

**MARRICKVILLE
COUNCIL**

BUSINESS PAPER

for

**COUNCIL
MEETING**

08/05

**6.30 PM, TUESDAY,
20 SEPTEMBER, 2005**

MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL

Administrative Centre
PETERSHAM

14 September, 2005

Dear Councillors

Notice is given of the **COUNCIL MEETING**, to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, PETERSHAM, on TUESDAY, 20 September, 2005, commencing at 6.30pm.

Yours faithfully



Candy Nay
General Manager

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	Councillor Rae Owen	South Ward	Ph: 9559-5350 Fax: 9554-7842
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	Councillor Dimitrios Thanos	West Ward	Ph: 9569-0199 Fax: 9550-0849

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.

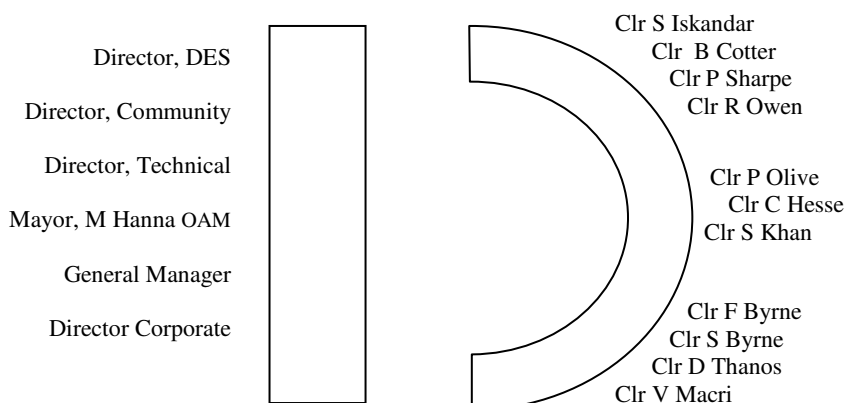
Items are *CONFIDENTIAL* if any of the following apply:

- (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

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

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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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 07/05 – 16 AUGUST 2005 **1**

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

CD 20 **UPDATE OF COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY** **16**
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)

File Ref: 1678

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 the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

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CD 28 2005 NSW ABORIGINAL RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL 19
KNOCKOUT – HENSON PARK
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13
September 2005)

File Ref: 1678

Council is advised of a request for support from the organising committee of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival to be held at Henson Park Marrickville over the Labour Day long weekend 30 September to 3 October 2005. It is recommended that this report be received and noted; that Council support the request for financial assistance including in-kind support of \$9,042 to the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival to be co-coordinated across Divisions of Council and that a budget adjustment be made at the next Council budget review.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council support the request for financial assistance, including in-kind support, of \$9,042 for the Aboriginal Rugby League Knock-Out Carnival, to be coordinated across Divisions of Council;
3. Council shall support any additional funding arising from a recommendation of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20 September 2005 in relation to the 2005 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Football Knockout Carnival; and
4. Council consider a budget adjustment for the \$9,042, as well as any additional funding requirement arising from the Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 20 September 2005, at its next budget review.

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CD 29 SOCIAL CONSCIENCE GRANTS PROGRAM 24
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13
September 2005)

File Ref: 1829

This report provides details of the applications received for the “one-off” Social Conscience Grants funding provided by the Pratt Foundation. It is recommended that this report be received and noted; that Council approve the recommendations of the Grant Selection Committee to the value of \$6,129; that each organisation be advised of the outcome of their grant application; and that the Pratt Foundation be advised of Council's decision and coordinate the cheque presentation involving representatives from both Council and the Pratt Foundation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

CD 30 COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2005/06 28
(From Community Services Committee meeting 08/05 – 13
September 2005)

For

File Ref: 1873

This report provides details of the applications received through the Community Grants Program 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; Council approve the grants, as contained in this report under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993; each organisation be advised of Council's decision; and Council hold a small evening function to award the grants and celebrate the success of funding recipients.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Community Services Committee Meeting 09/05 to allow full consideration of additional written material relating to this matter.

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CD 31 MARRICKVILLE ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE (From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005) **57**

File Ref: 3466-02

Council is advised of the participative process underpinning the revised Terms of Reference for the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC). It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council adopt the revised Terms of Reference for MACC, as endorsed by the Committee at their meeting of 8 August 2005; and continue to work with MACC members on the development of Cultural Protocols to guide communications between the local Aboriginal community and members of the broader community at MACC meetings, functions and events.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

CHILDREN'S SERVICES MATTERS

CS 22 SPECIAL NEEDS SUBSIDY SCHEME FUNDING FOR CAVENDISH STREET CHILDREN'S CENTRE (From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005) **60**

File Ref: 39

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (DFACS) has approved funding for Cavendish Street Children's Centre under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council enter into the agreement for the provision of funds under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme for \$7,540; 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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CORPORATE SERVICES

FINANCE MATTERS

FS 17

NON RATEABLE GARBAGE POLICY FS.8

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(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)

File Ref: 7740

Following a rates management process review conducted by Spencer Steer (Chartered Accountants and Local Government Auditors), an issue in relation to Council Policy FS.8 Non-Rateable Garbage Policy was identified. The existing policy (18 June 1996 ATTACHMENT A), provides for the exemption of Domestic Waste Management (DWM) charges for properties that are exempt from rates under Sections 555(1) (a), (e) (f), (h), and (i) without reference to the legislative source of the policy. However, this section of the Act only applies to rates. It was recommended that the Policy be amended to state that having regard to s496(2)(a) of the Act Council does not charge non-rateable properties for DWM if the service is available to the land.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

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INFORMATION SYSTEMS MATTERS

IS 1 COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN EPLAN – REGULATION 68

**REDUCTION INCENTIVE FUND (RRIF) GRANT SUBMISSION
(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September
2005)**

File Ref: 1186-02

Council presently uses eProclaim, an online version of Council's Property System, Proclaim through Technology One to provide rating, property and application information to citizens via Council's website.

Grant funding is available through AusIndustry in the form of the Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund to assist Local Government Authorities reduce regulation and/or reduce the regulatory/compliance burden for small business, particularly in the home-based business sector.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TECHNICAL SERVICES

ENGINEERING MATTERS

ES 30

**PROPOSED RE-ACTIVATION OF COUNCIL'S
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE)
(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September
2005)**

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File Ref: 317

The report seeks Council's approval to re-activate the Transportation Planning and Advisory Committee (Transportation Committee). Council first endorsed the commencement of the Committee in 1999, but it has only met once. Factors such as the recent emergence of community concern for major State Government road proposals, such as the M4 East and F6, the Parramatta Road Corridor and Metropolitan Strategy projects, and the appointment of a Transport Planner to prepare an Integrated Transport Plan, have all highlighted the need to review the format and meeting frequency of Council's Transportation Committee. It is recommended that Council receive and note this report; endorse the re-activation of the Marrickville Transportation Committee in accordance with a new Terms of Reference contained within ATTACHMENT 1 of this report; and nominate an elected representative for the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with the **DELETION** of the word "*position*" from the second dot point of the "Role" of the Marrickville Transportation Committee in the "Terms of Reference" document.

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PARKS & RESERVES MATTERS

PR 23 CAMPERDOWN MEMORIAL REST PARK - 2005/2006 77
RESOURCES PLAN BUDGET ALLOCATION

(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)

File Ref: 10119-04

This report describes proposed works to be funded by the 2005/2006 Resources Plan budget allocation of \$250,000 for park improvement works at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. It is recommended that this allocation be used to provide a range of drainage, path, tree planting and lighting improvements, and a suitable allocation be considered as part of the 2008/09 Resources Plan for the construction of a public toilet in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **DEFERRED** pending the submission of further details of the proposed works to the Technical Services Committee.

MAYORAL MINUTE

MM 9 INVITATION FOR MAYOR TO ATTEND THE SECOND 80
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CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2005

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

- GM 66 COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION 82**
- File Ref: 4015-04
This report outlines requests for access to Council information by Councillors during the period 6 August 2005 and 8 September 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 67 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY STAFF 83**
- File Ref: 4325-02
The report provides for the tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by new Designated Persons in accordance with s450A of the Local Government Act 1993. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 68 PETITIONS RECEIVED 84**
- File Ref: 4577-03
This report outlines the petitions received by Council during the period 6 August 2005 to 8 September 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 69 OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS REQUESTED
BY COUNCILLORS 85**
- 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.

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GM 70	FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005	87
	File Ref: 1908 Council's Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2005, comprising the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changed in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to the Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules have been completed and presented to Council. Due to unexpected delays the issue of the Final Audit Certificate has not been finalised, but is expected by the end of the week.	
GM 71	ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PENSION REBATE AND COUNCIL'S VOLUNTARY PENSION REBATE	88
	File Ref: 1683 A report is provided to outline recent changes made to the Regulations underpinning the operation of the Local Government Act 1993 as they affect the entitlement of pensioners to the Pension Rebate and Council's Voluntary Pension Rebate. It is recommended that Council receives and notes the report.	
GM 72	REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LEGAL COSTS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS	90
	File Ref: 1049-02 Council has received a request from the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW for a contribution towards legal costs associated with the Councils of NSW appeal in the High Court. The Association is seeking a contribution from all councils to meet the associated legal costs. It is recommended that Council determine whether to make the requested contribution.	
GM 73	MARRICKVILLE PLAN FRAMEWORK	92
	File Ref: 1698 Report in relation to the framework for development of the Marrickville Community Plan; Strategic Plan; and 2006/09 Management Plan, including the comprehensive community consultation process to be undertaken. It is recommended that Council receive and note the report.	
	CALENDAR OF EVENTS	103

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Meeting Commenced at 6.37 pm.

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

General Manager, Director Corporate Services, Director Development & Environmental Services, Director Technical Services, Director Community Services, Manager Administrative Services and Manager Corporate Development.

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.

CONDOLENCES

The Mayor, on behalf of Council, extended his condolences to the people of Cyprus and Larnaca, Council's Sister City, for their losses in the recent plane disaster.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, PLEDGE OR CONTEMPLATION

APOLOGIES

Nil

BUSINESS

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

File Ref: 4084

The following Councillor indicated the following matter in the Business Paper where they have a Conflict of Interest, and the nature of that interest is as follows:

Item Nos	Councillor	Nature of Interest	Pecuniary/Non Pecuniary
ES 26	P Sharpe	Lives close to the property	Pecuniary Will not speak or vote

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

File Ref: 4322

- 5672** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Minutes of the Council Meeting 06/05, held on Tuesday, 26 July 2005, and Minutes of CDM Meeting 07/05, held on Tuesday, 2 August 2005 as circularised, be **CONFIRMED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
OPEN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- 5673** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT:**

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

Item ES 26 Mr Greg Khoury
Item GM 60 Mr Kevin Dawson

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

For Motion: Unanimous

Councillor Sharpe temporarily left the meeting at 6.42 pm as she had disclosed an interest in Item ES 26.

Councillors Thanos and S Byrne temporarily left the meeting at 6.42 pm.

ES 26 CAR PARK PROPOSAL FOR NEWTOWN ENTERTAINMENT
PRECINCT

File Ref: S4590-02

Mr Greg Khoury addressed the meeting.

Councillor Thanos returned to the meeting at 6.43 pm.

Councillor S Byrne returned to the meeting at 6.45 pm.

Councillor S Byrne temporarily left the meeting at 6.47 pm and returned at 6.48 pm.

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A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor F Byrne, **THAT** the Recommendation of the Technical Services Committee as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with the correction to replace the word “restrictions” with “initiatives” to accurately reflect the Committee’s resolution.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT:**

1. Council defer the feasibility study into the proposed carpark at the SRA land at the end of Station Street, Enmore.
2. Council organises a conference with local residents and other interested parties of the Newtown Entertainment Precinct area to discuss further alternatives/ initiatives for the Newtown Entertainment Precinct area including but not limited to the proposed carpark at the SRA land at the end of Station Street, Enmore.
3. a report come back to Council discussing the findings of the community consultation for Council to make a decision re the feasibility study mentioned in Part 1 of the options that may arise out of the conference.
4. Council inform the SRA that it is discussing various options that may include the SRA land on a temporary or ongoing basis; and request consultation with the SRA to clarify its future intentions for this land.

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

For Motion: Councillors Hanna, Thanos, Cotter, Owen, Macri and Iskandar.
Against Motion: Councillors S Byrne, F Byrne, Hesse, Khan and Olive.
Absent: Councillor Sharpe.

5674 The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION** and was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

For Motion: Councillors Hanna, Thanos, Cotter, Owen, Macri, Iskandar, S Byrne, F Byrne and Khan.
Against Motion: Councillors Olive and Hesse.
Absent: Councillor Sharpe.

Councillor Sharpe returned to the meeting at 7.03 pm.

GM 60 **COOKS RIVER MOTOR BOAT CLUB - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT WITH GRANT APPLICATION TO REFURBISH JETTY**

File Ref: 10879-02

Mr Kevin Dawson addressed the meeting.

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A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Owen, that the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with an amendment that Council give public notice of its intention to grant financial assistance and that point 1 be amended to state that the jetty be rebuilt at an appropriate location nearby and an additional point be included to require that the Club enter into an Agreement with Council to guarantee public access and maintenance of the new jetty.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Motion be adopted with the amendment that Council contribute 50% and the Cooks River Motor Boat Club contribute 50% of the funds required to match the grant.

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

For Motion: Councillors Olive and Hesse.

