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**MARRICKVILLE council**

**BUSINESS PAPER**

**for**

**COUNCIL  
MEETING  
09/06**

**6.30 PM, TUESDAY,  
17 OCTOBER, 2006**

# MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL

Administrative Centre  
PETERSHAM

11 October, 2006

Dear Councillors

Notice is given of the **COUNCIL MEETING**, to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, PETERSHAM, on TUESDAY, 17 October, 2006, commencing at 6.30pm.

Yours faithfully



Candy Nay  
**General Manager**

## **COUNCILLORS**

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## **COUNCIL MEETING**

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

## **THE MEETING**

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

Some items are *CONFIDENTIAL* in accordance with S10A(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.

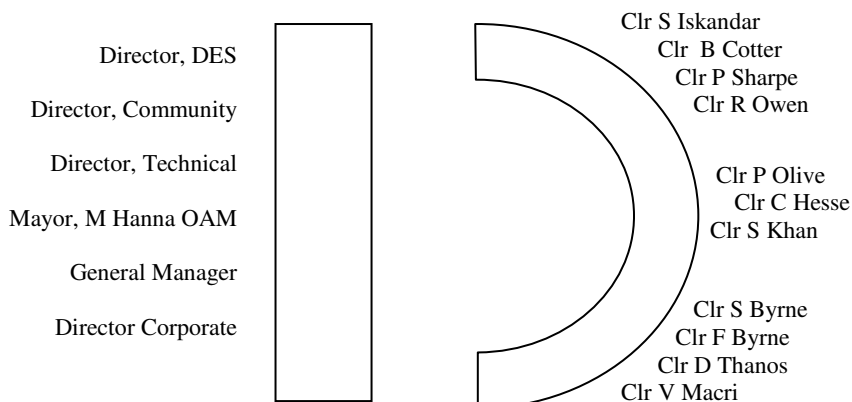
Items are *CONFIDENTIAL* if any of the following apply:

- (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, or
  - (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council; or
  - (iii) reveal a trade secret,
- (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law;
- (f) matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property;
- (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege; and
- (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land.

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

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

## **LAYOUT FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS**



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

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

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

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

### **MEETING TIMES**

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

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

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS PAPERS**

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

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

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

### **INTERPRETER ASSISTANCE**

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

## **MEETING PROCEDURES - PUBLIC FORUM**

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

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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

**PRESENT**

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**FINANCE MATTERS**

**FS 18** **FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006** **27**  
**(from Corporate Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 1908

At Meeting 08/06 on 19 September 2006 (Item GM86) Council received a report on the Draft Financial Reports For The Year Ended 30 June 2006. The report recommended that in anticipation of receiving the Auditor's Report, the meeting to be held on 17 October 2006 be set as the meeting at which the annual financial reports will be presented to the public. However, following discussion with Council's External Auditors, the audit timetable will not enable the reports to be presented to the 17 October meeting and as such, Council's November meeting of 21 November 2006 needs to be set as the meeting at which the annual financial reports will be presented to the public.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**

- CD 35**      **UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES IN TOM FOSTER**      **29**  
**(from Community Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**  
File Ref: 35  
Council is advised and updated on recent activities at Tom Foster Community Care Centre (TFCC). It is recommended that the report be received and noted and Council approves the submission of a funding application to the Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care to undertake the proposed Dementia Care Project for an amount up to \$60,000.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**COMMUNICATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES MATTERS**

- CC 15**      **COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM**      **32**  
**(from Community Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**  
File Ref: 2186  
Council is advised of the outcomes of consultations held with the African, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Pacific Islander, Portuguese and Vietnamese communities in July and August 2006 regarding community cultural events proposed to take place in 2006/2007. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; the temporary events officer position be extended until 30 June 2007 to organise the events; a budget adjustment of \$65,000 be made to cover costs of food and service staff, if required, at events held in the town halls and the extension of the events officer position, partly funded by the \$20,000 Events Reserve; and a Councillor Conference be convened before the end 2006 to discuss future development of the program.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**CHILDREN'S SERVICES MATTERS**

**CS 16                      NEW FAMILY DAY CARE FUNDING AGREEMENT 2006/2007                      39**

**(from Community Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 39

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has provided a new funding agreement for Family Day Care network support from 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; Council enter into the agreement for the funding assistance for the period 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007; and the Mayor and the General Manager execute and affix the Common Seal of Council to the necessary documents.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**ENGINEERING MATTERS**

**ES 27                      ENGINEERING PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2006                      41**

**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 4572-04

This is a report on the civil construction and maintenance works commissioned and coordinated by the Engineering Section for the period concluding 30 September 2006. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

***PRECIS***

**ES 28      REPORT OF LOCAL TRAFFIC PLANNING AND ADVISORY      51**  
**COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2006**  
**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 14532-08

The Local Traffic Planning and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, 19 September 2006 to consider 10 items. It is recommended that the Recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with the **EXCEPTION** of Item C2 – *Grove Street, St Peters (South Ward) Request for Resident Parking – Area M4 – Survey Results*, where it is recommended that:-

- 1      the matter be **REFERRED** back to the Local Traffic Planning and Advisory Committee to advise that Council does not agree with the decisions; and
- 2      Council request the local member to raise Council's concerns of the RTA's position on this and indicate that Council believes it is inappropriate as these are local roads over which the RTA has no jurisdiction. Council's current procedures for Resident Parking Schemes are being administered under a process that is democratic and has the checks and balances requiring a majority of support. Further, to express Council's considerable concern that the RTA has raised this.

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**PARKS & RESERVES MATTERS**

**PR 24      PESTICIDES NOTIFICATION PLAN - EXHIBITION OF A DRAFT PLAN      65**

**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 8826-03

Changes to the Pesticides Regulation 1995 have introduced new requirements for public notification of pesticide use in outdoor public places. Public authorities must prepare a Pesticide Use Notification Plan by 1 February 2007. Council must undertake public consultation on a draft Pesticides Notification Plan and give notice of the final Plan in a local newspaper and the Government Gazette.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT:**

1. the draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan be endorsed for the purposes of public consultation as required by the Pesticides Regulation 1995;
2. a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the consultation process; and
3. a report also be provided assessing the options for Council to use alternatives to pesticides.

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**PR 25      FITNESS AND EXERCISE FACILITIES IN PARKS –      75**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS**  
**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 10649-13

Report on the provision of fitness and exercise station facilities in the Marrickville LGA with particular reference to the Cooks River corridor. The report discusses the current condition of exercise equipment in parks and strategic planning issues for provision of fitness and exercise facilities. The report notes that a Strategic Plan for all fitness and exercise facilities should be prepared by Parks and Reserves in conjunction with Council's Recreation Planner, and that funding for new exercise and fitness facilities should be provided on a program basis identified in a Strategic Plan for the whole of the LGA.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**PR 26                      JOINT USE AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS – AN                      79**

**UPDATE REPORT**

**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 1555-02

Marrickville Council entered into joint-use agreements with two local schools a decade and a half ago and is currently negotiating a third agreement. This report provides an update on current arrangements and recommends that further discussions be undertaken with the schools and the Department of Education and Training to improve the implementation of agreements for community access and use of school facilities outside of school hours.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. further discussions be undertaken with schools and the Department of Education and Training to improve the implementation of agreements for community access and use of school facilities outside of school hours;
3. a further report be provided to Council on the progress of those discussions and any budget implications, at which time Council will be asked to consider its representation on the Committees of Management; and
4. Council write to the local member asking them to take up the issue of Dulwich High School and Graham Green on Council's behalf.

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**PROPERTY SERVICES MATTERS**

**PW 19      PROPERTY SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR      83**  
**SEPTEMBER 2006**

**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 4572-04

This report outlines the projects and services coordinated by the Property Services Section for the period ending 30 September 2006. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**PW 20      ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO NESS PARK AND ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH      92**  
**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**

File Ref: 10476-02

The St Nicholas Greek Church in Livingstone Road has requested permission to upgrade its overhead electricity supply wires which run across Council's property at 209 Livingstone Road, Marrickville. This report discusses the available options to formalise the electricity supply to the Church. It is recommended that Council proceed with option 2 (c) as outlined in the main body of the report with the Church funding the cost of the electrical works, survey and legal fees required to formalise the easement. It is also recommended that a drainage easement be created in Ness Park in favour of the Church and that Energy Australia be requested in writing to remove the unapproved overhead wires through Council's operational land and pay for the under-grounding of the electricity supply to the Greek Church from the existing mains in Livingstone Road.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Council:**

1. receive and note the report;
2. proceed with option 2 (c) outlined in the body of the report with St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church funding the cost of the works and the creation of the electricity easement; and
3. write to Energy Australia requesting that it remove the unapproved overhead wires through Council's operational land and pay for the under-grounding of the electricity supply to the Greek Church from the existing mains in Livingstone Road.

**MAYORAL MINUTES**

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**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**GM 91      HENSON PARK - REVIEW OF 2006 ABORIGINAL RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT      102**

File Ref: 10281-03

The 36th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival was held at Henson Park over the 2006 October long weekend. This year was the first in which the event organisers were required to submit a development application and also the first time in which the event activities were not shared between venues at Redfern Oval and Henson Park. The report provides a description of the outcomes of the Carnival, including the development consent process, compliance with conditions of consent, feedback from residents and police, matters of aboriginal cultural protocols, operational matters and costs incurred by Council. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and Council ensure that communication and consultation is consistent with the Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural protocols and further that Council seek the reimbursement of the costs of erecting a fence which was not done by the organisers of the Carnival pursuant to conditions of consent.

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**GM 92**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON A 50 METRE POOL OPTION FOR THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF ENMORE POOL**

**122**

File Ref: 1493

This report provides additional information on incorporating a 50 metre pool into the Enmore Pool Upgrade project in response to Council's resolution at its meeting 08/06, Item GM 74, which recommended that Council invite six of the firms which made submissions to a recent Expressions of Interest process to participate in a further Selective Tender process for the design of the previously endorsed 25 metre, New Site Enmore Pool proposal (Item GM 14, 01/06). Council officers have compiled relevant information from both previous reports to Council and the Major Projects Steering Committee, as well as new information from external consultants on the estimated differences in annual, ongoing operational costs between a 25 metre and 50 metre pool option, as well as up-to-date attendance records for the current Enmore Pool. The report also re-submits information on the estimated costs and viability of a new water slide to accompany any Enmore Pool redevelopment proposal. It is considered that the above information supports the rationale behind the previous Recommendation to Council and Council's resolution from its meeting of 20 February, 2006 (Item GM 14, 01/06) to support a 25 metre indoor pool aquatics and recreation complex, and accompanying Aquatics Facilities Upgrade Package. It is further considered that there are issues in relation to the appropriateness of a water slide proposal for the Enmore Park site, given the land use, landscaping and heritage sensitivities of the Park and its nearby residential properties. It is recommended that Council receive and note this report; Council not proceed with the 50 metre pool option or a waterslide for the proposed development at Enmore Park; and that it adopt the officers' recommendation for Item GM 74, 08/06, from the Council Meeting held on 19 September, 2006 to invite six preferred firms, which made submissions in respect of a recent advertisement for Expressions of Interest (EOI 8/06), to participate in a further Selective Tender process for the design of new aquatics complex for Enmore Park.

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

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

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- GM 93      IMPLEMENTATION OF BELONGING IN MARRICKVILLE A SOCIAL PLAN FOR THE MARRICKVIL      158**  
File Ref: 888  
Council is advised of progress on the Belonging in Marrickville Social Plan. A summary of progress is reported each year in Council's Annual Report, consistent the requirements of the Local Government (General) Regulation 1999. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.
- GM 94      SEPTEMBER BUDGET REVIEW      170**  
File Ref: 328  
A review of Council's 2006/07 Budget for the period to the end of September 2006 revealed a few variances. The net effect of these variances will reduce the need of Council's funds by \$12,677, and this will result in a deficit of \$50,744 for 2006/07. The anticipated working funds position as at 30 June 2007 will therefore be \$3,851,160. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that the variations to the Budget be approved.
- GM 95      QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT - 2006/2007 ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - FIRST QUARTER (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006)      173**  
File Ref: 2130  
This Business Paper summarises Council's performance against the Key Objectives and the 2006/2007 Service Improvements as set out in the 2006/2007 Annual Management Plan with reference to 2006/2007 Performance Targets. Detailed information on performance in each program area is provided in the attachment to this report. The report indicates that, overall, a good start was made on the programs/activities that Council committed to for the 2006/2007 year.  
  
This Business Paper also provides an overview of Council's performance within the Sustainability Reporting Framework. The Sustainability Reporting Framework provides a means of acknowledging and understanding the impacts of Council on the community with reference to environmental sustainability, economic sustainability, social sustainability and governance.

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<b>GM 96</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION</b>	<b>180</b>
	File Ref: 4015-04 This report outlines requests for access to Council information by Councillors during the period 9 September 2006 and 4 October 2006. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.	
<b>GM 97</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS</b>	<b>182</b>
	File Ref: 4577-03 A progress report on all outstanding Conferences and Reports requested by Councillors 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.	
<b>GM 98</b>	<b>DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY STAFF</b>	<b>184</b>
	File Ref: 4325-03 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.	
<b>GM 99</b>	<b>DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST RETURNS TO 30 JUNE 2006</b>	<b>185</b>
	File Ref: 4325-02 This report provides for the tabling of Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by Councillors and Designated Persons in accordance with s450A of the Local Government Act 1993. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.	
<b>GM 100</b>	<b>PETITIONS RECEIVED</b>	<b>186</b>
	File Ref: 1022-03 This report outlines the petitions received by Council during the period 12 September 2006 to 4 October 2006. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.	

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

***PRECIS***

<b>NM 14</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE INSPECTION PROCEDURES</b>	<b>187</b>
	File Ref: 1958-06	

<b>NM 15</b>	<b>PROTECTING THE WHITE IBISES</b>	<b>188</b>
	File Ref: 1958-06	

***MINUTES OF MEETING 08/06 - 19 September, 2006***

Meeting Commenced at 6.59 pm.

**PRESENT**

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

Councillor Khan arrived at the meeting at 7.20pm.

**ALSO PRESENT**

General Manager, Director Corporate Services, Director Development & Environmental Services, Director Technical Services, Director Community Services, Manager Administrative Services, Executive Manager Major Projects, Manager Corporate Development, Communications Co-ordinator and Manager Parks & Reserves.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON**

*We meet tonight on the traditional land of the Cadigal people of the Eora nation. I acknowledge the terrible wrongs committed against the Aboriginal peoples of this country and their care of the land over many generations. I celebrate their ongoing survival and achievements in today's society.*

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

**APOLOGIES**

**NIL**

It was noted that Councillor Khan was running late.

**BUSINESS**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

File Ref: 4084

**Nil**

***MINUTES OF MEETING 08/06 - 19 September, 2006***

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

File Ref: 4322

- 5385**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Minutes of the Council Meeting 07/06, held on Tuesday, 15 August 2006, and the Minutes of CDM Meeting 08/06, held on Tuesday, 5 September, 2006 as circularised, be **CONFIRMED**.

**For Motion:**      Unanimous

**Absent:**            Councillor Khan

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

- 5386**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT:**

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

*Item MM 19      Ms B Sharpe*

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

**For Motion:**      Unanimous

**Absent:**            Councillor Khan

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**MM 19      REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

File Ref: 1234

Ms B Sharpe addressed Council.

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

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT** the **MOTION** be **ADOPTED** with the amendment to delete points 1 and 4.

Councillor S Khan arrived at the meeting at 7.20pm.

***MINUTES OF MEETING 08/06 - 19 September, 2006***

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

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

The Chairperson used his Casting Vote and the **AMENDMENT** was **LOST**.

**5387** The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **TIED**.

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

The Chairperson used his Casting Vote and the **MOTION** was **CARRIED**.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES MATTERS**

**5388** IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR S BYRNE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR THANOS, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

**CD 29** **MARRICKVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT EXPENDITURE SCHEME COMMITTEE UPDATE**

File Ref: 2176

**CD 30** **PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 21ST NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABORIGINAL NETWORKING CONFERENCE IN MARRICKVILLE IN 2008**

File Ref: 3462-02

with an **AMENDMENT** that the Recommendation be **ADOPTED** with the amendment of point 3 to include the following additional words:

*“... and in recognition of the importance of the promotion of Council’s bid at the Conference, Council approve the attendance of up to 2 additional representatives of the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee and additional interested Councillors, with all travel costs and allowances to be paid in accordance with Council’s approved travel rates”.*

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**CD 31      TOM FOSTER COMMUNITY CARE MEAL PACK OPTIONS**

File Ref: 1436

**CD 32      MARRICKVILLE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES' COMMITTEE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

File Ref: 3587

**CS 14      WILKINS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE REVIEW OF  
OPENING TIMES**

File Ref: 3280-02

**CS 15      SPECIAL NEEDS SUBSIDY SCHEME FUNDING FOR MAY  
MURRAY CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

File Ref: 40

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**PARKS & RESERVES AND PROPERTY SERVICES MATTERS**

**5389      IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF  
COUNCILLOR S BYRNE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR OLIVE, TO ADOPT  
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**PR 22      TEMPE LANDS - ADOPTION OF PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR  
COMMUNITY LAND**

File Ref: 10632-07

Noting that the Minutes issued were amended to include the additional words:

*"... and the amended Draft Plan of Management be placed on public exhibition with a further report to be presented to Council on the outcomes of the public exhibition process".*

**PW 17      SALE OF DISUSED TOILET BLOCK IN NEW CANTERBURY  
ROAD, DULWICH HILL**

File Ref: 12180-02

**For Motion:** Unanimous

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**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**GM 74     COUNCIL'S MAJOR PROJECTS - ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI 8/06) FOR THE ENMORE POOL REDEVELOPMENT DESIGN TENDER**

File Ref: 1493

**5390     RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with the amendment that point 2 be deleted and the following new points be added:

2.     *the recently received petitions signed by 1,000 people in support of a 50m pool at Enmore Park be also noted;*
3.     *advancement of the further Selective Tender process be deferred; and*
4.     *Council officers report to the October Council Meeting on incorporating a 50m pool into the project and investigating the issues involved, including:*
  - (a)   *ongoing running and maintenance costs and revenue implications;*
  - (b)   *footprint implications; and*
  - (c)   *the impact on the surrounding neighbourhood;*

*and all options for resolving any issues.*

and point 3 be renumbered as point 5.

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

**Against Motion:**       Councillors Macri and Hanna

Councillors Sharpe and Hesse temporarily left the meeting at 8.15pm

**GM 75     COUNCIL MAJOR PROJECTS - ADVANCEMENT OF NEW CHILDREN'S CENTRE PROPOSAL WITHIN THE MARRICKVILLE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL**

File Ref: 1968

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with an amendment to point 3 for a report to be submitted to Council's December Meeting.

Councillors Sharpe and Hesse returned at 8.18pm.

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Councillor Owen temporarily left the meeting at 8.23pm.

**5391** The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous  
**Absent:** Councillor Owen

Councillor Owen returned at 8.26pm.

**Matter Arising out of consideration of GM 75**

**5392** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Macri, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT** officers prepare a report on the viability of a respite and occasional care centre for young mothers at the Illawarra Early Childhood Centre building.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**GM 76** **2006 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
File Ref: 512

**5393** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** and that Councillors S Byrne, Iskandar and Hanna be nominated as delegates.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**GM 77** **REVIEW OF PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
File Ref: 1473

**5394** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**GM 78** **AUGUST 06 BUDGET REVIEW**  
File Ref: 3958

**5395** **RESOLVED:** 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

Councillors Olive and Iskandar temporarily left the meeting at 8.35pm.

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**GM 79      REPORT ON GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT**

File Ref: 4577-03

**5396      RESOLVED:** 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 Olive and Iskandar

Councillor Iskandar returned to the meeting at 8.36pm.

**GM 80      COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM POLICY**

File Ref: 2175

**5397      RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**Absent:** Councillor Olive

**GM 81      FINDINGS OF COUNCIL'S CONDUCT COMMITTEE IN  
RELATION TO COMPLAINT THAT COUNCILLOR C HESSE  
BREACHED COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

File Ref: 4030-02

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor F Byrne, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with an amendment that Council finds Councillor Hesse breached the Code under Clauses 4.8 and 5.1 and Council requires Councillor Hesse to apologise to Councillor Owen.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor Iskandar, **THAT** points 2 and 3 be deleted and replaced with new points as follows:

2. *Council finds that Councillor Hesse has breached the Code of Conduct under Sections 4.8 Respect and 5.1.*
3. *Council finds these breaches unacceptable and wishes to formally censure Councillor Hesse and requires him to apologise to Councillor Owen.*

Councillor Olive returned to the meeting at 8.40pm.

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**MOTION OF DISSENT**

A **MOTION OF DISSENT** was moved by Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor Cotter against the Chairperson's ruling that Councillor Sharpe could not speak again.

**5398** The **MOTION OF DISSENT** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

Councillor Owen temporarily left the meeting at 8.55pm.

Councillor Sharpe temporarily left the meeting at 8.56pm.

Councillors Owen and Sharpe returned to the meeting at 8.57pm.

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

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

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

**5399** The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**5400** **IT WAS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR S BYRNE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR F BYRNE, TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPEARING ON THE BUSINESS PAPER FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**GM 82** **PETITIONS RECEIVED**  
File Ref: 4577-03

**GM 83** **COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION**  
File Ref: 4015-04

**GM 84** **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY STAFF**  
File Ref: 4325-03

**GM 85** **OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**  
File Ref: 4577-03

**For Motion:** Unanimous

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**GM 86     DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

File Ref: 1908

- 5401**     A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thanos, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

Councillor Owen left the meeting at 8.20pm.

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

**For Motion:**             Unanimous  
**Absent:**                 Councillor Owen

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**NM 13     INVESTMENT IN THE MACQUARIE BANK GROUP**

- 5402**     A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor F Byrne, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** the Motion as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED**.

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

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

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

**CHAIRPERSON**

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Meeting Commenced at 6.35 pm.

