendly, restore heritage features, and create outdoor dining spaces.

The most ambitious of these was a \$1M upgrade of the Petersham shopping strip, converting it into a key centre for cultural tourism with a newly recognised Sydney eat street featuring Portuguese restaurants, delis and cafés. The project also included the installation of a 30 metre mural designed by eminent Portuguese-Australian artist Luis Geraldes.

### Park upgrades

Work has been undertaken to upgrade parks, playgrounds and sporting fields and to open up additional recreational space for our community. This includes:



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**O'Dea Reserve**

This \$1.5M land remediation and park redevelopment returned the Reserve to community use. Following extensive community consultation, Council implemented a plan of management for the park which included a large fenced off-leash dog exercise area, extensive landscaping, a toddlers' playground, a bicycle track, and a new picnic area and pergola.

**Jarvie Park**

This park upgrade provided much needed open space in a densely populated area including a new playground, basketball court, furniture and lighting and plantings.

**Camperdown Memorial Rest Park**

This upgrade provided a new entry feature, major upgrading of the playground including shading, new paths, artworks, bicycle racks, seating, lighting, garden beds and plantings.

**McNeilly Park**

This park redevelopment replaced a disused swimming pool and dilapidated buildings with new eating and play areas, a multipurpose sports court, a BBQ, seating area under a pergola, aerosol art, new lighting, community planting areas and a car park.

**Mackey Park**

This sports field upgrade included the installation of a new irrigation system, levelling and returfing of 2 soccer fields and replacement of fencing and goalposts. This development was done in response to an increasing demand for soccer fields in the area.

**Allison and Rowe Playgrounds**

These playground upgrades introduced new and safer play equipment and softfall, and restoration of historic park entrances and plantings.



**Improvements to the historic park entrance and to play equipment at Allison Playground.**

**Other programs**

Other programs which Marrickville Council has introduced to enhance the landscape of the community area include:

- **Street tree plantings** – as part of a Street Tree Master Plan, more than 3,000 new trees have been planted since 2002. Council aims to improve the look of streets by increasing the number of street trees and create 'avenue' plantings;
- **Abandoned vehicles** - a new service to arrange for the removal of unwanted motor vehicles within 5 working days;

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- **Graffiti strategy** - the *Graffiti Solutions* project aims to reduce illegal graffiti through the creation of legal aerosol art projects for young people who are at risk of becoming part of the juvenile justice system; and
- **Gateway Projects** - A number of major transport arteries, referred to as gateways, radiate out of Marrickville. A number of initiatives have been undertaken to beautify key gateway areas including:
  - the upgrade of the central plaza area of the King Street gateway and restoration of a locally significant mural;
  - a competition for the water sensitive urban redesign of St Peters Station Plaza gateway which attracted 58 entries from emerging architects, landscape architects and public artists; and
  - the redevelopment of the entrance to Marrickville Road (a key gateway linking the northern and southern parts of the community) which has improved the appearance of the area, as well as providing more residential accommodation and shops.



Before and After shots of the Marrickville Road Gateway 2004

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Marrickville has a rich and colourful history dating from the times of the Cadigal-Wangal aboriginal clan. After European invasion, Marrickville was the site of some of the first land grants of the British colony. More recently, our area is recognised as the birthplace of multiculturalism in Australia.

The Marrickville area has experienced a localised and grassroots regeneration of our town centres. This invigoration of the area has, unlike formal large scale urban regeneration of town centres in many other countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom, been more organic and spontaneous. This is an experience somewhat unique to Australian cities.

Marrickville Council has responded by upgrading public spaces, while retaining Marrickville's character. A commonsense approach to urban planning and controls on private development has also allowed citizens to create their own living space while meeting increasing standards for good urban design, physical access, safety and sustainability.

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## Protecting our heritage

Council has introduced various controls and policies to ensure the protection of our community's heritage, including the natural, built and cultural heritage of the area. These include Heritage Studies which have reviewed and named more than 500 heritage items in our community area, as well as a series of relevant Development Control Plans and the Marrickville Local Environmental Plan (LEP) which outline a series of development restrictions to ensure that any development does not adversely affect the significance of heritage items, heritage conservation areas and their settings.

## Built Heritage

### Adaptive Urban Developments

Council promotes urban developments that make adaptive reuse of existing buildings. This includes 'conservation incentives' and concessions where an existing building is retained and converted for residential use. Over the past few years, Council has approved the adaptive reuse of:

- old factories and warehouses, including the disused Waratah Flour Mills in Dulwich Hill which has won several industry and government awards; and
- the former Eversleigh Hospital, which has been redeveloped to include a garden of remembrance, while restoring some of the more important heritage buildings on the site.



Conversion of the Waratah flour mills for residential apartments won the National Trust Heritage Award, the Urban Taskforce Adaptive Reuse Award, HIA Green Smart and MBA awards.

### Marrickville Medal

Each year Marrickville Council awards the Marrickville Medal to recent building or conservation works that contribute to the heritage of Marrickville. The Marrickville Medal event aims to:

- positively promote conservation of the cultural heritage of the Marrickville Council area;
- recognise the commitment and pride of our local community in the conservation of their properties; and
- encourage and promote heritage conservation principles in a multiculturally diverse community.



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## Cultural Heritage

### History Centre

In recognition of the importance that local heritage plays in promoting a strong sense of identity among citizens, Marrickville Council established the History Centre at Petersham Town Hall in 2003. The History Centre houses an extensive Local Studies Collection that documents the social and physical heritage of the Marrickville area from pre-European settlement to the present day. It contains books, maps, oral histories, videos, news clippings, photographs, journals, newspapers, posters, selected work of local industries and an extensive collection of material on the expansion of Sydney Airport. It also holds a large amount of historic bricks, ceramics, plaques and pottery.

### Aboriginal Heritage

Council has developed the award winning Cadigal-Wangal website, one of the most comprehensive websites of any local government area in Australia. This interactive website traces local Aboriginal history from 40,000 years ago to the present day and uses Aboriginal voices to tell the indigenous history of Marrickville. The initiative was a partnership between Council, Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee, local Aboriginal community groups, Marrickville Residents for Reconciliation and the Australian Museum.

Council is also in the final stages of developing the Marrickville Aboriginal History Project which documents (in photographs and oral history) the contemporary history of local Aboriginal communities.



"This project has demonstrated the benefits of collaboration and what can be achieved when the three tiers of government work together in cooperation with Aboriginal organisations and the community."

**Jean O'Brien, Manager, Inner West Aboriginal Community Company**

### Multicultural Library Collections

Marrickville Council has extensive multicultural library collections which provide opportunities for personal learning and entertainment while conserving a significant part of our cultural heritage. The collections, which include books, movies, music, and other cultural items, cover our main community languages: Greek, Portuguese, Arabic, Cantonese and Vietnamese. The Greek collection is one of the most significant outside of Greece and has more than 16,000 items.

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The Marrickville Heritage Promotions Committee was established to co-ordinate, implement, monitor and review a program of events and initiatives that celebrate our culture and educate the community about the ongoing need to conserve our heritage. The Committee holds a variety of promotional events including the 'Marrickville Retro' cinema which shows historic film footage; tours of local cemeteries; bus and walking tours in conjunction with the local Tempe Bus and Truck Museum; and the Marrickville Medal award ceremony.

### **Natural Heritage**

#### **Cooks River Valley Community Garden**

The Cooks River Valley Community Garden at Tempe Reserve was started in 2001 and represents seven vegetation communities of the Cooks River Valley, with more than 100 different native species endemic to the area. Planted by volunteers from the Friends of Cooks River Valley Community Garden, the garden was designed to enhance the corridor of native vegetation along the Cooks River and to help create the green web of Sydney (a Natural Heritage Trust project). Volunteers run a monthly working-bee on the site to maintain and enhance the garden.

#### **Camperdown Cemetery Grasslands**

Council established the Camperdown Cemetery Restoration Project in partnership with Marrickville Heritage Society, Greening Australia and Camperdown Cemetery Trust. A group of volunteers - the Friends of Camperdown Cemetery - meets monthly to regenerate the endangered Kangaroo Grasslands and other important heritage plantings.

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Marrickville Council has a proud history of promoting environmentally sensitive practices among our citizens and in leading community based action. Marrickville has become a much greener area and a more sustainable community as a result.

Council has also set an example to our community by implementing sustainable practices in our own operations and developing demonstration projects. Council's environmental initiatives and achievements have been recognised in a wide range of local government and environmental industry awards received by Council (see Appendix A).

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## **Sustainable Water in Urban Environments**

The Cooks River, which flows through Marrickville, is one of the most polluted of Sydney's rivers. As a result, enhancing water quality is a key focus of Marrickville's environmental initiatives. Council has joined with other organisations to improve the water quality of the River and other local waterways including Botany Bay and Sydney Harbour.

### **Streets to Rivers**

Council initiated a highly successful and energetic *Streets to Rivers* program to engage communities in reducing stormwater pollution and rehabilitating the Cooks River. The program has included:

- the *Riverlife* education program and riverbank restoration works – a joint project with adjacent councils through the Cooks River Foreshores Working Group; and
- the *Watershed* education program - a joint project with the adjacent City of Sydney Council to improve stormwater management in the local sub catchment.

### **Riverlife film festival**

The Riverlife film competition and festival was established to raise awareness of the Cooks River and the impacts of stormwater pollution, and to encourage local film makers to develop a 5 minute film to inspire citizens to take action to protect the Cooks River.

Other projects conducted under the *Riverlife* program include:

- extension of the *Streamwatch* program to encourage schools and community groups to participate in testing of water quality health; and
- Interpretive Tours of the Cooks River run by volunteers.

### **The Watershed**

Established in 2003, The Watershed was a joint initiative of Marrickville and City of Sydney Councils aimed at reducing stormwater pollution. It has since evolved into a broader Sustainability Resource Centre.

Watershed water quality initiatives have included:

- an assessment of all businesses in the sub catchment and an education program to reduce stormwater pollution;
- pollutant traps to prevent pollutants entering Port Jackson via Rozelle Bay; and
- joint water quality research projects with the University of New South Wales and Macquarie University.