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

5675 The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

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

Against Motion: Councillor Hesse.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

5676 IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR THANOS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MACRI, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

CD 20 **UPDATE OF COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY**
File Ref: 1873

CD 21 **RESPONSE TO THE INTEGRATED ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORT PLANNING FOR MARRICKVILLE**
File Ref: 266

CC 13 **NEWTOWN RAILWAY BRIDGE ART BOARD PROJECT**

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File Ref: 3375-02

CC 14 MARRICKVILLE ARTS GRANTS SCHEME 2005

File Ref: 1678

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

File Ref: 3078

CS 20 FAMILY DAY CARE NETWORK SUPPORT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

File Ref: 40

CF 5 PROPOSED FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF COUNCIL'S SWIMMING POOLS

File Ref: 849

For Motion: Unanimous

CORPORATE SERVICES

FINANCE MATTER

FS 15 COUNCIL'S INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2005

File Ref: 399

5677 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

TECHNICAL SERVICES

ENGINEERING MATTER

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

File Ref: 8559

5678 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT** the Recommendation of the Technical Services Committee as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

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For Motion: Unanimous

PROPERTY SERVICES MATTER

PW 13 PURCHASE OF NO. 1-3 WENTWORTH STREET, TEMPE

File Ref: P5140.210-02

5679 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT** the Recommendation of the Technical Services Committee as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

5680 IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR HANNA, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR S BYRNE, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

GM 51 OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

File Ref: 4577-03

GM 52 PETITIONS RECEIVED

File Ref: 4577-03

GM 53 COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION

File Ref: 4015-04

GM 54 FEDERAL WORKPLACE RELATIONS REFORMS

File Ref: 1338

GM 55 CHANGES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

File Ref: 1234

For Motion: Unanimous

GM 56 INTERNATIONAL LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES AWARD

File Ref: 1248

5681 RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**, and that Councillors interested in attending nominate their interest to the Mayoral Secretary

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by 15 September 2005, with the first Councillor indicating their interest to attend the award presentation.

For Motion: Unanimous

GM 57 2005 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

File Ref: 512

5682 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**, with Councillor Iskandar to attend the National Assembly of Local Government, together with other interested Councillors who nominate by 9 September 2005.

For Motion: Unanimous

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

File Ref: 1508

5683 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor P Sharpe, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**, and that:

1. Council's four delegates to the Conference be Councillors F Byrne, Khan, Hanna and Owen;
2. all other Councillors may attend as observers if they choose; and
3. Council submits the following Motion to the Conference:

“THAT the Association:

- supports the development of car sharing schemes; and
- calls on the RTA to make the relevant policy changes as soon as possible to facilitate the provision of dedicated on-street parking spaces for car share vehicles”.

For Motion: Unanimous

GM 59 OPTIONS PAPER FOR ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN NSW

File Ref: 4264-05

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A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** and that Council make a submission as follows:

THAT Council:

1. supports in principle, the proposed merging of the two Associations so that Local Government has one representative voice in NSW;
2. notes that under the current rules of the Local Government Association of NSW, ten (10) country members of the Executive are elected in one ballot;
3. notes further that the Options Paper establishes single member electorates for most or all country members of the new Executive;
4. has strong reservations about country electorates for the Executive being established where less than ten (10) people are elected; and
5. replies to the President of the Local Government Association of NSW detailing the above.

Councillor Thanos temporarily left the meeting at 7.33 pm and returned at 7.34 pm.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT** the Recommendation be **ADOPTED** with the deletion of points 2, 3 and 4.

Councillor Iskandar temporarily left the meeting at 7.43 pm.

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

For Motion: Councillors Cotter, Sharpe and Owen.

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

Absent: Councillor Iskandar.

5684 The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

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

Against Motion: Councillors Cotter, Sharpe and Owen.

Absent: Councillor Iskandar

GM 61 **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2005**

File Ref: 7105-05

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5685 **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
Absent: Councillor Iskandar

Councillor Iskandar returned to the meeting at 7.53 pm.

GM 62 **REPORT ON MAJOR PROJECTS**

File Ref: 1877

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with an amendment that point 2 be deleted and the remaining points be renumbered with the new point 2 to state that Councillors Olive, Macri and Sharpe be nominated for the Major Projects Steering Committee.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the **MOTION** be adopted with the amendment that point 4 be amended to provide that any future report submitted to Council include information on the impact and effect on viability of the aquatic facilities of the Leichhardt Facility upgrade.

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

For Motion: Unanimous

5686 The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION** and was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

GM 63 **JULY 2005 BUDGET REVIEW**

File Ref: 328

5687 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

GM 64 **REVOTES OF UNEXPENDED 2004/2005 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

File Ref: 327

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5688 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

GM 65 **DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

File Ref: 1909

5689 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

File Ref: 4056-03

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with an amendment that Council advise both the STU and the National Union of Students of Council's resolution.

Councillors Cotter and Macri temporarily left the meeting at 8.02 pm and returned at 8.04 pm.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the Motion be **ADOPTED** with the amendment that it also be submitted by Council for consideration at the NSW and National Local Government Association Conferences.

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

For Motion: Unanimous

5690 The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION** and was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

NM 19 **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

File Ref: 4056-03

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5691 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor F Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

CHAIRPERSON

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Meeting commenced at 11.10 pm

PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PRAYER, PLEDGE OR CONTEMPLATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON

We meet tonight on the land of the Cadigal Wangal People of the Eora Nation, I acknowledge the terrible wrongs being committed against the Aboriginal peoples of Australia and celebrate their ongoing survival and achievements in today's society.

APOLOGIES

5692 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the apology for Councillor S Iskandar, who was ill, be accepted and leave of absence be **GRANTED**.

For Motion: Unanimous

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following Councillor indicated matters in the Business Paper where they had a Conflict of Interest, and the nature of that interest as follows:

Item No	Councillor	Nature of Interest	Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary
DA 92	C Hesse	Relative owns property nearby	Non-Pecuniary Will not speak or vote

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MATTERS

5693 **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** Council **ADOPT** the recommendation of the Development and Environmental Services Committee for the following Items:-

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EN 22 MARRICKVILLE COOKS RIVER COMMITTEE

File Ref: 6210-02

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

- 1 the amended Draft Terms of Reference be **ADOPTED** with the amendment that three (3) Councillors also be part of the Committee; and
- 2 as there is no chairperson of the Committee yet, the Chairperson of the Development and Environmental Services Committee replace the chairperson as the third person on the panel reviewing initial nominations.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT:-**

- 1 the amended Draft Terms of Reference be **ADOPTED**, and
- 2 as there is no chairperson of the Committee yet, the Chairperson of the Development and Environmental Services Committee replace the chairperson as the third person on the panel reviewing initial nominations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DA 92 12 CONSTITUTION ROAD, DULWICH HILL

File Ref: DA200400249

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

For Motion: Unanimous

Absent: Councillors Hesse, Khan and Macri

DA 93 58-76 STANMORE ROAD, 3-9 ALMA AVENUE AND 20 TUPPER STREET, STANMORE

File Ref: DA200300728

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

RESOLVED: On the Motion of Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT:-**

- 1 Items DA 86 and DA 93 be brought forward for consideration; and

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2 Items DA 86 and DA 93 be **DEFERRED** to the next Development and Environmental Services Committee Meeting for consideration.

For Motion: Unanimous

Absent: Councillor Owen

DA 94 HOTEL TRADING HOURS

File Ref: 13396.01

RECOMMENDED: On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT:-**

- 1 the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**; and
- 2 confirm as part of Council's policy new applications for extended trading hours be subject to an initial one (1) year trial period. Subject to satisfactory conduct of the premises during the initial trial period, the second trial period can be two (2) years and third trial period can be four (4) years.

For Motion: Unanimous

DA 95 NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO MAINSTREET COMMITTEES

File Ref: 1678

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT:-**

- 1 the report be received and noted; and
- 2 the process for notifying development applications to Main Street Committees **not** be endorsed.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT:-**

- 1 the report be received and noted; and
- 2 the process for notifying development applications to the Newtown Main Street Committee, through the Newtown Main Street Co-ordinator, as outlined in the report be endorsed.

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

For Motion: Councillors Olive and Khan

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

Absent: Councillor Hesse

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

For Motion: Unanimous

Absent: Councillor Hesse

MS 12 RESULTS OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT MARRICKVILLE COMPANION ANIMALS MANAGEMENT PLAN

File Ref: 1234

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RECOMMENDED: *On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Khan, THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** subject to Point 3 being amended to read:-*

3 recognise, in writing, the positive contribution of the community representatives on the Companion Animals Advisory Committee in assisting with the preparation of a Marrickville Companion Animals Management Plan.

For Motion: Unanimous

PS 16 OUTCOME OF COUNCILLORS' CONFERENCE REGARDING HERITAGE FACADES AND PRIVATE OPEN SPACE

File Ref: 1263

*A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Thanos, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT**:-*

1 the report be received and noted; and

2 Council not endorse any of the proposed recommendations.

*An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor S Byrne, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Motion: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 11.11 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

CD 20 - UPDATE OF COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation

File Ref: 1678

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

This report was originally submitted to the Community Services Committee Meeting on 9 August 2005 (Item CD, 07/05). At that meeting it was resolved that:

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

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;*

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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 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**.

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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.

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 the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be adopted.

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

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KNOCKOUT – HENSON PARK**

**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation**

File Ref: 1678

Director, Community Services reports:

Synopsis

Council is advised of a request for support from the organising committee of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival to be held at Henson Park Marrickville over the Labour Day long weekend 30 September to 3 October 2005. It is recommended that this report be received and noted; that Council support the request for financial assistance including in-kind support of \$9,042 to the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival to be co-coordinated across Divisions of Council and that a budget adjustment be made at the next Council budget review.

Background

Marrickville Council has always sought to demonstrate leadership in its commitment to its Aboriginal community. Council established the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC), which celebrated its 10 year anniversary in 2004.

MACC aims to promote an increased knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and heritage within the wider community and supports the development of the interests of Aboriginal people in the local area. Additional aims of MACC are to advise Council on issues relating to Aboriginal people including calendar events. In accordance with this role, the MACC invited the organising committee of NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival to attend the 20 June 2005 meeting and address members of their request.

As winners of the Carnival last year, Cec Patten – Ron Merritt Memorial Rugby League Knockout Team captained and coached by Mr. Wesley Patten, has invited players from across NSW to play at Henson Park, Marrickville.

The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival was held for the first time at Camdensville Oval, October 1971. Subsequent Knockout Carnivals were held at Henson Park in October 1985, 1992 and 2004.

Aims and objectives of the NSW Aboriginal Ruby League Knockout Carnival are to:

- Promote the rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage through the sport of ruby league and to increase the awareness of this heritage to all people on a local, regional and State levels;
- Ensure directly through a community committee that the promotion of young people and women participating in Aboriginal ruby league are linked to pathways to elite competition;

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- Seek and ensure support by governments and non government and any other interested parties to support this cultural gathering on an annual basis;
- Raise funds from Governments and other bodies for the purpose of funding the various activities connected with and incidental to the knockout;
- Cooperate with other bodies and person in fostering and preserving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture; and
- Use the knockout as a vehicle to promote social justice issues, community driven issues to all sections of the community concerning the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the community.

Proposed benefits of the event to the local community include:

- Promoting social justice issues by raising community awareness across all sections of the community;
- Enriching Aboriginal culture and heritage through the sport of rugby league increasing the awareness of this heritage to all people on local, regional and state levels; and
- Providing economic opportunities to local businesses within Marrickville.

The Knockout Carnival is an annual cultural event of some significance to Aboriginal communities across NSW. It is well promoted and Council staff reported that last year's event was very successful and well organised.

Discussion

The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will be held at Henson Park over the Labour Day Weekend of 30 September – 3 October 2005. It will showcase the Marrickville LGA by welcoming 10,000-15,000 Aboriginal people representing NSW regional homelands.

To assist in the coordination of activities around the knockout, the organising committee has developed partnerships with the following agencies, which will support in-kind activities:

- Redfern Aboriginal Corporation
- Mudgin Gal Women's Service
- Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern
- Naamaroo Employment Services
- Gadigal Information Services
- National Parks & Wildlife
- South Sydney PCYC
- Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Mac Silva Centre
- South Sydney League Club

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- Department of Sport and Recreation
- Department of Fair Trading
- Redfern Police
- Marrickville Police
- Roads and Traffic Authority
- Koori Mail

Council officers are currently responding to a series of direct approaches from members of the organising committee and staff are attempting to meet these requests within available resources. As a coordinated approach across Council will produce a more effective and cost efficient result, Council officers have met on various occasions to discuss the impact on workloads and budgets. Council's Community Projects Officer Aboriginal Services is coordinating communications between Council staff and the organising committee.

The following is a summary of the support requested by the organising committee, and an estimate of the cost to Council (including monetary value of in-kind support).

Marketing and advertising:

- The event is a cultural gathering to celebrate Aboriginal identity. It is drug and alcohol free and is a successful vehicle for the *Black Out Violence* Campaign, which sends a positive message about the unacceptability of domestic/family violence and self harm. The organising committee wishes to invite the Mayor and Councillors to participate in the official party. The committee attended the Tempe Mural Launch and distributed material about the Carnival and the anti-violence campaign. No cost to Council.
- Supporters' kits to include information booklet listing service providers and Marrickville map showing business outlets, mechanics, etc. The secretary of the organising committee seeks contact with Main Street Committees to introduce the carnival and recommend local businesses stay open. No cost to Council.
- The organising committee is proposing a letter box drop to residents in the general vicinity of Henson Park to inform them of the event. No cost to Council.
- Advertising and positive media coverage to be coordinated. Marrickville Council to lend support by providing introductions to local media, coordinating bookings for Council's flags display, providing free advertising on the website, an article in Marrickville Matters and the Council column. All in accordance with Council's sponsorship policy. Flag display and removal is costed at \$800. If the organising committee requests the use of existing flags, Council's contribution for flag display and removal amounts to \$800.

Traffic management:

- The organising committee has made arrangements directly with Sydney Transit and the Redfern Waterloo Authority. Contact with local schools has been facilitated by Council staff and parking of 20-30 buses has been organised at Wilkins Public School and Marrickville High School. No cost to Council.

People management:

- Security is a priority and will include licensed guards plus peace keepers (wardens) from participating communities who will monitor their own people and act as "boundary riders" inside

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and outside the grounds. Police are involved and very supportive. Council Rangers and ground staff need to be aware of the activities and of Council's support. No cost to Council.

- IWACC will cater for Aboriginal Elders who attend. The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care has traditionally provided funding for the Elders' Tent. Council is being asked to provide some support with chairs (from the Tom Foster Community Care centre) for the Elders' Tent, which would be coordinated by IWACC. No cost to Council.
- Children's activities are a regular feature of the carnival. They are not only popular with the children, but give all the family a chance to enjoy and participate in the carnival. Council's Story Telling Tee Pee is available for loan over the weekend. No cost to Council.