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

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY BY CHAIRPERSON**

*We meet tonight on the traditional land of the Cadigal people of the Eora nation. I acknowledge the terrible wrongs committed against the Aboriginal peoples of this country and their care of the land over many generations. I celebrate their ongoing survival and achievements in today's society.*

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

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**BUSINESS**

**DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

File Ref: 4084

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

File Ref: 4322

Nil

The Mayor, Councillor S Byrne addressed the Council.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

**GM 87      ELECTION OF MAYOR**  
File Ref: 4578-02

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**5403      RESOLVED:**    On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse,  
**THAT:**

1.    if there is more than one nomination for election as Mayor, the election proceed by open voting; and
2.    the election of the Mayor for the term of office until September 2007 be conducted in accordance with the legislation.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

Councillor S Byrne stated that the General Manager was Returning Officer for the election and asked her to proceed.

In accordance with the legislation, the General Manager acted as Returning Officer for the election of Mayor. The Returning Officer announced that she had received two (2) nominations for election as Mayor, being Councillors Morris Hanna and Sam Byrne. She stated that the vote would be conducted in the order of receipt of the nominations and as there were two nominees, Councillors are to vote for one of the two candidates by show of hands and if the number of votes for each candidate is equal, the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is elected.

The Returning Officer conducted the election for Mayor with Councillors voting as follows:

For Councillor Hanna	Councillors:	B Cotter R Owen P Sharpe S Iskandar V Macri M Hanna
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For Councillor S Byrne	Councillors:	C Hesse S Khan F Byrne P Olive D Thanos S Byrne
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As the vote was **TIED**, the Returning Officer conducted the draw by lot and Councillor Hanna's name was "drawn out of a hat".

The Returning Officer declared that Councillor M Hanna OAM was elected as Mayor.

The Mayor, Councillor M Hanna addressed the Council.

**GM 88      ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

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File Ref: 4926

**5404**     **RESOLVED:**     On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri,  
**THAT:**

1.     if there is more than one nomination for election as Deputy Mayor, the election proceed by open voting; and
2.     the election of the Deputy Mayor for the term of office until September 2007 be conducted in accordance with the legislation.

**For Motion:**             Unanimous

Councillor Hanna stated that the General Manager was Returning Officer for the election and asked her to proceed.

In accordance with the legislation, the General Manager acted as Returning Officer for the election of Deputy Mayor. The Returning Officer announced that she had received three (3) nominations for election as Deputy Mayor, being Councillors V Macri, P Olive and R Owen. She stated that the vote would be conducted in the order of receipt of the nominations and as there were three nominees, Councillors are to vote for one of the three candidates by show of hands; the candidate with the lowest number of votes in the first vote will be excluded; if two candidates are tied on the lowest number of votes, the one excluded is to be chosen by lot; Councillors would then vote by show of hands for one of the two remaining candidates; and if the number of votes for each candidate is equal, the candidate whose name is first chosen by lot is elected.

The Returning Officer conducted the election for Deputy Mayor with Councillors voting as follows:

For Councillor Macri	Councillors:	M Hanna V Macri
For Councillor Olive	Councillors:	S Byrne F Byrne S Khan C Hesse Thanos P Olive
For Councillor Owen	Councillors:	B Cotter S Iskandar P Sharpe R Owen

As Councillor Macri received the least votes, he was excluded.

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The Returning Officer conducted a second election for Deputy Mayor with Councillors voting as follows:

For Councillor Olive

Councillors: S Byrne  
F Byrne  
S Khan  
C Hesse  
P Olive  
D Thanos

For Councillor Owen

Councillors: B Cotter  
S Iskandar  
P Sharpe  
R Owen  
V Macri  
M Hanna

As the vote was **TIED**, the Returning Officer conducted the draw by lot and Councillor Olive's name was "drawn out of a hat".

The Returning Officer declared that Councillor P Olive was elected as Deputy Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Peter Olive addressed the Council.

**GM 89     DETERMINATION OF MEETING STRUCTURE AND**  
**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

File Ref: 4926-02

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

1. Council adopts the existing meeting structure as outlined in page 7 of the Business Paper, including time, date and place of the Ordinary Meeting and the meetings of the Committees as follows:

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Meeting Structure

1st Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm	DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Development & Environmental Services Committee	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (Development & Environmental Services Committee Matters Only)
2nd Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm	COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Community Services Committee	CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Corporate Services Committee	TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
3rd Tuesday of each month	6.30 pm	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Olive, **THAT** the **MOTION** be **ADOPTED** with the amendment that the Corporate Services Committee Meeting be conducted first with the Meeting Structure for the Corporate Services, Community Services and Technical Services Committee Meetings being as follows:

2nd Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm	CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Corporate Services Committee	COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
	at conclusion of Community Services Committee	TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**For Motion:** Unanimous

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- 5405** The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION** and was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

- 5406** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Committee delegations remain the same; all Councillors will be members of each Committee; and that Councillors nominate and a vote be conducted, if there is more than one candidate, to determine the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for each Committee.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

Councillors Macri and Olive were nominated for Chairperson of the Development & Environment Services Committee.

Voting was as follows:

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

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

The Chairperson declared Councillor Macri elected as Chairperson of the Development & Environment Services Committee.

- 5407** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor Cotter, **THAT** Councillor Cotter be Deputy Chairperson Development & Environment Services Committee.

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

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

Councillors Iskandar and Khan were nominated for Chairperson of the Community Services Committee.

Voting was as follows:

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

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

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The Chairperson declared Councillor Iskandar elected as Chairperson of the Community Services Committee.

- 5408**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** Councillor Owen be Deputy Chairperson of the Community Services Committee.

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

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

- 5409**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** Councillor F Byrne be Chairperson of the Technical Services Committee and Councillor Iskandar be Deputy Chairperson of the Technical Services Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

- 5410**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** Councillor Owen be Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee.

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

**Against Motion:**                Councillors Olive, Khan and Hesse

- 5411**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** Councillor Macri be Deputy Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

- 5412**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** a new Instrument of Delegation be made to reflect Council's determinations.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

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**GM 90     APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCIL ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES; OTHER ORGANISATIONS / BODIES; AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS**  
File Ref: 4926

**5413     RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Cotter, **THAT** Councillors nominate for appointment as representatives on Special Committees, Other Organisations/Bodies and Regional Organisations and each one be dealt with separately.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**A.     Council Committees**

**1.     Addison Road Community Board** (Major community facility)

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** Councillor Owen be appointed as Council's representative on the Addison Road Community Board and that Councillor Iskandar be the alternate representative.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Olive, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** Councillor Olive be appointed as Council's representative on the Addison Road Community Board and that Councillor Khan be the alternate representative.

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

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

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

The Chairperson used his casting vote and the **AMENDMENT** was **LOST**.

**5414     The MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

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

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

**2.     Marrickville Council Multicultural Committee** (Advisory Committee of Council).

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- 5415**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Iskandar, **THAT** the Councillors Iskandar and Khan be appointed as Council's representatives on the Marrickville Council Multicultural Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**3.    Newtown South Main Street Committee** (Advisory Committee to Council)

**4.    Marrickville Main Street Committee** (Advisory Committee to Council)

**5.    Petersham Main Street Committee** (Advisory Committee to Council)

- 5416**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** the Mayor and Councillors of the relevant Ward be appointed as Council's representatives on the Main Street Committees.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**6.    Local Traffic Planning & Advisory Committee** (Council Committee with one Council representative and representatives of various statutory bodies).

- 5417**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor F Byrne, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna be appointed as Council's representative on the Local Traffic Planning & Advisory Committee and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Olive be the alternate.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**7.    Marrickville Transportation Committee**

- 5418**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT** the Chairperson of the Technical Services Committee, Councillor F Byrne be appointed as Council's representative on the Marrickville Transportation Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**9.    Sister Cities Community Committee**

- 5419**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna chair the Committee and Councillors Iskandar, Macri, Khan and S Byrne be appointed as Council's representatives on the Sister Cities Community Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

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**10. Marrickville Access Committee** (Advisory Committee to Council)

- 5420**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Cotter, **THAT** the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Iskandar and Councillors F Byrne and Hesse be appointed as Council's representatives on the Marrickville Access Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**11. Heritage Promotion Committee**

- 5421**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** Councillors Olive and F Byrne be appointed as Council's representatives on the Heritage Promotion Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**12. Council Audit Committee**

- 5422**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Cotter, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna and the Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee, Councillor Owen, be appointed as Council's representatives on the Council Audit Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**13. Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee**

- 5423**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT** Councillors Iskandar and S Byrne be appointed as Council's representatives on the Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**14. GLL@M : Gay and Lesbian Community Liaison Committee**

Councillors S Byrne, Sharpe and Owen were nominated and it was noted there were currently only two Councillor representatives on the Committee.

- 5424**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Olive, **THAT** three Councillors be appointed as Council's representatives on the GLL@M Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

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- 5425**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** Councillors Sharpe, S Byrne and Owen be appointed as Council's representatives on the GLL@M Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**15. Dulwich Hill Main Street Committee** (Advisory Committee to Council)

- 5426**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Iskandar, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna and all West Ward Councillors be appointed as Council's representatives on the Dulwich Hill Main Street Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**16. Safety in Marrickville Committee**

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Sharpe, **THAT** the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Iskandar and Councillor Owen, be appointed as Council's representatives on the Safety in Marrickville Committee.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Khan, **THAT** that three Councillors be appointed as Council representatives on the Safety in Marrickville Committee and that they be the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Iskandar and Councillors Owen and F Byrne.

- 5427**      The **AMENDMENT** became the **MOTION** and was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**17. Watershed Committee** (Advisory Committee to Project Working Group)

- 5428**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hesse, seconded by Councillor Hanna, **THAT** Councillor Hesse be appointed as Council's representative on the Watershed Committee.

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

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

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**18. Marrickville Council Conduct Committee**

It was noted that the Mayor, Councillor Hanna and the General Manager are Council representatives on the Marrickville Council Conduct Committee in accordance with the Local Government Act.

**19. Marrickville Cooks River Committee – Panel determining Community Representation**

- 5429**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Chairperson of the Development & Environmental Services Committee, Councillor Macri be appointed as Council's representative on the Marrickville Cooks River Committee Panel determining Community Representation.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**20. Artist in Residency Advisory Committee**

- 5430**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT** Councillor Sharpe be appointed as Council's representative on the Artist in Residency Advisory Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**21. Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre Advisory Committee**

- 5431**     **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Cotter, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT** Councillor Khan be appointed as Council's representative on the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre Advisory Committee.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**22. Art Board Curatorial Committee**

A **MOTION** was moved by Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT** Councillor Cotter be appointed as Council's representative on the Art Board Curatorial Committee.

An **AMENDMENT** was moved by Councillor F Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** Councillor F Byrne be appointed as Council's representative on the Art Board Curatorial Committee.

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

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

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

**5432** The **MOTION** was put to the vote and was **CARRIED**.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**23. Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme Committee**

**5433** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Cotter, **THAT** the Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Iskandar, be appointed as Council's representative on the Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme Committee.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**24. Newtown Selection Panel**

**5434** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT** Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Iskandar, be appointed as Council's representative on the Newtown Selection Panel.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**B. Councillor Representation on other Organisations/Bodies:**

**a. Roads & Traffic Authority Consultative Forum**

**5435** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna and the Chairperson of the Technical Services Committee, Councillor F Byrne, be appointed as Council's representatives on the Roads & Traffic Authority Consultative Forum.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

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**b. Cooks River Floodplain Management Committee**

**5436** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** Councillor Hesse be appointed as Council's representative on the Cooks River Floodplain Management Committee.

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

**Against Motion:** Councillors Sharpe and Owen

**c. Metropolitan Public Libraries Association**

**5437** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** Councillor F Byrne be appointed as Council representative for the Metropolitan Public Libraries Association, with Councillor Hesse as alternate.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**d. Cities for Climate Protection**

**5438** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna be appointed as Council's representative for the Cities for Climate Protection.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

**e. Australian Mayoral Aviation Committee**

**5439** **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna be appointed as Council's representative on the Australian Mayoral Aviation Committee.

**For Motion:** Unanimous

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**C. Regional Organisations**

**i) Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)**

**5440**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Sharpe, seconded by Councillor Owen, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Olive, be appointed as Council's representatives for the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC), with Councillors Cotter and Macri as alternates.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**ii) Metropool**

**5441**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Iskandar, **THAT** the Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee, Councillor Owen, be appointed as Council's representative for Metropool.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

**iii) Sydney Airport Community Consultative Committee**

*Councillor Representative: Nil*

**iv) Sydney Harbour Councils**

**5442**      **RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the Mayor, Councillor Hanna be appointed as Council's representative for Sydney Harbour Councils.

**For Motion:**                      Unanimous

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

**CHAIRPERSON**

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**Meeting commenced at 9.26 pm**

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor M Hanna (in the Chair) and Councillors V Macri, B Cotter, R Owen, S Khan, S Byrne and D Thanos.

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

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

**APOLOGIES**

**5443      RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** the apologies for Councillors C Hesse, who was ill, S Iskandar, who had family commitments, P Sharpe, who was in Parliament, F Byrne who was ill, and P Olive, who was out of Sydney, be accepted and leave of absence be **GRANTED**.

**For Motion:**      Unanimous

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil

**DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MATTERS**

**5444      RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor Hanna, seconded by Councillor Macri, **THAT** Council **ADOPT** the recommendation of the Development and Environmental Services Committee for the following Item:-

**PS 23      REPORT SEEKING COUNCIL'S ENDORSEMENT TO PUBLICLY EXHIBIT THE DRAFT MARRICKVILLE URBAN STRATEGY 2006 DOCUMENTS**

*File Ref: 1938*

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

**For Motion:**      Unanimous

**Absent:**              Councillor Hesse

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**PS 24 SIGNAGE CONTROLS IN MARRICKVILLE DEVELOPMENT  
CONTROL PLAN NO. 28 - URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR  
BUSINESS CENTRES**

*File Ref: 13804.13-02*

***Note:*** *A Notice of Motion to Rescind the Committee recommendation for Item PS 24 was received and the Chairperson ruled that it would be dealt with at the next Development and Environmental Services Committee meeting.*

**For Motion:** Unanimous

Meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

**CHAIRPERSON**

***FS 18 - FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006  
(from Corporate Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 1908

**Director, Corporate Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

At Meeting 08/06 on 19 September 2006 (Item GM86) Council received a report on the Draft Financial Reports For The Year Ended 30 June 2006. The report recommended that in anticipation of receiving the Auditor's Report, the meeting to be held on 17 October 2006 be set as the meeting at which the annual financial reports will be presented to the public. However, following discussion with Council's External Auditors, the audit timetable will not enable the reports to be presented to the 17 October meeting and as such, Council's November meeting of 21 November 2006 needs to be set as the meeting at which the annual financial reports will be presented to the public.

**Background**

Section 415 provides that Council's auditor must audit the Council's financial reports as soon as practicable after they are referred for audit. Section 416(1) requires the audit to be completed within four months of the end of the year. Section 418 provides that as soon as practicable after Council receives a copy of the auditor's reports:

- (a) it must fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, to the public; and
- (b) it must give public notice of the date so fixed.

Section 418 also provides that the date fixed for the meeting must be at least 7 days after the date on which the notice is given but not more than five weeks after the auditor's reports are given to Council.

**Discussion**

Following discussion with Council's External Auditors in relation to the timetable required to complete the audit of the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2006, the meeting at which the annual financial reports will be presented to the public will be the 21 November 2006.

**Conclusion**

It is now appropriate for the Corporate Services Committee to receive and note the report and to recommend to Council that the Meeting on the 21 November 2006 be set as the meeting at which the annual financial reports will be presented to the public.

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For Recommendation***

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. in anticipation of receiving the Auditor's Report, the meeting to be held on 21 November 2006 be set as the meeting at which the annual financial reports will be presented to the public.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

***CD 35 - UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES IN TOM FOSTER  
(from Community Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 35

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised and updated on recent activities at Tom Foster Community Care Centre (TFCC). It is recommended that the report be received and noted and Council approves the submission of a funding application to the Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care to undertake the proposed Dementia Care Project for an amount up to \$60,000.

**Background**

TFCC provides an integrated, in-home service delivery response to older people, people with a disability and their carers (the HACC target population) who reside in the Marrickville and Leichhardt LGAs. The service is funded by Council and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) to provide various food services, including a “Meals on Wheels” program, and a social support program for people who may be housebound due to factors such as long term illness, age related fragility and/or other disabilities. The impact of any one or multiple of these factors can affect the individual’s ability to live independently within the community.

To ensure that TFCC staff provide a quality service that can be continuously improved, every client is individually assessed on their entry into the service and at regular intervals thereafter. Information collected includes health details and food habits. Clients are also visited by volunteers up to 5 days per week and client satisfaction surveys are conducted annually. Changes to clients’ physical health and wellbeing are monitored in this way.

**Discussion**

**1. Regional Promotion of Ethnic Meals to the Italian Community and Meals on Wheels Services in Inner West.**

On Thursday 24 August 2006, Tom Foster Community Care joined with COASIT (regional service organisation for the Italian community), and the Canada Bay Aged Care Services Team, to hold a regionally based Italian Community Health Information Forum for seniors at Concord Senior Citizens Centre. TFCC staff promoted their ethnic meals service to Italian clients in the Leichhardt LGA and to other food service providers across the Inner West. About 110 Italian residents from across the Inner West region attended and enjoyed a variety of delicious and healthy Italian meals made from traditional recipes by the TFCC Food Services.

The menu included Tuscan Chicken, Beef Cannelloni, Fish Primavera and Baked Pumpkin Risotto and, for dessert, tiramisu and carrot cake. An evaluation showed that 98% of participants were highly satisfied with the food.

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**Workshop on Fast Food for Family and Friends (Adult Learners Week)**

The Food Services Team at TFCC conducted a workshop as part of Adult Learners' Week on easy to prepare recipes for busy families and friends. The workshop was held at the Marrickville Library on 6 September 2006 and 25 participants attended of whom the majority were local residents.

The team demonstrated the preparation of healthy "fast-food", including a salad and dessert, which were then offered to participants as a very enjoyable "tasting" exercise.

TFCC staff provided tips on budget buying and storing food as well as an essential cupboard list ("must haves" for all kitchens). The team also gave away complimentary sample bags containing the newly developed Tom Foster Fast Food for Families and Friends recipe books, fact sheets, information about nutrition from Nutrition Australia, safe food information from NSW Food Authority and some generic sample foods.

All participants provided excellent feedback and one registered with TFCC to become a Food Services volunteer.

**2. Tom Foster Community Care Dementia Pilot Project (Meeting the needs of clients with complex needs)**

TFCC is planning to trial ways of encouraging clients with dementia to eat, in response to the concerns of staff and volunteers who found out-of-date meals in clients' refrigerators. Staff found that some clients just forgot to eat. Volunteers also reported changes in some of the clients' behaviour towards them. Having known them for many years, the volunteers were concerned to see the deterioration and confusion that some clients are experiencing.

Concerns for this group of clients were discussed with the Project Officer at the Inner West Dementia Advisory Service (IWDAS), as well as both HACC Development Officers in Inner West. TFCC staff also identified the issue as a gap in service provision at the Marrickville/Canterbury HACC Planning Forum.

Contacts were made with the Hornsby Meals on Wheel Service (MOW) and Port Macquarie (MOW) to gain information about the pilot projects they are currently conducting for their clients. These projects are funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. The information gained will inform the TFCC project.

These services, like TFCC, had concerns for their clients with dementia and wanted to provide support to improve their nutrition. Meal time for people with dementia, especially those living alone, can be quite stressful.

**The Proposed Dementia Care Project**

TFCC is planning to seek funding from the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care through the Regional HACC Planning Forum to employ workers on a fixed term employment

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arrangement who will implement a trial Dementia Care Project for vulnerable older people in the Marrickville LGA.

The proposed project involves a two step process:

Step 1. Assessing dementia clients, eating patterns and nutritional condition.

The Community Dietician in the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) at RPA Hospital has agreed to conduct this activity.

Step 2. Trialling different options to encourage clients to eat their meals, including:

- reminder telephone calls;
- colourful reminder cards/fridge magnets;
- assistance from partner service providers; and
- visits from a TFCC worker.

The project will be evaluated at the end of the second stage of the Project. The evaluation will assess the appropriateness of options in responding to individual client need. Clients' nutrition will also be assessed at the end of the project to determine whether the support options have helped improve nutritional levels of this vulnerable client group.

**Conclusion**

TFCC staff continues to work closely with government services, volunteers, service agencies and the community to meet the needs of the HACC target population and the broader community of Marrickville.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council approves the submission of a funding application to the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care to undertake the proposed Dementia Care Project for an amount up to a total of \$60,000.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**CC 15 - COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM**  
**(from Community Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)**  
**For Recommendation**

File Ref: 2186

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised of the outcomes of consultations held with the African, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Pacific Islander, Portuguese and Vietnamese communities in July and August 2006 regarding community cultural events proposed to take place in 2006/2007. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; the temporary events officer position be extended until 30 June 2007 to organise the events; a budget adjustment of \$65,000 be made to cover costs of food and service staff, if required, at events held in the town halls and the extension of the events officer position, partly funded by the \$20,000 Events Reserve; and a Councillor Conference be convened before the end 2006 to discuss future development of the program.

**Background**

At its April 2006 meeting, Council resolved to amend the Draft Budget for events to include seven community events, with a budget of \$8,000, for each of the African, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Pacific Islander, Portuguese and Vietnamese communities (Council Meeting 03/06, Item GM 32).

A meeting was held on 8 May 2006 convened by the Mayor, Cllr. Sam Byrne, attended by Councillor Sharpe, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Thanos, General Manager, Acting Director of Community Services and Acting Manager of Communication & Cultural Services to establish a clear direction for developing these events and it was agreed that it was appropriate to consult with each of the communities and develop concepts based on these consultations.

At its June 2006 meeting, Council adopted the Draft Budget with an additional allocation of \$8,000 for an Italian community event (Council Meeting 05/06, Item GM 41).

At that Meeting, Council also considered a Mayoral Minute (MM 12) proposing that the Cultural Event funded in the 2005/06 Budget not proceed, in view of the change of direction by Council in adopting the Draft 2006/07 Budget, to replace the single cultural event with events to be held for each of the main communities. Council resolved to adopt the recommendation THAT:

1. the Cultural Event scheduled for June not be held;
2. the funds for the Cultural Event of \$20,000 be allocated to an Events Reserve and a Budget adjustment be made; and
3. following adoption of the Events Program for 2006/07 as part of the 2006/07 Adopted Budget, a further report be submitted to Council in relation to the proposed form of the new community events, after consultation with each of the communities; and that Council give further consideration to re-allocation of those funds at that time.