### **Urban Stormwater Integrated Management Project (USWIM)**

USWIM is a partnership project with Monash University which was designed to advance the application of Water Sensitive Urban Design in ultra-urban areas that require innovative integrated solutions. The first stage of the project comprised a study of 3 different sub catchments: one industrial; one residential (high population density with a high proportion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds); and one residential (more suburban with larger blocks).

As a result of the project, new planning protocols were designed to better meet the social, organisational and physical dimensions of the stormwater catchments.

## **Resource Efficiency**

### **Greenwaste Recycling**

Council has been extremely successful in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill through improved resource recovery. Council introduced a collection service for dry recyclables which achieved a 24% reduction in household garbage to landfill. This was further improved by the introduction of a green waste collection service, bringing the total reduction in household garbage to landfill to 40%.



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In the past twelve months the tonnage of greenwaste recycled has increased by 31.2% with participation rates increasing by 45.4% over the previous year.



**Successful communication campaigns help reinforce the new green waste service to our citizens (2002 -2003)**

### **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

In 1999 Council joined the International Cities for Climate Protection Program (CCP) and committed Marrickville to a staged reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Council achieved milestone 1 (inventory of emissions) in April 2001 and by February 2004 had achieved the maximum milestone 5 (monitor and report on achievements) - one of the first councils in Australia to do so. Council continues its involvement in the CCP program.

Council has implemented 36 energy efficiency projects over the past five years, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 1,866 tonnes each year (the equivalent of taking 1,572 cars off the road for one year) and achieving annual cost savings of over \$150,000. Projects have included energy efficient fittings installed in child care centres, conversion of Council computers to energy saving mode and introduction of EcoLights at Council's depot.

### **Community education and participation**

The real proof of Council's environmental leadership lies in the way that citizens have adopted environmentally sensitive practices and contributed to the rehabilitation and enhancement of Marrickville's natural environment. These include:

#### **Cooks River and Iron Cove GreenWay**

Citizens have worked with the support of Council to establish a green corridor or GreenWay that will provide a recognisable environmental, cultural and non-motorised transport corridor linking the sub-catchments of two of Sydney's most important waterways. More than 100 local residents participated in the first stage of the project by planting over 1000 native plants on their properties.

#### **Green school projects**

Marrickville's Our Place School Environment Education Program has provided environmental education to approximately 30 local schools since 1996. Council trains volunteers to conduct events for more than 3000 primary school students and more than 800 high school students every year and provides financial assistance to seven schools annually for environmental projects within their school.

#### **Watershed workshops and awards**

Originally established with a focus on reducing stormwater pollution, The Watershed has

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since evolved into a broader Sustainability Resource Centre which aims to build the individual and collective capacity of local businesses and citizens to respond positively and creatively to the challenge of sustainability.

Initiatives for community engagement include:

- weekly urban sustainability workshops on everything from low cost environmental tips to worm farming;
- an extensive volunteer program; and
- the Watershed Awards program that recognise homeowners, renters, businesses, volunteer community educators and community groups who take environmental friendly actions.

In two years, The Watershed has provided workshops for more than 1000 local residents, helped more than 50 businesses to be plastic bag free, provided environmental advice to more than 500 businesses, and trained 41 volunteer community educators.



**Watershed volunteers help out with education at the shop front (2004)**

**Environmental Volunteers**

In 2004/05 Council established the umbrella Environmental Volunteers Program (EVP) that brings together a range of volunteer run programs, including:

- The Watershed;
- Landcare;
- Marrickville Community Nursery;
- Friends of Camperdown Cemetery;
- RiverLife; and
- Friends of Cooks River Valley Garden

In 2004 more than 2,800 hours of volunteer time was given to EVP projects at a value of over \$50,000.

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Council believes that the ongoing involvement of individuals, groups and organisations in the planning, development and management of the local community encourages citizens to feel they belong, share a sense of responsibility for their environment and fellow citizens, and to take an interest in local issues.

Council has contributed to enhancing community sustainability by:

- increasing the number of consultation opportunities for citizens;
- strengthening community networks and feelings of belonging; and
- celebrating Marrickville's diverse and vibrant community.

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### **Community engagement**

Council runs a multitude of projects to engage citizens and build on Marrickville's strong sense of community. These include formal committees, consultations, volunteering programs, community-based action groups, and community activities and events (see Appendix B). Some key projects include:

#### **Citizen Panel**

Council has established a Citizen Panel of more than 400 citizens who are demographically representative of Marrickville's wider community. Panel members are surveyed on their views on living in Marrickville and are asked to comment on specific issues that will shape the community.

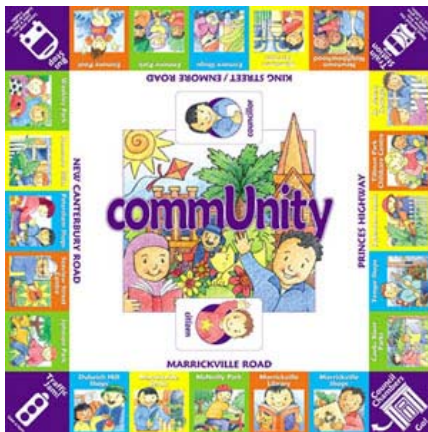
#### ***Belonging* programs**

Council has held a series of events and activities to focus citizen attention on the things that help us feel that we belong to our community. Projects run as part of the *belonging* program have included:

- promotion and display of resident stories on what makes them feel they belong to the Marrickville community;
- a social history project where letters to friends and families were collected as an insight into people's perceptions about living in the area; and
- innovative consultations to help understand what makes the Marrickville community 'tick' including feelings about safety and issues facing youth.

#### **CommUnity board game**

The commUnity board game is an award winning educational project to teach school children about the every day things they can do to be a good citizen. The game brings together all Council messages about building a sense of community – whether it be about caring for the environment, getting to know your neighbours, taking care of pets or being respectful of others.



Just like a game of Monopoly, but with the names of local streets and places! School children learn how to be good citizens and help make their community clean, green, safe and friendly.

#### **Other consultation initiatives**

Other processes which ensure the ongoing involvement of citizens and community groups in planning and management of the local area include:

- a range of focus groups and surveys on parks, recreation, arts and culture, public art, communication, streetscape and general services;
- advisory committees including the Youth Council, Seniors Reference Group, Access Committee and Aboriginal Consultative Committee;

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- online citizen satisfaction surveys testing satisfaction with the Marrickville area and a range of Council services and activities such as local pools, local parks and the Citizens' Service Centre;
- an online Community Forum to encourage and facilitate community dialogue on local community issues; and
- a campaign to energise community interest in annual proposals for improving the 'look and feel' of the local area including: a new brochure; regular articles in our community magazine; weekly updating of community notice boards; and new community information displays at childcare centres, libraries, pools and halls.

### **Community Events**

Council has a comprehensive calendar of community events to promote community spirit and an active community life. An extensive review of our major events program was recently undertaken to ensure that it will adequately cater for our diverse community over the next 3 to 5 years, and to establish Council as a leader in local community events.

Over recent years more events had been added to the calendar to ensure that our multicultural events are inclusive of all community groups. Changes have also seen more traditional 'indoor activities' brought outdoors into parks and plazas.

Examples of new events implemented in the past few years include: cross cultural fiestas; children's outdoor story time; additional Magic Yellow Bus (mobile toy library) sessions; new park openings; family fun days; history walks; dog registration days; school competitions and concerts; community planting days; movies in the park; music in the park; film and trivia nights; shopping centre fairs and festivals.



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To plan for the future of the Marrickville community, Council has developed our own model of 'local governance' and implemented a creative and integrated planning structure which captures social, environmental, urban, financial and corporate elements.

The governance model defines how Council sees its role and relationship with the Marrickville community and positions Council to provide effective governance into the 21st Century. It clarifies our vision, mission, goals and values and aligns corporate systems to ensure that we can deliver on these.

Our planning techniques combine longer term corporate strategies with short term plans that convert strategies into on-the-ground projects and programs linked to available resources.

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### **Planning for a liveable Marrickville**

Council's planning techniques have been developed to ensure that we have both a long term vision for our community and a practical and measurable short term plan to put programs and projects into action. Council ensures that the plans reflect the needs of the community through extensive community consultation during the development of these plans.

Our planning model includes a 5 Year Strategic Plan which identifies our directions and strategies for achieving the medium to long term objectives for our community. The Plan integrates our social, environmental, urban and governance strategies and makes them easily accessible to staff and citizens.

In order to implement these medium to long term strategies and to link them to available resources, Council develops an annual Management Plan which translates the longer term Strategic Plan objectives into actions. The document includes yearly performance targets for each division and a 3 year financial resources plan.

The Management Plan framework includes:

- close links between management planning and budget formulation;
- planning workshops with senior staff and councillors to review the annual targets identified by managers across the organisation and to ensure overall priority and direction setting;
- extensive community consultation in the development of our management plan including surveys, distribution of information pamphlets, public meetings and the distribution of the proposed plan at over 20 community contact points such as libraries, pools and childcare centres; and
- the regular review and improvement of corporate performance indicators.

### **Integration with other plans and community consultation**

The Strategic Plan and annual Management Plan also reflect objectives and issues contained in a series of more specific plans, as detailed below. These plans involve a great deal of community consultation to ensure that they truly reflect the wants and needs of our community.

#### **Social Plan**

Council's Social Plan addresses the needs of different groups in our community. These include children, young people, older people, people with a disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, and people from non-English speaking backgrounds. Council has worked in partnership with the community to identify issues and strategies included in this Plan.

#### **Community Safety plan**

The Community Safety Plan was the culmination of two years' work by the Safety in Marrickville Committee (including Council staff, community members, local police and other agency representatives) in auditing safety issues, researching safety strategies across Australia and identifying community strengthening initiatives for the local area. The Plan includes strategies for children and families, young people, safer public spaces, and regional approaches to safety.

#### **Action 21**

The Action 21 Plan guides environmental planning and sets Council's detailed objectives for protecting environmentally sensitive areas and promoting ecologically sustainable development in the area. A key focus of the Plan is the Cooks River which, as our major natural resource, needs to be protected from pollution and the river environment needs

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to be restored. Other issues include stormwater management, traffic noise and waste management. The Plan is overseen by a community steering committee.