Waste and facilities management:

- General toilet facilities at Henson Park are adequate. Council is requested to provide a disability toilet. A conservative quote from National Hire Company:
 - \$242 for four days hire of a single unit (Friday delivery, Tuesday pick-up).
- Garbage removal is a major cost to Council. Discussions with the Parks Assets Coordinator suggest a cost of \$5,000. This is due to insistence by the Police that the waste compactor be available throughout the weekend.
- Another potential cost to Council is for field marking, which will need to be replenished once on the weekend. Estimated cost \$1,000.
- Availability and preparation of Henson Park grounds of \$2,000.

Cost summary chart:

Disability toilet	\$ 242
Garbage removal	\$5,000
Henson Park field marking	\$1,000
Availability and preparation of Henson Park grounds	\$2,000
Flag display and removal	<u>\$ 800</u>
Total	<u>\$9,042</u>

Director, Corporate Services reports:

Council could consider a budget adjustment for the \$9,042 at its next budget review.

Conclusion

2005 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will be held at Henson Park, Marrickville and will showcase Marrickville LGA by welcoming 10,000-15,000 Aboriginal people from NSW regions to Cadigal Wangal homelands.

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Communicating the relevance and importance of the event to staff and the wider community will emphasize Council's support for the Aboriginal community as well as the national process of Reconciliation.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council support the request for financial assistance, including in-kind support, of \$9,042 for the Aboriginal Rugby League Knock-Out Carnival, to be co-coordinated across Divisions of Council; and
3. Council consider a budget adjustment for \$9,042 at its next budget review.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council support the request for financial assistance, including in-kind support, of \$9,042 for the Aboriginal Rugby League Knock-Out Carnival, to be coordinated across Divisions of Council;
3. Council shall support any additional funding arising from a recommendation of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 20 September 2005 in relation to the 2005 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Football Knockout Carnival; and
4. Council consider a budget adjustment for the \$9,042, as well as any additional funding requirement arising from the Local Traffic Committee Meeting of 20 September 2005, at its next budget review."

***CD 29 - SOCIAL CONSCIENCE GRANTS PROGRAM
(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 1829

Director, Community Services reports:

Synopsis

This report provides details of the applications received for the “one-off” Social Conscience Grants funding provided by the Pratt Foundation. It is recommended that this report be received and noted; that Council approve the recommendations of the Grant Selection Committee to the value of \$6,129; that each organisation be advised of the outcome of their grant application; and that the Pratt Foundation be advised of Council's decision and coordinate the cheque presentation involving representatives from both Council and the Pratt Foundation.

Background

At Council Meeting held September 21 2004 (Item GM 87, 07/04), Council agreed to host an expression of interest for the “one-off” Social Conscience Grants through funding provided by the Pratt Foundation. The funding for the grants was provided to Council as a component of the Visy Recycling proposal under the SSROC tender process for the disposal of recyclables. The total allocation of funds for distribution through the Social Conscience Grant Program was \$20,000 with applications for funding considered for between \$500 and \$20,000.

The Social Conscience Grants aim to provide financial support to local non-profit, community based organisations to provide programs that benefit residents in the Marrickville Local Government Area. Applications are encouraged for projects that address the needs of: Young people, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders, Families, environmental issues and the promotion of community harmony. In addition to a range of eligibility criteria all applicants for funding must hold a “Deductible Gift Recipient Status” Certificate.

At its meeting of 14 December 2004 (Item CD 41 – 10/04) Council approved funding totaling \$14,620.86 to the successful applicants, including Skills Training and Resource Service (STARS), Gay & Lesbian Counselling Service of NSW and St Peters Community Preschool. Council also agreed that the unallocated balance of \$5,379 would be carried over and promoted as the Social Conscience Grants 2005, which would coincide with Council's Community Grants Program and the CDSE Clubs NSW Grants Scheme to be conducted in mid-2005.

On submission of the paperwork for the successful applicants to the Pratt Foundation, it emerged that St Peters Community Preschool did not have the appropriate “Deductible Gift Recipient” Certificate status and, therefore, their application was ruled ineligible. Hence, the amount of \$750 allocated to St Peters Community Preschool was combined with the 2004 rollover, bringing the total of funds available for the Social Conscience Grant in 2005 to \$6,129.

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The Social Conscience Grant funding round for 2005 was promoted with Council's Community Grants Program and the Marrickville Local Government Area (LGA) CDSE NSW Clubs Funding Grants. The round opened on 1 June 2005 and closed on 6 July 2005. Information packages were distributed to over 400 contacts on the Community Grants database, advertisements placed in local and ethnic media and on Council's website. Two Grants Information Sessions were also conducted at the Petersham Town Hall on Wednesday 15 June 2005.

A total of 7 applications were received requesting \$18,716 in total for the \$6,129 available for allocation.

The following applications were received:

Community Restorative Centre (CRC) – Families of Prisoners Forum

To conduct an educational forum for services in the Marrickville LGA, which will provide greater awareness of the issues facing families and children of prisoners. The full day forum will feature a range of speakers including representatives from services working with families of prisoners including Family Support Services, NSW Department of Corrective Services, the CRC and family members who have a loved one incarcerated. The forum plans to increase awareness of appropriate referral services by providing information to local service networks. It will also identify ways that local services can target resources and develop strategies to assist these local families.

Requested amount: \$5,000

May Murray Neighbourhood Centre (On behalf of Marrickville/Leichhardt Housing Forum) Housing Choices Expo

Contribution towards conducting workshops and demonstrations that will be held as part of the 2005 Housing Choices Expo 2005 which will be held at the Addison Road Community Centre in October 2005. The Expo is an initiative of the Marrickville/Leichhardt Housing Forum and the aim of the event is to provide particularly disadvantaged members of the local community with information which may assist in improving their housing situation and quality of life. Interpreters will assist residents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds gain a greater understanding of issues, such as rental and tenancy maintenance, from the range of workshops on offer.

Requested amount: \$1,250

Stretch-A-Family - Video Production

To produce a video about the "Stretch-A-Family" foster project that will be used to show members of the public who are expressing an interest in fostering.

Requested amount: \$5,000

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Marrickville Youth Resource Centre - Young School Leavers Support Project

To provide five local early school leavers who may be experiencing disadvantage with financial support to assist them in purchasing books and other study materials, including tools and uniforms. This financial assistance will support the young people in making their transition to further study and employment.

Requested amount: \$1,000

Marrickville Tunnel Action Group - Counting Kilometres

An education campaign targeting local residents that will promote the benefits of reducing the number of short car trips made by residents in the local area. It also aims to provide information about the effects of congestion and pollution on individuals and communities.

Requested amount: \$5,000

Applications were also received from:

- St Johns Ambulance Australia NSW, Marrickville Cadet Division, but the applicant was unable to provide appropriate documentation including evidence of the “Deductible Gift Recipient” status. Therefore, the applicant did not meet the necessary eligibility criteria as outlined in the application form and guidelines and their proposal could not be assessed by the Grants Selection Committee.

Requested amount: \$1,466

- A Society for Good Feeling Inc. The applicant stated on their form that: “this application is for future reference” and did not include any of the appropriate requested documentation. Therefore, the application was also deemed ineligible and was not formally assessed by the panel.

The Grants Selection Committee comprised the Chair Council’s Community Services Committee, Director Community Services, Director Technical Services, Manager Community Development, Strategic Community Projects Officer and the NSW Commercial Manager Visy Recycling. The Committee met on Monday 15 July 2005 and considered the applications alongside the agreed criteria and local area social planning priorities and target groups.

Projects Recommended for Funding

The Grants Selection Committee makes the following funding recommendations:

Community Restorative Centre (CRC)

Recommended amount: \$4,000

Marrickville Youth Resource Centre

Recommended amount: \$1,000

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May Murray Neighbourhood Centre (On behalf of Marrickville/Leichhardt Housing Forum)
Recommended amount: \$1,129

Director, Corporate Services reports:

Funding under the Social Conscience Grants Program is provided directly by Visy Recycling to grant recipients.

Conclusion

The Grant Selection Committee submit that their recommendations are in accordance with the eligibility criteria, target appropriate groups who may be experiencing disadvantage and are also addressing priority issues for the local community. The recommendations are also in accordance with the aims of the Pratt Foundation, which is “to enrich the lives of our community” in a spirit of kindness, justice and equity.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council approve the following grants to the total amount of \$6,129:

Community Restorative Centre (CRC)
Recommended amount: \$4,000

Marrickville Youth Resource Centre
Recommended amount: \$1,000

May Murray Neighbourhood Centre (On behalf of Marrickville/Leichhardt Housing Forum)
Recommended amount: \$1,129

3. each organisation be advised of the outcome of their grant application; and
4. the Pratt Foundation be advised of Council’s decision and coordinate the cheque presentation involving representatives from both Council and the Pratt Foundation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

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For Recommendation***

File Ref: 1873

Director, Community Services reports:

Synopsis

This report provides details of the applications received through the Community Grants Program 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; Council approve the grants, as contained in this report under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993; each organisation be advised of Council's decision; and Council hold a small evening function to award the grants and celebrate the success of funding recipients.

Background

Under the provision of Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council provides small grants to non profit community groups to undertake community based projects which assist Council in meets its overall goals of building social capital, encouraging sustainability and active citizenship, and achieving value for money.

In 1999, Council endorsed the following objectives for the Community Grants Scheme:

- Promote strong community networks, community cohesion and social support;
- Support initiatives that meet diverse social, cultural and recreation needs;
- Provide an opportunity for unmet need to be addressed, particularly for disadvantaged community groups;
- Assist local groups to foster skill development and provide opportunities for participation in the life of the community; and
- Develop partnerships between Council and local groups.

Applications are assessed against the following approved selection criteria:

- The organisation must demonstrate a capacity to delivery community services or programs;
- The projects supported will contribute to Council's vision for a safe, healthy, culturally enriching and ecologically sustainable environment;
- The application must clearly define the service, program or resources required and demonstrate the direct benefit to local residents;
- The funds provided by Council must not lead to an organization or group becoming dependent on Council for ongoing financial support; and
- Each application will be considered in light of other contributions made by Council to the organization, for example, subsidized usage of Council facilities, receipt of other Council grants and resources.

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Council has allocated \$60,000 for Community Grants in the 2005/06 financial year including \$5,000 for contingency funds.

In 2004 Council produced *Belonging in Marrickville – a Social Plan for the Marrickville LGA*, following extensive consultation with the community. Council's Social Plan is designed to be a "living document", which will guide further action. Therefore, the 2005/06 Community Grants Program funding priorities are consistent with the key priorities of the Social Plan:

- strengthening the community of Marrickville
- making Marrickville fairer;
- cooperative approaches and innovation;
- improving facilities and programs; and
- creating places and spaces for current and future generations.

Applicants were required to:

- Target the project by choosing an appropriate category from *Belonging in Marrickville – A Social Plan for the Marrickville Local Government Area*, eg Children and Families, Marrickville South, etc., and
- Position the project alongside a funding priority, eg strengthening the community of Marrickville, etc.

A summary of the Social Plan was prepared and distributed with application kits. Examples of activities outlined in the Social Plan (Council strategies, community projects and partnership arrangements) were drawn together on a grid to illustrate the model and the type of project likely to be successful.

In this report the applications are grouped in the Social Plan categories of:

- Children and families,
- Youth
- Women;
- People with a Disability
- Older People;
- Aboriginal people;

Discussion

The Community Grants Funding Round opened on 1 June and closed on 6 July 2005. The Community Grants Program was promoted in the local and ethnic media. Two information sessions about the program were organised in June to assist groups with their applications and approximately 30 people attended. A total of 56 applications were received totaling \$257,926 competing for a total of \$55,000 available. The maximum grant allocation available is \$5,000 per project.

Staff from relevant sections of Council reviewed the applications. Council officers rated applications against the Annual Priorities 2004/05 and selection criteria.

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

Projects prioritised for funding have been assessed strictly in accordance with Council's Small Grants Policy, which remains current. Priority levels are detailed below:

Priority 1: Meets eligibility criteria. Project is consistent with the key priorities of the *Belonging in Marrickville* social plan and is clearly targeted on at least one social plan category. The project meets assessment criteria and compares well with other applicants.

Priority 2: Meets eligibility criteria. However, the project proposal may be too loose (inadequate detail or poorly targeted) or too costly (not value for money compared with other applicants). If a "stage one" of the project can be clearly defined, applicants may be offered a lesser amount in the current year and encouraged to submit a re-worked "stage two" in the following year. Alternatively, there may be another – more appropriate – source of funding available. Feedback will be provided to the organisation and they will be encouraged to apply next year, if appropriate.

Priority 3: Does not meet the eligibility criteria. Feedback will be provided to the applicant/s on Council's accountability requirements.

Projects Recommended for Funding

Of the 56 proposals received, 14 were assessed as Priority 1. Although some projects will not receive all the money requested, it is considered the projects will still be viable. The total to be distributed amongst the Priority 1 applicants is \$45,567.

A further four proposals were assessed as Priority 2 and recommended for reduced funding within the definition of Priority 2 projects.

Projects Not Recommended for Funding

A total of 37 projects, the balance of Priority 2 and Priority 3 proposals, were not recommended for funding. The major reasons for these applications not being recommended are that the:

- project is the responsibility of other funding bodies;
- project had recently received funding under the Clubs NSW Community Development Support Expenditure Scheme, or the Pratt Foundation's Social Conscience Grants, for a similar project; and/or
- applicant did not meet Council's eligibility and/or accountability requirements.

Financial and Budget Implications

The recommended funding totals \$55,000, with the balance of \$5,000 in a contingency budget for applications received throughout the year outside the annual funding round.

Director Corporate Services reports:

The recommended funding totals \$55,000 which allows for a \$5,000 Contingency Budget.

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council approve under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 funding recommendations presented in **ATTACHMENT 1**;
3. each organisation be advised of Council's decision; and
4. Council hold a small evening function to award the grants and celebrate the success of funding recipients.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Community Services Committee Meeting 09/05 to allow full consideration of additional written material relating to this matter.