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**Discussion**

In July 2006 Council engaged a temporary Events Project Officer to consult with each community in developing concepts and budgets for the proposed events. Each group was given a list of concepts to begin discussion. The concepts included cultural demonstration days, historical projects, award ceremonies, art exhibitions, film nights, musical evenings and sports days.

The groups were asked to consider an event concept based on the following:

- that the event could easily be repeated on an annual basis;
- that the event be held indoors (due to weather and budget constraints); and
- that the event appeals to the relevant ethnic group and the wider Marrickville communities.

Each group agreed that the key elements to celebrating their culture involved family and friends, music and food. All the groups felt that food would need to be provided for the event to be successful and some groups enquired whether community members or a community group could be responsible for their own catering. Due to food safety and insurance requirements, this would only be possible if the community members or group were appropriately insured and set-up to cater for large numbers. Alternatively, it was suggested that Council could subsidise the catering costs for the events held in the town halls.

Overall, the groups were pleased they had been approached for consultation. Many expressed their interest in being involved with all aspects of the event such as final concepts, planning, catering and entertainment.

Throughout the consultations feedback was received that Council, in partnership with a range of community groups, could better integrate and add value to existing communities activities through alternative means, such as cross cultural awards and events or a community cultural funding program for the purchase of cultural equipment such as musical instruments, costumes etc. It is proposed that Council undertake further consultation with the communities to understand how it could better partner with groups to enhance existing activities within each of the community groups with a view to achieving more sustainable outcomes. It is recommended that a Councillor Conference be held before the end of 2006 to commence discussion regarding the scope of this consultation so that any amendments to the program can be considered as part of the 2007/2008 Council Budget process.

A summary of each consultation follows with a recommended event concept, timing and organising group detailed. The event concepts proposed aim to balance consultation feedback with available resources and existing community calendars. In regard to the timing the events, each community group indicated that they are comfortable with the dates proposed below, but noted that they change with community input.

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**1. African Communities**

**Community Consultation**

The consultation with people from the African communities took place on 6 August 2006 at the Petersham Town Hall. Attendees included community workers, restaurant owners, musicians, association members and members of the community.

**Event Concept**

The preferred event concept that emerged from discussions was a musical/theatrical event showcasing a range of African entertainment and cultural performances. The group agreed that it was important to provide refreshments on the evening.

**Timing**

The event was proposed to take place on a Saturday afternoon or evening in April or May, possibly in the school holidays.

**Organising group**

This event would need to be organised by Council with assistance from community members.

**2. Arabic Speaking Communities**

**Community Consultation**

The community consultation took place on 31 July 2006 at the May Murray Neighbourhood Centre, Marrickville. Attendees included representatives from the Arabic speaking community including community workers, youth workers and business owners.

**Event Concept**

The preferred event concept that emerged from discussions was a musical/performance night open to all members of the Arabic speaking community. A call would be made for contemporary and traditional Arabic entertainment groups to perform for a minimal fee/free of charge in a town hall to showcase current Arabic entertainment. The community members noted the importance of food and drink at the event. As Council would not be paying for the entertainment, the quality of the entertainment can not be guaranteed, as some professional performers won't perform free of charge.

**Timing**

It was proposed that the event take place on a Friday or Saturday evening in November.

**Organising group**

This event would need to be organised by Council with assistance from community members.

**3. Chinese Community**

**Community Consultation**

The Chinese community consultation took place on 2 August 2006. Representatives were mainly associated with the Australia - China Business Connection.

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**Event Concept**

An afternoon/evening event showcasing martial arts and acrobatics. There would be demonstrations and the opportunity for young people to try the various martial arts. The community felt that people would attend the event if there was food available and the opportunity to win a lucky door prize.

**Timing**

The proposed timing for the event was during Chinese New Year, however, on further consultation, some members of this community felt this was a family time and perhaps people would not have time to attend another function.

**4. Greek Community**

**Community Consultation**

The Greek Community Consultation took place on 24 July 2006 at the Petersham Town Hall. Representatives included community workers, health workers, business owners and representatives from the Greek Festival of Sydney.

**Event Concept**

It is recommended that Council host an art or historical event in conjunction with the Greek Festival of Sydney. The Greek Festival of Sydney representatives were interested in this idea however as the Festival currently does not have a co-ordinator, an appropriate event could not be determined.

**Timing**

These events would take place the week commencing 9 April 2007, the week after Greek Easter.

**5. Italian Community**

**Community Consultation**

The Italian community consultation took place on 24 July 2006 at the Petersham Town Hall. Representatives included residents, established business owners, community workers and Clr. Victor Macri.

**Event Concept**

The event concept that emerged from discussions was a fun day held in the Marrickville Town Hall that showcases Southern Italian culture (many local Italian residents have originated from Southern Italy) with a focus on cookery demonstrations. In addition to this, the group requested activities such as spaghetti and gelato eating competitions. The group felt that it was essential that a basic meal of pasta be provided and expressed interest in local Italians providing food for demonstrations and competitions. Due to public liability issues, food to be consumed by the public would need to be prepared by a group with the appropriate food handling experience and public liability insurance. As an alternative, Council could either pay for Italian food companies to attend and provide complimentary samples or invite stallholders to the event.

**Timing**

The proposed time is a Sunday afternoon in February.

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***For Recommendation***

**6. Pacific Islander Communities**

**Community Consultation**

Discussions with various Pacific Islander community workers led to community consultation being held with organisers of the Pacific Unity Festival. The consultation took place on 11 July 2006 as part of the Pacific Unity Festival organiser's regular meeting including Festival and Council representatives. Pacific Unity is an incorporated, non-profit association dedicated to promoting the health and well being of Pacific communities living in Sydney, through sport and art. The festival is currently in its third year and attracts over 10,000 people. In the past, the event has focused on sporting activities such as rugby and netball round-robin competitions. This year, the group is proposing to incorporate a cultural element to the Festival.

**Event Concept**

The event concept for this community event is Council funding part of the Pacific Unity Festival, creating a partnership with the Festival that would build a foundation for future Pacific Islander community events. As the community is seeking to diversify the appeal of the event and to engage more Pacific Islander groups, they would like Council to work with them to fund a cultural competition as part of the Pacific Unity Festival. The cultural competition would showcase Pacific Islander and Indigenous music and dance throughout the day, becoming the primary entertainment for the Festival. A representative from Council would be invited to sit on the judging panel. Further discussions with the Festival organisers revealed that in previous years, attendees were required to pay for children's rides. The organisers requested that Council contribute funding so that they could offer free activities for children such as a jumping castle and a merry-go-round.

**Timing**

The Festival is planned for 4 November 2006 and is held annually in November.

**7. Portuguese Community**

**Community Consultation**

The Portuguese community consultation took place on 17 July 2006 with representatives from the Portuguese soccer clubs, leaders of the folk groups and media owners attending. No single concept was agreed upon as a preferred event and consensus was not reached with the group consulted.

**Event Concept**

It is recommended that either Council proposes a community art exhibition to be held as part of 2007 Bairro Português festival or an alternate function is held to celebrate Portuguese National Day. The latter event could compete with existing National Day activities within the community. An art exhibition could be launched prior to the day of the Bairro Português festival in March 2007, similar to the successful *Magic of Madeira* exhibition held in 2004. An exhibition held in conjunction with Bairro Português could also benefit from the festival marketing.

**Timing**

An exhibition held prior to the Bairro Português Festival in March 2007 or another event held to around the time of Portuguese National Day on 10 June 2007.

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***For Recommendation***

**8. Vietnamese Community**

**Community Consultation**

The Vietnamese community consultations took place on 14 and 16 August 2006 and consisted of community and seniors workers.

**Event Concept**

A night of both traditional and contemporary Vietnamese music and dancing. The evening would commence with traditional music for the older generation and then move onto more contemporary music for the younger Vietnamese. The group felt that food would be required at the event.

**Timing**

An event could be held around Lunar New Year in January / February.

**Budget Implications**

The current budget allocation is \$8,000 for each event. Each proposed event has been costed and that amount is only sufficient to cover standard costs, such as hire of AV equipment, other equipment hire, entertainment, marketing, MC, security, stage manager, rental and cleaning of the town hall, and other identified costs for individual events such as exhibition set up and curator. There are not sufficient funds to cover food and drink. In that regard, a general theme emerging across the groups during the consultations was the need for food and drink to be included as part of the seven events which are proposed to take place in the town halls (not the Pacific Islander communities event). It is proposed that Council consider increasing the budgets for the seven events to include a budget for food and service staff, if required, of \$5,500 per event, totalling \$38,500.

Further consultation will be undertaken with each community group in relation to arrangements relating to food to be provided, including the provider, and whether it is to be buffet style or cocktail style, requiring service staff. It is proposed that drinks and alcohol be included through a cash bar, to be operated by a relevant community group or, if no community group is interested, a suitable caterer.

All community groups consulted indicated that they would like to assist the development and production of their events, however the production of the events program would be primarily the responsibility of Council. It is recommended that the temporary events officer position be extended to 30 June 2007 for 21 hours per week to liaise extensively with the community groups, develop the event concepts in detail, and co-ordinate the delivery of the events. A budget adjustment of \$26,500 would be needed to fund this position.

A total budget adjustment of \$65,000 would be required for the costs of food and service staff and the extension of the events officer position. As mentioned previously, Council resolved to allocate \$20,000 to an Events Reserve and to give further consideration to allocation of those funds at the time of the further report to Council on the proposed form of the new community events. It is considered appropriate that the \$20,000 Events Reserve be allocated to partly offset those additional costs.

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**General Manager reports:**

In the 2006/2007 Resources Plan under Community Events there is an allocation of \$8,000 each for African, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Pacific Islander, Portuguese and Vietnamese community events. A budget adjustment of \$65,000 would be required for the costs of food, service staff and the extension of the events officer position, part of which can be funded by the Events Reserve of \$20,000.

**Conclusion**

The community consultations held with the African, Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Italian, Pacific Islander, Portuguese, and Vietnamese communities revealed that the key elements to celebrating their culture were family and friends, music and food. The groups were pleased they had been approached for consultation, however further consultation is needed to understand how Council could better partner with groups to enhance existing activities within each of the communities to achieve more sustainable outcomes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. the temporary events officer position be extended until 30 June 2007;
3. a budget adjustment of \$65,000 be made to cover costs of food and service staff at events held in the town halls and the extension of the events officer position, to be partly funded by the \$20,000 Events Reserve; and
4. a Councillor Conference be convened before the end 2006 to discuss future development of the program.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**CS 16 - NEW FAMILY DAY CARE FUNDING AGREEMENT 2006/2007  
(from Community Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)  
For Recommendation**

File Ref: 39

**Director, Community Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised that the Commonwealth Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has provided a new funding agreement for Family Day Care network support from 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007. It is recommended that the report be received and noted; Council enter into the agreement for the funding assistance for the period 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007; and the Mayor and the General Manager execute and affix the Common Seal of Council to the necessary documents.

**Background**

The Family Day Care Network Support funding program is administered by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSIA). The Family Day Care Network Support funding program is part of the Commonwealth Governments Child Care Support Program. The objectives of the Child Care Support Program are to:

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

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

Council's Family Day Care Scheme has received Family Day Care Network Support on a yearly basis. Reports were submitted to Council's Community Services Committee meeting on 10 February 2004 (Item CS 4), and 9 August 2005 (Item CS 20) regarding the FACSIA review of children's services funding. Council was advised that the funding arrangements for all Family Day Care Schemes were under review and that this may result in a variation of funding.

However, Council received correspondence from FACSIA on 19 June 2006 advising of a delay in the implementation of the new funding formula and offering Council an extension to its existing funding agreement for an additional three month period to 30 September 2006 at the 2005 – 2006 funding level, a total amount of \$49,286. Council accepted this funding agreement at Community Services Committee meeting on 11 July 2006 (Item CS 10).

**Discussion**

The Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme operates as part of the Children and Family Services Section. The Family Day Care Scheme provides support to carers through the delivery of field visits to carer's homes, the facilitation of a playgroup one day per week, the provision of training for families and carers, and the administration of the program through enrolments and orientation for new carers and families.

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The new funding formula is based on occupied places and calculated on a rate per place in a geographic location of the co-ordination unit and the location of the majority of careers supervised by the service.

Council officers estimated the level of funding under the new Family Day Care Network Support funding program and projected \$150,000 for 2006/2007.

At the Community Services Committee meeting in July 2006 (Item CS 10), Council accepted a short term funding agreement of \$49,286 from 1 July 2006 to 30 September 2006 due to the delay in the implementation of the new funding formula.

The new funding formula has been confirmed and Council has received a funding agreement for an additional amount of \$117,663 for the period of 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007.

In total for the financial year of 2006/2007 the amount of funding will be \$166 949.00 and is approximately \$16,000 above the estimate amount.

**Director, Corporate Services reports:**

A budget adjustment can be considered by Council once funding arrangements have been finalised for 2006/07.

**Conclusion**

The Family Day Care Network Support provides a significant funding contribution to the operation of the Marrickville Family Day Care Scheme. The funding will be used to ensure that the Family Day Care scheme continues to provide high quality services within the Marrickville LGA.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council enter into the agreement with the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs for the funding amount of \$117,663 for the period 1 October 2006 to 30 June 2007; and
3. the Common Seal of Council be executed and affixed by the Mayor and General Manager to the funding agreement.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)  
For Recommendation**

File Ref: 4572-04

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This is a report on the civil construction and maintenance works commissioned and coordinated by the Engineering Section for the period concluding 30 September 2006. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

The status of the Engineering Works Resources Program and Operational Maintenance Program as at 30 September 2006 is described below. The financial details of the Engineering Works Resources Program are given in the **ATTACHED** table.

**ENGINEERING WORKS RESOURCES PROGRAM**

<b><u>COMPLETED PROJECTS 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2006 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2006</u></b>	
<b>LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anderton Street, Marrickville</li><li>• Enfield Street, Marrickville</li><li>• Hastings Street, Marrickville</li><li>• Herbert Street, Dulwich hill</li><li>• Yule Street, Dulwich Hill</li><li>• Robert Street, Marrickville</li><li>• Fairmount Street, Dulwich Hill</li></ul>
<b>REGIONAL ROAD PROGRAM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Llewellyn Street, Marrickville</li><li>• Enmore Road, Enmore</li></ul>
<b>ROADS TO RECOVERY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turtle lane, Newtown</li><li>• Meeks Lane, Marrickville</li><li>• Lands Lane, Newtown</li><li>• Broadley Lane, Marrickville</li><li>• Brooks Lane, Newtown</li></ul>
<b>5% SPECIAL LEVY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• King Street(Alice Street to Lord Street) - Newtown-Footpath Paving</li></ul>
<b>TRAFFIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carrington Street, Lewisham</li><li>• Trafalgar Street, Petersham</li></ul>

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<b><u>IN PROGRESS</u></b>	
<b>FOOTPATH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Boulevard, Dulwich Hill</li><li>• Percival Road, Stanmore</li></ul>
<b>REGIONAL ROADS PROGRAM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Salisbury Road, Camperdown</li></ul>

<b><u>SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER</u></b>	
<b>FOOTPATH PROGRAM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• George Street, Marrickville</li><li>• Griffiths Street, Tempe</li></ul>
<b>ROADS TO RECOVERY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wilford Lane, Newtown</li><li>• Ravenue Lane, Stanmore</li></ul>
<b>TRAFFIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cooks River Cycleway Stage 1</li><li>• Longport Street, Lewisham</li><li>• Moncur Street, Marrickville</li><li>• Kintore Street, Dulwich Hill</li></ul>

**RESOURCE PLAN CHANGES**

**Additional Roads to Recovery Program and Bicycle Facilities**

As part of the 2006/2007 Federally Funded Roads to Recovery Program the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) has granted Council an extra supplementary grant of \$248,902 towards eligible roadworks. Permissible works include bicycle route improvements. In order to progress Council's new Bike Plan it is recommended that Council allocate part of these grant funds to the implementation of Bike Facilities improvement works identified in the Plan. The Marrickville Bike Plan proposes the further development of the bicycle network throughout the Marrickville Council Local Government Area. A variety of Regional and Local Routes have been identified as part of this Plan which will be implemented over several years. It is proposed to give priority to Regional Route RR07 - Sydney to Parramatta from King Street, Newtown to Longport Street, Lewisham, the complete cost of which is estimated at about \$320,000.

Council's allocation in the 2006/2007 Resources Plan for Bike Plan implementation is \$50,000 with \$25,000 of this being in anticipated RTA grant funds. In fact Council has been successful in obtaining a \$100,000 dollar for dollar grant from the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) towards bicycle facilities. It is recommended that Council accept the RTA grant of \$100,000 and match these with funds from the Bike Plan Review Implementation (\$25,000) and a further \$75,000 from the Additional Roads to Recovery grant. Both the RTA and the Department of Transport and Regional Services have advised that the combination of these grants, in order to provide matching funds for the RTA grant, is permissible. This will give a total budget of \$200,000 towards the partial construction of Regional Route RR07 between King Street, Newtown and Longport Street,

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Lewisham and leave an amount of \$173,902 for additional Roads to Recovery road resurfacing works.

The programmed Local Road works for 2006/2007 have already been completed in order to take advantage of rebates for early completion offered by the SSROC Roads Materials tender. It is noted that there is a saving of \$99,921 expected in Council's Local Roads Program which is funded by the untied Roads Component of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant (FAG).

Council's Regional Roads Program for 2006/2007 included resurfacing works in Llewellyn Street, Salisbury Road and Enmore Road with a total allocation of \$425,000 funded by anticipated RTA REPAIR Program funding of \$212,500 and a further \$212,500 from Council's "Roads Reserve" fund. These Regional Roads resurfacing works have now been completed at a total cost of \$403,529 which is an anticipated saving of \$21,471. This means that Council will only be able to claim half the actual cost which is \$201,764. As the Roads Reserve fund is currently in deficit it is recommended that Council allocate its share of funds to match the RTA REPAIR grant for the completed Regional Roads Resurfacing Program works in Llewellyn Street (Council share \$71,764), Enmore Road (Council share \$80,000) and Salisbury Road (Council share \$50,000) from the balance of the Additional Roads to Recovery grant, which is \$173,902, plus a further \$27,862 from savings in the Local Roads Program which totals \$201,764.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council accept the supplementary funding and undertake the following distribution of funds and work as part of the 2006/2007 Roads to Recovery Program. The following estimates are preliminary and are subject to detailed investigation and design.

<b>ROADS TO RECOVERY &amp; BIKE PLAN WORKS</b>			
<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funds \$</b>
<b>Bike Plan Works:</b>			
1. King Street, Mary Street, Lennox Street Newtown	29,191	RTA Bike Grant	100,000
2. Camperdown Memorial park	39,156	Council Bike funds	25,000
3. Australia Street, Albemarle Street Baltic Street, Trade Street Newtown	33,615	R2R Additional	75,000
4. Railway Avenue to Stanmore reserve, Stanmore	78,636		
5. Douglas Street, Percival Road, Stanmore	2,912		
6. Gordon Crescent, York Crescent, Petersham	15,860		
<b>Total Bike Plan Works :</b>	<b>200,000</b>		<b>200,000</b>
<b>Regional Road Resurfacing Works :</b>			
1. Llewellyn Street, Marrickville (Enmore Rd to Edgeware Rd) – Council share	143,528	RTA REPAIR grant	201,764
2. Salisbury Road, Camperdown (Australia St to Kingston Rd) – Council share	100,000	R2R Additional	173,902
3. Enmore Road, Marrickville (Addison St to Stanmore Rd) – Council share	160,000	Local Roads savings (FAG)	27,862
<b>Total Regional Road Resurfacing Works :</b>	<b>403,528</b>		<b>403,528</b>

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Should any savings be identified in the Additional Roads to Recovery Program works it is recommended that Council approve the following extra Roads to Recovery projects:

<b>SUPPLEMENTARY BIKE FACILITIES WORKS IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>\$</b>
1. Bedford Street, Newtown (Baltic street to Probert Street) – part of east-west cycle route	68,902
2. York crescent, Petersham (Crystal Street to end) – part of east-west cycle route	30,000
3. Nestor lane, Lewisham (Carrington Street to West Street)	35,000
4. Victoria lane (Jubilee Street to Henry Street)	20,000
5. Victoria lane, Lewisham (Jubilee Street to Jubilee Lane)	20,000
<b>Total Supplementary R2R Works :</b>	<b>173,902</b>

Should further savings be achieved in the Bike Facilities Improvement Works Program it is recommended that these be used to continue the roll out of Regional Bike Route RR07 as follows until the full budget allocation of \$200,000 is expended:

<b>SUPPLEMENTARY BIKE FACILITIES WORKS IF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>Estimate</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>\$</b>
1. Trafalgar Street, Petersham	8,015
2. Trade Street, Salisbury Road, Railway Avenue, Camperdown	22,218
3. Gordon Crescent, Stanmore	45,700
4. Crystal street, Petersham	40,362
<b>Total Supplementary Bike Facilities Works :</b>	<b>116,295</b>

### **Drainage Program**

Funding currently exists in the Drainage Program for three (3) drainage studies. In Council's revotes from 2005/2006, an amount of \$100,000 has been carried over for drainage studies in the Johnston's Creek West and Tennyson Street catchment areas and two further allocations of \$50,000 have been made in the 2006/2007 Resources Plan for a drainage study in the Hawthorn Canal catchment area and a water quality study for the Illawarra Road catchment area. The Tennyson Street study, relating primarily to road drainage, is proposed to be funded from Council's Roads Reserve fund. Due to current workload priorities it is proposed to defer the Hawthorn Canal Catchment Study and the Illawarra Road Water Quality Catchment Study to commence later in the financial year. It is recommended that Council consider a budget adjustment at the October Budget Review to alter the source of funds for the Tennyson Street Catchment Study (\$50,000) from the Roads Reserve to FAG grant funds available from savings in the Local Roads Resurfacing Program.

### **5% Levy Streetscape works**

Construction is complete on the 5% Levy Streetscape Works in King Street, Newtown between Alice Street and Lord Street. This concludes the 5% Levy Streetscape Works.

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**Budget Adjustments**

It is recommended that Council consider the budget adjustments necessary to effect the changes outlined above as part of the October Budget Review.

**OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Due to the excessive rains experienced throughout the month of September there has been an extra demand for the repair of pot holes throughout the Marrickville Local Government area. This has impacted on the current budget forecast for this activity. It is proposed to monitor these works and supplement with alternative funds later in the financial year should the need arise.

**General Manager Reports:**

Council can consider a budget adjustment, to effect the changes recommended in the report, at the October Budget Review.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council note the receipt of advice of additional Roads to Recovery grant funding of \$248,902 from the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services for roadworks;
3. Council note the receipt of advice from the RTA of funding of \$100,000 for Bicycle Facilities Improvement Works in 2006/2007 as detailed in the report;
4. the draft programs of work for the Additional Roads to Recovery Program and the Bike Facilities Program be adopted and that any savings be applied to the supplementary works as detailed in the report;
5. Council allocate \$75,000 of the Additional Roads to Recovery funding to the implementation of Bike Facilities Works on Regional Route RR07, as detailed in the report, and the balance of \$173,902 to the Regional Roads projects in Llewellyn Street, Salisbury Road and Enmore Road;
6. Council apply \$27,862 in savings from the Local Roads Resurfacing Program towards the Regional Roads Resurfacing Program works in Llewellyn Street, Enmore Road and Salisbury Road;

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7. Council consider a budget adjustment at the October Budget Review to alter the source of funds for the Tennyson Street Catchment Study (\$50,000) from the Roads Reserve fund to FAG grant funds available from savings in the Local Roads Resurfacing Program; and
8. Council consider a budget adjustment, to effect the other changes detailed in the body of this report, at the October Budget Review.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENT 1: Total 1 page**  
Operating Budget - Civil Maintenance

**ATTACHMENT 2: Total 3 pages**  
Engineering Resources Plan 2006/2007

## ATTACHMENT 1 - ES 27 - ENGINEERING PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

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*For Decision*

ENGINEERING PERFORMANCE REPORT							
AS AT END OF PERIOD 1, July 2006							
Operating Budget - Civil Maintenance							
1 July 2006:							
ACCT	SUB ACTIVITY	PROJECT	TOTAL BUDGET	COMMITTED ORDERS	ACTUAL EXP	TOTAL	% REMAINING
5002	Local Road Pavement Maintenance	AP - Hand Patching	237,308		96,840	96,840	59%
5003	Local Road Pavement Maintenance	AP - Heavy Patching	685,800	177,923	1,032	178,955	74%
5041	Local Road Pavement Maintenance	CP - Slab Repairs	125,619	0	32,662	32,662	74%
5043	Local Road Pavement Maintenance	CP - Joint Sealing	16,586	0	0	0	100%
5044	Local Road Pavement Maintenance	CP - Slab Jacking	85,078	0	0	0	100%
5230	Local Road Pavement Maintenance	Kerb and Gutter	60,479	55,201	14,076	69,277	-15%
<b>Total for Local Roads</b>			<b>1,210,870</b>	<b>233,124</b>	<b>144,610</b>	<b>377,734</b>	<b>69%</b>
5002	Regional Road Pavement Maintenance	AP - Hand Patching	48,348	59,192	0	59,192	-22%
5003	Regional Road Pavement Maintenance	AP - Heavy Patching	204,579	21,000	0	21,000	90%
5041	Regional Road Pavement Maintenance	CP - Slab Repairs	78,316	0	0	0	100%
5043	Regional Road Pavement Maintenance	CP - Joint Sealing	65,904	0	0	0	100%
5044	Regional Road Pavement Maintenance	CP - Slab Jacking	100,000	0	0	0	100%
5050	Regional Road Pavement Maintenance	Bridge Maintenance	10,635	13,950	0	13,950	-31%
5230	Regional Road Pavement Maintenance	Kerb and Gutter	31,138	6,666	0	6,666	79%
<b>Total for Regional Roads</b>			<b>538,920</b>	<b>100,808</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,808</b>	<b>81%</b>
0000	Street Lighting	General	998,259	11,130	259,595	270,725	73%
0000	Whiteway Lighting	General	64,940	11,075	10,243	21,318	67%
<b>Total for Lighting</b>			<b>1,063,199</b>	<b>22,205</b>	<b>269,838</b>	<b>292,043</b>	<b>73%</b>
0000	Drainage Maintenance	General	150,000	0	0	0	100%
5331	Drainage Maintenance	Drainage Cleaning	513,572	0	102,052	102,052	80%
5332	Drainage Maintenance	Drains M & R	142,808	31,375	67,300	98,675	31%
5335	Drainage Maintenance	Cooks River Cleaning	11,195	0	0	0	100%
<b>Total for Drainage</b>			<b>817,575</b>	<b>31,375</b>	<b>169,352</b>	<b>200,727</b>	<b>75%</b>
5102	Footpaths Maintenance	Asphalt Footpaths	37,558	5,369	21,164	26,533	29%
5131	Footpaths Maintenance	Concrete Footpaths	290,613	124,531	72,995	197,526	32%
5161	Footpaths Maintenance	Brick Footpaths	40,661	0	32,585	32,585	20%
5191	Footpaths Maintenance	Footpaths - Other	8,135	0	0	0	100%
5192	Footpaths Maintenance	Footpath Grinding	122,300	0	0	0	100%
<b>Total for Footpaths</b>			<b>499,267</b>	<b>129,900</b>	<b>126,744</b>	<b>256,544</b>	<b>49%</b>
0101	Seats & Bus Shelters	Maintenance	26,828	0	9,878	9,878	63%
0201	Seats & Bus Shelters	Cleaning	31,600	3,519	0	3,519	89%
0000	Litter Bin Maintenance	General	15,450	4,998	0	4,998	68%
0101	Litter Bin Maintenance	Maintenance	29,345	0	3,543	3,543	88%
0201	Litter Bin Maintenance	Cleaning	29,665	0	4,365	4,365	85%
5451	Fencing/Guardrails	Street Furniture - Guardrail	79,430	9,239	5,068	14,307	82%
<b>Total for Furniture</b>			<b>212,318</b>	<b>17,756</b>	<b>22,854</b>	<b>40,610</b>	<b>81%</b>
5510	Streetscape Enhancement	Landscape Maintenance	188,859	31,476	0	31,476	83%
5512	Streetscape Enhancement	Weed Control	105,750	6,840	0	6,840	94%
5513	Streetscape Enhancement	Roadside Growth Removal	42,500	1,289	15,068	16,357	62%
5548	Streetscape Enhancement	Annual testing of the backflow devices	1,200	0	0	0	100%
5562	Streetscape Enhancement	Streetscape - Mechanical Sweeping	655,868	0	0	0	100%
5563	Streetscape Enhancement	Verge Mowing & Sweeping	2,418,728	604,680	0	604,680	75%
5565	Streetscape Enhancement	Footpath Scrubbing	62,000	0	0	0	100%
5566	Streetscape Enhancement	Floral Displays	117,866	29,466	0	29,466	75%
<b>Total for Streetscape Enhancement</b>			<b>3,592,771</b>	<b>673,751</b>	<b>15,068</b>	<b>686,819</b>	<b>81%</b>
5701	Traffic Facilities Maintenance	Traffic Facilities - Council Signs	111,509	0	1,130	1,130	99%
5711	Traffic Facilities Maintenance	Traffic Facilities - Regulatory Signs	86,505	882	12,523	13,405	85%
5721	Traffic Facilities Maintenance	Traffic Facilities - Pavement Marking	57,065	882	13,653	14,535	75%
<b>Total for Traffic Facilities</b>			<b>255,079</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>27,306</b>	<b>29,070</b>	<b>89%</b>
5900	Recoverable Works - Restorations	Restorations Work by Council	329,600	120,476	169,259	289,735	12%
5800	Recoverable Works - Crossings	Crossings Work by Council	108,150	0	0	0	100%
<b>Total for Recoverable Works</b>			<b>437,750</b>	<b>120,476</b>	<b>169,259</b>	<b>289,735</b>	<b>34%</b>
0000	State Emergency Service	General	44,202	0	6,780	6,780	85%
0102	State Emergency Service	Building Maintenance	2,000	0	0	0	100%
7800	State Emergency Service	Tag & Test	700	0	0	0	100%
0000	Local Emergency Management	General	4,800	0	0	0	100%
<b>Total for Emergency Management</b>			<b>51,702</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,780</b>	<b>6,780</b>	<b>87%</b>
0000	Litter Bins Clearance	General	316,545	0	79,136	79,136	75%
<b>Total for Waste Services</b>			<b>316,545</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,136</b>	<b>79,136</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>8,995,996</b>	<b>1,331,159</b>	<b>1,030,947</b>	<b>2,362,106</b>	<b>74%</b>

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For Decision

## Engineering Works Resources Plan 2006/2007

Project	Project No.	2006/07 Revote	06/07 ORG BUD	Supplementary	TOTAL BUDGET	PHYSICALLY COMPLETED %	COMPLETION TARGET DATE	TOTAL \$ COMMITTED EXPENDITURE END OF PER & PREV PER	ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE \$	EXPECTED TOTAL COST \$	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %
<b>ROADS &amp; DRAINAGE ASSETS</b>												
Asset Management Systems	1152	79,498	0	0	79,498	0%	Jun-07	13,403	66,095	79,498	0	0
Update PMS Data	7207	6,085	0	0	6,085	0%	Jun-07	0	6,085	6,085	0	0
Update Drain Data	7208	13,000	0	0	13,000	0%	Jun-07	0	13,000	13,000	0	0
Update Footpaths Data	7225	1,436	0	0	1,436	0%	Jun-07	0	1,436	1,436	0	0
Upload Asset Data into databases	7226	7,500	0	0	7,500	0%	Jun-07	0	7,500	7,500	0	0
Assets Co-ordinator	7955	0	80,000	0	80,000	0%	May-07	0	80,000	80,000	0	0
<b>TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION</b>												
Urgent Items-05/07/railers arising traffic	7977	0	25,000	0	25,000	0%	Oct-06	6,249	18,751	25,000	0	0%
Resident Parking Schemes 06/07	7981	0	5,000	0	5,000	0%	Jun-07	0	5,000	5,000	0	0%
<b>LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION</b>												
Transport Directorate	7740	0	5,500	0	5,500	0%	Jun-07	0	5,500	5,500	0	0%
Redesign of Bellevue St, St Peters	7819	22,400	0	0	22,400	0%	Jun-07	0	22,400	22,400	0	0%
Anderson St - M'Villie Rd/Enfield St - M'	7923	0	70,000	0	70,000	100%	Complete	55,844	0	55,844	14,156	20%
Enfield Rd-Livingstone Rd/Woodcourt Rd,	7924	0	80,000	0	80,000	100%	Complete	56,120	0	56,120	23,880	30%
Hastings St-Livingstone Rd/Anderson St,	7925	0	45,000	0	45,000	100%	Complete	61,783	90	61,873	-16,873	-37%
Herbert St-New Canterbury Rd/Wardell Rd,	7926	0	130,000	0	130,000	100%	Complete	94,758	0	94,758	35,242	27%
Yule St-Wardell Rd/New Canterbury Rd, Du	7927	0	90,000	0	90,000	100%	Complete	113,973	0	113,973	-23,973	-27%
Fairmont St-Old Canterbury Rd/Windsor Rd	7928	0	115,000	0	115,000	100%	Complete	39,997	0	39,997	75,003	65%
Robert St-Crystal St/Charles St, Peters	7929	0	35,000	0	35,000	100%	Complete	25,859	0	25,859	8,141	23%
2006/2007 Forward Design	7930	0	38,000	0	38,000	0%	Jun-07	750	37,210	38,000	0	0%
<b>ROADS TO RECOVERY</b>												
Wilford Ln-Station St/Stairstone Ln, Newk	7931	0	20,000	0	20,000	0%	Sep-06	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
Pier Ln-Well St/Alice Ln, Newkown	7932	0	40,000	0	40,000	100%	Complete	34,778	0	34,778	5,222	13%
Turtle Ln-Orford St/Chelmerford St, Newkown	7933	0	20,000	0	20,000	100%	Complete	11,432	0	11,432	8,568	43%
Revenue Ln-Warwick St/Dunham St, Stannor	7934	0	90,000	0	90,000	40%	Sep-06	90,000	0	90,000	0	0%
Meeds Ln-Marrickville Ln/Meeds Rd, M'Vil	7935	0	55,000	0	55,000	100%	Complete	33,631	0	33,631	21,369	39%
Brooks Ln-Fitzroy Ln/Lands Ln, Newkown	7937	0	23,000	0	23,000	100%	Complete	13,215	0	13,215	11,785	47%
Bradley Ln-Petersham Rd/Malakoff St, M'	7938	0	20,000	0	20,000	100%	Complete	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
<b>REGIONAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION</b>												
Lewlyn St - Edgeware Rd/Emmore Rd, M'V	7919	0	165,000	0	165,000	100%	Complete	143,529	0	143,529	21,471	13%
Emmore Rd-Addison Rd/Newington Rd, M'Vil	7920	0	160,000	0	160,000	100%	Complete	160,000	0	160,000	0	0%
Salisbury Rd-Australia St/Kingston Ln, C	7922	0	100,000	0	100,000	90%	Nov	0	100,000	100,000	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL ROADS</b>		<b>129,919</b>	<b>1,413,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,543,419</b>			<b>706,361</b>	<b>653,067</b>	<b>1,359,428</b>	<b>183,991</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING (INCL 5% RATES LEVY)</b>												
Dunwich Hill 40kg Lights at Kings	7917	22,820	0	0	22,820	0%	Jun-07	7,020	7,735	14,755	8,065	35%
<b>SUBTOTAL STREET LIGHTING</b>		<b>22,820</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,820</b>			<b>7,020</b>	<b>7,735</b>	<b>14,755</b>	<b>8,065</b>	<b>35%</b>

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<b>DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION</b>												
Johnston's Creek West Catchment Study	7767	50,000	0	0	50,000	0%	Jun-07	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
Tennison St Catchment Study	7849	50,000	0	0	50,000	0%	Jun-07	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
Ewart St, Marrickville - Full scope	7850	35,141	0	0	35,141	0%	Jun-07	0	35,141	35,141	0	0%
Forward design - Drainage	7854	5,000	0	0	5,000	0%	Jun-07	0	5,000	5,000	0	0%
Hawthorn Canal Catchment Study consultant	7959	0	50,000	0	50,000	0%	Jun-07	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
Water Quality Catchment Study Illawarra	7960	0	50,000	0	50,000	0%	Jun-07	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
Carriageway Park-repair existing culvert	7961	0	35,000	0	35,000	0%	Jun-07	0	35,000	35,000	0	0%
Rowley St-additional inlet pits & new 6	7962	0	85,000	0	85,000	0%	Jun-07	0	85,000	85,000	0	0%
Premier St-new 450 dia drainage line and	7963	0	60,000	0	60,000	0%	Jun-07	0	60,000	60,000	0	0%
Pile St-extend drainage & new pits-ne	7964	0	35,000	0	35,000	0%	Jun-07	0	35,000	35,000	0	0%
Herbert St-extend drainage & new pits-ne	7965	0	35,000	0	35,000	0%	Jun-07	0	35,000	35,000	0	0%
Rainwater tank at Debbie and Abbie Brgl	7984	0	20,000	0	20,000	0%	Jun-07	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
Rainwater tank at Debbie and Abbie Brgl	7985	0	25,000	0	25,000	0%	Jun-07	0	25,000	25,000	0	0%
Training for 'MUSIC' software	7986	0	20,000	0	20,000	0%	Jun-07	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
Consultation costs to present technical	7987	0	5,000	0	5,000	0%	Jun-07	0	5,000	5,000	0	0%
Casual Junior Engineer for development o	7988	0	30,000	12,000	42,000	0%	Jun-07	0	30,000	30,000	12,000	29%
Cooks River Motorboat Club Replacement	7989	91,887	21,187	0	113,074	0%	Jun-07	2,088	110,986	113,074	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL DRAINAGE</b>		<b>232,029</b>	<b>471,187</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>703,215</b>			<b>2,088</b>	<b>689,127</b>	<b>691,215</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>FOOTPATHS CONSTRUCTION</b>												
Accessible Ramps	7840	0	0	0	0	0%	Jun-07	1,251	21,139	22,400	-22,400	0%
The Boulevard, Lewisham Stage 2-footpath	7839	0	40,000	0	40,000	80%	Oct-06	0	40,000	40,000	0	0%
George St-Livingstone Rd/Wardell Rd, MY	7940	0	78,000	0	78,000	0%	Oct-06	0	78,000	78,000	0	0%
Perival Rd-Corunna Rd/Macaulay Rd, Stan	7941	0	25,000	0	25,000	0%	Oct-06	0	25,000	25,000	0	0%
Griffith St-Gannon St/Station St, Tempe	7942	0	80,000	0	80,000	0%	Oct-06	0	80,000	80,000	0	0%
Constitution Rd-Windor Rd/Johnson Park,	7943	0	35,000	0	35,000	0%	Nov-06	0	35,000	35,000	0	0%
Crestier St-Livingstone Rd/Albert St, Pe	7944	0	105,000	0	105,000	0%	Nov-06	0	105,000	105,000	0	0%
Westbourne St-Charles St/Cannon St, Stan	7945	0	60,000	0	60,000	0%	Nov-06	0	60,000	60,000	0	0%
College St-Hot St/Canden St, Newtown	7947	0	50,000	0	50,000	0%	Nov-06	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
Accessible Ramps -Footpaths	7948	0	60,000	0	60,000	0%	Feb-07	15,000	45,000	60,000	0	0%
<b>HERITAGE FOOTPATHS CONSTRUCTION</b>												
Pine St-Darley St/Hamley St, Mvile	7949	0	60,000	0	60,000	0%	Jan-07	0	60,000	60,000	0	0%
Nass Avenue-Tennison Rd/Bellour St, Dulw	7954	0	15,000	0	15,000	0%	Feb-07	0	15,000	15,000	0	0%
Hilcrest St (NW side)-Unwins Bridge Rd	7955	0	55,000	0	55,000	0%	Feb-07	0	55,000	55,000	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL FOOTPATHS</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>863,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>863,000</b>			<b>16,251</b>	<b>689,139</b>	<b>695,400</b>	<b>-22,400</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT</b>												
Footpath Scrubbing in town centres-servi	7982	0	30,000	0	30,000	0%	Jun-07	4,400	25,600	30,000	0	0%
South King Street streetscape improvement	7983	0	130,000	0	130,000	0%	Complete	0	130,000	130,000	0	0%
Minor Shop Centre Upgrade-Wardell Rd	7990	0	98,000	0	98,000	0%	Mar-07	0	98,000	98,000	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL STREETSCAPES</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>258,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>258,000</b>			<b>-4,400</b>	<b>233,600</b>	<b>258,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>ROAD SAFETY</b>												
Safety Programs - Roads - RP	7902	7,465	0	0	7,465	0%	Jun-07	2,450	5,015	7,465	0	0%
Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan-Addl	7957	0	25,000	0	25,000	0%	Jun-07	6,249	18,751	25,000	0	0%
Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan-Part	7958	0	25,000	0	25,000	0%	Jun-07	6,249	18,751	25,000	0	0%
<b>LATM SCHEMES</b>												
Lewisham (Area 15) - LATM Schemes	7876	24,000	0	0	24,000	100%	Complete	27,829	0	27,829	-3,829	-16%
Enmore (Area 4)-Review LATM Schemes	7978	0	60,000	0	60,000	0%	Jun-07	0	60,000	60,000	0	0%
Marrickville (Area 12)-Review LATM	7979	0	70,000	0	70,000	0%	Jun-07	0	70,000	70,000	0	0%
Stammore South/Area 5-Review LATM	7980	0	70,000	0	70,000	0%	Jun-07	0	70,000	70,000	0	0%

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<b>PEDESTRIAN SAFETY</b>												
Dulwich Street at New Canterbury Rd	7772	0	0	0	0	0%	Jun-07	23,642	-23,642	0	0	0%
Kinross St at Macfarlane Pde-Pedestrian re	7668	0	25,000	0	25,000	0%	Oct-06	0	26,000	26,000	0	0%
Australia St at Lennox-Upgrade MFC to Wo	7669	0	26,000	0	26,000	0%	Jun-07	0	26,000	26,000	0	0%
<b>BICYCLE FACILITIES</b>												
Local bike route improvements	7795	1,679	0	0	1,679	0%	Jun-07	0	1,679	1,679	0	0%
Bicycle Plan	7810	7,850	0	0	7,850	0%	Jun-07	4,000	3,850	7,850	0	0%
Lionsport Street, Lewisham Refuge Island	7816	27,500	0	-17,500	10,000	100%	Complete	0	10,000	10,000	0	0%
Cooks River Cycleway - Stage 1	7857	176,175	0	0	176,175	0%	Dec-06	0	176,175	176,175	0	0%
Local Bike Route Improvements	7970	0	10,000	0	10,000	0%	Jun-07	2,499	7,501	10,000	0	0%
Bike Plan Review Implementation stage 1	7971	0	50,000	0	50,000	0%	Jun-07	12,501	37,499	50,000	0	0%
Cooks River Cycleway-Stage 2 Reconstruct	7972	0	90,000	0	90,000	0%	Oct-06	0	90,000	90,000	0	0%
Cooks River to Iron Cove Greenway Route-	7973	0	10,000	0	10,000	0%	Jun-07	0	10,000	10,000	0	0%
Alexandra Canal Cycleway - Survey & Desi	7974	0	50,000	0	50,000	0%	Jun-07	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
<b>TRAFFIC AMENITIES CONSTRUCTION</b>												
Trafalgar Street @ Regent St, Petersham	7871	25,000	0	0	25,000	100%	Complete	0	25,000	25,000	0	0%
Alberran St @ Challis St-traffic calm	7975	0	20,000	0	20,000	0%	Jun-07	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
Moncur St @ Livingstone Rd - Refuge isla	7976	0	25,000	0	25,000	0%	Oct-06	0	25,000	25,000	0	0%
<b>REGIONAL TRAFFIC CALMING</b>												
Marrickville Rd Stage 2	7967	0	50,000	0	50,000	0%	Oct-06	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
<b>Emergency Mgmt(PR State Emergency)</b>												
Printing community awareness brochures	7768	10,000	9,000	0	19,000	0%	Jun-07	0	19,000	19,000	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL TRAFFIC</b>		<b>279,669</b>	<b>616,000</b>	<b>-17,500</b>	<b>878,169</b>			<b>85,419</b>	<b>796,579</b>	<b>881,968</b>	<b>-3,829</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>5% SPECIAL LEVY WORKS</b>												
South King St - Shop centre enhancement	7769	220,485	0	0	220,485	100%	Complete	0	220,485	220,485	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL 5% SPECIAL LEVY WORKS</b>		<b>220,485</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>220,485</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>220,485</b>	<b>220,485</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total for Program</b>		<b>884,921</b>	<b>3,421,687</b>	<b>-17,500</b>	<b>4,289,108</b>			<b>821,549</b>	<b>3,288,732</b>	<b>4,111,281</b>	<b>177,827</b>	<b>4%</b>

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***ES 28 - REPORT OF LOCAL TRAFFIC PLANNING AND ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2006  
(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 14532-08

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

The Local Traffic Planning and Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, 19 September 2006 to consider 10 items. It is recommended that the Recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

**Discussion**

The **ATTACHED** minutes of the Local Traffic Planning and Advisory Committee summarises the discussion which occurred at the meeting, and recommendations for adoption.