**Recreation planning**

Council drafted a strategic plan to guide the development of Marrickville's recreation and leisure programs. The plan was developed with extensive community consultation, research into emerging leisure trends and patterns, and an audit of local leisure resources. It identified partnership opportunities and innovative ways to promote healthy lifestyles and maximise the participation of all citizens.

**Development Control Plans**

Development Control Plans go through a vigorous consultation process with stakeholders and the broader community including advertisements in local papers, signage on property frontages and letters to adjoining properties and stakeholders.

**Future Planning**

Through a process of extensive community consultation Council is currently developing, a long term vision that encapsulates our community's vision for Marrickville to 2020.

This vision involves the development of three levels of integrated planning, and will see Council take a stronger leadership role within the community to develop a blueprint for Marrickville's future.

The *Marrickville Plan*, as it has been named, will be a user-friendly non-bureaucratic document which aims to set an inspirational agenda for the community. This document will include a simple vision and aspiration statement for the area over the next 15 years and will incorporate the central themes identified by our community.



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A. Awards and Commendations

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**Appendix A. Awards and commendations**

The following awards were received by Council from 2002 to 2005:

**Management Excellence**

- 2003 A.R. Bluett Award for best overall achievement by a Local Government
- 2003 Winner (NSW) LGMA Management Challenge
- 2002 Winner (NSW) LGMA Management Challenge and third place in the Australasian Challenge

**SAFE System**

- 2002 National Safety Council Awards: top five finalist
- 2002 Large Metropolitan Employer Award and 2002 Employer of the Year awarded by WorkCover for Council's SAFE system
- 2002 Best OH&S Implementation Award from IPWEA for the SAFE Business Unit Work Review Teams
- 2002 Engineering Excellence Award (OH&S Category) from IPWEA for SAFE system

**Community Building**

- 2004 LGSA Local Government Cultural Awards - Highly Commended (Aboriginal Culture Development Category) for the Cadigal-Wangal website
- 2004 Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Achievement Awards - Silver Award Finalist (Mental Health Promotion / Mental Illness Prevention Program or Project) for the Scream on the Green Project
- 2003 LGSA Environmental Excellence Awards - Highly Commended (Environmental Education category) for the *commUnity* board game
- 2003 DOTARS National Awards for Local Government - Highly Commended (Arts and Heritage Category) for the Cadigal-Wangal website
- 2003 R.H. Dougherty Award for Excellence in Communication from the LGSA for Council's *commUnity* board game
- 2002 R.H. Dougherty Award for Excellence in Communication from the LGSA for Council's branding project and waste education program
- 2002 Centre for Excellence Award: Justice Foundation for the library's Legal Information Access Centre
- 2002 Multicultural Excellence Award from the Municipal Public Libraries Association for the library's Multicultural Program

**Environmental Milestones**

- 2005 WSN Environmental Solutions Clean Up Australia Day Community and Council Partnership Award
- 2004 United Nations World Environment Day Awards - Finalist (.Excellence in overall environmental management in Local Government Category) for the Cooks River Foreshore Working Group
- 2004 Cities for Climate Protection program - Recognition for committing to the CCP plus program to continue strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with in the Council area
- 2003 Completion of Milestone 4 (of the 5 milestones) in the Cities for Climate Protection Program
- 2002 Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) Award for reaching the gold milestone in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

**Other**

- 2004 Cultural Industries Award for the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association
- 2004 Victorian Association for Library Automation Award for innovative use of information technology

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**Appendix B. Community engagement activities**

**Seniors Week**

- A celebration of Aboriginal culture
- Easy care gardening & composting workshop
- Surfing the Net: An introduction to the Internet, email and computers
- Premier's Awards concert and luncheon
- Healthy Happenings in Steel Park
- Legal information workshop for seniors

**Youth Week**

- XPOZED Youth Art Exhibition
- 'Access All Ages' Youth Hip Hop Conference
- 'The Rack' and 'The Program' Youth Radio programs
- "Would You Believe" - launch of a new youth space in Marrickville Library
- CRUSH Under 18s Dance Party
- Mental Health and Young People ... Who Cares? Information Session

**Environmental Week**

- Biodiversity Audits for schools
- A Young Person's Guide to Saving the Planet
- Water Cycle and Re-use Craft workshops
- Urban Wildlife Show
- Frogs and Native Plants activities
- Soil biotic and abiotic features workshops
- Water Bug Analysis

**NAIDOC Week**

- Inner West Aboriginal Community Company (IWACC) lunch
- IWACC Kids Disco

**Children's Week**

- Wonderful Australian Tales storytelling
- Family Fun Day at McNeilly Park
- Parenting Workshop for parents of toddlers
- Performance of 'Friends', a play about children and friendship
- Out of School Hours Care disco
- Magic Yellow Bus Activities

**Heritage Week**

- Presentation of the Marrickville Medal for Conservation
- Water Journeys: From Baptism to Drowning (photo display)
- Waterways and Place: Bus tour of local cultural sites
- Cooks River meanderings (walking tour)

**Active committees**

- Youth Council
- Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee
- Marrickville Access Committee
- Marrickville Ethnic Communities Committee
- Aged Services Committee
- Gay and Lesbian Liaison Committee
- Companion Animals Committee
- Sister Cities Committee
- Local Traffic Planning Committee

**Watershed activities**

- Worm Farming workshops
- Introduction to Permaculture Design course

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- Environmental Pet Care workshops
- Slide night on urban ecology
- Water Journeys: from Baptism to Drowning
- Launch of Tertiary Design competition
- Low Cost Environmental Tips for Renters workshops
- Watershed Kids Club

**Fairs, festivals and other community events**

- Summer Fiesta
- Autumn Fiesta
- Marrickville Festival
- International Women's Day activities
- Feastability Food and Wine Festival
- Sunday Arvo' Sessions (live music)
- Dulwich Hill Street Fair
- Kindi Farm comes to Marrickville
- Australia Day Festival
- Bairro Portuguese Food and Wine Fair

**Community competitions**

- Spring Garden Competition
- Marrickville Medal Competition
- The Watershed Eco Home Awards
- Environment means Business Awards
- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards

**Library and history events**

- 60th Anniversary Commemorations of Mosquito Air Crash Over Petersham
- Donation of the Graham-Wright Collections
- The Marrickville Aboriginal History Project
- ANZAC Day memorabilia exhibition
- Newtown History information night
- Guided walking tour of King Street south
- Guided tour of Petersham Town Hall

**Major community consultations**

- Community Safety Plan
- Recreation Strategic Plan
- Draft Management Plan
- Cultural Development Plan
- Road Safety Plan
- Consultations on park upgrades

**Art exhibitions**

- My New and Old Country exhibition
- The Sight of Seniority exhibition
- Trash and Treasure exhibition
- Art As a Way of Life exhibition
- Soul Sisters - Black and White exhibition
- Elemental: Earth, Fire, Water exhibition
- Ten Ways to Touch and Eye exhibition
- Indonesia's other East Timor exhibition
- Shadow Light Texture exhibition
- Commuting - Zones of Transition exhibition
- Charcoal and Hairspray exhibition
- Tuckshop Collective Number 4 exhibition
- The Barbed Wire Curtain exhibition

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**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

Report on the 2005 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 7 to 10 November 2005, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. It is recommended that Council receive and note the report; determine whether it wishes to send any delegates; and determine any motions to be submitted.

**Background**

The 2005 National General Assembly of Local Government will be held from 7 to 10 November 2005, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. The 2005 General Assembly will focus on “local government relationships with the community, with federal and state governments, and with other councils both here in Australia and overseas”. A copy of the Program is **ATTACHED**.

**Discussion**

Councils are being encouraged to submit motions on issues of national importance for debate. In particular, Notices of Motions are sought in the areas of population and ageing, local government financing, environment and infrastructure.

Motions must address national issues for local government and be received by the Australian Local Government Association no later than Friday, 9 September 2005. Motions are to be submitted using the on line template at [www.nga.alga.asn.au](http://www.nga.alga.asn.au).

There will be two concurrent debating sessions. The first concurrent debating session will be population and ageing and local government financing; with the second concurrent debating session being environment and infrastructure. Each Council is entitled to one voting delegate at each concurrent debating session. There will also be plenary debating sessions the following day and Council is entitled to one voting delegate in each session.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note the report;
2. determine whether it wishes to send any delegates to the 2005 National General Assembly of Local Government and nominate such delegate(s) if required; and
3. determine any Motions that are to be submitted on behalf of Council.

**ATTACHMENT:** Total 17 pages  
Program Booklet – 17 Pages

**GM 58 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NSW - ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE 22-26 OCTOBER 2005**

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File Ref: 1508

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

Report in relation to the 2005 Local Government Association Annual Conference to be held in Mudgee from 22-26 October 2005. Council is advised that Motions are required to be submitted by 5.00pm on Friday, 19 August, 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and that Council determine its four voting delegates and any Motions to be submitted.

**Background**

The 2005 Local Government Association Annual Conference will be held in Mudgee from 22-26 October 2005. A copy of the Conference Information Booklet is **ATTACHED**.

**Discussion**

Motions for the Annual Conference must be received by the Association by 5.00pm on Friday, 19 August 2005. Motions should seek to introduce new policy or alter existing policy through the addition of new elements or deletion of existing elements. Policy statements can be viewed on the Association's website (<http://www.lgsa.org.au/site/policy/1000086.html>). Motions are required in the following format:

***Name of Council:***

***Subject:***

***Motion text:***

***Note from Council:***

explaining the reason for submitting the motion and how it alters or adds to existing policy. If possible, note from council should be succinct and concise, due to the allocation of space in the business paper.

***Detailed supporting case:*** this should be on a separate page and give reasons for raising the issue. It will be used by the Association in progressing with the matter once the conference has dealt with it. The supporting case will not be included in the business paper.

Council is entitled to four voting delegates at the Conference, and is required to notify its voting delegates no later than Monday, 26 September 2005. In addition to the voting delegates, all other Councillors may attend the Conference as observers.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council determine its four voting delegates and any other Councillors to attend as observers; and
3. Council determine any Motions to be submitted to the Conference.