ATTACHMENT: Total 25 pages

Recommendations for Council's allocation under the Community Grants Program 2005/06

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments	Recommended Amount	Sub-total
1. Aerialize - Sydney Aerial Theatre Inc	Strengthening the Community of Marrickville	9 week workshop program in circus skills targeted at children 6-12 years of diverse cultural and social backgrounds, culminating in community performance at Addison Rd Centre and Marrickville Festival 2006.	Revised from \$3,500 to \$3,136	Priority 1. Recommended for funding of \$3,136 with Condition of Funding that the project liaise with the local facilitator of Connect Marrickville, Schools as Communities Centre at Marrickville West Public School to ensure positions in program are allocated to children from diverse backgrounds.	\$3,136.00	
2. Alawi Youth Movement	Older People Program	Social gatherings and day trips for elders of the Lebanese and other cultural communities.	\$5,450.00	Priority 1. Recommended for funding of \$3,900.	\$3,000.00	
3. Edgware Community Centre, Centacare	Cooks River Community Club	Social and recreational opportunities for older people in Tempe, St Peters, Sydenham and surrounds. Volunteer	\$1,800.00	Priority 1. Recommended with Condition of Funding that the project be coordinated with TFCC.	\$1,800.00	

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		training and opportunities for older people to be involved in centre activities ie. Tillman's Pk playgroup.				
4. Greek Welfare Centre	Marrickville Greek Community Project	Conduct Greek grand parenting program in Marrickville LGA, conduct series of workshops with older people and women on living skills, citizenship, community harmony, immigration and refugee programs.	\$5,000.00	Priority 1. Recommended.	\$5,000.00	
5. Inner West Aboriginal Community Company Ltd. (IWACC)	Cadigal-Wangal Cultural Walk at Dulwich High School	Establish and maintain a Cadigal-Wangal cultural walk through history by designing and planting of native plants in front of Dulwich	\$2,000.00	Priority 1. Recommended with Condition of Funding that the project links with Council's Cadigal-Wangal Songlines Project.	\$2,000.00	

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments	Recommended Amount	Sub-total
		High School's new Art & Design Building				
6. Lesbian & Gay Anti-Violence Project	Safe Place Program	Reprint Safe Place stickers for 2006-2007 period and approach current Safe Places to re-register with program. Recruit further Safe Places with focus on businesses in Marrickville LGA.	\$2,000.00	Priority 1. Recommended.	\$2,000.00	
7. MTC Work Solutions	WIN Personal Development Program	Bridging program for women who have disengaged from labour market and require assistance to enter	\$4,800.00	Priority 1. Recommended.	\$4,800.00	

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		prevocational training and gain employment.				
8. Parents & Citizens Assoc. Marrickville West Public School	Snapshot - Celebrating Us	Enhance esteem of local children with extra needs and their families through the use of visual and digital technology. Using home videos, email and internet access and building a website to build support, advocacy, resources and social connection	\$4,500.00	Priority 1. Recommend for funding of \$4,375 for actual quote for equipment.	\$4,375.00	

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9. Roselands Sports & Aquatics Club	Active Kids Project for Children with a Disability	Develop program for children with a disability at Tempe Reserve that develops their fitness and sports skills.	\$3,500.00	Priority 1. Recommended with Condition of Funding that the project be targeted on the needs of residents of the Marrickville LGA.	\$3,500.00	
10. Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW, Carers Support Unit	Understanding Mental Illness: Awareness Days for Carers	Hold 5 awareness and information sessions to acknowledge role of local carers of people with mental illness. Each session will be tailored to specific CALD groups in the LGA.	\$3,490.00	Priority 1. Recommended.	\$3,490.00	
11. St Johns Ambulance, Marrickville Cadet Division	Training Opportunities for Young People	Provide necessary equipment for training young people in first aid, particularly CPR, EAR and Heartstart training.	\$1,466.00	Priority 1. Recommended.	\$1,466.00	

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments	Recommended Amount	Sub-total
12. Sydney Community College	English Language Literacy & Numeracy Classes for Residents of Boarding & Rooming Houses	Weekly English literacy & numeracy classes for residents of rooming and boarding houses. Build on literacy and numeracy skills and increase community participation for people with learning and/or intellectual disabilities, and economically and socially disadvantaged residents.	\$5,000.00	Priority 1. Recommended for funding of \$4,000.	\$4,000.00	
13. Sydney Community College	English classes for Families in Marrickville South	Weekly English literacy and numeracy classes for CALD women in Marrickville South. Develop social networks, encourage participation in work and training, and	\$5,000.00	Priority 1. Recommended for funding of \$4,000	\$4,000.00	

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments	Recommended Amount	Sub-total
		enhance environmental and social responsibilities, rights and obligations.				
14. Vietnamese Senior Assoc. Marrickville	Children Moon Festival	Live cultural entertainment program for children, youth and families with Lion Dancing, folk music and dancing, food and drinks. Prizes for outstanding performances.	\$5,000.00	Priority 1. Recommended for funding of \$2,000.	\$2,000.00	Priority 1 Sub-total \$44,567
15. May Murray Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Refugee Mentoring Pilot Project	Link refugees without networks and little knowledge of accessing employment with professionals from business, community and government as mentors.	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Recommended for part funding of \$3,393 for Stage 1 of the project to supplement the work of an existing funded Settlement Worker position.	\$3,393	

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments	Recommended Amount	Sub-total
		Provide first step in reaching long term professional career goals and finding employment related to their previous experience.				
16. New Mardi Gras Ltd	New Mardi Gras Season "Festival Workshop"	Coordinate, plan and workshop activities to support New Mardi Gras Season 2006. Workshop involves over 300 local community volunteers	\$5,000	Priority 2. Part funding recommended of \$2,500 for assistance with volunteer development.	\$2,500	
17. Tanzanian Community Assoc. of NSW inc.	Tanzanian Community Youth Workshops	Run 2 workshops for youth on Tanzanian culture and traditional values including music, cooking, fashion, history, culture and gender roles.	\$3,000.00	Priority 2. Recommended for funding of \$1,540 to run 1 workshop.	\$1,540.00	

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments	Recommended Amount	Sub-total
18. Vietnamese Refugee Support Committee of NSW	Out of Place	Exhibition at Addison Rd Gallery during Refugee Week 2005 by local artists in collaboration with community groups and schools.	\$5,000	Priority 2. Part funding recommended of \$3,000.	\$3,000.00	Priority 2 sub-total \$10,433
						Grand Total of funded projects \$55,000

Projects Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
19. South Sydney Aboriginal Corporation Resource Centre	Streetbeat Youth Transport	Provide essential transport and referral services for young people aged 8-20 in Marrickville with Streetbeat Transport and Outreach	\$5,000	Funded under CDSE.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		Service. Aim is to increase safety of young people, reduce incidents of crime and provide service and information for young people who are unsupported or have high needs.		
20. Stepping Out Housing Program	Replenish Household Items	Replenish household items i.e. kitchen and bedding, in 8 supported houses for women survivors of child sexual assault in Marrickville	\$3,896.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Similar project funded under the CDSE Scheme.
21. Chinese Elderly Welfare Assoc. Inc.	Personal Security and Home Safety Program	Run seminars for senior and CALD residents of Marrickville to improve person security and home safety and develop a sense of	\$950.00	Priority 2. Not recommended for funding - proposal is in consistent with budget.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		belonging to Marrickville.		
22. Australian Lebanese Assoc. of NSW	Motivate Me	Monthly motivational program for disadvantaged youth in Marrickville LGA to promote positive personal development, self worth and increase constructive behaviour. Conduct a weekend camp to improve personal development and self-reflection.	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended for funding. Tasks and rationale of project not clear.
23. Family Law Reform Assoc. NSW Inc.	Family Law Information Night	Monthly family law information nights to inform public on current family law and child	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended in comparison to other projects.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		support reform. Will include guest speakers from Family Court and Child Support Agency		
24. Good Beginnings Australia Ltd.	Early Years Centre Lewisham	Install a 'soft fall' surface in the outdoor area of facilitated playgroup.	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended in comparison to other projects.
25. Petersham Assembly of God	Kids games	Holiday program for children 6-12 years including sport, life skills, social interaction and activities outside school while parents work.	\$1,500.00	Priority 2. Not recommended in comparison with other projects.
26. Petersham Public School P & C Association	Outdoor Eating/Recreational/Educational Site	Purchase of a covered three-in-one picnic setting with two inset chessboards.	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended in comparison with other projects.
27. Turkish Welfare Assoc. Inc.	Healthy Eating and Living for Women	Educational program about healthy eating and food preparation, nutrition and lifestyle for local	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended in comparison with others.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		women. Opportunity for social interaction with other women		
28. FRANS Inc.	FRANS Art Exhibition	Run art workshop and exhibition for people with disabilities and their families/carers to coincide with International Day of Disability.	\$5,400.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Unclear as to the extent of local participation.
29. RBS.RVIB.VAF Ltd (former Royal Blind Society)	Vision Assist Services	Free Vision Assist service offering advice about tools and techniques to ensure adequate sight for everyday living and community participation for people who have a vision impairment that glasses can't correct.	\$3,600.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Consistent with objectives of primary funding body and has recurrent implications.

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30. Australian Egyptian Council Forum Inc.	Egyptian & Sudanese Community Directory	Update and upgrade Egyptian & Sudanese community directory. Translate into Arabic and launch at service providers and community forum.	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Could be resourced by CRC and other partnerships are possible including working with Council and LINCS. Could also utilise the Ethnic Community Council of NSW.
31. NSW Consumer Advisory Group Mental Health Inc (NSW CAG)	Count Me In!	Develop visual historic community art project reflecting the connection and attachment of young people in Marrickville area who may be at risk of developing or experiencing symptoms of mental health.	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Inadequate detail on strategies.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
32. Australian Egyptian Council Forum Inc.	Settlement Experience and current needs of older migrants from Egypt	Identify older Egyptian migrants who settled in Marrickville, survey their experiences and needs through oral history documentation and acknowledge their experiences to model to younger migrants.	\$3,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Lack of clarity about project outcomes.
33. Life Education NSW	Secondary School AOD Program	Provide alcohol and other drug education to secondary school students.	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Lack of involvement and therefore ownership by young people in project development.
34. Australian Breastfeeding Assoc. City West Group	Breast Pumps For Rent	Provide breast pumps for rent to mothers unable to breastfeed because of premature babies, returning to work, multiple	\$5,000.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Not a Social Plan priority and could be funded by the Dept. of Health.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		births, supply issues and general difficulties. Allows the benefits of breast milk to babies whose mothers may otherwise be unable to provide it.		
35. Youth Off The Streets	Don Bosco Guidance Camps	Series of two 4-day guidance camps for residents of Don Bosco House Crisis Refuge in Marrickville for disadvantaged young people. Camps will include physical activities, team building, group counselling and positive rewards.	\$2,400.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Not clearly targeted on local residents.
36. Group "Os Unidos"	Photographic Exhibition	Organise photographic exhibition in Marrickville by Portuguese	\$500.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Organisation has not supplied required documents.

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		seniors during Seniors Week		
37. Lifestart Early Childhood Intervention Program	Accessing Lifestart Early Childhood Intervention	Translation of existing information on communication and language development into community languages.	\$4,370.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Project consistent with objectives of primary funding body.
38. May Murray Neighbourhood Centre on behalf of Marrickville/Leichhardt Housing Forum	2005 Housing Choices Expo	2005 Housing Choices Expo will focus on improving affordable housing options for local, low-to moderate income earners or people in financial housing stress. Info stalls and exhibits, workshops will focus on housing choices and services and support for people living in insecure	\$2,100.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Similar project funded under the Social Conscience Grants.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		accommodation.		
39. Computer Pals for Seniors - Marrickville Inc	Furniture Improvement	Acquisition of improved furniture suitable for senior computer users to replace improvised workstations which are currently unsuitable.	\$800.00	Priority 2. Not recommended. Similar project funded under CDSE Scheme.
40. 1st Petersham Scout Group	Refurbishment Scout Group Petersham	Facility upgrade to toilets, purchase of damaged equipment and purchase equipment for greater range of activities.	3000-5000	Priority 2. Similar project funded under the CDSE Scheme.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
41. Dept. Ageing & Disability & Home Care	Carer Support Project	Provide support to carers of an elderly person or person with a disability through monthly group meetings, newsletters and handouts.	\$20,000.00	Priority 3. Not eligible.
42. Marrickville Community Playgroup	Marrickville Community Playgroup	Establish structured playgroup in school setting to support local families and provide interactive parent/child activities and transition to school programs	\$5,000.00	Priority 3. Not eligible (not incorporated). No reference made to how indigenous participation will be achieved.
43. Matraville Sports High School	Fitness First	Hire of coaches for before-school sport/fitness sessions available to all students. Benefits will improve student attendance, improve fitness	\$2,400.00	Priority 3. Not eligible and lacks clarity about involvement of local students.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		levels, improve skill level and increase social interaction by participating in sport		
44. Antique Toy Trading Co	Toy Museum	Operate existing Antique Toy Shop as a Toy Museum for public entry.	\$5,000-\$25,000	Priority 3. Not eligible. Not a community organisation.
45. Greek Orthodox Community of NSW Ltd	Child Care Centre "Health Upgrade"	Purchase 20 cots to meet legal standards for licensing, fire safety and health requirements for 2 child care centres. This includes 3 specially designed 'evacuation' cots.	\$5,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended . It is a statutory requirement of the service to provide appropriate furniture for their license. Project does not increase participation by any particular CALD group.
46. Skills, Training & Resource Service (STARS)	Community Language Project	Production of volunteering service brochure into 8 community languages	\$1,760.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Accountability requirements not addressed adequately.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
47. Turkish Press Union Australia	Turkish Media	Establish Turkish Radio station; Turkish weekly newspaper and social club for members and guests.	\$25,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Application incomplete and excessive funds required.
48. A Society For Good Feeling Inc	Musicafe	Train volunteers (by performing arts professionals) to form into stage and venue support teams, mostly from new cultures, for performances building community harmony.	\$828.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Application incomplete and lacks clarity - does not include budget or Public Liability Insurance.
49. St Marouns Preschool	Multicultural Concert/Celebration	Multicultural concert for children, their families and wider community. Concert will have singing, dancing and traditional costumes representing	\$5,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Budget is not reflective of overall event.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		different cultures. Lunch and gifts for children and elderly in nursing home will be provided.		
50. Stanmore Public School Parents & Citizens Assoc.	Town Square Children's Play Area	Create an area within town square for children and families to play, including bench seating, gardens, play equipment, water bubbler and soft fall surfaces.	\$5,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Could be resourced by Department of Education.
51. Global Food Relief	Sustainable Community Outdoor Kitchen	Create outdoor community kitchen facility with existing community garden to educate the community about sustainability and healthy cooking/eating and strengthen local	\$5,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Fails to target Social Plan adequately.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		community.		
52. St Paul of the Cross School	We Belong Together	Create awareness of original custodians of the Wangal-Eora country for the whole of school community through the school's strategic plans, policies, curriculum, resources and staff development.	\$5,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. No consultation with Aboriginal community specified and not connected to Cultural Heritage Strategy in the Social Plan.
53. Aunties & Uncles Co-operative Family Project Ltd.	Aunties & Uncles Marrickville	Link 1 child from Marrickville LGA to an Aunt or Uncle; Run volunteer events, recruitment and induction.	\$4,966.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Organisation does not network with local Children & Family Interagencies and budget is inconsistent with proposal.