In relation to Item B3. of the minutes, it is recommended that Council consider the additional recommendation that Council request the Local Member to make representation to the Minister for Roads to expedite the matter relating to the speed limit in Unwins Bridge Road.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the Recommendations of the Local Traffic and Advisory Committee held on 19 September 2006, in respect of Sections B and C be adopted; and
2. Council request the Local Member to make representation to the Minister for Roads to expedite the matter relating to the speed limit in Unwins Bridge Road.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with the **EXCEPTION** of Item C2 – *Grove Street, St Peters (South Ward) Request for Resident Parking – Area M4 – Survey Results*, where it is recommended that:-

- 1 the matter be **REFERRED** back to the Local Traffic Planning and Advisory Committee to advise that Council does not agree with the decisions; and
- 2 Council request the local member to raise Council's concerns of the RTA's position on this and indicate that Council believes it is inappropriate as these are local roads over which the RTA has no jurisdiction. Council's current procedures for Resident Parking Schemes are being administered under a process that is democratic and has the checks and balances requiring a majority of support. Further, to express Council's considerable concern that the RTA has raised this.

**ATTACHMENT 1: Total 13 pages**

Minutes of the Local Traffic Planning & Advisory Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE LOCAL TRAFFIC PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT THE  
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, PETERSHAM ON  
TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2006  
AT 1.00PM**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Clr Sam Byrne Mr Casey De Pereira Mr Francoise La Rue Ms Louise Watson S/C David Taylor Sergeant Richard King Ms June Papadopoulos	Mayor (Chair - excluding items C4 and C5) Manager, Engineering (Chair - items C4 and C5) Roads and Traffic Authority Roads and Traffic Authority N.S.W. Police Traffic Services (Five Dock Police) N.S.W. Police Traffic Services (Five Dock Police) State Transit Authority
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Mr George Tsaprounis Mr Ramy Selim Mr Jamie Erken	Traffic Engineer Traffic Officer Senior Development Assessor (Planning) (items C4 and C5 only)
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Mr Calum Hutcheson	Representative for the Hon. Carmel Tebbutt M.P. Member for Marrickville
<b>VISITORS</b>	Ms Genevieve Slattery Mr Tony Fenlon Ms Kylie Cochrane Ms Bridget Cleaver	SPD Town Planners Resident of 91 Meeks Road, Marrickville Resident of 97 Meeks Road, Marrickville Resident of Meeks Road, Marrickville

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No Items in this Section.

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B1.	Notice of Appeal to the Regional Traffic Committee Parking for Car Share vehicles
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<b><u>Item No.</u></b>	<b><u>Particulars</u></b>
C1.	Neville Street, Marrickville (Central Ward) Request for "No Parking" restrictions across access ramp
C2.	Grove Street, St Peters (South Ward) Request for Resident Parking Scheme - Area M4 - Survey Results
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**7. General Business**

**THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 1.08 PM**

**1. Apologies**

Mr Calum Hutcheson, Representative for the Hon. Carmel Tebbutt M.P. Member for Marrickville, sent his apology.

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**3. Confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 August 2006**

The minutes were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

The Committee noted that the recommendations were adopted by Council at its Technical Services Committee meeting held on 12 September 2006.

**4. Agenda Items**

**SECTION "A" - TOWN PLANNING MATTERS**

No Items in this Section.

**SECTION "B" - TRAFFIC MATTERS**

**ITEM B1**

**8823-02**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE REGIONAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE  
PARKING FOR CAR SHARE VEHICLES**

**Synopsis**

The Committee members were previously notified of a notice of appeal to the Regional Traffic Committee in regard to parking for Car Share vehicles. Council has now been advised of the date of the Regional Traffic Committee meeting to be held on 22 December 2006. It is recommended that the notice of the scheduled Regional Traffic Committee meeting be received and noted.

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**Discussion:**

The RTA representative advised that the delay in dealing with this matter was due to the need for the appointment of an independent chairperson for the Regional Traffic Committee which had taken time.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. The notice of appeal and the scheduled Regional Traffic Committee meeting to be held on 22 December 2006, be received and noted.
2. The Committee express concerns to the RTA for the delays in dealing with this matter.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

**ITEM B2**

**S3210-04**

**MARRICKVILLE ROAD, DULWICH HILL (CENTRAL WARD)**

**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR "DULWICH HILL STREET FAIR"  
ON SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2006**

**Synopsis**

A request has been received from the Dulwich Hill Main Street Co-ordinator for the temporary closure of Marrickville Road, Dulwich Hill, between New Canterbury Road and Durham Street and a section of Seaview Street, between Marrickville Road and the southern end of the second car park (including the southern section of the Seaview Street car park), on Saturday 2 December 2006, in order to hold the annual "Dulwich Hill Street Fair". It is recommended that the request be approved subject to the proposed closure being advertised in accordance with Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993 and approval of a Traffic Management Plan by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

**Discussion:**

The RTA representative indicated that the Committee was required to classify Special Events. In this case, the Committee members agreed that this was a Class 2 event. Under the RTA Special Event Guidelines, Class 2 events are categorised as having impacts on local traffic and transport systems but does not impact major traffic and transport systems.

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**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

The proposed temporary closure of Marrickville Road, between New Canterbury Road and Durham Street and a section of Seaview Street, between Marrickville Road and the southern end of the second car park (including the southern section of the Seaview Street car park), on Saturday 2 December 2006, between 3.00AM and 8.00PM, for the holding of the 7<sup>th</sup> annual "Dulwich Hill Street Fair", be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The temporary closure of Marrickville Road and Seaview Street be advertised in accordance with Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993.
2. A Traffic Management Plan - for this Class 2 event - be submitted to the Roads and Traffic Authority (Traffic Management Section) for consideration and approval; and the Transport Management Centre be notified of the proposed closures.
3. Notice of the proposed event be forwarded to the N.S.W. Police, Local Area Commander, State Transit Authority, Ambulance Services and Fire Brigades.
4. Advance notification signs be strategically installed at least two weeks prior to the event.
5. "No Parking – Special Event" signs be affixed over all existing parking restriction signage within the area of the "Fair" immediately following the termination of the time-controlled parking restrictions on Friday 1 December 2006.
6. The applicant be requested to consult with all businesses in the area and conduct a letter box drop of surrounding properties.
7. The applicant be advised of the decision and further, that a 4-metre wide emergency vehicle access must be maintained through the 'closed' area for the duration of the "Street Fair".

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

**ITEM B3  
S4940-03  
UNWINS BRIDGE ROAD, TEMPE (SOUTH WARD)  
REQUEST FOR 50 KM/H SPEED LIMIT**

**Synopsis**

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Council previously requested the RTA on a number of occasions over the last 12 months to consider and expedite the review for the reduction of the speed limit on Unwins Bridge Road to 50 km/h. The RTA recently advised that an assessment of the current speed limit on Unwins Bridge Road, Tempe will be undertaken as part of its speed limit review process. It is recommended that the RTA's response be received and noted.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. The RTA's response be received and noted.
2. The Committee express concerns to the RTA for the delays in dealing with this matter.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

**ITEM B4**

**S0280-02**

**AUSTRALIA STREET, NEWTOWN (NORTH WARD)**

**PROPOSED RAISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT LENNOX STREET**

**Synopsis**

Design plans have been finalised for the proposed raised pedestrian crossing in Australia Street, at Lennox Street, Newtown. It is recommended that the signs and markings associated with the proposal be approved.

**Discussion:**

The STA representative requested that the height of the raised threshold be restricted to a maximum of 75 mm and a gradient of 1 in 15, as Australia Street is a school bus route. Council Officers indicated that they would raise these issues with Council's design section.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT** the signs and markings associated with the proposed raised pedestrian crossing in Australia Street, at Lennox Street, Newtown, as shown on Drawing No. 4936 be approved.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

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**SECTION "C" - PARKING MATTERS**

**ITEM C1**

**S4940-03**

**NEVILLE STREET, MARRICKVILLE (CENTRAL WARD)**

**REQUEST FOR "NO PARKING" RESTRICTIONS ACROSS KERB ACCESS RAMP**

**Synopsis**

A request has been received from a resident of Neville Street, Marrickville for the provision of "No Parking" restrictions across the kerb access ramp located outside his property. It is recommended that a "No Parking" zone be provided outside the applicant's property, to deter vehicles from blocking access to the existing kerb ramp.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

***THAT:***

1. A "No Parking" zone be installed outside property No. 37 Neville Street, Marrickville, across the existing kerb access ramp and the driveway crossing to property No. 36 Surrey Street, in order to deter vehicles from blocking access to the kerb ramp.
2. The owner of property No. 36 Surrey Street, Marrickville, be advised of the decision prior to the installation of any signage.
3. The applicant be advised of the decision.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

**ITEM C2**

**S2180-02**

**GROVE STREET, ST PETERS (SOUTH WARD)**

**REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PARKING - AREA M4 - SURVEY RESULTS**

**Synopsis**

This is a report on the results of a resident parking survey undertaken on all properties in the area bounded by Unwins Bridge Road, Sutherland Street, Princes Highway and Mary Street, St Peters. As support for a resident parking scheme in Grove Street met Council's criteria, it is recommended

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that the scheme be introduced on both sides of Grove Street, between Albion Lane and Bakers Lane, St Peters.

**Discussion:**

The RTA representative advised that Council need to undertake a parking utilisation survey before the implementation of a resident parking scheme in accordance with the RTA Permit Parking manual.

Council officers raised concerns that the requirement for a parking utilisation survey is too onerous and will be an expensive exercise on each occasion Council was required to consider such a scheme. In this respect, Council is reviewing its current Policy in regards to Permit Parking.

It was finally recommended that the officer's recommendation be approved subject to Council undertaking a parking utilisation survey in Grove Street and the out of session satisfaction of the Committee with the survey results.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. The findings of the questionnaire survey be received and noted.
2. As support for resident parking met Council's criteria for resident parking schemes, "2P - 8.30AM-6.00PM Mon-Fri - Permit Holders Excepted - Area M4" parking restrictions be installed on both sides of Grove Street, between Albion Lane and Bakers Lane, St Peters.
3. The NSW Police and Council's Rangers be advised of the decision.
4. All residents in the study area be advised of the decision and application forms for resident parking be forwarded to residents of Grove Street, St Peters.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. the findings of the questionnaire survey be received and noted.
2. Council undertake a parking utilisation survey in Grove Street, St Peters and forward the results to the Committee members together with the results of the resident survey for consideration.

**ITEM C3  
S2030-02  
GLADSTONE STREET, MARRICKVILLE (SOUTH WARD)  
REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PARKING - AREA M2 - SURVEY RESULTS**

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**Synopsis**

This is a report on the results of a resident parking survey undertaken on all properties in the area bounded by Illawarra Road, Marrickville Road, Victoria Road and the Bankstown-Sydenham Railway Line. The results of the survey will be presented at the meeting for consideration by the Committee.

**Discussion:**

The chair person requested that this item be deferred for further investigation, including review of questionnaire survey and undertaking a parking utilisation survey, prior to the implementation of a Resident Parking Scheme.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Committee review the survey results for the introduction of resident parking on a street by street basis.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** this item be DEFERRED for further investigation, including review of questionnaire survey and undertaking a parking utilisation survey.

**ITEM C4**

**6494-05**

**248-250 MARRICKVILLE ROAD, MARRICKVILLE (SOUTH WARD)  
REQUEST FOR "LOADING ZONE" IN MARRICKVILLE LANE**

**Synopsis**

A request has been received from a developer for the provision of a "Loading Zone" in Marrickville Lane, as part of a development application for change of use of a Target retail store located at 248-250 Marrickville Road, Marrickville to an IGA Supermarket.

It is recommended that the provision of a "Loading Zone" in Marrickville Lane, Marrickville, NOT be approved, as the existing carriageway is narrow and therefore, the loading and unloading at this location will restrict access for traffic in the laneway.

**Discussion:**

The Committee members supported the officer's recommendation as the existing carriageway is too narrow and can not accommodate a "Loading Zone". An alternate option discussed by Committee members was the widening of the carriageway at this location through the removal of the existing kerb and footpath on both sides. This would provide adequate road width to install a "Loading

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Zone" that can accommodate both a parked heavy vehicle and maintain the traffic flow. The costs of such works would be borne by the applicant.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. The provision of a "Loading Zone" in Marrickville Lane, Marrickville, at the rear of property No. 248-250 Marrickville Road, NOT be approved, as the carriageway is narrow and therefore, the loading and unloading at this location will restrict access for traffic in the laneway; and
2. The applicant be advised of the decision.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. The provision of a "Loading Zone" in Marrickville Lane, Marrickville, at the rear of property No. 248-250 Marrickville Road, NOT be approved at present, as the existing carriageway is narrow and therefore, the loading and unloading at this location will restrict access for traffic in the laneway.
2. The provision of a "Loading Zone" would be acceptable if the width of the laneway at the rear of property No. 248-250 Marrickville Road is widened to 5.8 metres. (preferably to be funded by applicant).
3. The applicant be advised in terms of this report.

*(Mr Jamie Erken, Council's Senior Development Assessor departed the meeting at 1.45pm)*

**ITEM C5  
S3270-03  
MEEKS ROAD, MARRICKVILLE (SOUTH WARD)  
REQUEST FOR "LOADING ZONE"**

**Synopsis**

A request has been received from a developer for the provision of a "Loading Zone" and a "No Standing" zone in Meeks Road, Marrickville, as part of three development applications for light industrial premises located at 64, 66-70 and 72-74 Meeks Road.

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It is recommended that the provision of a "Loading Zone" and "No Standing" zone in Meeks Road, Marrickville, NOT be approved and that the current parking restrictions in Meeks Road be maintained, as loading/unloading docks are currently provided on site although not used.

**Discussion:**

***(Mr Tony Fenlon, Ms Kylie Cochrane and Ms Bridget Cleaver - residents of Meeks Road, Marrickville - attended the meeting at 1.10pm)***

The residents of Meeks Road stated that their street has a mix of residential and industrial properties and that there were relatively few problems in the past with the businesses operation in the street. However, the situation has changed with some of those businesses expanding and changing their operations including how deliveries are undertaken. The residents are concerned about safety as semi-trailers typically double-park (illegally), with forklifts using the roadway to load and unload goods.

They further stated that parking is at a premium in Meeks Road, as the majority of residents do not have off-street parking and that the installation of a "Loading Zone" will have an adverse impact on on-street parking in their street and surrounding streets. They also stated that the noise levels in Meeks Road resulting from the semi-trailers loading and unloading in the street is unacceptable and has impacted on the health recovery of some elderly residents from illness.

***(The residents departed the meeting at 1.22pm)***

***(Ms Genevieve Slattery from SPD Town Planners attended the meeting at 1.23pm)***

Ms Slattery stated that the applicant is aware of parking issues in Meeks Road and the residents' concerns. She also stated that the applicant is considering reinstating the loading dock at the front of 72-74 Meeks Road. Ms Slattery further advised that the traffic consultant has undertaken some modelling in regard to the existing loading dock at the rear of 66-70 Meeks Road and that the turning circles produced determined that the dock cannot accommodate a 2 tonne truck needed by the business. Therefore, a "Loading Zone" is required at the front on 66-70 Meeks Road and that the zone can be restricted to certain hours in the day. **Note: Manager Engineering refuted this statement as Council's staff assessment is that the existing loading dock and accessibility to it is suitable for service 2 tonne trucks.**

Ms Slattery also advised that the option of loading and unloading in the rear laneway has not been explored at this stage.

***(Councillor Sam Byrne attended the meeting at 1.29pm)***

***(Ms Genevieve Slattery departed the meeting at 1.30pm)***

The Committee members supported the officer's recommendation, stressing that the loading and unloading of goods should be undertaken on site.

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**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. The provision of a "Loading Zone" and "No Standing" zone in Meeks Road, Marrickville, NOT be approved and that the current parking restrictions in Meeks Road be maintained, as loading/unloading docks are currently provided on site; and
2. The applicant be advised in terms of this report.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT** the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

**5. LATE ITEMS**

**ITEM C6  
S1860-02  
30 FRANCIS STREET, MARRICKVILLE (CENTRAL WARD)  
REQUEST FOR "NO PARKING" RESTRICTIONS ADJACENT TO DRIVEWAY  
CROSSING**

**Discussion:**

A late request has been received from a resident of Francis Street, Marrickville, for the provision of a "No Parking" zone adjacent to their driveway crossing, which is located at the bend in the road. When vehicles being parked next to the driveway, sight distance is very poor. It is recommended that a "No Parking" zone be installed adjacent to the subject driveway crossing to increase sight distance and provide unimpeded vehicular access to the applicant's property.

**Traffic Committee Recommendation:**

**THAT:**

1. The provision of a "No Parking" zone for a distance of 5 metres, directly east of the driveway crossing of property No. 30 Francis Street, Marrickville, be approved in order to increase sight distance as the property is located in a poor position on a bend.
2. The costs of the supply and installation of the "No Parking" signs be borne by the applicant.
3. the applicant be advised of the decision.

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**6. THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.28 PM**

**7. General Business**

There were no general business items.

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File Ref: 8826-03

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Changes to the Pesticides Regulation 1995 have introduced new requirements for public notification of pesticide use in outdoor public places. Public authorities must prepare a Pesticide Use Notification Plan by 1 February 2007. Council must undertake public consultation on a draft Pesticides Notification Plan and give notice of the final Plan in a local newspaper and the Government Gazette.

**Background**

The NSW Department of Environment and Conservation has advised Council of changes to the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (the Regulation) which will introduce new requirements for notification of pesticide use in outdoor public places.

Significant features of the Regulation as it relates to Council's operations and obligations are:

- Council must prepare a Pesticide Use Notification Plan (the Plan) by 1 February 2007;
- Council must undertake public consultation on the draft Plan and give notice of the final plan in a local newspaper and the Government Gazette;
- a pesticide includes any agricultural chemical that Council may use to control weed plants (herbicides) or pest animals;
- the Plan must set out how and when Council will give public notice of the proposed use of pesticides in any prescribed public place, (including any park, playground or sportsground) other public land (e.g. road verges, stormwater easements etc) and Crown Land;
- the Regulation identifies a class of **sensitive place** (including schools, preschools, kindergartens, childcare centres, hospitals or nursing homes), and requires that the Plan identify the special protection measures that will be taken if pesticide use is proposed in a prescribed public place adjacent to a *sensitive place*; and
- the Regulation does not regulate pesticide use inside buildings on public land; however the Plan may include this information.

**Discussion**

A working group of officers across all sections of Council likely to use pesticides has met to discuss the implications of the Regulation. Each affected section has prepared a notification plan which describes how public notification will be undertaken in their area.

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The draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan (**ATTACHMENT 2**) will serve to structure and regulate Council's use of pesticides to a degree previously not achieved. The Plan will allow Council to manage pest plant and animal issues and reassure the community that the procedures are undertaken with due care for human health and environmental impacts.

The Regulation requires Council to undertake public consultation on a draft Plan and give notice of the final Plan in a local newspaper and the Government Gazette. It is proposed that the draft Plan be placed on public exhibition at Council's Administration Centre and libraries for 28 days, with a further 14 days for the receipt of written submissions. In addition it is proposed to place a notice in a local newspaper and the draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan document on Council's website. Copies of the Plan will also be made available on request.

The draft Pesticides Notification Plan (**ATTACHMENT 2**) requires Council to undertake the following:

- maintain an area on the Council website with detailed information about pesticide use across Council's facilities and update this at least every 3 months, including a copy of the Pesticide Use Notification Plan;
- publicise the Plan in its rate notices, letters, fax and email, letterbox drops, door knocking, phone contact, community notice boards, library notice boards and in its block column in local newspapers;
- undertake special notification measures for 'Sensitive Places' prior to any use of pesticides;
- ensure that all contractors engaged by Council comply with the Plan;
- provide a range of notices, both permanent and temporary, at sites of pesticide use to inform the community, as outlined in the Plan;
- maintain a schedule of property addresses outside which Council will not use pesticides;
- allow persons and organisations to nominate to have their details placed on a central register to be notified of proposed pesticide use; and
- review the Plan at least every 3 years.

**Conclusion**

A draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Pesticides Regulation 1995. It is proposed to undertake public consultation on the draft Plan as required by the Regulation, and to provide a further report to Council on the outcomes of the consultation process.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan be endorsed for the purposes of public consultation as required by the Pesticides Regulation 1995; and
2. a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the consultation process; and

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT:**

4. the draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan be endorsed for the purposes of public consultation as required by the Pesticides Regulation 1995;
5. a further report be provided to Council on the outcomes of the consultation process; and
6. a report also be provided assessing the options for Council to use alternatives to pesticides.

**ATTACHMENT 1: Total 7 pages**

Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW) letter (TRIM 8511.06)

**ATTACHMENT 2: Total 44 pages**

Draft Pesticide Use Notification Plan (TRIM 56768.06)

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Department of  
Environment and Conservation (NSW)

Our reference : HOF64851

Ms Candy Nay  
General Manager  
Marrickville Council  
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10 February 2006

Dear Ms Nay

**Pesticides notification - new requirements for public authorities**

Recent amendments to the *Pesticides Regulation 1995* ('the Regulation') have introduced new requirements for notification of pesticide use that affect most NSW councils and county councils.