**ATTACHMENT: Total 9 pages**  
Conference Information Booklet

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File Ref: 4264-05

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

In September 2004, Emeritus Mayor Peter Woods OAM and Cr John Wearne AM were commissioned by the NSW Local Government Association and the Shires Association of NSW to develop a draft model for one representative body to represent local government in New South Wales. “*An Options Paper for One Local Government Association in NSW*” was released in May 2005. The Executive of the Local Government Association of NSW recently resolved that the Options Paper be distributed to all member councils for comment. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; and that Council determine whether it wishes to submit comments on the Options Paper and the nature of any such comments.

**Discussion**

A copy of the letter from the Local Government Association of NSW, the resolution of the Shires Association and the Options Paper are attached for the information of Council. The Association is seeking comments from member councils by 15 August 2005.

Due to the timing of Council’s meeting in relation to the deadline for the submission of comments, Council has been granted an extension until 19 August 2005 to submit any comments.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council determine whether it wishes to submit comments on the Options Paper and the nature of any such comments.

**ATTACHMENTS: Total 40 pages**

Letter from the NSW Local Government Association – 1 page

Resolution of the Shires Association of NSW – 1 page

Options Paper for One Local Government Association in NSW - May 2005 – 38 pages



***GM 60 - COOKS RIVER MOTOR BOAT CLUB - REQUEST FOR  
SUPPORT WITH GRANT APPLICATION TO REFURBISH JETTY  
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File Ref: 10879-02

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

The Cooks River Motor Boat Club proposes to lodge a grant application with the NSW Maritime Authority, under its new 2005/2006 Maritime Infrastructure Program (MIP), for the reconstruction of a new jetty in Holbeach Avenue, Tempe. The Club wishes to provide a new, modern jetty/pontoon structure and requests Council's financial assistance to match grant funds on a dollar for dollar basis, with a contribution of up to \$50,000. It is recommended that Council provide the Cooks River Motor Boat Club with a letter of support for its proposal and that Council determine whether or not to give financial assistance to the Club. If Council wishes to provide financial assistance it is required under Section 356 of the Local Government Act to give 28 days public notice of its intention to pass a resolution to grant \$50,000 to the Club towards matching grant funds from the Maritime Authority of NSW, under the Maritime Infrastructure Program, for the construction of a new jetty and associated works off Holbeach Avenue, Tempe. Should the proposal proceed, it is recommended that a further amount of \$10,000 be allocated to the provision of canoe launching facilities in association with the work and a budget adjustment be made to allocate the resources for these purposes from Council's Working Funds.

**Background**

On 6 July 2004, the General Manager reported to Council, a request from the Cooks River Motor Boat Club for support in its application for a grant to replace the Club's jetty in Holbeach Avenue. A copy of this report, CM 05/04, Item GM 65, is **ATTACHED**. The existing jetty structure is subject to a Permissive Occupancy (PO) lease from DIPNR. Council issued a letter of support and agreed to carry out a number of shore-based works in association with the new jetty. Subsequently the application submitted by the Club was unsuccessful on the basis that funding for such projects is on a dollar for dollar basis and the Club sought 100% funding.

The Club is now seeking Council's financial assistance towards the replacement of the jetty.

**Discussion**

The NSW Maritime Authority recently invited submissions for grant funding under its new 2005/2006 Maritime Infrastructure Program (MIP). The principal objective of the MIP is to provide waterways infrastructure for the benefit of the general boating community. Projects eligible for MIP funding need to meet essential criteria such as the infrastructure being of a lasting nature, being available for use by a broad cross-section of the boating public and that they have the support of councils and the community. A copy of the Maritime Authority MIP webpage is **ATTACHED** along with the MIP information kit.

Funding is provided on a dollar-for-dollar basis jointly with Councils and other organisations. The NSW Maritime Authority advises that examples of suitable projects include: boat ramps, public wharves/jetties and associated facilities, provision of public sewage pump out facilities and installation of public moorings. The proposed project meets the Grant Application Guidelines.

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The Club has obtained two quotations in July 2004 for the replacement of the jetty ranging from \$79,500 to \$132,642 and one quotation of \$45,000 for repairs. The quote for repairs does not qualify for grant funding. Given the quotations are over 12 months old, a slight increase could be expected.

Council has had a longer term intention to provide canoe launching facilities on the Cooks River and a canoe launching facility was originally planned to be incorporated into the Tempe Reserve redevelopment. It is now a good opportunity to incorporate the provision of canoe launching facilities with the new jetty and this will result in a better outcome for Council and canoeists. Council will also include improvements to lighting, strengthening jetty abutments and access to the new cycleway along Holbeach Avenue.

The estimated cost of these works is as follows:

Jetty Reconstruction	\$85,000
Canoe launching facility	\$10,000
Link to cycleway and minor landscaping	\$2,000
Replacement of existing abutment	\$1,000
Flood lighting entrance (capital component)	\$2,000
Project Management and Supervision (by Council in kind)	\$5,000
Development Application and Assessment	\$5,000
Total :	<u>\$110,000</u>

The Club advises that it will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the jetty.

The Cooks River Motor Boat Club proposes to lodge a grant application by 15 August 2005 for the complete refurbishment of its Holbeach Avenue Jetty.

**Local Government Act Provision for Financial Assistance:**

The Club has indicated that it is not in a position to fund the new jetty and has provided to Council Officers a copy of its 2005 Annual Report which supports this claim. A copy of the Club's recent letter requesting financial assistance is **ATTACHED**.

The jetty is mainly used by the Motor Boat Club and its members but the Club advises that, following the improvement works carried out by Council at Tempe Reserve, the area is starting to be used by the wider boating community. Accordingly the Council may wish to support this request through the allocation of funds. Section 356 of the Local Government Act provides that Council can contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to a recipient who acts for private gain provided it gives at least 28 days public notice of the proposal prior to passing such a resolution.

While there are a number of exclusions where public notice is not required, this proposal is not captured by any of those exclusions and so it would need to be the subject of public notice. It will not be possible to advertise the proposal and pass a resolution within the timeframe required to meet the deadline for grant applications to be submitted. However, Council could follow the public

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notice process and determine whether to grant financial assistance prior to the offer of the grant if the Club's application is successful.

**The Case to Justify Council's Financial Assistance:**

Council needs to carefully consider allocating funds to a for-private-gain organisation such as the Motor Boat Club. It is important that Council can weigh up this decision in the future when other organisations make similar requests. In this regard the existing structure is not only an eye sore but is also a potential safety risk to persons who access it, with or without permission. Council has spent considerable funds in recent years to refurbish Tempe Reserve, and more recently Tempe lands. In addition, a new cycleway has recently been constructed along Holbeach Avenue and the existing jetty detracts from the overall effect of these improvements at a major gateway to the Council area.

The Club advises that the wider boating community is now starting to use the existing facility and it is therefore concluded that a refurbished facility will attract increased usage from the wider boating community as well. The jetty is in practical terms, an item of public infrastructure and, provided it continues to be accessible to the public can be justifiably considered by Council as eligible for financial assistance. The Council will need to enter a suitable deed of agreement with the Club to ensure ongoing public access and that maintenance of the structure is addressed.

In its letter of 1 August 2005 the Club advises that its 2004/05 Financial Report has not yet been completed but the Club submits a copy of its 2003/04 Annual Report. The statements for 2003/04 indicate a total trading loss at the end of May 2004 of \$22,073 against a total equity (net assets) of \$67,641. The Club has invited Council's Finance personnel to inspect its General Ledger to confirm the position at the current time. The Club's written assurance, together with the 2003/04 statements, have been relied upon and it is concluded the Club cannot afford to match the grant under the MIP program.

**Conclusion:**

The Motor Boat Club has requested that Council provide it with a letter of support for its proposal and a contribution of half the cost of the work up to \$50,000 to rebuild the existing jetty in its current location. Subject to Council's decision to provide financial assistance to the Club, it is recommended that Council give 28 days public notice of its intention to pass a resolution to grant \$50,000 to the Cooks River Motor Boat Club towards matching grant funds from the Maritime Authority of NSW, under the Maritime Infrastructure Program, for the construction of a new jetty and associated works off Holbeach Avenue, Tempe.

The only source of funds available at present is Council's Working Funds. Subject to the above resolution being passed, it is recommended that a budget adjustment be made to allocate the required funds from Working Funds. Following on from the above, it is further recommended that Council allocate \$10,000 to the provision of canoe launching facilities in association with this work, also from Working Funds.

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A budget adjustment can be considered at the next budget review following Council's resolution to grant financial assistance if it so resolves following the public notice process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. Council provide the Cooks River Motor Boat Club with a letter of support for its proposal to rebuild its existing jetty in its current location;
2. Council determine whether or not to give financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act to the Cooks River Motor Boat Club and, if it decides to do so:
  - (a) give 28 days public notice of its intention to pass a resolution to grant \$50,000 to the Club towards matching grant funds from the Maritime Authority of NSW, under the Maritime Infrastructure Program, for the construction of a new jetty and associated works off Holbeach Avenue, Tempe; and
  - (b) a further report be presented to Council following the public notice period and Council determine whether to grant financial assistance under Section 356;
3. should Council resolve to grant financial assistance and the proposal proceeds:
  - (a) an amount of \$10,000 be allocated to the provision of canoe launching facilities in association with the work; and
  - (b) a budget adjustment be considered to allocate the resources for these purposes from Council's Working Funds at the next Budget review following that resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:    Total 20 pages**

1. Report to CM 05/04, Item GM 65, 5 pages
2. Maritime Authority MIP webpage and Information Kit, 14 pages
3. Letter from Cooks River Motor Boat Club, 1 page

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**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

Report advising of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

The Audit Committee meets on a quarterly basis and a report is provided to Council advising of matters considered at each meeting.

**Discussion**

A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 9 August 2005 and was attended by His Worship the Mayor, Clr. Morris Hanna, Council's external auditor, Dennis Banicevic from PricewaterhouseCoopers, the General Manager, the Director, Corporate Services, the Manager, Administrative Services and the Corporate Review Coordinator. Apologies were received from Clr. Saeed Khan for the meeting.