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
54. Technical Aid to the Disabled	Mobile in Marrickville	Custom designed aids to assist walking, standing, sitting, communicating and eating for people with disabilities. Improve mobility and interaction in the community and develop independence and self esteem. Aids are modified to suit client's changing needs and monitored by volunteers and therapists.	\$7,980.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Project does not provide sufficient detail on benefits to local people beyond existing programs.
55. Balmain Hospital Auxiliary	Low Low Beds	Raise funds to purchase Low Low beds for the very ill and disturbed patients	\$1,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Project more appropriately funded by health system.
56. African Communities Council	Turning Point	Weekly inter-family workshops, family visits and networking for	\$5,000.00	Priority 3. Not recommended. Project not clearly targeted on local residents and

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Organisation	Project Name	Description	Requested \$	Officer Comments
		emerging African migrant communities and families in crisis.		duplicates work that can be undertaken by CSS worker.

Grand Total: \$55,000

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***CD 31 - MARRICKVILLE ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE***

***(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 3466-02

Director, Community Services reports:

Synopsis

Council is advised of the participative process underpinning the revised Terms of Reference for the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC). It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council adopt the revised Terms of Reference for MACC, as endorsed by the Committee at their meeting of 8 August 2005; and continue to work with MACC members on the development of Cultural Protocols to guide communications between the local Aboriginal community and members of the broader community at MACC meetings, functions and events.

Background

Council operates a number of advisory committees, which serve an important role in providing specialist advice to Council. Advisory committees are made up of community members and are guided by a Terms of Reference, which specify the role and purpose of the committee. A key strategy for the Community Services Division in 2005 is to progressively review the Terms of Reference for all Council Advisory Committees under its auspices, the first being the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC), which has been in operation since April 1994.

MACC was established eleven years ago to advise Council on the needs of Aboriginal people living in the Marrickville Local Government Area. Since that time MACC has met regularly and undertaken many projects in partnership with Council.

Last year Council celebrated the ten year anniversary of MACC by hosting a celebratory dinner. The night highlighted the many positive achievements of the MACC over the last decade and provided an opportunity for members of the local community to come together and reflect on the Committee's successes. The evening concluded with the launch of a ten year anniversary Commemorative booklet, which has been distributed to local schools and libraries.

The current review process has responded to the needs and leadership of members of the MACC Committee. The proposed structural and procedural changes to the Terms of Reference were driven by the MACC membership, ensuring that the Committee's activities remain relevant to, and in the custody of, Aboriginal residents of the Marrickville Local Government Area.

Discussion

A number of meetings were convened by Council staff to draft the revised Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC) Terms of Reference. Anthony Semann, Manager Children and Family Services facilitated all meetings. The first two meetings were held at Petersham Town Hall on 22 April 2005 and 23 May 2005. The third was held at the offices of the Inner West Aboriginal

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Community Company (IWACC) on Monday 25 July 2005. Dates and times were agreed with community members.

At the first meeting on 22 April 2005, participants reviewed the original Terms of Reference for MACC which were adopted on 13 April 1994 and are **ATTACHED (ATTACHMENT 1)**. The role of the Committee was defined as:

- To promote an increased knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society in the wider community and develop the interests of Aboriginal people in the local area;
- To advise Council on issues relating to Aboriginal people; and
- To represent Council at Local Government Aboriginal Network and other appropriate forums.

Participants at the first two meetings, including MACC delegates and Council staff, also reviewed similar documents from various other Councils and agreed that, following the endorsement of the MACC Terms of Reference, the Committee would begin work on producing a supplementary document on Cultural Protocols.

Participants in the meeting of 25 July 2005 included Lester Bostock, Chair of the MACC, Clr. Sam Byrne, Deputy Chair, Jenny Thomsen and Joan Quinlan, local residents, Caroline Glass-Pattison, Community Projects Officer, Aboriginal Services, Sharyn Coughlan, Manager Community Development, Anthony Semann, Manager Children and Family Services, and Vicki Munro, Director Community Services.

The final draft of the Terms of Reference for the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee was distributed to participants at the MACC Meeting of 8 August 2005 with final comments invited by close of business on Monday 15 August 2005. Minor editorial suggestions were received and incorporated into the final document, which is **ATTACHED (ATTACHMENT 2)** for Council's consideration.

The revised objectives are as follows:

- Promote an increased knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society in the wider community and develop the interests of Aboriginal people in the local area;
- Advise Council on issues relating to Aboriginal people;
- Act as a representative of Council on issues relating to the Aboriginal community; and
- Advise on the development and implementation of Council's Aboriginal Services Strategy under the *Belonging in Marrickville* Social Plan and other relevant plans.

A reduction in the total numbers of official participants was sought by the Committee to ensure appropriate representation by members of the Cadigal-Wangal community. Currently, four Councillors are appointed each year to the MACC. However, it is proposed that this be reduced to two within the context of a 10 member Committee.

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Conclusion

At the meeting of 8 August 2005, the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC) endorsed a revised Terms of Reference and recommended it be submitted to Council for adoption. It is also proposed to develop Cultural Protocols to underpin acceptable communication between members of the Cadigal-Wangal people and members of the broader community at MACC meetings, functions and events.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC); and
3. Council officers continue to work with MACC members on the development of Cultural Protocols to guide communications between the local Aboriginal community and members of the broader community at MACC meetings, functions and events.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS : Total 5 pages

1. Original Terms of Reference, adopted 13 April 1994.
2. Proposed Terms of Referenced, endorsed by MACC on 8 August 2005.

**CS 22 - SPECIAL NEEDS SUBSIDY SCHEME FUNDING FOR
CAVENDISH STREET CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

**(From Community Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation**

File Ref: 39

Director, Community Services reports:

Synopsis

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (DFACS) has approved funding for Cavendish Street Children's Centre under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; that Council enter into the agreement for the provision of funds under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme for \$7,540; and that Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

Background

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

An application for funding under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme was submitted in June 2005 to support one child enrolled at Cavendish Street Children's Centre.

Discussion

The Department has advised that Council's application to the Scheme has been successful. The sum of \$7,540 has been approved for the next 12 months. This income will provide additional carer support to Cavendish Street Children's Centre.

Conclusion

Supporting the inclusion of children with additional needs is vital in ensuring Marrickville Council Children and Family Services fulfil their obligation under Federal and State legislation and the community in accordance with the provisions of the Social Plan. The successful inclusion of children with additional needs can be ensured through the provision of additional funds under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme to assist staff in supporting the individual needs of the child and their family.

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For Recommendation**

Director of Corporate Services reports:

Council can consider a budget adjustment for \$7,540 for Cavendish Street Children's Centre to reflect the increased funding and associated costs in 2005/2006 at its next Budget review.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council enter into the agreement for the provision of funds under the Special Needs Subsidy Scheme for \$7,540 at Cavendish Street Children's Centre; and
3. Council consider a Budget adjustment at its next Budget review.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

***FS 17 - NON RATEABLE GARBAGE POLICY FS.8
(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 7740

Director, Corporate Services reports:

Synopsis

Following a rates management process review conducted by Spencer Steer (Chartered Accountants and Local Government Auditors), an issue in relation to Council Policy FS.8 Non-Rateable Garbage Policy was identified. The existing policy (18 June 1996 ATTACHMENT A), provides for the exemption of Domestic Waste Management (DWM) charges for properties that are exempt from rates under Sections 555(1) (a), (e) (f), (h), and (i) without reference to the legislative source of the policy. However, this section of the Act only applies to rates. It was recommended that the Policy be amended to state that having regard to s496(2)(a) of the Act Council does not charge non-rateable properties for DWM if the service is available to the land.

Background

Council's Policy FS 8 Non-Rateable Garbage Policy provides that Council provides a garbage service/s at no charge to properties that are exempt from rates under Section 555 (1) (a), (e), (f), (h) and (i) of the Local Government Act 1993. A rates management process review has recommended that the Policy be amended to refer to the legislative source of that policy, which is s496(2) (a).

Council currently provides 554 garbage services to non-rateable properties (plus recycling and greenwaste) at no charge. Some properties have recycling and greenwaste bins, but no garbage bins. These have not been included in the count of 554 services. Council provides approximately 33,400 DWM services in total across the Council area.

The Act requires councils to determine the DWM charge based on cost recovery only. There is no provision for councils to make a profit from these services. While the 554 exempt garbage services equates to \$158,000 in revenue, if Council were to amend its policy it would be required to reduce the cost to the other properties charged for the garbage service by an equivalent amount. The subsidy provided by these properties to allow Council to provide a free garbage service to non-rateable properties is therefore approximately \$4.80 per service per annum.

Discussion

Council has been providing a DWM service to non-rateable properties. It is considered appropriate that, Council make reference to s496(2)(a) in its Policy. By adding this reference to the Policy, it makes the Policy fully reflective of the provisions of the Act and the source of the exemption currently provided by Council.

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Conclusion

It is recommended that Council continue with its current 'Non-Rateable Garbage Policy' by providing an exemption from DWM charges for non-rateable properties and that the relevant Policy be updated to state that Council does not make an annual charge on non-rateable properties by including:

Section 496 under the heading of Criteria Associated with the Policy; and

- the following text under the Policy Statement *That having regard to section 496(2)(a), Council does not make an annual charge to non-rateable properties for the provision of a domestic waste management service if the service is available for that land.*

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. the recommended changes to Policy FS 8 Non-Rateable Garbage (ATTACHMENT B) be adopted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS: Total 4 pages

- A. FS.8 Non-Rateable Garbage Policy 18 June 1996
- B. FS.8 Non-Rateable Garbage Policy 13 September 2005

ATTACHMENT A

POLICY TITLE: NON-RATEABLE GARBAGE POLICY

POLICY NO: FS.8

Division: Corporate Services

Program: Finance

File No: 7740

Date Adopted/Reviewed: 18 June, 1996

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This policy is to establish and maintain an equitable system of charging for the provision of garbage services to non-rateable properties.

CRITERIA ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLICY

Sections 555 and 556 of the Local Government Act, 1993
Garbage Collection Policy WS.1

POLICY STATEMENT

That Council provide a garbage service or services at no charge to non-rateable properties which are exempt from Rates under the following provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993:

- 555(a) land owned by the Crown, not being land held under a lease for private purposes;
- 555(e) land that belongs to a religious body and is occupied and used in connection with:
 - (i) a church or other building used or occupied for public worship; or
 - (ii) a building used or solely occupied as the residence of a minister of religion in connection with any such church or building; or
 - (iii) a building used or occupied for the purpose of religious teaching or training; or
 - (iv) a building used or solely occupied as the residence of the official head or the assistant head (or both) of any religious body in the State or in any diocese within the state;
- 555(f) land that belongs to and is occupied and used in connection with a school (being a government school within the meaning of the *Education Reform Act 1990* or a school in respect of which a certificate of exemption under section 78 of that Act is in force), including:

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- (i) a playground that belongs to and is used in connection with the school;
and
 - (ii) a building occupied as a residence by a teacher, employee or caretaker of
the school that belongs to or is used in connection with the school;
- 556(h) land that belongs to a public benevolent institution or public charity and is
used or occupied by the institution or charity for the purposes of the
institution or charity; and
- 556(i) land that belongs to a public hospital with the exception of properties that are
being used to generate a commercial rate of return.

ATTACHMENT B

POLICY TITLE: NON-RATEABLE GARBAGE POLICY

POLICY NO: FS.8

Division: *Corporate Services*

Program: *Finance*

File No: *7740*

Date Adopted/Reviewed: *13 September, 2005*

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This policy is to establish and maintain an equitable system of charging for the provision of waste management services to non-rateable properties.

CRITERIA ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLICY

Sections 496, 555 and 556 of the Local Government Act, 1993
Garbage Collection Policy WS.1

POLICY STATEMENT

That having regard to section 496(2)(a), Council does not make an annual charge to non-rateable properties for the provision of a domestic waste management service if the service is available for that land.

That Council provide a waste management service or services at no charge to non-rateable properties which are exempt from Rates under the following provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993:

- 555(1)(a) land owned by the Crown, not being land held under a lease for private purposes,
- 555(1)(e) land that belongs to a religious body and is occupied and used in connection with:
 - (i) a church or other building used or occupied for public worship, or
 - (ii) a building used or solely occupied as the residence of a minister of religion in connection with any such church or building, or
 - (iii) a building used or occupied for the purpose of religious teaching or training, or
 - (iv) a building used or solely occupied as the residence of the official head or the assistant head (or both) of any religious body in the State or in any diocese within the state,

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555(1)(f) land that belongs to and is occupied and used in connection with a school (being a government school within the meaning of the *Education Reform Act 1990* or a school in respect of which a certificate of exemption under section 78 of that Act is in force), including:

- (i) a playground that belongs to and is used in connection with the school, and
- (ii) a building occupied as a residence by a teacher, employee or caretaker of the school that belongs to or is used in connection with the school,

556(1)(h) land that belongs to a public benevolent institution or public charity and is used or occupied by the institution or charity for the purposes of the institution or charity,

556(1)(i) land that belongs to a public hospital,

with the exception of properties that are being used to generate a commercial rate of return.

***IS 1 - COUNCIL PARTICIPATION IN EPLAN – REGULATION
REDUCTION INCENTIVE FUND (RRIF) GRANT SUBMISSION
(From Corporate Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 1186-02

Director, Corporate Services reports:

Synopsis

Council presently uses eProclaim, an online version of Council's Property System, Proclaim through Technology One to provide rating, property and application information to citizens via Council's website.

Grant funding is available through AusIndustry in the form of the *Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund* to assist Local Government Authorities reduce regulation and/or reduce the regulatory/compliance burden for small business, particularly in the home-based business sector.