The amended Regulation requires all NSW public authorities and councils who use pesticide in outdoor public places to prepare notification plans in relation to their pesticide use and to give notice according to the plan. Pesticides notification plans will have to be finalised by 1 February 2007. Full details are outlined in the accompanying *Environment Matters 41* publication, further copies of which can be obtained by calling Environment Line on 131 555.

Pesticides notification is based on the principle that people should have access to information on pesticide use so that they can reduce their exposure if they so wish. The Regulation amendment has been progressively developed since 2000 through several rounds of consultation with councils and other stakeholders and with close involvement of the independently chaired Pesticides Implementation Committee, which included local government representation. When tabling the final report of the Committee in Parliament in May 2005, the Minister for the Environment committed the Government to introducing this reform.

In addition to the attached *Environment Matters 41*, a range of web-based guidance material is available at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/pesticides](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/pesticides) to assist councils in developing their pesticide notification plan, including:

- a guide to preparing a pesticides notification plan;
- an example pesticides notification plan; and
- a blank notification plan template that can be downloaded and used by authorities and councils when preparing their own plans.

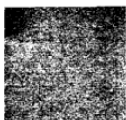
The Department of Environment & Conservation will also be running a briefing session on **Wednesday 29 March 2006** at its Sydney offices. Registration and further details can be obtained by phoning 9995 5799. Further sessions will be run if there is sufficient demand.

Should representatives of your agency wish to discuss obligations under the new pesticides notification Regulation amendments, they can contact the DEC's Environment Line on 131 555 or contact the DEC Chemicals Policy Unit on 9995 5799.

Yours sincerely

**JANET DAWSON**  
**Manager Chemicals Policy**

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## **new law for notifying the community when public authorities use pesticides in public places**



From 1 February 2007 changes to the Pesticides Regulation 1995 will require public authorities, such as local councils and government agencies, to **notify** the community, in accordance with a

notification plan, when they use or allow the use of pesticides in **public places** that are owned or controlled by the public authority.

The changes are based on the principle that people who live and work in an area have a basic right to know when public places in the area are treated with pesticides. Notifying people about pesticide applications means they can make informed decisions, for example, parents with young children may choose to delay a visit to the playground if they know pesticides have been applied that day.

Notifying members of the public about pesticide use before it happens will not mean that they can prevent the use of pesticides in the area. The aim of notification is to allow people to choose to reduce their exposure to pesticides if they wish. Notifying the community is now internationally recognised as best practice in pesticides management.

This information sheet explains what public authorities need to do to comply with the new requirements. It explains how to consult with the community when developing a **pesticide use notification plan** to suit local needs.

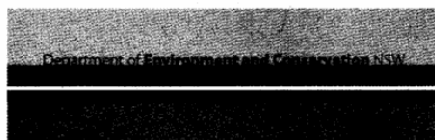
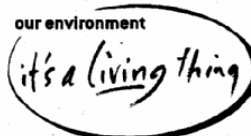
### ***What is a pesticide use notification plan?***

A pesticide use notification plan describes where a public authority uses pesticides and the steps it will take to notify people about its pesticide use in those places. It must be prepared by a public authority (including a local council) in consultation with the local community. Many public authorities already notify their communities when they use pesticides in the area, for example, through advertising or letterbox drops.



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***What does the new law say?***

From 1 February 2007 public authorities, including local councils, must not use pesticides in prescribed public places **unless** a notification plan has been prepared and notice has been given in accordance with the plan.

A public authority's notification plan must describe:

- the **categories** of prescribed public places where it uses pesticides or allows other people to use pesticides (for example, contractors or lessees)
- **how** it will notify the community before it uses pesticides in prescribed **public places**
- **what** special steps it will take to notify the community before pesticides are applied in prescribed public places that are located next to **sensitive places** such as schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, nursing homes or hospitals.

From 1 February 2007, public authorities cannot use or allow the use of pesticides unless a notification plan has been:

- **developed** in consultation with the community
- **finalised, advertised and made publicly available.**

The community must be notified of pesticide use in the way the finalised plan describes.

***What is a prescribed public place?***

In summary, prescribed public places are any of the following places that the public is entitled to have access to (with or without paying a fee):

- public gardens
- picnic areas
- playgrounds

- parks, sporting fields, or ovals
- national parks and other lands reserved under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, State forests or Crown land
- any public land owned or controlled by a public authority, for example, road verges, and rail and electricity easements.

A prescribed public place also includes school and TAFE grounds, but does not include the inside of any buildings or structures. All prescribed public places **must** be considered in the notification plan.

The full definition of a prescribed public place is in Part 4B clause 11J of the Pesticides Regulation. The full definition should be read before a notification plan is prepared.

***What is a sensitive place?***

In summary, a sensitive place is any:

- school or pre-school
- kindergarten
- childcare centre
- hospital
- community health centre
- nursing home.

The full definition of a sensitive place is in clause 11J(1) of the Pesticides Regulation. The full definition should be read before a notification plan is prepared.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) can declare additional places to be sensitive places by publication of a notice in the Government Gazette. Any additions will be listed on the DEC website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au)

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***What information must a  
notification plan for the use of  
pesticides include?***

A notification plan **must** set out how and when the public authority will give public notice of the proposed use of pesticides in any prescribed public place it owns or controls. In particular, the notification plan must contain information about:

- **where** the plan will apply. The plan must identify the **categories** of public places where pesticides are to be used. For example, a notification plan might say that pesticides are used at 20 local parks and playgrounds and list their names and addresses. Where the notification plan refers to road verges, it may be sufficient for the plan to say that pesticides may be used on all council-managed roads within its area, and refer to a map showing the local government area boundaries. It may not be necessary to identify each public place.
- **who** regularly uses the public places. For example, a notification plan might say that the public places covered in the plan are used by local families, children, school groups and the general public. The notification plan will also need to give a general estimate of the **level of use**. For example, the notification plan might say that these places are **frequently** used by local families.
- **how** and **when** the public authority will notify people about proposed pesticide use in public places. The notification plan needs to give details about the **specific notification arrangements** that will be used. For example, the local notification plan might say that the council will use newspaper advertisements, web-postings, information included with rates notices, mail-outs and/or signs to give notice of

a pesticide application. The notification arrangements will vary among public authorities, including councils, in accordance with the circumstances and needs of each local community. The notification plan must identify the categories of, or specify particular public places for which the public authority will provide notification of all or only some proposed uses of pesticides, and what those uses are. The notification plan must also specify the public places for which the public authority does not intend to provide notification.

- **what information will be provided** about a pesticide application. The notification plan needs to say what types of information will be given to the community when giving them notice of pesticide use. The Pesticides Regulation sets out minimum information requirements for when notice is given. The notice given to the community **must** include:
  - **where** the pesticide will be used, **and**
  - the **full product name** of the pesticide that will be used, **and**
  - the **purpose** of the use (for example, to kill noxious weeds), **and**
  - the proposed **date/s** of use (where possible be specific, for example, weed spraying in specific streets in the week 1–7 August). Where it is not possible to provide a specific period, a range of dates of when an application will take place should be given, **and**
  - a **phone number/email address** for the officer who can be contacted about the notice, **and**
  - any **warnings** on the pesticide label or permit about how long the area must be avoided after a pesticide application.

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also liable if notification is not carried out in accordance with the authority's notification plan. This is regardless of whether the public authority has engaged someone else to carry out the notification on their behalf.

***What happens if these new requirements are ignored?***

Penalties may apply where pesticides have been used in a prescribed public place but a notification plan has not been developed and displayed in accordance with the regulation, or, if the notification was not carried out in accordance with the plan. Penalties may also apply to a public authority if it employs a contractor to use pesticides who does not notify according to the public authority's notification plan. Court imposed fines of up to \$44,000 could apply to corporations and fines of up to \$22,000 could apply to individuals. In other instances, on-the-spot penalty notice fines of \$800 for corporations or \$400 for individuals may apply.

***Where can I get more information?***

If you are unsure about your role in preparing and putting a notification plan into operation you can visit the DEC website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/pesticides/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/pesticides/), or phone DEC's Environment Line on 131 555 (cost of a local call from anywhere in NSW). See the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (available at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au)) for full details on notification requirements.

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- how the **community** will be informed about the notification plan. The plan also needs to give **the contact details** of an officer the community can contact to discuss the notification plan. It must include their job title or description, and phone number or email address.
- how the plan will be **reviewed** in the future and how the community can be involved in future reviews. There is no specific time requirement for review, but it is expected that all plans will be updated from time to time, consistent with community expectation.

***What do notification plans need to say about sensitive places?***

The notification plan will need to describe what notification measures will be used to provide special protection if pesticides are used in a prescribed public place that is **next to a sensitive place**, such as a school or hospital. For example, special protection could include providing notification earlier, in greater detail and/or in a different form to ensure that the risk of people at sensitive sites coming into contact with the pesticide application is minimised.

If a pesticide must be used to deal with an emergency near a sensitive place, extra steps should be taken to let people know about it. For example, public authorities could make sure a door-knock takes place so people are aware that a pesticide is about to be used to deal with a dangerous pest infestation.

***Can a notification plan cover other things?***

Yes. The new law means that prescribed public places and sensitive sites must be covered by notification plans. The plan can include additional areas if the public

authority wishes. For example, it could include the inside of any buildings in public places or list the extra steps needed to protect places like organic farms when pesticides are used nearby. However, it is not compulsory to include these details in the notification plan.

Extra information about the pesticide application can also be included in a notification plan. For example, it might describe how a pesticide will be applied to an area by a public authority.

***Can I get help to prepare a draft notification plan?***

Yes. DEC has developed two simple documents to help public authorities, including councils, write a notification plan:

- a notification plan template – all you need to do is fill in the blanks on this template
- an example notification plan – this gives examples of the kind of information that needs to be included in your notification plan.

You can get a copy of the template and the example notification plan from DEC's website ([www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au)) or through DEC's Environment Line, phone 131 555.

You do not have to use the template DEC has developed – it has been provided as a guide only.

***How does the community get to comment on draft plans?***

Remember, a notification plan will only comply with the new law if the community has been consulted. The Pesticides Regulation sets out the steps public authorities need to follow to get the necessary level of community input.

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If you are responsible for **preparing a public authority's plan** you need to:

- **publicly announce** that a draft notification plan is ready for community input. If your notification plan covers areas throughout NSW, you need to put a notice in a state-wide newspaper. If your notification plan covers only a specific local area or areas, you need to put a notice in a newspaper that circulates generally in those areas. You do not have to limit your announcement to one newspaper – this is the minimum notice that you need to give. The notice must specify the area in which the plan is to operate.
- mention in the notice **where a copy of the draft notification plan** will be displayed and make sure it is available for viewing during office hours, free of charge. If you have a website, it should also be displayed there.
- include details about **how the community can provide their comments and how long they will have**. At least four weeks must be given for their comments after the notice is published in the newspaper. The draft plan needs to be freely available for community inspection during this period.
- make sure that you prepare your draft notification plan with enough time to receive and consider comments from the community. **When you have considered the submissions from community members and made any subsequent changes to the plan, you will have developed your final notification plan.**

***What happens when the notification plan is finalised?***

Once the **final notification plan is ready**, public authorities must **announce** where the notification plan will operate and where the plan can be viewed. To do this, the public authority needs to publish the announcement in the NSW Government Gazette. The announcement must also be published in the same type of newspaper used to publish the notice for the draft notification plan.

Public authorities also need to write to DEC stating whether or not its notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the Pesticides Regulation.

The plan must be made available to the public for inspection free of charge at the public authority's main office. It should also be placed on the public authority's website, if it has one.

***When will the new requirements begin?***



Public authorities will have until 1 February 2007 to consult with the community and finalise their plans for notifying people.

***Do notification plans affect people who lease land from public authorities, or contractors who use pesticides in public places?***

Yes. A public authority's plan affects public places that it leases out. If a public authority employs contractors to use pesticides in public places or in public places near sensitive sites, the authority's notification plan still needs to be followed. Public authorities are responsible for advising lessees or contractors about their notification plan. Public authorities are

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For Recommendation***

File Ref: 10649-13

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Report on the provision of fitness and exercise station facilities in the Marrickville LGA with particular reference to the Cooks River corridor. The report discusses the current condition of exercise equipment in parks and strategic planning issues for provision of fitness and exercise facilities. The report notes that a Strategic Plan for all fitness and exercise facilities should be prepared by Parks and Reserves in conjunction with Council's Recreation Planner, and that funding for new exercise and fitness facilities should be provided on a program basis identified in a Strategic Plan for the whole of the LGA.

**Background**

**Existing Facilities in the Marrickville LGA**

There are currently two exercise and fitness station facilities in Marrickville, both of which were built using grant funding by NSW Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance Program (CAP). The 10-station facility made from timber at Steel Park was originally installed in circa.1991/92 and is tired and worn, but currently safe to use, and relatively complete. The health information on the instruction sign at Steel Park requires revision to comply with current recommended practices.

The 5-station facility made from steel elements at Jarvie Park was originally installed in 1998 and refurbished in 2005 after significant damage from inappropriate use. The signage at Jarvie Park was subject to high-frequency vandalism and damage, which prevented equipment users from reading the instructions clearly. The damaged signs have been removed and are due for replacement.

Both facilities are of a traditional 'isometric' style of fitness equipment, are free for use, have instruction and health signs, and are intended to complement other fitness and recreation regimes by park users. They are effective facilities for disciplined users with sufficient fitness and agility to use the equipment correctly.

Further grant assistance funding of \$20,000 for a third facility called 'an exercise and rest station' at Warren Park on the Cooks River was approved by NSW Sport and Recreation in the CAP 2003/04. This facility is to provide sheltered seating and 'stretch' equipment for walking groups and particularly older users, but the project was deferred pending further site investigations by Council and preparation of other studies by the NSW Department of Planning. The assistance funding for this project expires in September 2007.

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**Cost of New Exercise Equipment**

Estimated costs for provision of new exercise stations including drinking water, shaded shelter with seating, rubber surfacing, 10-stations of equipment and signs are approximately \$50,000 per facility.

**Selection of Equipment Types**

Council has little useful information on the broad appeal and popularity of this existing type of exercise equipment, however the following comments can be made:

- the equipment is used by disciplined users with sufficient fitness and agility;
- the equipment is not known to attract some of the most exercise needy members of our community; i.e. adolescents, women and overweight children;
- correct use requires appropriate instruction which in unsupervised public spaces usually relies on signage; and
- incorrect use and use by insufficiently fit persons can result in injury.

Trends in public park exercise facilities have emphasised 'dynamic' equipment with more moving parts, a convergence of 'adventure play' and exercise equipment for adolescents and recognition that the exercise needs of senior citizens require equipment for stretching and are graduated for less vigorous movement. Cycle and walking paths are also considered to have broad community appeal.

'Circuit' type fitness installations, where a number of smaller stations are linked along or around a track, have traditionally been popular with recreation planners. They are intended to combine aerobic running or walking exercise between isometric exercise stations to provide a comprehensive 'workout'. The Cooks River parks are an obvious location for such a facility. They may be less suited to other locations because of the need to provide the path network and exercise stations. They may not have broad appeal across the community and should be considered as one of the available options.

**Strategic Plan for Fitness and Exercise Facilities**

There is currently no strategic plan for the provision of exercise facilities and existing facilities appear to have been provided on an ad-hoc basis after requests made during community consultation and general correspondence to Council for each site. Exercise facilities comprise an important but minor part of the public recreation infrastructure.

The Marrickville Recreation User Needs Study 1993 notes that Steel Park was the only open space in the Marrickville LGA to have an 'outdoor gymnasium', and there was a single reference to a 'public gym' in the survey.

The Marrickville Recreation Strategic Plan 2003 describes a range of actions to meet strategic visions. The closest reference to the provision of exercise stations is in Section 5.12 Open Spaces which states:

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Within Council's open space system create an environment which encourages the community to be more active.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Within the context of the Parks and Reserves Strategy, nominate parks suitable for locating fitness walking paths and cycling paths.</li><li>• Create perimeter walking/fitness paths around larger parks and promote these to the community.</li><li>• To extend the range of sports activities available in the LGA, investigate and critically assess the potential for use of sporting grounds by new sports activities when grounds become available,</li><li>• Install informal, small scale sport and fitness facilities in parks to encourage greater use by young people and fitness activity by the community.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short</li><li>• Medium</li><li>• Ongoing</li><li>• Medium</li></ul>
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The Marrickville Recreation Strategic Plan 2003 also describes a range of issues and trends that impact on the provision of recreation and fitness facilities of all types.

The NSW Department of Planning has identified a regionally significant Cooks River Recreation Trail which should provide a range of bicycle, walking and associated exercise opportunities.

There are several factors to consider in providing a series of exercise and fitness facilities in the Marrickville LGA:

- equity and access for a variety of users including age, skill and fitness level;
- site selection and location;
- changes in current health and exercise trends;
- appropriateness to community use and unintended high-impact use e.g. commercial outdoor fitness trainers and 'boot-camps';
- safe and appropriate use of the equipment; and
- maintenance of equipment and surface materials.

### **Preparation of Strategic Management Plan**

None of the current studies or surveys investigates the specific provision of exercise and fitness facilities as an overall part of Marrickville's recreation facilities and opportunities. Previous plans for one-off exercise stations were not guided by a strategic assessment of recreation facilities.

Parks and Reserves is currently preparing Strategic Plans for Playgrounds, Public Toilets, Picnic Facilities and Dog Exercise Areas, due to be available in draft in December 2006. Further strategic plans for Sports Grounds and Biodiversity are due to be prepared in 2007-2008. Exercise and fitness stations could be planned in an additional Parks and Reserves strategic plan.

### **Availability of Funds**

Upgrading and improvement of park recreation facilities has traditionally been funded from the S.94 Open Space Plan, and this source will continue to provide the backbone of funding for open space improvements in the foreseeable future. Grant funding of \$65,000 for New Sport and Recreation Facilities is requested annually, of which \$32,500 is provided by the NSW Sport and Recreation CAP. Other regional funding opportunities such as the Metropolitan Greenspace Program are available where strategic planning studies have identified the regional nature and merit

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of projects. There is currently no specific funding nor a program for installation and upgrade of exercise facilities.

**Conclusion**

Council's Recreation Strategic Plan, Parks and Reserves and other strategic plans including the NSW Department of Planning have identified the need to strategically plan for the provision and management of a range of recreation and fitness opportunities in the Marrickville LGA, and to specifically investigate the provision of exercise stations.

Estimated costs for provision of new exercise stations including drinking water, shaded shelter with seating, rubber surfacing, 10-stations of equipment and signs are approximately \$50,000 per facility.

Funding for new exercise and fitness facilities should be provided on a program basis identified in a strategic plan for the whole of the LGA and it is recommended that Council consider an allocation of funds following the completion of the strategic plan.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. Council endorse the preparation of a Parks Strategic Plan for Recreation and Exercise Facilities in 2007/2008, in conjunction with Council's Recreation Planner as the basis to prepare a works improvement program to implement new exercise and fitness facilities across a range of parks to meet the needs of the community, for consideration by Council for funding in future years; and
2. a further report advising of the results and recommendations of a Parks Strategic Plan for Recreation and Exercise Facilities be presented to Council for consideration when available.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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

***PR 26 – JOINT USE AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS – AN  
UPDATE REPORT  
(from Technical Services Committee Meeting 09/06 – 10 October 2006)  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 1555-02

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

Marrickville Council entered into joint-use agreements with two local schools a decade and a half ago and is currently negotiating a third agreement. This report provides an update on current arrangements and recommends that further discussions be undertaken with the schools and the Department of Education and Training to improve the implementation of agreements for community access and use of school facilities outside of school hours.

**Background**

***Petersham Public School.***

In 1989 Council entered into a joint-use agreement with the then Department of Education for Petersham Public School for a period of fifty years. The agreement provided for Council to contribute the whole of the cost (an amount of \$110,000) to construct a small playing field, netball court, tennis court with lights and a volleyball court.

The facilities were to be used by the school during school hours, and a Committee of Management was to manage community access and use outside of school hours, including the hiring out of facilities, cleaning, caretaking and security. The Committee was made up of the school principal, an elected staff representative, a Council nominee, a representative of Petersham Residents Group and a representative of Petersham Activities Centre for Children and was required to pay Council rates, gas, water and electricity for the portion of use by hirers and insure the facilities and contents against theft and malicious damage. Each year the Committee was required to provide Council with an audited balance sheet statement and to hold a general meeting. It is not known whether or not the Committee of Management has ever met.

Maintenance and cleaning of the facilities was to be undertaken by Council in accordance with its normal maintenance program. Repairs and maintenance required as a consequence of hiring out the facilities would be paid by security bonds held or fees collected by the Committee of Management.

***Stanmore Public School.***

In 1991 Council entered into an agreement with the then Department of School Education for Stanmore Public School for a period of fifty years. The agreement provided for Council to contribute to the cost to construct a tennis court and bicycle track, upgrade existing basketball and netball courts, upgrade existing cricket nets and level existing playing fields. A stage two 'Town Square' was completed in 1995. Council's overall capital contribution was \$102,500 of a total project cost of \$184,000.

The facilities were to be used by the school during school hours, and a Committee of Management was to manage community access and use outside of school hours, including the hiring out of

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facilities, cleaning, caretaking and security. The Committee was made up of the school principal, an elected staff representative, a Council nominee, a student representative, a representative of up to two parent organisations and a nominee of the local member of State Parliament. Council was required to pay Council rates, gas, water and electricity for the portion of use by hirers and the Committee had to insure the facilities and contents against theft and malicious damage. Each year the Committee was required to provide Council with an audited balance sheet statement and to hold a general meeting. It appears that the last meeting of the Committee of Management was in September 1994.

Maintenance of the facilities was to be undertaken by Council in accordance with its normal maintenance program. Repairs and maintenance required as a consequence of hiring out the facilities would be paid by security bonds held or fees collected by the Committee of Management.

**Discussion**

It is apparent that, over time, the Committees of Management have become inactive, and ceased to function. Their formal structures were unnecessarily rigid and onerous on all involved, and their capacity to raise money from bookings highly inflated. The extent of community use is not known to Council.