The Committee:

1. noted the final report on the 2004/2005 Corporate Review Workplan (**ATTACHED**);
2. considered a summary report on 7 special investigations/reviews undertaken from January to June;
3. noted the report on the Rates Management Audit and management comments on the recommendation;
4. received an update on the Cash Handling Review and the projected timing for finalisation of the review;
5. noted a report updating the progress of the Payroll Audit Implementation;
6. endorsed the 2005/06 Corporate Review Workplan (**ATTACHED**);
7. noted a report on the Interim Audit for the year ended 30 June 2005 and looked at management comments on the report;
8. were advised that the Final Audit will commence on 22 August 2005;
9. received a report on the GST Compliance Audit for the 2004/2005 Financial Year; and

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10. endorsed Council's response to the Department of Local Government's discussion paper 'Internal Audit in NSW Local Government'.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENT: Total 8 pages**

Final Report on 2004/05 Corporate Review Workplan	-	5 pages
Adopted 2005/06 Corporate Review Workplan	-	3 pages

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**FINAL REPORT ON 2004/2005 CORPORATE REVIEW WORKPLAN**

<b>1. REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS</b>	<b>2004/2005 ACTIONS</b>	<b>FINAL REPORT</b>
	<p><b>Rates</b> – Council collects in excess of \$40m in rates and domestic waste management (DWM) charges annually. It is proposed to conduct a review of rates handling/processing in the December quarter focusing on the control systems in place, the level of reliance that can be placed on them and recommend improvements.</p> <p><b>Cash-handling</b> – is a high risk area in terms of potential for fraud and security risks. It is proposed to conduct a review of cash handling in the Citizens' Service Centre, Libraries and Childcare Centres to ensure that controls remain appropriate and correct procedures are followed by staff. This review is to take place during the period July to December 2004.</p> <p><b>Infringement Notice Management</b> - Council collects in excess of \$1.3m annually in fines associated with Traffic Infringements. It is proposed to conduct a review of the policy framework, control environment, collection management system and financial record keeping practices associated with the management of Infringement Notices. This review will be undertaken in the January to June 2005 period.</p>	<p>Completed. Refer Agenda Item 4 for Review Report and management comments.</p> <p>Partially completed. Reviews have been completed for the Tom Foster Community Centre, Stanmore and Ferncourt OSHC Centres, and Dulwich Hill and Stanmore Libraries. Refer Agenda Item 5 for an update report.</p> <p>On hold. The Infringement Processing Bureau has recently completed a tender process for a system that will enable Councils to capture infringement information electronically through a hand held PDA, to print electronic infringements and to upload information directly to the IPB. Council is expecting to implement the new electronic system by the end of 2005. The new system will replace the existing manual processes and it is planned to review the controls around infringement management as part of</p>

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	<p><b>Compliance Audits with SAFE System</b> – a program of approximately 10 audits, each covering a different Section, will be undertaken during 2004/2005.</p> <p><b>Code of Conduct Review</b> – it is proposed that this review be undertaken by March 2005 in accordance with Section 440(3) of the Local Government Act, which requires Council to review its Code of Conduct within twelve months of an election. The State Government is currently legislating in relation to Code of Conduct requirements. The review will be undertaken once the content of the legislation is known.</p>	<p>the implementation process.</p> <p>A total of 11 audits were completed during 2004/2005. 5 were completed during the period January to June. Attachment 1 provides a brief summary of the audit outcomes.</p> <p>Council adopted a new Code of Conduct in February 2005 incorporating requirements of the new mandatory Code of Conduct for Councils. All related policies, forms and staff brochures were reviewed and mandatory Code of Conduct refresher training was undertaken for all staff.</p>
<b>2. SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS</b>		
	<p>As with previous years, special investigations will be carried out during 2004/2005 on a needs basis in response to external complaints or internal matters that are brought to management attention through Council's Internal Reporting Policy.</p> <p>Referrals to the ICAC in accordance with Section 11 of the ICAC Act will also be made on a needs basis.</p>	<p>6 special investigations/reviews were conducted during the period January to June. Further details are provided under Agenda Item 3.</p> <p>Two matters were referred to the ICAC during the period January to June. Both of these matters are reported under Agenda Item 3.</p>



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<b>3. FRAUD AND CORRUPTION PREVENTION</b>		
Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Code of Conduct Induction Training will be held for all new staff</li><li>• Code of Conduct Refresher Training will be held for all existing employees following the review of the Code of Conduct.</li></ul>	3 corporate induction sessions were run during the last half of the year, with 30 staff receiving training.  Completed. Refer report above.
Systems and Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A seminar will be held for staff involved in tendering to launch the tender checklist and to refresh their knowledge of the Tender Procedures during July/August 2004.</li></ul>	Completed. The Tender and Quotations Procedure was revised in August and a staff information seminar attended by 30 staff was held in September 2004. A new Tender Checklist was launched at this seminar and was well received by staff.

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**Summary of Outcomes – SAFE Audits**

**Fleet Services – February 2005**

- Poor housekeeping and poor access & egress in the storage area where gas & oxy bottles are stored.
- Access to the fire hose in this area unsafe and fire extinguisher hose unwound and covered by steel tubes.
- Air jacks placed against wall near evacuation sign.
- No recycling signs visible in workshop
- Metal frames stored against wall of building B (sign on this wall indicated no storage of materials against this wall)
- Oily rags stored in plastic garbage containers.
- Grass at rear of workshop needs cutting & poisoning.

Issues have been resolved

**Community Development (Petersham Town Hall) – March 2005**

- Fire drills have not been conducted on a regular basis.
- Double adaptor being used at workstation.
- Operating instruction not displayed near photocopier or Shredder.
- Safe located in office area to be kept tidy to allow safe access & egress.

Issues have been resolved

**Community Development, Tom Foster Community Centre – March 2005**

- Staff commented fire alarm cannot be heard in kitchen due to noise of kitchen equipment
- Laminated safety instruction required near microwaves.
- Photocopier needs operating instruction
- Noise level check on compressor in kitchen
- 2 large pieces of glass found in front yard of centre.

Issues have been resolved

**Property Services – April 2005**

- Fire and evacuation instructions not displayed in section
- Fire warden not trained in practical use of fire extinguishers
- No annual tagging and testing of power leads in place
- Carpet bulking up in walkways leading to office of Manager, Property Services and Waste Co-ordinator.
- Large recycling bin stored in high position on cabinet on off of Waste Co-ordinator
- Electrical Sub boards need to be labelled electrical

Most issues resolved except carpet issue & fire extinguisher training of fire warden

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**Monitoring Services, (Admin Building) – May 2005**

- Fire and evacuation procedures not displayed in section
- Fire wardens need to be trained in practical use of fire extinguishers
- Chair mat on floor identified as potential trip hazard, caused by carpet bulking up.
- Poor ergonomics being applied at some workstations
- Files and baskets stored on floor
- Some staff not wearing security tags

Most issues resolved except carpet and fire extinguisher training

**Monitoring Services, Depot (Rangers)**

- Fire and evacuation sign not displayed in section
- Fluorescent light not working over workstation.

**Environmental Services (Admin Building) – June 2005**

- Fire extinguisher missing from wall near kitchen
- A power leads not tagged and tested

**Environmental Services, Watershed**

- Exit sign required over rear door of Watershed
- No fire drills conducted at Watershed
- No tagging & testing of power leads in place
- Fluorescent light not working outside rear door
- Material & equipment to be removed from walkway to allow safe access & egress
- General tidy up of unwanted material & equipment required

**Environmental Services, Community Nursery**

- Staff member had not been trained in practical use of fire extinguisher located at Nursery
- Refrigerator lead requires tagging & testing
- Step or ramp required for entrance to office at Nursery
- Storage shed needs to be cleaned up to allow safe access and egress to shelving in shed.

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**CORPORATE WORKPLAN 2005/2006**

<b>1. ACTIVITIES DEFERRED FROM 2004/2005</b>	<b>Cash Handling</b> – it is proposed to complete the reviews commenced in 2004/2005 aimed at ensuring that appropriate controls are in place and correct procedures are followed by staff.
<b>2. SPECIAL REVIEWS</b>	<b>Purchaser/ Provider Arrangements</b> – it is proposed to review the systems and processes underpinning the purchaser/provider arrangements and to recommend improvements. The initial focus will be on the Civil Works and Trades areas.
<b>3. SERVICE REVIEWS</b>	Develop a <b>framework for conducting continuous improvement service reviews</b> and conduct one service review.
<b>4. <small>GM 61 - ATTACHMENT 2 - AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2005</small> REVIEWS OF INTERNAL CONTROLS</b>	<p><b>Infringement Management</b> – Council collects more than \$1.3m annually in fines associated with traffic infringements. A new electronic system for the issue and recording of fines is expected to be implemented in late 2005. It is proposed to conduct a review of the policy framework, control environment, collection management system and financial record keeping practices associated with the management of infringement notices.</p> <p><b>Fuel Usage</b> – it is proposed to conduct a review of the internal controls around the issue, use and accountability systems for fuel cards and the systems for monitoring fuel usage.</p> <p><b>Delegations</b> – it is proposed to undertake random audits of the exercise of certain (high risk) delegations and the controls in place to ensure delegations are exercised effectively.</p>

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	<p><b>Compliance Audits With SAFE System</b> – it is proposed to continue in 2005/2006 the current program of approximately 10 audits per year, each covering a different Section of Council.</p> <p><b>Procurement</b> – it is proposed to undertake random checks of compliance with tendering and quotations requirements and the effectiveness of the controls in place to support these.</p>
<b>5. FRAUD &amp; CORRUPTION PREVENTION</b>	<p><b>Code of Conduct Induction Training</b> will be held for all new staff.</p> <p>Posters will be made for all key Council buildings to <b>promote ethical behaviour</b> amongst staff.</p> <p>A review of the <b>Internal Reporting Policy</b> will be undertaken, including a staff communication campaign.</p>
<b>6. SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS</b>	<p>As with previous years, <b>special investigations</b> will be carried out during 2005/2006 on a needs basis in response to external complaints or internal matters that are brought to management attention through Council's Internal Reporting Policy.</p> <p><b>Referrals to the ICAC</b> in accordance with Section 11 of the ICAC Act will also be made on a needs basis.</p>
<b>7. GOVERNANCE</b>	<p>The <b>Privacy Management Plan</b> will be updated and a seminar will be held for Council staff.</p> <p>The <b>Tender and Quotations Procedure</b> will be reviewed and training held for Council staff.</p> <p>The <b>Statement of Business Ethics</b> will be embedded into Council's procurement processes/systems.</p>

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**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

It is proposed to identify and quantify Council's business risks and develop an **integrated plan for addressing risks.**

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**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report provides a strategic overview of the five Major Projects adopted by Council as part of the 2005/06 Budget; outlines progress to date in the planning and financing of these projects; and suggests the next steps to be taken in advancing these projects. It is recommended that Council receive and note the report; a Major Projects Steering Committee be formed comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, nominated Councillors, Senior Staff and relevant Council staff; the General Manager be authorised to commence negotiations with the Department of Health to obtain the Department's properties adjacent to the old Marrickville Hospital site and to report to Council on progress; a Councillor Conference be held in relation to options for the final form and cost of aquatic facilities to be considered by Council before commencing to the final stage of community consultations; a review be undertaken of leased community facilities to obtain strategic advice on the current use of these properties, the future development of community properties and modification, acquisition or disposal needs; a childcare needs analysis be undertaken to determine childcare needs across the LGA, confirm the Marrickville South area as an area of need and provide information to assist Council in determining the future location of the May Murray Child Care Centre; and probity advice be obtained in relation to the existing SES headquarters.