Background

The City of Charles Sturt has submitted an application for grant funding with a consortium of other councils and the vendor of eProclaim, Technology One, to provide a module within eProclaim to create and implement an electronic lodgement and tracking system for Council permits as required by small business.

If successful, the project will be led by the Manager Information Systems at the City of Charles Sturt. Other councils in the consortium, including Port Adelaide, Enfield, Holdfast Bay, Burnside and Mid Western Regional Council, accounting for nearly 500,000 residents will also have access to the developed module using Technology One's Proclaim One land and property application as the core system. Marrickville Council has given a written indication that it would like to participate in the project as part of the consortium, subject to Council approval.

Discussion

An electronic lodgement and tracking system for permits allows small business a more efficient method of dealing with their local authority. An on-line, web based system removes the need to attend Council offices during working hours.

Small businesses and contractors requiring food vending, driveway crossovers, building electrical connection, building material placement and other permits will have the process made far more convenient.

Marrickville Council currently receives approximately 3,500 permit applications per annum based on permits for: commercial use of community land - road/filming/restorations/hoarding; commercial use of community land - reserve/parks; concreter / paver for driveway crossover (vehicular crossing); driveway permit - construct driveway; electrical contractor for council land crossing; goods on footpath - construction; temporary parking (residential/business/visitors); skip

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placement; temporary occupation of council land - fencing / scaffolding; food vending; crane permit; footway licence - Aframe/ dining/ display goods.

The enhancements to eProclaim which will be developed as part of this grant can be utilised to provide an online means for citizens and small business to lodge a permit application without the need to visit Council, further enhancing Council's e-business initiatives.

Conclusion

If the grant application is successful, the City of Charles Sturt will be the lead Council and enter into the funding agreement with AusIndustry. The financial input from Marrickville Council will be zero (\$0.00). The City of Charles Sturt will be the Beta site for the project. While the module will be offered free to all councils currently using Proclaim, the advantage of participating as part of the consortium is that Council can have direct input to the project, as well as receiving 20 days consulting for implementation and training, valued at approximately, \$30,000, advertising costs to the value of \$5,000 to advertise to local businesses and the first years maintenance free of charge, valued at between \$2,000-\$3,000.

The proposed project commencement date is 1 November 2005 with a completion date of 6 March 2007. All projects must be completed by 31 March 2007.

Technology One councils currently using the eProclaim module but not participating in the consortium will be supplied the electronic permits software, at no charge before June 2007. There are 58 Councils using Proclaim One within Australia covering approximately 27% of Australia's population. Technology One (Proclaim) councils not participating as part of the consortium will need to meet their own implementation, advertising and first year maintenance costs.

There is no obligation on Council to use or to continue with the module if it is not used by local businesses.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

1. endorse participation in the grant consortium; and
2. authorise the General Manager to sign AusIndustry Authorisation and Declaration form for Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund (RRIF) submission - ePlan **ATTACHMENT "A"**.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

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- A. AusIndustry Authorisation and Declaration form for Regulation Reduction Incentive Fund (RRIF) submission - ePlan.

***ES 30 - PROPOSED RE-ACTIVATION OF COUNCIL'S
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE)
(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 317

Director, Development & Environmental Services and Director Technical Services reports:

Synopsis

The report seeks Council's approval to re-activate the Transportation Planning and Advisory Committee (Transportation Committee). Council first endorsed the commencement of the Committee in 1999, but it has only met once. Factors such as the recent emergence of community concern for major State Government road proposals, such as the M4 East and F6, the Parramatta Road Corridor and Metropolitan Strategy projects, and the appointment of a Transport Planner to prepare an Integrated Transport Plan, have all highlighted the need to review the format and meeting frequency of Council's Transportation Committee. It is recommended that Council receive and note this report; endorse the re-activation of the Marrickville Transportation Committee in accordance with a new Terms of Reference contained within **ATTACHMENT 1** of this report; and nominate an elected representative for the Committee.

Background

Origins of the Transportation Planning and Advisory Committee (TPAC)

At its meeting of 8 February, 1999 the Technical Services Committee, (Item ES7, Meeting No. 1/99), endorsed the following recommendation:

“THAT:

- 1. the report be received and noted;*
- 2. Council form a Transportation Planning and Advisory Committee to oversee implementation of ROC strategies in Marrickville, with an expanded membership and form a Bicycle Sub-Committee with membership representing the Bicycle User Group and Council, reporting to the Transportation Committee; and*
- 3. Council formally endorse the vision and mission statements of the reformed Bicycle Sub-committee and the Action Plans of the behavioural recommendations of the Draft Bicycle Strategy and endorse the promotion of cycling amongst Council staff.”*

At its meeting of 15 February, 1999, Council endorsed the Committee's recommendation.

Committee Membership

The membership of the Committee as adopted at that time was:

- Councillor representative to be nominated (Chair)

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- Engineering - Manager, Engineering or delegate
- Planning - Manager, Planning Services or delegate
- DUAP, STA, RTA, SRA, Adjoining Councils as appropriate, IMROC and SSROC Representatives, as well as community groups by invitation

Councillor Colin Hesse is the current Council nominee for the Committee.

The recommended membership of the re-activated Committee is as follows:

- Councillor representative to be nominated (Chair)
- Engineering - Manager, Engineering or delegate
- Planning - Manager, Planning Services or delegate
- Community Development - Manager, Community Development or delegate
- Environment - Manager, Environmental Services or delegate
- New South Wales Department of Transport Representative
- DUAP Representative
- Community Reps (2) including Bicycle User Group

It is appropriate that Council determine the elected representative for the Committee. For example, Council may determine that the representative should be the incumbent Chair of the Technical Services Committee or use some other rationale.

The TPAC has met on only one occasion, on 2 April, 2001, making recommendations to the Technical Services Committee, and subsequently to Council, on actions relating to consultants' pre-feasibility studies for a Marrickville Truck Tunnel and an extension of the Light Rail from Lilyfield to Dulwich Hill, the re-affirmation of a Transportation Committee Charter, and the minutes of a Bicycle Sub-Committee meeting.

Discussion

Recommendation for Re-activating the TPAC

It is evident that TPAC has not been functioning in its originally intended format and frequency, and elements of its charter are now out of date.

Since the Committee met in 2001, several factors have emerged which highlight the need to re-activate the Transportation Committee to assist Council to develop a strategic position on transport. Factors include Management Plan consultations that show that transport is an increasingly significant issue of community concern, new NSW Government projects such as the M4 East and Parramatta Road Corridor project, development of the new Marrickville Community/Strategic Plans and Urban Strategy, and Council's appointment of a Transport Planner to prepare an *Integrated Transport Plan*.

Officers and Management of both the DES and Technical Services Divisions have been working on the following elements of a re-activated Committee:

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Revised Terms of Reference

It is evident that the Transport Strategies of both SSROC and IMROC are now out of date, and should be removed as part of the Transportation Committee's terms of Reference.

The main elements recommended for a revised Terms of Reference include:

- Develop a policy position on regional and strategic transport issues and projects on an as-needs basis;
- Develop a long-term strategic policy position and action plan on transport through development and implementation of an *Integrated Transport Plan* for the Marrickville LGA;
- Provide input on transport issues in the development of other Council plans and policies, including the new Marrickville Community and Strategic Plans and Urban Strategy;
- Report to/from and provide strategic advice to Council's other committees wherever relevant, or if requested;
- Participate in and comment on the work of SSROC, LGSA and State and Commonwealth government agencies in relation to their transport committees and transport plans; and
- Advise Council on the advocacy for emerging transport issues, where appropriate.

It will be recommended that Council endorse the new Terms of Reference document provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** of this report which has been prepared in accordance with the new generic format being used for other Council Advisory Committees.

Operational Issues

It is proposed to re-instate the requirement for quarterly meetings, commencing with a meeting in October, 2005. The minutes of these meetings shall be reported through the Technical Services Committee.

In terms of Council membership on the Committee, it will be recommended that the Chair of the Technical Services Committee be confirmed as the Chair.

Other Council staff to be confirmed as Committee Members include the Managers of Engineering Planning and Environmental Services, (or their nominees) the Transport Planner, Traffic Engineer, and other staff as required.

In terms of external representatives, it is noted that in the initial Committee formation, there was a reluctance by most governmental organisations to participate. It will be recommended that the same organisations be invited (DIPNR, RTA, Department of Transport, SSROC), along with other relevant community based organisations, such as MASSBUG. It is likely that external government representation may only be feasible if the Committee meetings are held within business hours. The preferred meeting time will need to be confirmed by the Chair.

Better Linkages with other Council Committees

It is proposed that the re-activated Transportation Committee would link to a number of Council's other Committees, depending on the issue at hand. These other committees would include Main Street committees, the Bicycle Committee, the Traffic Committee and the Access Committee. The

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***ES 30 - PROPOSED RE-ACTIVATION OF COUNCIL'S
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE)
(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation***

Transportation Committee would lend support by providing a strategic context for the more detailed decisions made by these other committees. It could also provide an advice and research function for these other committees upon request.

Conclusion

It has been acknowledged through this report that an increasing community awareness of major transport related proposals and issues warrants the re-activation of Council's Transportation Committee. It is expected that the revised Terms of Reference will provide a more focused outline for the Committee to respond to these important issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

1. receive and note this report;
2. endorse a re-activated Marrickville Transportation Committee, as guided by the new Terms of Reference provided in **ATTACHMENT 1** of this report; and
3. nominate an elected representative for the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with the **DELETION** of the word "*position*" from the second dot point of the "Role" of the Marrickville Transportation Committee in the "Terms of Reference" document.

ATTACHMENT: Total 2 pages

Terms of Reference – Marrickville Transportation Committee

***ES 30 - ATTACHMENT - TERMS OF REFERENCE
MARRICKVILLE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
For Recommendation***

Attachment 1

**Terms of Reference
Marrickville Transportation Committee**

Council operates a number of advisory committees. These committees serve an important role in providing specialist advice to Council. Advisory committees are made up of community members and are guided by a Terms of Reference, which specifies the role of the committee.

Role

- Develop a policy position on regional and strategic transport issues and projects on an as-needs basis;
- Develop a long-term strategic policy position and action plan on transport through development and implementation of an *Integrated Transport Plan* for the Marrickville LGA;
- Provide input on transport issues in the development of other Council plans and policies, including the new Marrickville Community and Strategic Plans and Urban Strategy;
- Report to/from and provide strategic advice to Council's other committees wherever relevant, or if requested;
- Participate in and comment on the work of SSROC, LGSA and State and Commonwealth government agencies in relation to their transport committees and transport plans; and
- Advise Council on the advocacy for emerging transport issues, where appropriate.

Committee Operation

Officer's Role

The Marrickville Transportation Committee to be convened by Council's Transport Planner, who will attend meetings as a resource person and will be responsible for taking and distributing minutes, providing supper, and coordinating the agenda and meeting venue.

Membership

Membership of the Marrickville Transportation Committee consists of:

- Councillor representative to be nominated
- Engineering - Manager, Engineering or delegate
- Planning - Manager, Planning Services or delegate
- Community Development - Manager, Community Development or delegate
- Environment - Manager, Environmental Services or delegate
- New South Wales Department of Transport Representative
- DIPNR Representative
- Community Reps (2) including Bicycle User Group

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The committee will co-opt expertise and additional members such as Council Officers as necessary and as agreed by the Committee.

Meetings

- Meetings will be held four times per annum in the months of February, May, July and October. Meeting dates, venue and time to be determined at the Committee with the flexibility to hold meetings more regularly for specific projects.
- An attendance register will be kept for all meetings.
- An up to date mailing list will be kept of all members' details.
- A Chairperson will be appointed by the Committee. The Committee members shall elect a meeting Chairperson in the event that the nominated Chairperson is absent.

Working Parties

- The Committee has the capacity to establish time-limited working groups to undertake approved projects and address specific issues, and the Committee will be able to co-opt relevant Council and community members to these working groups.
- The objectives of each working party to be approved by the Committee.
- Working parties will report back on progress to each meeting.

***PR 23 - CAMPERDOWN MEMORIAL REST PARK - 2005/2006
RESOURCES PLAN BUDGET ALLOCATION
(From Technical Services Committee Meeting 08/05 – 13 September 2005)
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 10119-04

Director, Technical Services reports:

Synopsis

This report describes proposed works to be funded by the 2005/2006 Resources Plan budget allocation of \$250,000 for park improvement works at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. It is recommended that this allocation be used to provide a range of drainage, path, tree planting and lighting improvements, and a suitable allocation be considered as part of the 2008/09 Resources Plan for the construction of a public toilet in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

Background

A Resources Plan budget allocation of \$250,000 for 2005/2006 has not been allocated to specific works within Camperdown memorial Rest Park. It has been proposed that the funding could either provide for the installation of a new toilet facility or upgrading of existing park infrastructure.

The park is popular with a wide range of users, including parents with children using the recently upgraded playground, Magic Yellow Bus clientele, dog exercisers, other park users and people travelling through the park to other destinations. The park is also host to one of Marrickville's largest festivals.

Camperdown Memorial Rest Park has heritage significance in its relationship with St Stephens Church and prior history as a cemetery, and is one of the major parks within Marrickville LGA. Because of this, and also because of its popularity, both the addition of a new toilet facility and upgrading of existing park infrastructure are projects which will bring lasting and worthwhile benefits to park users.

Discussion

The addition of a new toilet structure in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park will require a heritage study, changes to the plan of management and development consent. It is likely that the construction procurement process will also require a tender. This planning process will take some months to complete, and it is unlikely that construction of the toilet block could commence before October 2006.

A range of other works have been identified which will improve the amenity and safety in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. These include:

- drainage improvement and sandstone restoration works on the Federation Road side;
- path replacement works;
- new tree planting, particularly along the northern side of St Stephens Church wall; and
- improvements to lighting.

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For Recommendation***

Of these works, only lighting works are likely to require development consent. A heritage study will be required for some new works, but existing path replacement will not. The works will not require changes to the plan of management and because a range of different works are proposed, it is unlikely that the construction procurement process will require a tender.

Because the planning processes required for the construction of a new toilet building will take more than 12 months to complete, it is proposed that other park improvement works, as outlined above, be undertaken with the 2005/2006 Resources Plan budget allocation. These works can be largely completed within the current financial year.

The current capital works rolling program for park improvements proposes a \$200,000 allocation in 2008/2009 for works in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park. This budget would be sufficient to construct a new toilet facility.