Council has not contributed significantly to the ongoing maintenance or inspection of outdoor facilities at the schools. Council currently allocates an annual budget of approximately \$2,000 for contractors to provide school maintenance. In recent years this has mostly been spent on maintaining tennis court lights at Petersham Public School. The current situation is one where good assets are inadequately maintained, to the dissatisfaction of both the schools and community users.

A Council funded contractor also undertakes quarterly inspections of playgrounds at Camdenville Public, Dulwich Hill Public, Lewisham Public and Petersham Public Schools. Playground repair works of an urgent safety nature would also be undertaken by the contractor.

The Department of Education and Training is undertaking a program of upgrading school security to reduce opportunities for unauthorised persons to enter school grounds during school hours, and also to prevent wayward pupils from leaving the grounds without permission. The program involves upgrading and replacement of perimeter fencing with new 2.1 metre high security fencing and has the added benefit of increasing out of hours security. Unfortunately this directly conflicts with Council's objectives of having community access to facilities in the school grounds outside of school hours.

In discussion with school and parent representatives from both Stanmore and Petersham Public Schools the following matters were identified as currently unsatisfactory and requiring effective and durable solutions:

- Access to outdoor recreation facilities for the local community outside of school hours without compromising school building security.
- Adequate maintenance of outdoor recreation assets including playing fields, hard courts and play equipment to manage risk and provide pleasant, useable facilities.

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Both schools are currently implementing temporary arrangements with trusted locals to provide a degree of community access out of hours. This is not considered adequate to satisfy the spirit of the joint use agreements, and in the long-term a more formal arrangement is considered desirable.

The Member for Marrickville has recently written to Council, after being approached by Stanmore Public School P&C, requesting that Council consider a P&C request to share the cost of upkeeping the common grounds.

**Committees of Management**

The Committee of Management as set out in both agreements allows for only one Council representative. It is recommended that Council negotiate with the Department for two representatives, being the Director Technical Services, or nominee, and an elected member of Council.

***Dulwich High School***

*At its November 2005 meeting (PR 28 of 10/05) Council was advised "Negotiations are well advanced with the Department of Education and Training over a proposed joint-use agreement for community use of a playing field at Dulwich High School and dedication of land for a public road. A range of capital improvements and recurrent maintenance funding are required for the overall arrangement to work effectively for both the School and Council. It is proposed to continue those negotiations and report to Council when an acceptable package, including funding of the works, has been resolved."*

These matters have progressed little in the intervening months. In recent discussion with Department officers, it appears that a funding source for their 50% contribution towards the cost of fencing (estimated at \$15,752) had not been confirmed. It was agreed that updated quotations for the fencing work would be obtained and forwarded to the Department.

**Conclusion**

Council invested considerable funds and entered into joint use agreements to allow community access to recreation facilities in local public schools outside of school hours. The rigid structure of the agreements, a lack of maintenance of the physical assets and changes in school security policy all threaten to undermine the continuation of these arrangements.

Negotiations for a further joint use agreement at Dulwich High School have not progressed in recent months. It is recommended that further discussions be held with the schools and the Department to progress satisfactory implementation of the agreements.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. further discussions be undertaken with schools and the Department of Education and Training to improve the implementation of agreements for community access and use of school facilities outside of school hours; and
3. a further report be provided to Council on the progress of those discussions and any budget implications, at which time Council will be asked to consider its representation on the Committees of Management; and

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. further discussions be undertaken with schools and the Department of Education and Training to improve the implementation of agreements for community access and use of school facilities outside of school hours;
3. a further report be provided to Council on the progress of those discussions and any budget implications, at which time Council will be asked to consider its representation on the Committees of Management; and
4. Council write to the local member asking them to take up the issue of Dulwich High School and Graham Green on Council's behalf.

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For Recommendation**

File Ref: 4572-04

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report outlines the projects and services coordinated by the Property Services Section for the period ending 30 September 2006. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**1. PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT**

**Property Development**

**A. (i) Security Services Contract**

The Security Industry Amendment Act 2005 was passed by the NSW Parliament in 2005. The Amending Act has not come into force as the Regulations have not been finalised. Council is now awaiting the finalisation and implementation of the Regulations. Tender documentation will be prepared and tenders invited accordingly following finalisation and implementation of the Regulations.

**(ii) Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning**

Upgrading works to the air conditioning system at the Petersham Administration Building have been completed.

**B. Public Car Parks**

**(i) Seaview Street Car Park (South) lighting**

Lighting improvements were completed on 1 September 2006.

**(ii) Frampton Avenue Car Park (East)**

The car park has been partially closed following the collapse of part of a stormwater drain, with emergency measures taken to secure the safety of the general public and vehicles. Council continues to liaise with Sydney Water to ensure speedy reconstruction and reopening of the car park. A meeting has been scheduled for 13 October 2006 with Sydney Water representatives to progress this matter.

**C. New Civic Centre Site**

Urgent electrical works and tenants' maintenance issues need to be addressed following two recent power failures and the poor condition of the building fabric. The power failure on one occasion has been attributed to a burst water pipe causing flooding of the electrical switch room. The burst water pipe was the direct result of vandalism.

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The proposed urgent works include:

- extensive electrical work to the existing switchboard and electrical subboards;
- installation of light fittings within the first floor area to provide appropriate lux levels to meet the requirements of the Australian Lighting Standard;
- repairs to the first floor verandah ceiling; and
- painting of the ground and first floor foyer area of the main ward building.

The cost of the urgent works, with the exclusion of the painting works which will be funded out of the operational maintenance budget, is estimated at \$30,000 exclusive of GST. It is recommended that a budget adjustment of \$30,000 exclusive of GST be considered at the October Budget Review.

**D. Child Care Centres and Community Facilities Assets Maintenance**

Capital works programming and scheduling has continued for community facilities buildings including:

- (i) Upgrade of the Tom Foster Centre - the successful tenderer has been selected and advised. Preparation of contract documentation is underway. Construction works are scheduled for commencement early October 2006 pending receipt of the construction certificate;
- (ii) Chrissie Cotter Gallery - minor works application to be submitted and quotations sourced for replacement of the roof system. Quotations close 26 September 2006;
- (iii) Quotations have been received for electrical upgrading including exit lighting, emergency lighting and general power outlets to community facilities as per condition audit. The quotations have yet to be analysed;
- (iv) Enmore Child Care Centre - glazing to comply with current safety standards has been completed;
- (v) Dulwich Hill Hall, Dulwich Hill Early Childhood Centre and Dulwich Library - treatment for white ants has been completed; and
- (vi) Coptic Church, Railway Road, Sydenham - Pest report and proposal to treat the white ants has been sourced. Upon receipt of the report the white ants treatment will commence.

Effective from Thursday, 21 September 2006 the responsibility of the Community Facilities Assets Maintenance and Capital Works has been transferred from Property Services to Engineering Services for a period of up to twelve months.

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**F. Capital Works Budgets**

Final costs for remediation works at Tempe Lands are not yet available. Additional costs are being incurred for monitoring of landfill gas and water levels in the landfill to comply with DEC (former EPA) requirements. A report is expected to be submitted to the November Technical Services Meeting.

**2. WASTE SERVICES MATTERS**

**Monthly Statistics**

Comparative monthly tonnages for August 2006/2007 are as follows:

SERVICE	2005/2006 Tonnes	2006/2007 Tonnes	% CHANGE	DESTINATION
Garbage	1326	1370	3.32% Up	Landfill
Cleanup	124	134	8.06% Up	Landfill
Lanes	92	111	20.65% Up	Landfill
<b><i>Landfill Total</i></b>	<b><i>1542</i></b>	<b><i>1615</i></b>	<b><i>4.73% Up</i></b>	<b><i>Landfill</i></b>
Recycling	747	732	2.0% Down	Recycled
Green waste	154	196	27.27% Up	Recycled
Whitegoods	25	26	4.0% Up	Recycled
<b><i>Recycling Total</i></b>	<b><i>926</i></b>	<b><i>954</i></b>	<b><i>3.02% Up</i></b>	<b><i>Recycled</i></b>

Comparative monthly collection numbers for August 2006/2007 are as follows:

SERVICE	2005/2006 No. collections	2006/2007 No. collections	% CHANGE	SERVICE TYPE
Cleanups	1510	1658	9.80% Up	Booked
Green waste	9827	10732	9.21% Up	Regular Fortnightly
Whitegoods	319	432	35.42% Up	Booked
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>11656</i></b>	<b><i>12822</i></b>	<b><i>10.0% Up</i></b>	

**Household Waste**

The landfill total component of this service has increased by 4.73% this month as compared to the same period last year. All putrescible garbage (i.e. Class 1) was delivered to the WSN Environmental Services (WSN) transfer station at Rockdale for transport to the Lucas Heights landfill in southern Sydney.

**Household Recycling**

The recycling total component of this service has increased by 3.02% this month as compared to the same period last year. All household recycling collected from the kerbside was delivered to the

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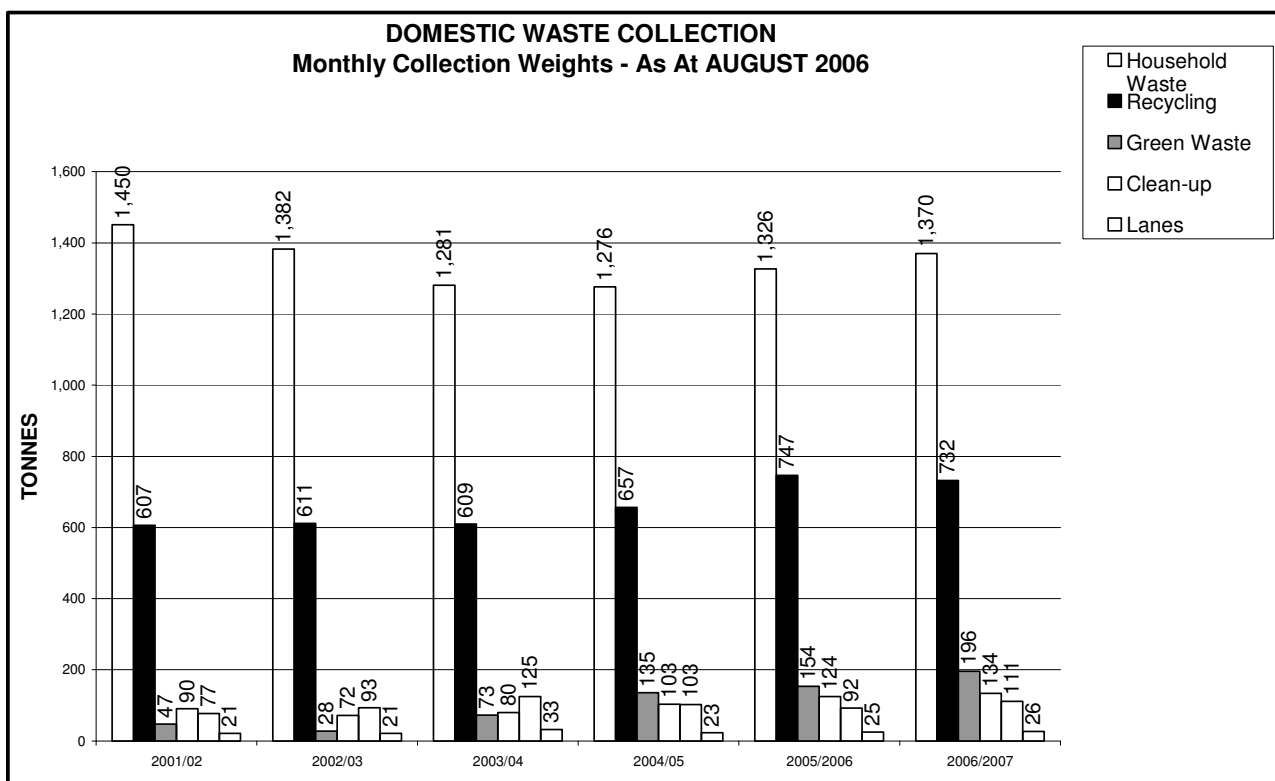
VISY Material Recovery Facility at St Peters for sorting. From here the various products were transported to the relevant VISY processing plants across NSW. All of the metal collected from the Whitegoods service was delivered to Smorgon Steel at Port Botany who then tranship to various processing plants across NSW.

**Household Green Waste**

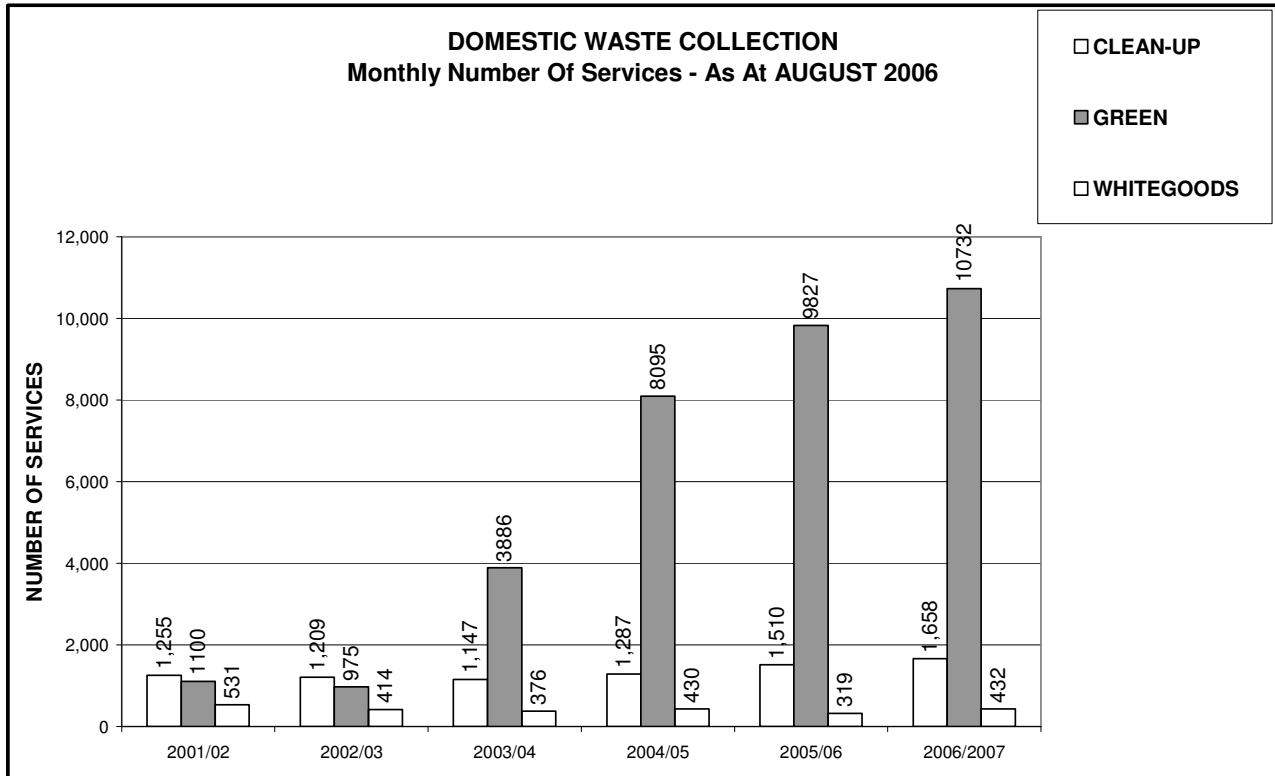
All household Green Waste collected from the kerbside was delivered to the Randwick Council Material Processing Facility at Port Botany for sorting.

**Long Term Trends**

The monthly tonnages of material collected and the number of services for clean up, green waste and whitegoods are depicted in the following graphs.



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**Oil Recycling Trailer**

The free oil recycling service was operated on Saturday 26 August 2006 at Edgeware Road Car Park, Enmore. A total of 14 visits were made with 543 litres of used oil collected from residents on this day. The staff manning the facility on the day received a significant level of positive verbal feedback from the community on the day regarding this service.

The next collection will be running to coincide with the Marrickville Festival on Sunday, September 17.

**Change to Disposal Location of Clean Up Material**

Business Units have redirected vehicles from tipping clean up material at WSN facility at Burrows Road to now tipping at Veolia (formally Collex) at their Port Botany site. This commenced on Tuesday, August 29 and is due to the increase in disposal of Class 200 material. WSN now price this material at \$115.40 (GST incl) as opposed to \$82.50 last financial year. This represents an increase of 39.88% on the previous years pricing for disposal.

Veolia have given a quote for \$88.00 per tonne for clean up material and a rebate of \$95/tonne for whitegoods/metals (all prices GST inclusive).

This is a short term arrangement pending the finalisation of the SSROC negotiations.

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SEPTEMBER 2006  
For Recommendation***

**Director, Corporate Services Reports:**

Council can consider a budget adjustment for repairs to buildings at the new Civic Centre site at the next Budget review.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note the report; and
2. consider a budget adjustment of \$30,000, exclusive of GST, at its next budget review to fund emergency works at the New Civic Centre Site.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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Property Services Resources Plan

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## PROPERTY SERVICES RESOURCES PLAN 2006/2007 as at September 2006

Project	Project Number	2006/07 Revised \$	2006/2007 Budget \$	Supplementary Adjustments \$	TOTAL BUDGET	PHYSICALLY COMPLETED %	COMPLETION TARGET DATE	TOTAL & COMMITTED EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 03	ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE \$	EXPECTED TOTAL COST \$	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %
<b>PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT</b>												
<b>ADMINISTRATION BUILDING</b>												
Cooling Tower Plant Investigation	9132	50,000	0	19,500	69,500	100%	30-September-2006	71,025	0	71,025	1,525	2%
SAFE Projects 2004/2005	9142	18,455	0	0	18,455	16%	30-June-2007	2,906	15,549	18,455	0	0%
Asset data collection	9162	0	30,000	0	30,000	30%	28-February-2007	11,340	18,660	30,000	0	0%
Defective floor covering replacement	9163	0	70,000	0	70,000	0%	31-December-2006	0	70,000	70,000	0	0%
Security Upgrade	9164	0	8,000	0	8,000	0%	30-November-2006	0	8,000	8,000	0	0%
Mechanical switch board replacement	9165	0	20,000	0	20,000	0%	31-October-2006	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
<b>DEPOT BUILDING</b>												
Weather shield in M/Villa depot	9138	27,708	0	0	27,708	0%	30-June-2007	0	27,708	27,708	0	0%
Repair Northern Wall of Building	9156	58,500	0	0	58,500	100%	31-August-2006	51,260	7,240	58,500	0	0%
Building A-Tender document for new airco	9170	0	30,000	0	30,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	30,000	30,000	0	0%
Security Upgrade	9171	0	8,000	0	8,000	0%	31-December-2006	0	8,000	8,000	0	0%
Tender Document for Security Upgrade for Roof Safety Anchors/Fall Arrestor System	9172	0	12,000	0	12,000	0%	31-December-2006	0	12,000	12,000	0	0%
	9173	0	20,000	0	20,000	0%	31-December-2006	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
<b>NEW CIVIC CENTRE</b>												
Two Storey Main Ward Building & Two Stor	9168	0	50,000	0	50,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	50,000	50,000	0	0%
White Ant and Pest regime in main ward bloc	9167	0	40,000	0	40,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	40,000	40,000	0	0%
Site Security	9168	0	40,000	0	40,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	40,000	40,000	0	0%
<b>PUBLIC CAR PARKS</b>												
Stage 2-Seaview St Lighting upgrade	9145	19,305	0	0	19,305	100%	30-June-2007	12,407	6,898	19,305	0	0%
Lotus Street Car Park	9169	0	150,000	0	150,000	25%	01-July-2007	37,500	112,500	150,000	0	0%
Urgent Temporary Works@ Frampton Ave C	9181	87,556	0	0	87,556	0%	28-February-2007	1,525	86,031	87,556	0	0%
<b>TEMPE LANDS</b>												
Tempe Land Consultants	7609	6,379	0	0	6,379	0%	30-June-2007	0	6,379	6,379	0	0%
Leachate Drain Remediation Costs	9104	0	0	0	0	100%	31-August-2006	144,188	0	144,188	144,188	0%
Valuation of Lots 200 & 201 - 614 Prince	9182	0	0	0	0	100%	31-July-2006	58,300	0	58,300	58,300	0%
Tempe Lands - Legal Settlement	9183	0	0	0	0	0%	30-June-2007	5	0	5	5	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>267,993.00</b>	<b>478,000.00</b>	<b>19,500.00</b>	<b>765,493.00</b>			<b>399,456.04</b>	<b>576,035.35</b>	<b>969,421.39</b>	<b>204,018.39</b>	

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Manager, Property Services

Manager, Finance

**ATTACHMENT 1 - PW 19 - PROPERTY SERVICES PERFORMANCE  
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**PROPERTY SERVICES  
RESOURCES PLAN 2006/2007 as at September 2006**

Project	Project Number	2006/07 Revenues \$	2006/2007 Budget \$	Supplementary Adjustments \$	TOTAL BUDGET	PHYSICALLY COMPLETED %	COMPLETION TARGET DATE	TOTAL & COMMITTED EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD 03	ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE \$	EXPECTED TOTAL COST \$	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %
<b>WASTE COORDINATION</b>												
Waste Minimisation Education	9088	0	21,000	0	21,000	12%	30-June-2007	2,487	19,513	21,000	0	0%
Contract Performance advisor	9138	0	11,500	0	11,500	23%	30-June-2007	2,621	8,879	11,500	0	0%
Greenwaste Bins	9139	0	60,000	0	60,000	15%	30-June-2007	7,978	52,022	60,000	0	0%
Service Brochures / Bin Stickers	9148	0	40,000	0	40,000	8%	30-June-2007	3,258	36,742	40,000	0	0%
Weekend Displays/ Oil Trailer	9150	0	6,000	0	6,000	6%	30-June-2007	344	5,656	6,000	0	0%
Plastic Bag Reduction Campaign	9153	13,095	40,000	0	53,095	27%	30-June-2007	14,295	38,800	53,095	0	0%
Education Program on Illegal Dumping and Task Force - Illegal Dumping & Street	9154	22,095	0	0	22,095	0%	30-June-2007	0	22,095	22,095	0	0%
Contractors for Waste Minimisation	9155	56,842	50,000	0	106,842	12%	30-June-2007	12,349	94,493	106,842	0	0%
KAB Waste Watchers Program	9174	0	40,000	0	40,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	40,000	40,000	0	0%
Annual Recycling Audit	9175	0	15,000	0	15,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	15,000	15,000	0	0%
Additional Collection Day	9176	0	5,500	0	5,500	0%	30-June-2007	0	5,500	5,500	0	0%
Illegal Dumping-Security Camera	9177	0	20,000	0	20,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	20,000	20,000	0	0%
Illegal Dumping-Additional CCTV Camera	9178	0	2,000	0	2,000	51%	30-June-2007	1,819	181	2,000	0	0%
Replacement Recycling Bins in Units	9179	0	10,000	0	10,000	17%	30-June-2007	1,672	8,328	10,000	0	0%
	9180	0	210,000	0	210,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	210,000	210,000	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>92,032.00</b>	<b>531,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>623,032.00</b>			<b>46,522.55</b>	<b>576,509.45</b>	<b>623,032.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0%</b>