**Background**

**1. Councillor Conference – 6 December 2004**

A Councillor Conference was held on 6 December, 2004 in relation to documenting a long term Financial Plan for Marrickville Council. At that Conference, Councillors:

- discussed the strategic context of the Financial Plan, including financial planning objectives;
- examined indicators of Council's current financial health;
- reviewed Council's income sources and expenditure; and
- examined Council's capacity to fund major projects under consideration by Council, including the new library/civic centre; upgrade of aquatic facilities; necessary maintenance work to community facilities; and replacement of the May Murray Childcare Centre with a new facility.

Information was presented to Councillors in relation to:

- general funding options, being use of existing reserves; further rationalization of Council's property portfolio; special rate increase; and loan borrowings;
- previously identified aims of each of the projects; and
- preliminary indicative estimated project costs and available funding options.

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It was agreed that further work would be undertaken in relation to the Financial Plan for consideration as part of the 2005/08 Draft Management Plan and 2005/06 Draft Budget process, including funding options for the Major Projects.

**2. Councillor Conference – 12 and 13 March 2005**

A Councillor Conference was held on 12 & 13 March 2005 in relation to the Draft 2005/08 Management Plan and 2005/06 Budget and the Major Projects. Councillors were provided with a comprehensive briefing in relation to Council's Financial Plan and Model and on funding options in relation to the suite of Major Projects comprising:

- A New Library and Civic Centre on the old Marrickville Hospital site;
- Upgrading of Council's existing Aquatic Leisure Facilities;
- Repairs, Maintenance and Upgrading of Council's Community Facilities;
- Replacement of the May Murray Child Care Centre; and
- Re-location of the State Emergency Services Headquarters.

Briefing papers were circulated to Councillors to assist in the discussion of the projects at the Conference and an inspection was undertaken of the old Marrickville Hospital site to facilitate a broader understanding of the heritage, planning and other issues relating to the site.

Councillors discussed the options provided and indicated that they may require a further briefing in relation to the Major Projects and funding options prior to presentation of the Draft 2005/08 Management Plan and Draft 2005/06 Budget to Council.

**3. Councillor Conference – 31 March 2005**

On 31 March 2005, a further Councillor Conference was held to provide Councillors with a strategic context within which each of the Major Projects could be considered, including their individual funding requirements, particularly the option of seeking a Special Rate variation for 2005/06 and future years to fund the Aquatic Centre upgrades. Information was provided to Councillors in relation to:

- the strategic funding model – scenarios were modelled with a view to determining the most appropriate mix of funding for the Major Projects, while providing the capacity to fund other projects over time;
- general funding options available for Council's consideration;
- each of the Major Projects – estimated cost of works; action taken to date; challenges; action proposed to progress the project; a proposed funding model; and an indicative timeline to undertake the projects.

Councillors were advised that following adoption of the 2005/06 Budget, including the Major Projects Financial Plan, a report would be presented to Council making recommendations to progress each of the projects, as outlined in the presentation.

A summary of the current position and proposed next steps presented to Councillors at the Conference is provided below:



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**1. Community Facilities**

***Current:***

- Undertake urgent works in 2004/05 for which budget allocation of \$486,000 was made through Community Facilities Reserve.
- Include funding for over \$3.5m other identified works in 8 year funding model.
- Obtain heritage advice on the Coptic Church and Stone Villa and structural engineer's advice in relation to the Stone Villa.

***Proposed Next Steps:***

- Undertake independent review of the match between community needs and existing facilities.

**2. Aquatic Facilities**

***Current:***

- Seek application for Special Rate variation to fund internal and external borrowings to undertake the Aquatic Facilities Upgrades - \$13.62m identified works option.

***Proposed Next Steps:***

- Further briefing of Councillors on options.
- Further community consultation, including in relation to outcomes of previous consultation undertaken and proposed options.
- Council decision on options and preparation of concept design.

**3. Replacement of May Murray Childcare Centre with New Childcare Centre**

***Current:***

- Identified high demand for increased childcare places in Marrickville South.
- May Murray Childcare Centre building identified as less than optimal compared to current standards.
- Replacement of May Murray Centre with new childcare centre at Steel Park identified in 2001 through Marrickville South Families and Children Research Project and provision for childcare centre included in Plan of Management adopted for Steel Park.

***Proposed Next Steps:***

- Undertake childcare needs assessment;
- Report to Council on findings, including identified options including use of Department of Education land to build new centre or build on previously identified Steel Park site; and Council decision on how to proceed.

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**4. Replacement of SES Building**

***Current:***

- Current building does not meet existing requirements.
- Location in industrial area proposed.

***Proposed Next Steps:***

- Seek probity advice and explore interest of neighbouring Greek Orthodox Church in purchase of the property for community based uses at market value.
- Report to Council on options.

**5. New Library/Civic Centre**

***Current:***

- Identified objective since 1995 to build new Library/Civic Centre on old Marrickville Hospital site.
- A range of options have previously been explored by Council with the optimal solution identified being redevelopment of the site involving civic centre/library and residential and/or mixed use development sympathetic to the heritage aspects of the site and surrounding built and natural environment.
- Noted unsuccessful previous negotiations with Department of Health to purchase houses adjoining the site to improve the configuration of the site and its development potential.
- Noted that the solution needs to be affordable and that as part of the proposed Financial Model an amount of up to \$26.6m may be available as potential funding for Council's part of the development, if required.
- Property consultant would be shortly engaged to provide advice to Council on feasibility of the project (funding of \$60,000 allocated by Council for that purpose in the 2003/04 Resources Plan).

***Proposed Next Steps:***

- Report to Council to: establish Probity Protocol; form Steering Committee to oversee the project comprising Mayor and Councillors appointed by Council and Senior Staff, with opportunity for all Councillors to participate; and seek approval to re-commence negotiations for ownership of the Department of Health properties.

As part of the proposed Financial Plan for the Major Projects, an option was presented for an application to be made to the Minister for Local Government for a Special Rate variation of 5% to be retained for 10 years to fund the Major Projects, principally loan borrowings identified as required to finance the Aquatic Facilities Upgrades. Councillors requested that further information be provided to them prior to consideration of the Draft 2005/06 Management Plan and Budget including:

- further information on the costing of options for the Aquatic Facilities of a reduced scope;

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- funding options for Aquatic Facilities that involved a Special Rate levy of less than the 5% proposed over 10 years – the objective was to identify the lowest percentage needed over 15 years to meet the funding objective of \$13.6 Million for the Aquatic Facilities package proposed; and
- impact on average ratepayers of the proposed Special Rate levy for Major Projects using different options.

The requested information was provided to Councillors as follows:

- Councillor Briefing Paper No. 10 – Aquatic Facilities – Reduced Scope Options. Options were presented of the following:
  - Enmore Pool – use of the existing pool footprint with the works proposed (\$9.2m) and with a reduced scope of works (\$6m);
  - Enmore Pool – new site - use of an alternate footprint incorporating the existing one but not protruding into the centre of the park (\$10.4m) and a reduced scope of works (\$7.6m);
  - Petersham Pool – option including new 25m pool; program pool; change room refurbishment; café; and associated works (\$2.95m); and
  - Water play park at South Marrickville (\$630,000)
- Councillor Briefing Paper No. 11 – Aquatic Facilities – Funding Options. Reduced percentages over 15 years were modelled and presented to Councillors. The lowest Special Rate variation identified to fund the package was a 3.5% increase.
- Councillor Briefing Paper No. 12 – Impact of Special Rate Increase Options. A Rate Model was presented showing rates applicable to the average ratepayer in 2004/05 for each rating category; and the cost in 2005/06 when the existing 5% levy ceases and the 3.5% permissible rate increase is adopted and a Special Rate Levy of 3%; 3.5%; 4% and 5% is adopted.

**4. Adoption of 2005/08 Management Plan and 2005/06 Budget**

At its meeting 03/05 on 19 April 2005, Council adopted the 2005-08 Draft Management Plan and 2005-06 Draft Budget for public exhibition and resolved to apply to the Minister for a Special Rate variation of 3.5% to be retained for 15 years “to fund Major Projects”, principally the Aquatic Facilities Upgrade. In consulting with the community on the Draft Management Plan and Budget, it was stated in relation to the Major Projects package, that Council will undertake a comprehensive process of review and community consultation and a financial viability assessment before a decision was taken to proceed and before determining the final form of each project.

A Special Rate Variation application was made to the Minister on 2 June 2005 which was subsequently approved by the Minister on 20 June 2005 to fund “the costs associated with the upgrade and creation of aquatic facilities”.