Director Corporate Services reports:

The adopted Resources Plan for 2005/06 anticipated future expenditure on Camperdown Memorial Rest Park over the next few years. While the 2005/06 Resources Plan outlined the need to design and construct a toilet facility it also identified treatments needed on Australia and Federation Streets. Budget Explanatory noted supplied to Councillors in May 2005 noted that the preferred treatment at that time for 2005/06 included a new entry at Federation Road and new pathways and furniture.

The proposed change is within the scope of the original budget allocation and would not require a budget adjustment to be implemented.

Conclusion

The planning requirements for a new toilet structure in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park will take more than 12 months to complete. It is proposed to undertake a range of other works to improve park amenity in the current year. It is proposed to provide Resources Plan funding in 2008/09 for toilet construction.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the current Resources Plan budget allocation of \$250,000 for Camperdown Memorial Rest Park be used to provide a range of drainage, path, tree planting and lighting improvements; and

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For Recommendation***

2. a suitable allocation be considered as part of the 2008/09 Resources Plan for the construction of a public toilet in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **DEFERRED** pending the submission of further details of the proposed works to the Technical Services Committee.

MM 9 - INVITATION FOR MAYOR TO ATTEND THE SECOND ANNUAL TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL HEALTHY CITIES CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2005

For Decision

File Ref: 4940-02

Ladies & Gentlemen

I have received an invitation through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office from Mayor Ying-jeou Ma of Taipei City, Taiwan, to the Second Annual Taipei International Healthy Cities Conference and Exhibition 2005.

The Conference will be held on 29-31 October 2005 at the Taipei International Conference Centre. 93 Mayors from 34 countries have been invited to the event. The Conference Program focuses on topics such as community safety, cultural sustainability, environmental protection, healthy lifestyle, community engagement, transportation and urban development. The Healthy City Leaders Roundtable is the most important part of the Conference, focusing on community safety issues, the new role of health policy makers and global healthy cities network.

The Taipei City Government will cover the cost of air fares and accommodation for the four nights of the Conference.

Marrickville has developed a close international relationship with Taipei and Keelung through the Sister Cities Program over the past 16 years. The reciprocal visits which have been undertaken in this time have allowed the development of increased cultural understanding. In a recent example the former Deputy Mayor, Cllr Rebecca Kaiser, attended the 2001 Asia Pacific Cultural Co-operation Conference in Taipei and discussions that took place during this conference directly led to the development of the successful International Artist Exchange Program, first undertaken with the Taipei Artists Village in 2004.

Attendance at the Taipei International Healthy Cities Conference will allow the further development of this important relationship and provide a valuable opportunity to speak with the other delegates and exchange ideas and experiences. Marrickville is a leader in community safety, which is a key conference theme, and therefore a topic to which we can contribute and learn more about through attending this conference. Another key theme of 'a global healthy cities network' is also timely, particularly as we develop the new Marrickville Plan and enter a new stage of vitality for our Sister Cities Program and international relationships.

As the Taipei Government's invitation involves payment of air fares and accommodation during the four days of the Conference, there will be limited or no cost to Council. The only expenses payable by Council will be any meal expenses while on official business not covered as part of the Conference, in accordance with Council's Policy on Expenses and Facilities (CO 3).

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council accept the invitation for the Mayor to attend the Conference, if the new Mayor, who is to be elected at Council's meeting on 27 September 2005, wishes to attend.

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***MM 9 - INVITATION FOR MAYOR TO ATTEND THE SECOND
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For Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the Mayoral Minute be noted; and
2. Council accept the invitation from Mayor Ying-jeou Ma of Taipei City, Taiwan for the Mayor to attend the Second Annual Taipei International Healthy Cities Conference and Exhibition 2005, if the Mayor wishes to attend.

***GM 66 - 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 6 August 2005 and 8 September 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 6 August to 8 September 2005.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report be received and noted.

***GM 67 - DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY STAFF
For Decision***

File Ref: 4325-02

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

The report provides for the tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by new Designated Persons in accordance with s450A of the *Local Government Act 1993*. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

Discussion

Section 449(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that “a councillor or designated person must complete and lodge with the General Manager, within 3 months after becoming a councillor or designated person, a return in the form in Part 1 of Schedule 3.”

Section 450A of the Act requires that Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by Councillors and Designated Persons within the 3 month period, are to be tabled at the next available Council meeting after lodgement.

A ‘designated person’ is described in Section 441 of the Act and includes the General Manager, other Senior Staff of the Council and persons who hold a position identified by the Council as the position involves the exercise of functions under the Act, or any other Act, that in their exercise, could give rise to a conflict between the person’s duty as a member of staff or delegate and the person’s private interest. The relevant staff positions were adopted by Council in Policy AS 1. The General Manager also has delegated authority under Clause 6 of the General Manager’s Delegations 2005 to further determine appropriate staff positions.

The following ‘designated persons’, being new members of staff, have submitted returns which are **TABLED** for information pursuant to the Act:

- Narrelle McDonnell
- Louis Shang
- Megan Fu
- Gary Mills
- Melinda Wallace
- Kimberley Linden

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report be received and noted.

***GM 68 - PETITIONS RECEIVED
For Decision***

File Ref: 4577-03

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

This report outlines the petitions received by Council during the period 6 August 2005 to 8 September 2005. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

Discussion

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

The following petitions were received during the period 6 August 2005 to 8 September 2005 and referred to the appropriate Division for attention:

1. from 26 people supporting pedestrian safety on Salisbury Road, Stanmore; and
2. from 226 people opposing the extension of Police only parking along Australia Street, Newtown.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report be received and noted.

**GM 69 - 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

GM 62 – Council Meeting 07/05 – 16 August 2005
REPORT ON MAJOR PROJECTS

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 the community consultations.

A Councillor Conference in relation to options for the final form and cost of aquatic facilities will be held in late September 2005.

B. Outstanding Reports

1. NM 16 – Council Meeting 06/05 – 26 July 2005
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.

2. GM 60 – Council Meeting 07/05 – 16 August 2005
COOKS RIVER MOTOR BOAT CLUB – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT WITH GRANT APPLICATION TO REFURBISH JETTY

A further report be presented to Council following the public notice period and Council determine whether to grant financial assistance under Section 356.

A report will be submitted to Council following the public notice period after determining whether or not to give financial assistance under Section 356 of the Local Government Act to the Cooks River Motor Boat Club.

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BY COUNCILLORS
For Decision***

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report be received and noted.

***GM 70 - FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005
For Decision***

File Ref: 1908

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

Council's Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2005, comprising the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changed in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to the Financial Statements, Special Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules have been completed and presented to Council. Due to unexpected delays the issue of the Final Audit Certificate has not been finalised, but is expected by the end of the week.

Background

At meeting No 07/05 of 16 August, 2005 (Item GN65) Council resolved to authorise the signing of the accounts and to submit them for Audit. It was anticipated that the Audit would be finalised and the Reports and Auditor's Reports would be presented to this meeting.

Discussion

Due to timing and other constraints the Audit has not as yet been finalised. It is anticipated that this will occur by the end of the week and the Accounts and Auditor's Report will be presented to the next meeting of Council scheduled to be held on Tuesday 19 October, 2005.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives and notes the report.

**GM 71 - ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PENSION REBATE AND COUNCIL'S
VOLUNTARY PENSION REBATE
For Decision**

File Ref: 1683

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

A report is provided to outline recent changes made to the Regulations underpinning the operation of the Local Government Act 1993 as they affect the entitlement of pensioners to the Pension Rebate and Council's Voluntary Pension Rebate.

It is recommended that Council receives and notes the report.

Background

Council adopted the following Recommendation at its Meeting 02/05 of 15 March 2005 (Item NM 9)

“THAT:

1. *Council resolves to write to all members of the NSW Parliament and of the NSW Upper House requesting that:*
 - *Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Rates & Charges) Regulation, 1999 is amended and that all individuals who are eligible to receive the pension are entitled to the full rebate that the State Government grants; and*
 - *in light of there being no increase in the pensioner rebate for 20 years, that the State Government should consider increasing its portion of the rebate pensioners receive to the extent where they at least match Council's contribution.*
2. *any responses to these requests be tabled at the Council meeting following their receipt by Council”.*

The General Manager issued letters to all parties identified in the Motion on 24 March 2005. Responses generally acknowledged Council's position and noted that the Minister for Local Government was the appropriate person to provide a formal response.

The Minister for Local Government wrote to the General Manager on 23 May 2005 and advised the following:

*“With regard to pensioners travelling overseas, it is the Government's view that entitlement to a concession would continue during a person's absence, provided they were still receiving their pension from Centrelink and the dwelling was still their sole place of living.
As previously advised, the current cost of mandatory pensioner concessions each year to the State Government is approximately \$80 million. The level of this cost increases each year. Any increase of the existing limits would increase substantially the overall cost of the scheme and this would subsequently impact on the capacity of the State Government to provide other*

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programs or services to the community. At this point in time, it is not proposed to increase the pensioner concession rebates”.

In subsequent discussions with officers from the Department of Local Government, Council officers noted the Government's view but indicated that the existing legislative framework did not carry that intention into effect.

In particular, it was noted that the definition of 'eligible pensioner' in Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Rates & Charges) Regulation, 1999, prevented a person from maintaining entitlement to a pension rebate while travelling overseas due to the way in which Centrelink and the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) determined their entitlement to a Pensioner Concession Card during such an absence.

Report

The Local Government (General) Regulation, 2005 came into effect on 1 September 2005. The Regulation replaced a range of other Regulations including the Local Government (Rates & Charges) Regulation, 1999. In doing so, the equivalent of clause 18 of the latter Regulation was replaced by a new clause 134 which contained an altered definition of 'eligible pensioner'. Eligibility now includes those people who are in receipt of a pension and are "entitled to a Pensioner Concession Card". Clause 18 required a person to be the "holder of a Pensioner Concession Card".

The practical effect of this change occurs during the process of verifying a pensioner's eligibility for a pension rebate with Centrelink and the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Persons who are not in receipt of a pension and entitled to a Pensioner Concession Card, will not be verified as an eligible pensioner. Those that are in receipt of a pension and who are entitled to a Pensioner Concession Card, will be verified as an eligible pensioner.

Persons who are in receipt of a pension, are entitled to a Pensioner Concession Card and who are overseas for less than 26 weeks, will now verify under a different Centrelink/DVA status code that Department of Local Government officers have confirmed will enable them to receive the pension rebate.

When Council introduced the Voluntary Pensioner Rebate, it did so on the same eligibility criteria as applied to receipt of the Pension Rebate. The change to eligibility for the Pension Rebate of persons who are overseas for less than 26 weeks will also apply to eligibility for the Voluntary Pension Rebate.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives and notes the report.

**GM 72 - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH LEGAL COSTS – LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND SHIRES ASSOCIATIONS**
For Decision

File Ref: 1049-02

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

Council has received a request from the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW for a contribution towards legal costs associated with the Councils of NSW appeal in the High Court. The Association is seeking a contribution from all councils to meet the associated legal costs. It is recommended that Council determine whether to make the requested contribution.

Background

Council has received a letter from the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW requesting that Council contribute toward legal costs in relation to the recent decision in the High Court. This is a long established practice of the LGSA where it is considered the issues are of wider application or interest to all councils.

Discussion

This matter relates to whether NSW councils have the power under section 611 of the Local Government Act 1993 to make an annual charge on telecommunications carriers for infrastructure on public land. Marrickville Council was nominated as one of the twelve councils representing the councils of New South Wales in this matter.

At Council Meeting 08/98, held on 15 September 1998, it was resolved *inter alia* that:

“1. Council contribute financially to the Local Government Association’s coordinated defence of the charges on Telecommunications Carriers under Section 611 of the Local Government Act, 1993”

This appeal was brought by the councils of New South Wales against a decision of the Federal Court of Australia which declared invalid certain legislation of the Local Government Act 1993, to the extent to which the legislation authorised local authorities to impose charges in respect of the possession, occupation and enjoyment of telecommunications cables on, under, or over a public place, or to levy rates in respect of land or space occupied by such cables. The appeal was dismissed with costs on 28 April 2004.

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The 2005/2006 budget provides for \$5,000 to fund contributions to legal costs. To date, none of these funds have been expended. Should Council choose to provide the requested \$12,156, a budget adjustment can be considered at Council’s next budget review.

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For Decision

Conclusion

The Associations considered this appeal of great importance and benefit to all councils as it sought to open a new and substantial field of revenue, far beyond the area of telecommunication cabling. This Council's contribution towards legal costs has been assessed as being \$12,156. It has been Council's practice to support the Association in this matter. The request is submitted for Council's determination.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council:

1. contribute the requested amount of \$12,156 towards legal costs associated with the High Court appeal by the Councils of New South Wales; and
2. consider a budget adjustment for \$7156 at its next budget review.

ATTACHMENT: Total 1 page

Letter from Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW

GM 73 - MARRICKVILLE PLAN FRAMEWORK
For Decision

File Ref: 1698

General Manager reports:

Synopsis

Report in relation to the framework for development of the Marrickville Community Plan; Strategic Plan; and 2006/09 Management Plan, including the comprehensive community consultation process to be undertaken. It is recommended that Council receive and note the report.

Background

Council's 1998-2003 Strategic Plan expired in 2003. Development of the new Plan was delayed pending the election of the new Council as it was recognised that it was important for the new Council to set the direction for the future of Marrickville through the new Plan. The process of developing the new Strategic Plan with the new Council commenced in July 2004, following the postponement of the Local Government elections from September 2003 to March 2004.

Four Councillor Planning Forums were held between July and November 2004. These forums identified proposed Strategic Futures and considered the results of community consultation undertaken in October 2004 to test the validity of the proposed Strategic Futures and to inform the 2005/06 Management Plan.

Discussion

A Councillor Conference was held on Monday, 12 September 2005 to provide an overview of the Project Plan that has been developed to develop the three elements of the Marrickville Plan Framework:

- Marrickville Community Plan (Marrickville Plan) – for adoption of Draft Plan by Council in April 2006;
- Marrickville Council Strategic Plan 2006-11 – for adoption of Draft Plan by Council in April 2006; and
- Marrickville Council Annual Management Plan and Budget 2006-09 – for adoption of Drafts in April 2006.