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At its meeting on 21 June 2005 (No. 05/05 - Item GM 42), Council approved the 2005/08 Management Plan and 2005/06 Budget incorporating funding to commence work on each of the Major Projects. In relation to the Major Projects, Council was advised in the report that comment had been received in relation to two of the proposed major projects, the proposed upgrade of the aquatic facilities and the proposed new 59 place childcare centre in Marrickville South, as outlined in the attached summaries. It was noted that:

- some respondents commented favourably on the aquatic facilities proposal while others were concerned about a possible expansion that may reduce available park space. In that regard, a number of respondents referred to a leaflet that had been distributed in the Enmore Park area referring to a proposal for a “super aquatic centre” and expressed concern about such a proposal;
- there was strong support for a new purpose-built childcare centre in Marrickville South and for the May Murray Centre to be retained rather than closed; and
- further comprehensive consultation would be undertaken in relation to each of the major projects as Council proceeds on each of them, and the issues raised will be considered at that time before Council makes its final decision.

**Discussion**

This report provides an update on progress made in relation to each of the Major Projects and seeks Council’s decision on a number of steps that need to be taken to advance the projects.

A ten year Financial Plan framework has been presented to Councillors on options for funding the five Major Projects and Council has adopted a Major Projects Resources Plan for 2005/06 and the following two years to fund the projects, as part of its 2005/06 Adopted Budget. The Financial Plan is essential to enable Council to take a strategic approach in relation to the Major Projects. Each of the Major Projects will now progress individually in accordance with decisions made by Council and will be the subject of a comprehensive review process; community consultation; and a financial viability assessment before a decision is made by Council on whether to proceed and the final form and cost of the project. In that regard, the process for the Major Projects involving a capital expenditure of more than \$1/2 million will involve a Capital Expenditure Review which is required by the Department of Local Government. As a minimum, the capital expenditure review will need to:

- 1) justify the need for the facility;
- 2) prioritise the project in relation to existing capital commitments and future works;
- 3) address the full range of project alternatives;
- 4) consider all financial implications, including sources of funds, debt servicing, recurrent costs, loan repayment details including cash flow analysis; and
- 5) report on the outcome of community consultation;

and it is a requirement that it be provided to the Department prior to any funding determination being made requiring a new money borrowing application or special rate variation.

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Accordingly, each project will be considered by Council individually following an extensive assessment process having regard to its strategic plan for the Major Projects and Council will only be in a position to proceed on each if it demonstrates that it is financially viable to do so.

**1. A New Library and Civic Centre on the old Marrickville Hospital site**

The primary objectives of this project are to:

- provide a modern, state of the art library facility using space in a way that can be adapted to emerging community needs and providing access to leading edge technology and information services;
- create a Civic Precinct on the Marrickville Hospital site incorporating the new library with Council Chambers and associated uses, a Citizens' Service Centre, flexible public meeting spaces and the capacity to centralise an optimal mix of the administrative components of Council;
- design the Civic Precinct to evoke a sense of community pride in the site, to create a scale of development that blends with surrounding development and to deal with heritage elements sympathetically; and
- ensure that Council's financial health is not compromised by the undertaking.

Michael Collins & Associates were appointed in May 2005 to coordinate a feasibility study for the redevelopment of the Marrickville Hospital site as a new Civic Centre comprising a new library, administrative centre, and Council Chambers, including the potential to realise residential and/or mixed use development in harmony with the civic centre use.

Briefs have been prepared, quotations sought and appointments made for the following studies:

- Heritage Assessment of the site to determine the heritage significance of the site to be undertaken by Godden Mackay Logan;
- Facilities Planning and Functional Design Study to determine the general size and configuration of the new Civic Centre accommodation to be undertaken by Architectus; and
- Urban Design and Planning Study to draw upon the results of the Heritage Assessment and Facilities Planning Studies to determine the likely supportable development envelopes for the site and the likely extent of finished floor space that could be developed on the site to be undertaken by Architectus. This would have the capacity to form the basis for appropriate rezoning of the site, a development control plan and initial development application in relation to the site.

The results of these studies will inform a Financial Feasibility Study to be undertaken to determine the indicative sources and extent of funds available from the project (including the sale of lands made surplus by the delivery of the project) and the likely costs associated with delivering the project. This Study is expected to commence in early to mid October 2005.

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The purpose of the studies is to inform Council, on the basis of professionally obtained advice, of the planning and development potential of the site, including the feasibility of redeveloping the site as Council's civic centre. Council will then be in a position to make informed judgements about the future of the site and its relocation objectives.

As outlined in the Councillor Conference on 31 March 2005, it is proposed that Council establish a Steering Committee to oversee this important project and others in the suite of Major Projects and this is recommended later in this report. It is proposed that regular reports be presented to the Steering Committee in relation to each Study prior to a final report being presented to Council when the Financial Feasibility Study is completed. It is anticipated that the report will be presented to Council's December meeting.

At the Councillor Conference on 31 March 2005, Councillors were also advised that the studies will consider properties within the development envelope currently owned by the Department of Health. As Councillors have been advised, Council was previously unsuccessful in negotiations with the Department to purchase the properties adjoining the site to improve the configuration of the site and its development potential. It is recommended that the General Manager be authorised to commence discussions with the Department of Health to determine their plans for these properties and to explore acquisition by Council.

## **2. Upgrading of Council's existing Aquatic Leisure Facilities**

The primary aim of this project is to undertake improvements to the existing Marrickville Aquatic Facilities and to develop new leisure and aquatic opportunities to meet the changing needs and aspirations of the local community.

Current proposals include:

- Redeveloping the Enmore facility to provide a 25m 8 lane indoor pool, 10m x 15m warm program pool with an adjustable floor, an indoor waterplay area, concourse space for groups, standard and specialist change rooms, multi-purpose Health & Fitness and programmed use spaces, an indoor crèche (14 children), an outdoor children's dry play area, sunshading, timberdecking, lawn and BBQ areas, a Café, a Foyer with circulation area and office space.
- Investigating the establishment of a waterplay park in the Marrickville South area at an estimated cost of \$620,000.
- Modernising the Petersham facility including replacing the existing pools and supporting plant, ensuring reticulation rates meet Health standards, refurbishing the 40 year old shower, toilet and change rooms, installing some basic shade structures and improving the café and timber decking area bridging the pool area with the larger Petersham Park in which it is set.

In Councillor Briefing Paper No. 10, Councillors were provided with costings for two sets of options for the Enmore facility, together with costings for the Petersham upgrade and the waterplay park. Upgrade costs for the Enmore facility were separately identified firstly, based on re-use of the existing lap pool and pool hall and secondly, based on its demolition and re-siting. Within each option, an optimal solution, together with a low cost solution, were costed.

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It is recommended that a Councillor Conference with the Consultants be arranged during September to review the current aquatics options. It is expected that following this Conference, Council will be in a position to determine its preferred option for the final form and cost of the aquatics proposals and be in a position to proceed to the final stage of community consultations. Council will then consider the results of the second round of consultations and make its final decision on the final form and cost and upgrading work will then commence.

**3. Repairs, Maintenance and Upgrading of Council's Community Facilities**

The primary aim of this project is to undertake urgent repairs, maintenance and upgrade works recommended in the Condition Audit Report of 20 September 2004 for the thirty-two (32) buildings comprising the Community Facilities portfolio.

Since 2003/04, \$604,000 has been allocated to deferred maintenance on Community Facilities. A further \$696,000 has been allocated in 2005/06 as part of the Major Projects Resources Plan. Over 30% of recommended work will be completed by the end of 2005/06. Work estimated at \$2.8m will remain outstanding.

In order to ensure heritage elements of relevant properties are properly considered before proposed works are initiated, in particular, in relation to the old Coptic Church and Stone Villa sites, heritage assessments will be undertaken. Godden, Mackay Logan have been selected to undertake the heritage assessments. These are expected to be completed in September 2005.

In addition, it is intended to engage an independent Consultant to undertake a review of leased community facilities to provide strategic advice on the current use of the properties, the future development of community properties, whether modification, disposal and/or acquisition, would be beneficial and to report to Council. This review would underpin future leasing plans and strategies to modify, acquire or dispose of existing properties. The latter may input on deferred maintenance currently proposed.

A ten year maintenance program will then be developed for properties remaining in Council's portfolio.

**4. Replacement of the May Murray Child Care Centre**

The primary aim of this project is to appropriately respond to the identified need for additional child care services in the Marrickville South area; to consider other requirements emerging from the assessment of child care needs across the Marrickville Local Government Area (LGA); and more specifically to address the current accommodation issues at the existing May Murray Child Care Centre in Premier St, Marrickville.

Council has been progressing the underlying requirement for additional child care places in the Marrickville South area for some time. The following outlines action taken to date:

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- 17 Oct 2000** Council adopted the Marrickville Children & Family Services Strategic Plan 2001-2005 (Item GM92) which recognised that child and family support services were concentrated in the north of the LGA and raised concerns about access to families in Marrickville South, Tempe/St Peters/Sydenham and Dulwich Hill. A lack of early childhood health services was highlighted.
- 3 April 2001** Draft Plan of Management for Steel Park approved for public consultation incorporating authorisation for a lease/licence for the purposes of an early childhood centre for 15 persons aged 0 - 2 years and for the purposes of a long day care centre for 45 persons aged 0 - 5 years.
- June 2001** Marrickville South Families and Children Research Project recommends the following:
1. relocation of the May Murray Child Care Centre to Steel Park and expansion to address the emerging issue of accessible child care in Marrickville South. The new facility was to include inviting indoor and outdoor play areas and take into account Aboriginal families, the multicultural population and the needs of working parents;
  2. co-location of early childhood health services at Steel Park; and
  3. provision of flexible space to facilitate the provision of occasional child care at Steel Park.
- 21 Aug 2001** Plan of Management for Steel Park approved by Council incorporating child care facilities.
- 18 Sept 2001** Item GM 70 at Council meeting 08/01 reported that the child care proposal for Steel Park was subject to the availability of grant funding. The application was still being considered.
- 20 Nov 2001** Council was advised (Item PW 15) that the capital funding grant application for child care facilities was unsuccessful. Plans for Steel Park were advanced excluding Child Care facilities.
- 6 Feb 2002** DA200/100814AF approved including the original proposal for a 45 place child care centre and early childhood centre.

To advance this project it is proposed that a childcare needs assessment be undertaken as discussed at the Council Conference. A brief for a consultant to undertake the assessment of child care needs across the Marrickville LGA will be prepared and the consultant selected to undertake the review and report on the findings. The review will determine childcare needs across the LGA, confirm the Marrickville South area as an area of need and provide information to assist Council in determining the future location of the new child care centre. It is anticipated that a report will be available for consideration by Council in October 2005. Council will then be in a position to identify and assess



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options in relation to the new childcare centre including those previously discussed at the Councillor Conference, being replacement of the May Murray Centre at Steel Park; building the centre at other locations, eg: Department of Education land; and retaining the current May Murray Centre.