Information in relation to the Marrickville Plan Framework is **ATTACHED** as Annexure 1 which outlines:

- the Project Plan Key Activities;
- the comprehensive consultation process to be undertaken with the slogan "*Marrickville ... What Future do you see?*", including the distribution of a Community Discussion Paper (**ATTACHED** as Annexure 2); and
- the activities to be undertaken, including time frames.

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Regular Councillor briefings and workshops will be held at each stage of the process to consider the feedback from the community consultation undertaken and to provide input into the development of the Draft Plans.

Arising from feedback given at the Councillor Conference on Monday, 12 September 2005, information has been included on the cover sheet of the Community Discussion Paper in Council's five community languages and arrangements are also being made to increase the size of the print to make it more readable. This will be done for the large print run for distribution to all households in the Council area.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the report be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS: Total 29 pages

Annexure 1	Marrickville Plan Framework	9 pages
Annexure 2	Community Discussion Paper	20 pages

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Project Plan

Marrickville Plan Framework

- Marrickville Community Plan
- Marrickville Council Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011
 - Urban Strategy
 - Local Action 21
 - Social Plan (Implementation)
- Marrickville Council Annual Management Plan & Budget 2006-2009

Developed by Corporate Development, Marrickville Council, September 2005.

***ATTACHMENT - GM 73 - MARRICKVILLE PLAN FRAMEWORK
For Decision***

Background:

Council's 1998-2003 Strategic Plan expired in 2003. Development of the new Plan was delayed pending the election of the new Council as it was recognised that it was important for the new Council to set the direction for the future of Marrickville through the new Plan. The process of developing the new Strategic Plan with the new Council commenced in July 2004, following the postponement of the Local Government elections from September 2003 to March 2004.

Councillor Planning Forums were held between July & November 2004. These forums identified Council proposed Strategic Futures and considered the results of community consultation undertaken in October 2004 to test the validity of the proposed Strategic Futures and to inform the 2005/06 Management Plan.

Project Plan Objectives and Deliverables:

This Project Plan details how planning in 2005/06 is proposed to be undertaken, with three key deliverables being completed by late June 2006:

- Marrickville Community Plan (Marrickville Plan) – for adoption by Council April 2006;
- Marrickville Council Strategic Plan 2006/11 – for adoption by Council April 2006; and
- Marrickville Council Annual Management Plan & Budget 2006/09 – for adoption by Council June 2006.

Further key activities include:

- Development of the Urban Strategy: The Marrickville Plan community consultation to be undertaken in 2005/06 will feed into the development of the Urban Strategy (due to be completed December 2006). For example, the survey of citizens to be undertaken in October 2005 will include Urban Strategy related questions.
- The Local Action 21 Sustainability Plan: The Plan will be updated in the course of 2005/06 and comment received during the Marrickville Plan consultation will be directed to Development & Environmental Services.
- The Social Plan (completed 2004): The Plan will continue to be rolled out in 2005/06, with community comment relevant to implementation of the Social Plan directed to Community Services for assessment and actioned as required.

This proposed project plan is structured to support Council's objective to maximise public consultation and of community involvement and ownership. The design also attempts to minimise duplication in the consultation and drafting process so that the process is conducted in an efficient and cost effective basis. Extensive internal coordination and process improvement activity will be undertaken to produce quality plans and effective reporting against the plans when implemented.

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For Decision***

Definitions & Purpose

Marrickville Community Plan (Marrickville Plan):

A brief 'city plan' style document that identifies the Marrickville Community's vision and aspirations for the area. The Plan incorporates the central tenets of the 'Strategic Futures' objectives identified by Councillors in 2004.

Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011:

The Corporate Strategic Plan details the medium term strategic objectives and key performance indicators of Marrickville Council for the period 2006-11. The strategic objectives detailed in the Strategic Plan are to be based on and support the objectives and aspirations stated in the Marrickville Community Plan. A key objective of the Corporate Strategic Plan is to coordinate and focus all major strategies and activities for which the Council has a role, including:

- Council Management and Governance
- Urban Strategy Planning
- Environmental Planning (Local Action 21)
- Social Plan

Annual Management Plan & Budget 2006/09:

Short to Medium term operational business plan that converts the strategic objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan 2006/07-2011/12 into specific action and functions, over a 1 to 3 year basis. Traditionally the Marrickville rolling Management Plan has been in effect a 12 month management and project plan, with a 3 year budget cycle.

It is the intention of this proposal that in future – ie, from the 2006/09 Management Plan & Budget cycle - that the Management Plan be restructured and enhanced with an increased use of performance indicators, particularly quantifiable indicators where practical.

Project Plan - Key Activities:

Project activities are identified in Annexure A. The activities planned are designed to ensure that the Marrickville Community Plan & the Strategic Plan are the peak 'umbrella' planning documents that provide clear direction and coordination of all council activity.

It is intended to publicly market the planning consultation process of the *Marrickville Community Plan* with the slogan: "*Marrickville...What future do you see?*"

The proposed project plan includes for a comprehensive range of planning and consultative activities in 2005/06, including:

- regular Councillor briefings and workshops;
- public consultations reaching all sections of Marrickville's community, which

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includes comprehensive community surveying, focus groups, public meetings, street stalls, use of existing community forums and committees, and web-based forums.

- active use of the media and marketing techniques to promote the planning process and opportunity for community input. An information brochure promoting community involvement in the planning process and key issues to consider for the future will be circulated to all households in the Local Government Area (Annexure C); and
- effective internal coordination of the concurrent combined planning process (Marrickville Plan, Corporate Strategic Plan, and Management Plan), and the other current and future supporting strategic plans (Social, Urban Strategy & Local Action 21 Plan).

Public Consultation

Effective and comprehensive public consultation is of paramount importance in the development of the Marrickville Community Plan and the Strategic Plan.

A wide range of consultation activities and formats are planned, including surveying by a private research organisation. 'Attachment A' details the proposed calendar of consultation. In order to demonstrate and record the consultation process, a brief video of the consultation process will be included in presentations to the public, such as at public meetings discussing the draft plans in March-June 2006.

In October 2004 approximately 200 Marrickville citizens were surveyed to test the resonance of the Strategic Futures. The survey methodology utilised summarised the Strategic Futures into a question format where respondents indicated agreement with the fundamental broad principles, as well as providing an opportunity to provide individual comments.

The survey results generally indicated strong support for the Strategic Futures developed by Councillors, however further surveying is required for adequate public consultation. A further more detailed survey is planned for October 2005. It is intended to combine the survey seeking community views on the future of the area with the Citizen Satisfaction Survey – usually carried out on an annual basis but delayed due to timing of the 2004 Council election. This arrangement will provide beneficial cross-overs (or 'synergies') as well as cost-efficiencies. The survey sample is expected to be approximately 500 citizens and will be conducted by a specialist research organisation.

The survey will also include questions required for the development of the Urban Strategy, and updating of the Local Action 21 Plan and Social Plan as required. The survey will be conducted shortly after the distribution of the Community Discussion Paper.

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Community Discussion Paper: Purpose & Structure

The Community Discussion Paper - "*Marrickville: What future do you see?*" - will be circulated to all households in the Marrickville LGA area and distributed at public consultation forums, and is designed to encourage broad community participation in the plan development process by raising awareness of key planning issues. The paper will provide an important prompt for members of the community surveyed for their views and encourages participation by provision of a tear-off comment form and reference to the website. The website will host more detailed discussion papers and a web survey facility. The brochure content has been based on documents prepared for and resulting from Councillor planning workshops, feedback from previous community surveys, and other internal Council plans & policies.

The paper is comprised of a discussion of identified planning issues, structured around the 'Strategic Futures' previously developed by Councillors in 2004, and includes future options previously identified in the Councillor forums in the sections "Opportunities include". The document also contains a Question & Answer format to explain the planning and community consultation process. Council will print 50,000 of the Community Discussion Paper publication to maximise broad community awareness of and participation in the planning process.

Internal Steering Group

During the 2004 process a Steering Group of Senior Managers and selected key staff was utilised. In 2005, the Senior Staff group - which meets fortnightly – will guide and monitor the planning process. The Marrickville Forum (Managers Group) which meets on a regular basis will act as a Steering Group and consultative forum.

Budget

Sufficient funds have been allocated in 2005/06 and in utilising revote funds from unspent 2004/05 Resource Plan funds. Additional funding is not sought for currently planned activity.

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Overview of the Planning & Consultation Process 2005 - 06

	Sept 2005	Oct – Dec 2005	Jan – March 2006	April – June 2006	July - Sep 2006	Oct- Dec 2006
Public consultation	Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan 2006/11 Urban Strategy	Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan AMP & B Urban Strategy	Urban Strategy Local Action 21			
Analysing/ internal co-ordination		Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan AMP & B	Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan AMP & B			
Drafting plans		Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan AMP & B	Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan AMP & B	Urban Strategy		
Public Exhibition			Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan	Marrickville Plan Strategic Plan AMP & B (May)	Urban Strategy	
Finalised/ Adopted				Marrickville Plan (May) Strategic Plan (May) AMP & B (June)		Urban Strategy

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Annexure A: Project Activity 2005/06

Date	Activity/Process
August 2005	<p>Phase 1: Development & Citizen Consultation (input) - Community Plan, Strategic Plan, Urban Strategy & Annual Management Plan 2006/09</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare public information brochures on Marrickville Community Plan & Strategic Plan 2006-11 (for September release) • Begin internal consultations & coordination of plans • Begin work across Divisions to utilise community consultation skills • Begin internal consultation for integration of all Council Strategic Plans (Social/Environment/Urban), Annual Management Plan (AMP) & Budget • Community Survey - Design & internal consultation (Surveying of long, medium, short term issues/aspirations, key objectives/tent poles & service standards) • Develop marketing & media strategy • Circulate draft planning public documents to Managers for comment • Planning Steering Committee (Marrickville Forum) Meeting
September 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Workshop/briefing - update & brief on project plan • Promotion: media campaign (radio/print), advertisements, street stalls (eg. Marrickville Festival Sept 05), website, identify & utilise 'community champions' in campaign • Revitalize & expand Citizen Panel for survey & use CP for conduct of focus group sessions • Consult major stakeholders, eg, key State Government Agencies; consider impact of Agency plans and policies • Distribute to community Discussion paper & Q&A brochure • Community Survey - Testing & field work • Council Meeting - Project Update • Consultation: Marrickville Festival Stall, ('Have your say on the future' boards, video recording of comments) • Consultation: Newtown Feasibility
October 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public consultation activities for input into Marrickville Plan & Strategic Plan (public forums/ Magic Yellow Bus/Street Comm/Youth/Aged/BBQs @ parks) • Review cycle of sector & supporting plans to be aligned as possible with Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011 • Councillors Workshop - review progress of community consultation & obtain Councillors input on drafting Strategic Plan 2006/11, AMP focus, Major Projects & Priorities 2006/07 • Citizen Panel 'Planning BusTour' • Community Survey- Focus group sessions
November 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to Council on findings progress of community consultation • Planning Steering Committee (Marrickville Forum) • Consultation: Newtown Festival • Consultation: Marrickville South/Tempe Community • Councillor Workshop – feedback from Community consultation to date & survey; consider Draft Marrickville Plan & outline of Strategic Plan • Community Survey- Focus group sessions (Aged/Youth/Families etc as required)
December 2005	<p>Phase 2: Drafting of Plans & public consultation on draft Marrickville Plan & Strategic Plan; Planning development of Urban Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further drafting of Marrickville Plan & Strategic Plan • Development of Urban Strategy; appointment of consultants, initial consultations, & planning of strategy development process • Issue notes for 2006/2009 Management Plan

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Date	Activity/Process
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new KRAs (consistent with Strategic Futures), Strategic Objectives, Performance Indicators • Councillor Workshop - Financial briefing for Councillors with focus on 2005/08 AMP & budget • Consultation: Dulwich Hill Street Fair and Marrickville XMAS Street Fair
January – February 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMP & Budget development • Produce final draft of Marrickville Plan and Strategic Plan 2006 -11 (for consultation) • Circulate 1st draft Marrickville Plan and 2006/11 Marrickville Council Strategic Plan • Produce 1st draft AMP 2006/09 • Align internal settings with new objectives, ie, review PIs and targets for suitability to new strategic objectives; develop an effective Triple Bottom Line raft of PIs • Planning Steering Committee (Marrickville Forum) Meeting • Operating Budget, Resources Plan and Fees & Charges Schedule worksheets • Consultation: Australia Day Fair Enmore Park • Draft Management Plan targets to be completed • Circulate 1st draft 2006/09 Management Plan • First Draft Budget 2006/09 issued • Council meeting to approve release of draft Marrickville Plan & draft Strategic Plan • Release & distribute Public draft Marrickville Plan (for public consultation) • Release & distribute Public draft Strategic Plan 2006/11 (for public consultation) • Media release & promotion of draft Plan & Strategic Plans • Community consultation - after approval by Council, exhibition of 'Plan' Plan & Strategic Plan 2006/11 • Urban Strategy - analysis and development • Local Action 21 - develop update
March 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings as required to finalise budget • Councillor Workshop – to progress AMP & budget • Public meeting on draft Plan & Strategic Plans • Distribute 2nd draft AMP after Workshop • Update brief to Councillors • Drafting of Resources Plan spreadsheets • Planning Steering Committee (Marrickville Forum) • Councillor Planning & Budget Conference • Urban Strategy - analysis and development • Local Action 21 - update & public consultation
April 2006	<p>Phase 3: Citizen Comment on draft AMP & Budget 2006/09; promotion of Marrickville Plan & Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget adjustments made following management plan & budget final conference • Mgmt Plan & Budget documents available • Preparation of Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Cash Flows • Sign off of Councillor Notes by GM/Issue Meeting Papers for April Council Meeting • Council to adopt Plan & Strategic Plan 2006/11; adopts draft AMP/budget for display • Council to adopt draft Management Plan & Budget. Full details of Income and Expenditure. Public Exhibition – 28 days minimum • Urban Strategy - Planning investigation & analysis • Local Action 21 - update & public consultation

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Date	Activity/Process
May–June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Meeting on draft Annual Management Plan & Budget• Council approves AMP & Budget (2006/09)• Marketing/media promotion of new plans & feedback to contributors.• Finalization of Internal alignment work: Effective reporting against revised objectives & performance indicators• Management Plan & Budget formally adopted. Rates set, expenditure voted.• Urban Strategy - Produce Draft Strategy• Local Action 21 - update finalised

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