If Council decides to proceed, a Community Consultation Process can then be undertaken in relation to available options.

**5. Re-location of the State Emergency Services (SES) Headquarters**

The primary aim of this project is to provide a standard of accommodation for the Marrickville Local SES Unit that is suitable for its current and emerging needs.

Secondary aims of the project include:

1. Providing adequate, secure garaging for the optimum plant fleet of 2 trucks, one crew cab utility, one large trailer and a standard floodboat;
2. Providing sufficient flexible space to enable training and administrative work associated with the SES to be undertaken efficiently; and
3. Minimising the cash contribution by Council through a strategic sale of the existing premises at 209 Livingstone Road, Marrickville.

At Councillor Conferences held in the lead up to the adoption of the 2005/06 draft Budget on 12 & 13 March and 31 March 2005, Councillors requested officers to identify whether the neighbouring Greek Orthodox Church may have use for the premises for community-based purposes and have an interest in lodging a tender for purchase at market value when Council was in a position to dispose of the property. It is proposed that Council officers seek advice on probity issues to determine how to appropriately progress that action.

The following plan outlines actions required to advance the project:

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| 2005/06 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Obtain probity advice.</li><li>• Determine future action necessary and report to Council.</li></ul> |
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**6. Major Projects Steering Committee**

In order to ensure the proper coordination of the suite of Major Projects, it is proposed to establish a Steering Committee comprising Councillors and Council staff. It is proposed that the General Manager and Directors will be permanent members of the Committee with other Council staff joining as required.

It is further proposed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be permanent members with other Councillors nominated by Council. All Councillors will be advised of Steering Committee meetings and will be welcome to attend.

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**Conclusion**

Considerable progress has been made in advancing the suite of Major Projects. Each project will be the subject of a comprehensive process of review and community consultation and will be assessed for financial viability before a decision is sought from Council to determine its final form.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. Council receive and note the Report;
2. the General Manager be authorised to commence negotiations with the Department of Health to obtain the Department's properties adjacent to the old Marrickville Hospital site and to report to Council on progress;
3. a Major Projects Steering Committee be formed comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and nominated Councillors and Senior Staff and relevant Council staff;
3. authorises the General Manager to commence negotiations with the Department of Health to obtain the Department's properties adjacent to the old Marrickville Hospital site and to report to Council on progress;
4. a Councillor Conference be held in relation to options for the final form and cost of aquatic facilities to be considered by Council before commencing to the final stage of community consultations;
5. a review be undertaken of leased community facilities to obtain strategic advice on the current use of these properties, the future development of community properties and modification, acquisition or disposal needs;
6. a childcare needs analysis be undertaken to determine childcare needs across the LGA, confirm the Marrickville South area as an area of need and provide information to assist Council in determining the future location of the May Murray Child Care Centre; and
7. probity advice be obtained in relation to the existing SES headquarters.

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***For Decision***

File Ref: 328

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

A review of Council's 2005/06 Budget for the period to the end of July 2005 revealed a number of variances. The net effect of these variances will result in a decrease in the call on Council funds. This results in Council having a surplus for the 2005/06 Budget of \$17,600. The anticipated working funds position as at 30 June 2006 will therefore be \$6,977,024. 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 2006.

**ATTACHED** to this report is the July 2005 Financial Report comprised of the Operating Budget at Division Level and the Operating Budget and Resources Plan summarised at Program Level.

Details of the budget variances requested in July 2005 are provided below. The variances outlined below will result in an anticipated surplus for 2005/06 of \$17,600.

**PROGRAM**

**AMOUNT**

\$

**ITEM**

**Community Services**

Children and Family  
Services

No net effect

As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting of 06/06 dated 26 July 2005 it is proposed to increase the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme funding for Addison Road Children's Centre by \$11,310 to reflect increased funding from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services. It is proposed to increase the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.

**Technical Services**

Engineering

No net effect

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Limited, NSW Division has advised Council it has been successful in obtaining funds of \$5,000 for evaluation of bus internal posters on pedestrian safety. It is proposed to increase the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.

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The RTA has advised Council that it has been successful in obtaining funding of \$3,380 for the 40K Pedestrian Safety Initiative. It is proposed to increase the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.

8,000 (S)      The RTA has finalised the 2005-2006 Block Grant Agreement. It is proposed to increase the relevant income budgets to reflect the increase in funding. There is no change to expenditure budgets.

9,600 (S)      It is proposed to adjust the internal income budgets for Travel Expenses \$1,600 and Plant Hire \$8,000 to balance the internal transfer charges relating to these services.

**OPERATING BUDGET**      17,600 (S)  
**TOTAL**

**RESOURCES PLAN:**

**Development &  
Environmental Services**

Environmental Services	No net effect	As reported to the Development & Environmental Services Committee Meeting 06/05 dated 14 June 2005 Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding from the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation program for the Riverlife – Interpretive Tour Volunteer Program of \$64,919. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
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**Community Services**

Community and Cultural Services	No net effect	As reported to the Community Services Committee 06/05 of 26 July 2005 Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding from NSW Arts of \$25,000 for the development of a business plan and management model for a proposed flagship artist studio complex in Marrickville. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
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Children and Family  
Services

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| No net effect | As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting of 06/05 dated 26 July 2005 Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding from the Department of Family and Community Services for Outside School Hours Care Quality Assurance Professional Support Funding of \$5,500. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.                |
| No net effect | As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting of 06/05 dated 26 July 2005 Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding of \$ 10,000 from the NSW Department of Community Services to continue facilitating the Marrickville Council Children and Family Services Interagency Forum. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly. |
| No net effect | As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting of 07/05 dated 9 August 2005 Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding under Active After-School Communities for Camdenville \$2,646, Ferncourt \$2,646, Stanmore \$3,202 and Wilkins \$3,204. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.                                     |
| No net effect | As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting of 07/05 dated 9 August 2005 Council has received an increase in grant funding of \$9,170 from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services through the Family Day Care Network Support funding program. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.                        |
| No net effect | As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting of 06/05 dated 26 July 2005 Council has received grant funding of \$1,500 from the NSW Department of Community Services Families First Inner West Small Grants Scheme. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.  |
| No net effect | As reported to the Community Services  |

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Committee Meeting of 06/05 dated 26 July 2005  
Council has received grant funding from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services under the Minor Capital Upgrade program for the following Long Day Care Centres :- Addison Road \$30,636, Cavendish Street \$38,125, Enmore \$45,603 and Tillman Park \$14,000. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.

Library Services	No net effect	It is proposed to transfer savings of \$7,000 under the garden maintenance program for the library to replace the Airconditioner Unit in Marrickville Library. It is proposed to adjust expenditure budgets accordingly.
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	No net effect	It is proposed to transfer \$15,000 from the Youth Library Concept project to the User/Non-User Community Consultation project and to transfer \$2,700 from the New Library Management System to the RFID project to reflect a change in requirements. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
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**Technical Services**

Property Services	No net effect	It is proposed to reduce the expenditure budget for Precast Façade Panels for the Administration Centre by \$20,000 as these repairs were carried out in 2004/2005 as emergency works.
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	No net effect	It is proposed to allocate an additional expenditure and income budget of \$315,000 for the Tempe Lands Remediation and Development project for Erosion Control and Enhancement Works following the storm damage that occurred on 30 June 2005. It is proposed to adjust the income and expenditure budgets accordingly.
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<b>RESOURCES PLAN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>17,600 (\$)</b>
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**S=Saving, an improvement in Council's position.**

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

**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	(17,600)	(17,600)
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<b>Anticipated Surplus 2005/06</b>		<b>(17,600)</b>

**SUMMARY OF 2005/06 APPROVED BUDGET**

<b>1. 2005/06 Budget Position</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating Budget Surplus	(2,492,797)
Resources Plan Revenue Funding	2,492,797
<b>OVERALL BUDGET</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2. Projected Working Funds Position based on 2005/06 Budget</b>	
Council's Projected Working Funds Position as at 30 June 2005	(6,959,424)
Plus: Anticipated surplus for 2005/2006	(17,600)
<b>Projected Working Funds Position at 30 June 2006</b>	<b>(6,977,024)</b>
<b>Benchmark Figure as at 30 June 2005</b>	<b>1,296,000</b>

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For Decision***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

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

**ATTACHMENTS:    Total 17 pages**

Operating Budget at Division level, 5 pages  
Operating Budget at Program level, 6 pages  
Resources Plan at Program level, 6 pages



**NM 18 - NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
VOLUNTARY STUDENT UNIONISM  
For Decision**

File Ref: 4056-03

**From Councillor Khan**

**MOTION:**

**THAT:**

1. Council make a submission to the Inquiry into the provision of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Abolition of compulsory Up-front Union Fees) Bill 2005 which shall state that Council opposes the Bill's provisions because:
  - (a) they are a threat to the employment of Council residents currently working in service industries at the University of Sydney and the University of Technology, Sydney;
  - (b) they will oblige students, many of whom are local residents, to pay more for student services on the campus and may see the loss of some current services;
  - (c) they will reduce recreational and cultural opportunities for the residents as services to the community are reduced, placing further pressure on Council services;
  - (d) they will compromise the vibrancy of cultural, political and social debate in the Council area, and
2. Council advise the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) of this resolution and of Council's support for the NTEU's campaign against the Bill.

***NM 19 - MEET THE CANDIDATES  
For Decision***

File Ref: 4056-03

**From Councillor F Byrne**

**MOTION:**

**THAT** Council convenes a Meet the Candidates Forum for the coming Marrickville by-election, held on a weeknight at a town hall during the official election campaign period where:

- a) all candidates are invited to attend;
- b) the forum is chaired by a non-party aligned person who is not a candidate, either the Mayor or their nominee;
- c) candidates each address the forum in random order and then questions from the audience are taken; and
- d) a table is provided for each candidate in the hall to enable information to be provided to interested attendees.



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***For Decision***