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**PROPERTY SERVICES  
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<b>COUNCIL HALLS AND FACILITIES</b>												
<b>COUNCIL HALLS</b>												
Energy Reduction Program - PTH	3510	4,000	0	0	4,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	4,000	4,000	0	0%
Energy Reduction Program - MTH	3511	3,869	0	0	3,869	0%	30-June-2007	0	3,869	3,869	0	0%
Newtown Town Hall - Repair Floor	3515	8,000	0	0	8,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	8,000	8,000	0	0%
Petersham T-Hall-repairs to stairs	3518	16,000	0	0	16,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	16,000	16,000	0	0%
Petersham T-Hall-replace broke glass & sashes	3520	9,460	0	0	9,460	3%	30-June-2007	253	9,207	9,460	0	0%
Petersham T-Hall-attic ladder to roof	3521	5,000	0	0	5,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	5,000	5,000	0	0%
Community Facilities Deferred Maintenance	3537	627,405	510,450	7,500	1,145,355	6%	30-June-2007	69,499	1,075,856	1,145,355	0	0%
<b>COMMUNITY HALLS</b>												
Christie Cotter - Disability Access	3509	10,000	0	0	10,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	10,000	10,000	0	0%
Dulwich Hill-int & Ext paintings	3527	11,375	0	0	11,375	0%	30-June-2007	0	11,375	11,375	0	0%
Dulwich Hill-replace floor furnishings	3528	3,000	0	0	3,000	0%	30-June-2007	0	3,000	3,000	0	0%
<b>TENANTED PROPERTIES</b>												
Perimeter fencing	3315	9,054	0	0	9,054	0%	30-June-2007	0	9,054	9,054	0	0%
Replace rusted pipes, kitchen & flooring	3318	6,900	0	0	6,900	0%	30-June-2007	0	6,900	6,900	0	0%
Structural repairs	3319	8,286	0	0	8,286	0%	30-June-2007	0	8,286	8,286	0	0%
Structural Repairs - Jarvie Park Facility	3508	4,622	0	0	4,622	0%	30-June-2007	0	4,622	4,622	0	0%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>726,981.00</b>	<b>510,450.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>1,244,931.00</b>			<b>69,751.85</b>	<b>1,175,179.15</b>	<b>1,244,931.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>		<b>1,086,916</b>	<b>1,519,450</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>2,633,366</b>			<b>506,730</b>	<b>2,330,654</b>	<b>2,837,384</b>	<b>204,018</b>	

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Manager, Property Services

Manager Finance

***PW 20 - ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO NESS PARK AND ST NICHOLAS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
For Recommendation***

File Ref: 10476-02

**Director, Technical Services reports:**

**Synopsis**

The St Nicholas Greek Church in Livingstone Road has requested permission to upgrade its overhead electricity supply wires which run across Council's property at 209 Livingstone Road, Marrickville. This report discusses the available options to formalise the electricity supply to the Church. It is recommended that Council proceed with option 2 (c) as outlined in the main body of the report with the Church funding the cost of the electrical works, survey and legal fees required to formalise the easement. It is also recommended that a drainage easement be created in Ness Park in favour of the Church and that Energy Australia be requested in writing to remove the unapproved overhead wires through Council's operational land and pay for the under-grounding of the electricity supply to the Greek Church from the existing mains in Livingstone Road.

**Background**

The electrical supply service to the St Nicholas Greek Church comprises overhead wiring from the mains in Hollands Avenue via a public lighting pole in the rear yard of Council's SES Headquarters at 209 Livingstone Road and then to the side of the Church building. No record can be located of Council giving its approval for this private electricity supply to be laid across Council's land.

A search of Council records indicates that the lighting improvements (LE 29490) to the eastern end of the Ness Park playground were carried out sometime between September 1998 and 2001 in response to residents' concerns of the inadequate lighting in Ness Park. The location of the light pole, the lighting configuration and the overhead wires supplying power to St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church ("the Church") is shown in **ATTACHMENT 1**.

The location of the light pole stands some 1.4m east of the playground and lies within the 200 square metres of land area that is proposed to be returned to Ness Park from the proposed future subdivision of Lot 1 DP 332520 known as 209 Livingstone Road, Marrickville. Council has a proposal to relocate the SES Headquarters from 209 Livingstone Road to a new suitable location in Marrickville and fund the purchase and upgrade of the new facilities from the proceeds of the sale of 209 Livingstone Road. The location of the light pole with respect to the playground and the 200 square metres of land to be transferred to Ness Park is shown in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

The Church has now requested the upgrade of the overhead wiring to increase the current power supply to the Church following the installation of air conditioning to the Church premises. The Church requests Council's assistance to increase the power supply from Hollands Avenue and Ness Park. The Church's letter is included in **ATTACHMENT 3**.

**Discussion**

Given Council's current proposal to relocate the SES Headquarters to a new location and fund the purchase and upgrade of the new facilities from the proceeds of the future sale of 209 Livingstone

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
For Recommendation***

Road, it is considered appropriate for Council to now regularise the location of the electricity overhead wires and any future upgrades between Council and the Church. Council's available options are briefly outlined below. Council proposes to sell 209 Livingstone Road to fund the purchase of a new SES Headquarters. The decision as to which option best meets Council's needs would be easier if the purchaser were known as the situation would be less complicated if the Church owned 209 Livingstone Road.

**1. Do nothing**

Maintain the existing status quo and upgrade the existing electricity wiring to meet the Church's increased power supply. This option will interfere with the sale of the land balance of 209 Livingstone Road following the future proposed subdivision excising the 200 square metres of land from the current allotment and returning it to Ness Park. This option is not recommended as it may lead to future disputes between Council and the Church and it does not formalise the electricity supply across Council's community land.

**2. Create an easement for the electrical overhead wiring**

- (a) Council has three alternatives. The first is to create an overhead electricity easement following the line of the existing overhead wiring and for the Church to upgrade the electrical supply. The cost of this alternative is estimated at approximately \$5,000 to carry out the survey and create the electricity easement. This is not recommended as it will interfere with the sale of Council's property at 209 Livingstone Road.
- (b) The second alternative is for Council to erect a new pole on Council land near the road frontage of Hollands Avenue near the north-western boundary of the proposed 200 square metre land parcel and for the Church to erect a second pole within its property, also near the north-western boundary of the proposed 200 square metre land parcel, then upgrade the electrical supply and allow the Church to feed off the new proposed light pole within the southern boundary of the Church property. With this second alternative it is also advisable to formalise the overhead wiring by surveying and creating an easement in favour of the Church. The estimated cost for this alternative is \$11,500 inclusive of the electrical work, survey and registration of the easement. An additional cost of \$5,000 would be required to connect from the eastern boundary to the Church's switchboard. From a site meeting held on 6 October 2006 between the Rector of the Church and Council's representative, the Church is prepared, at its cost, to install a light pole within the Church property to facilitate the supply of electricity. The cost of a single light pole is estimated at \$1,600.
- (c) The third option is for the new pole to be provided by the Church within its property and at its cost near the western boundary of the proposed 200 square metre land parcel, and for the Church to upgrade its wiring as required from the street mains to the existing light pole in 209 Livingstone Road and then to this proposed new pole within the Greek Church thence to the existing point of entry to the Church building. This option would require no immediate intervention by Council although the creation of an easement in favour of the Church should be pursued. The estimated cost of this is about \$2,000 less than option 2 (b).

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**3. Create an underground electricity easement and upgrade the supply to meet the St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church's future demand**

The estimated cost to upgrade the supply, including the electrical cost, from Hollands Avenue to the eastern boundary of 209 Livingstone Road, and registering the easement is \$14,500. This excludes an additional cost of \$5,000 to connect from the eastern boundary to the Church's switchboard. This is more than the amount indicated by the Church that they have been quoted for an underground supply from Livingstone Road through the forecourt of the Church.

**4. Provision of electricity supply off Livingstone Road**

This option would involve disconnection of the existing overhead wires feeding the Church in Ness Park and request that the Church provide its own overhead or underground electrical supply from Livingstone Road. This may solve Council's immediate issues. The underground option however is likely to be the most expensive option for the Church given the distance from the electricity poles in Livingstone Road to the location of the switchboard and given the amount of excavation required through the Church car parking area. The Church has indicated in its letter that the cost is prohibitive.

**5. Request Energy Australia upgrade the supply described in either options 2, 3 or 4 above**

The overhead private supply across Council's operational land appears to have been carried out without Council's concurrence. Discussions with Energy Australia (EA) indicate that they may act to sort out the situation but the extent of EA's intervention is not known at this stage. There may be a possibility that EA may, in the circumstances contribute to the cost of upgrading the supply as per options 2, 3 or 4 above. If this is the case an electricity easement would still be preferable if the selected option involves Council land, with the Church being requested to pay for all survey and legal fees to formalise the easement.

**Other issues**

During the site inspection it was also noted that there is a drainage line discharging from the Church property, through Ness Park, into Hollands Avenue. This situation should also be now formalised by the creation of a drainage easement at the same time that any other survey work is being carried out.

**Conclusion**

The existing overhead electricity supply service wires to the St Nicholas Greek Church have, at an unknown time in the past, been laid across Council's operational land. The existing or any future electricity supply to the Church and traversing Council's community land needs to be formalised between Council and the Church. Council has a number of available options to formalise the supply. Given the available options it is recommended that Council proceed with either 2 (c) above with the Church funding the cost of the works, the survey and legal fees required to formalise the easement.

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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
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It is also recommended that, if an option is chosen which involves the creation of an easement for electrical supply purposes, that a drainage easement through Ness Park also be created in favour of the Church. It is further recommended that Council simultaneously request EA to remove the unapproved overhead wires through Council's operational land and pay for the under-grounding of the electricity supply to the Greek Church from the existing mains in Livingstone.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note the report;
2. proceed with option 2 (c) outlined in the body of the report with St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church funding the cost of the works and the creation of the electricity easement;
3. grant a drainage easement through Ness Park over the line of the existing drainage pipe with St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church funding the cost for the creation of the easement; and
4. write to Energy Australia requesting that it remove the unapproved overhead wires through Council's operational land and pay for the under-grounding of the electricity supply to the Greek Church from the existing mains in Livingstone Road.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note the report;
2. proceed with option 2 (c) outlined in the body of the report with St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church funding the cost of the works and the creation of the electricity easement; and
3. write to Energy Australia requesting that it remove the unapproved overhead wires through Council's operational land and pay for the under-grounding of the electricity supply to the Greek Church from the existing mains in Livingstone Road.

**ATTACHMENT 1: Total 4 pages**

Site plan showing location of pole and images

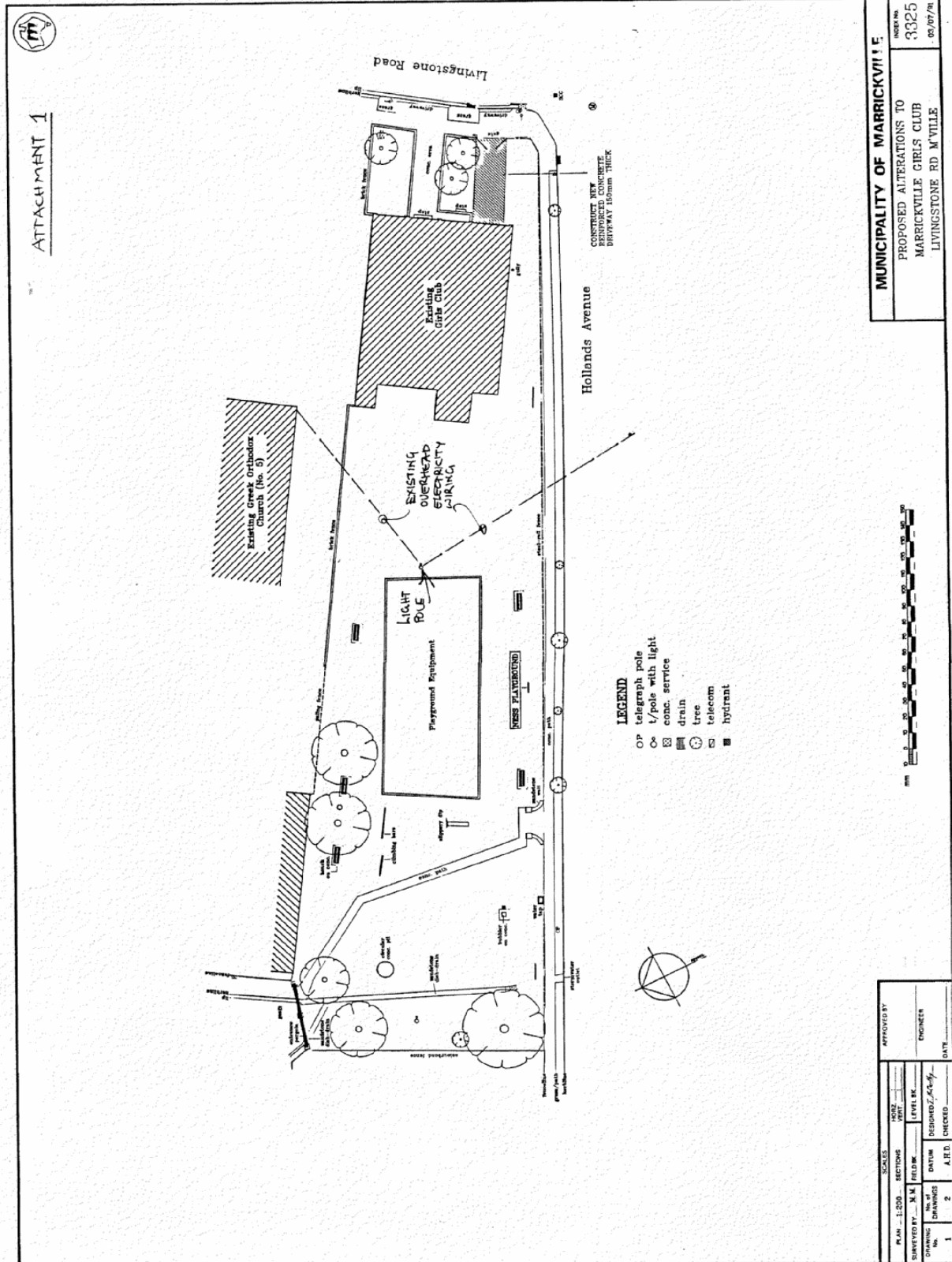
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Survey plan showing location of pole and boundaries of the proposed 200 sq m land parcel

**ATTACHMENT 3: Total 1 page**

Letter from "Saint Nicholas" Church dated 6 October 2006

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For Decision**



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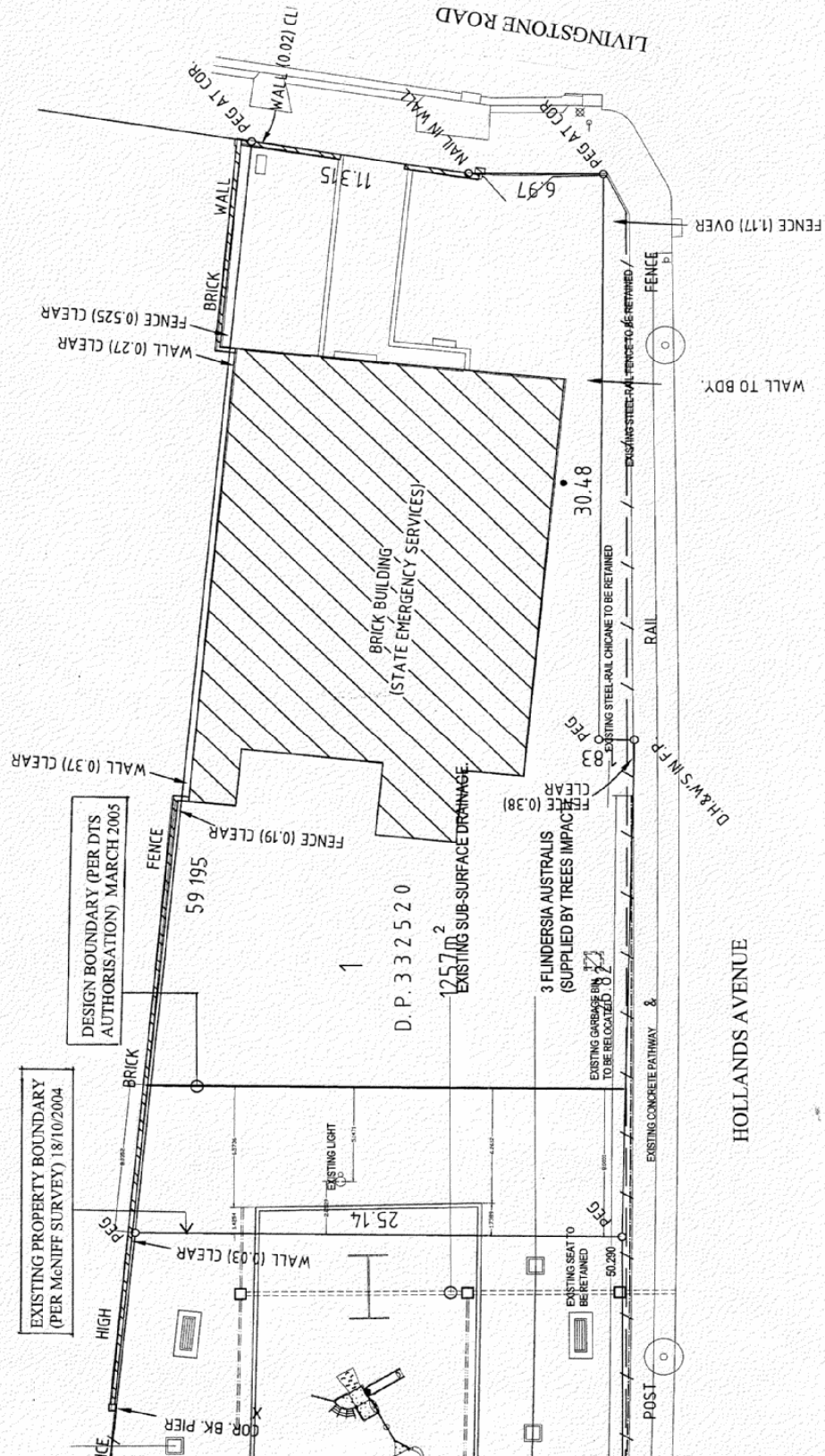
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ATTACHMENT 2

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ATTACHMENT 3

ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΣ  
GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

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Greek Orthodox Parish of  
Marrickville & District  
" Saint Nicholas "  
P. O. BOX 607  
MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204

Thursday, October 05, 2006

Ms Candy Nay  
General Manager  
Marrickville Council  
2 Fischer St  
PETERSHAM NSW 2049

**Re: Power Supply to St Nicholas Church Building  
203-207 Livingstone Rd, MARRICKVILLE**

Dear Ms Nay,

I write to you on behalf of the Parish of St Nicholas, to inform you that we have an issue with the power supply to our property that requires your urgent attention. The current power supply to our Church is inadequate following the installation of Air Conditioning to our Church to cater for our elderly congregation. We have been advised that we require an additional supply and considering that our current supply arrives via cables that run over Council's parklands we are requesting permission and Council's assistance to run the additional cables that are required from the same general direction. If we were to go via an alternative arrangement, i.e. through Livingstone Rd, the cost becomes prohibitive due to the costing of undergrounding cables that would be required so as to preserve the frontage of the Church building.

Yours faithfully,

Rev Sophronios Konidaris  
Rector

**GM 91 - HENSON PARK - REVIEW OF 2006 ABORIGINAL RUGBY  
LEAGUE KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT**  
*For Decision*

File Ref: 10281-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

The 36th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival was held at Henson Park over the 2006 October long weekend. This year was the first in which the event organisers were required to submit a development application and also the first time in which the event activities were not shared between venues at Redfern Oval and Henson Park. The report provides a description of the outcomes of the Carnival, including the development consent process, compliance with conditions of consent, feedback from residents and police, matters of aboriginal cultural protocols, operational matters and costs incurred by Council. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and Council ensure that communication and consultation is consistent with the Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural protocols and further that Council seek the reimbursement of the costs of erecting a fence which was not done by the organisers of the Carnival pursuant to conditions of consent.

**Background**

The Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival has been held at Henson Park on sixteen occasions since its inception in 1971. It is the largest rugby league knockout competition in NSW and is a major aboriginal cultural event. The Knockout Carnival is supported by agencies across NSW State Government and by Marrickville Council.

In previous years the Knockout Carnival has been shared between venues at Redfern Oval and Henson Park. In 2006 Redfern Oval was not available due to major upgrading works being undertaken there.

**The Development Consent Process**

In late February 2006 Council officers met with Ricky Lyons, Company Secretary of the Merritt-Patten Memorial Rugby Leagues Club Inc, to discuss the need for a development application in order to host the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival at Henson Park and to discuss the information that would be required to be submitted for such an application.

On 14 June 2006 Council received an application to use Henson Park for an Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival from Thursday 28 September 2006 to Monday 2 October 2006 including the erection of up to 20 tents for sponsors, merchandise, administration, food and beverages and shade areas.

Council considered the subject development application at Development and Environmental Services (DES) Committee Meeting 07/06 on 1 August 2006, Item DA 68.

The report considered at DES Committee Meeting 07/06, Item DA 68, raised concerns that the operation of the event would result in amenity impacts on the surrounding residential area, and pointed out that the event required significant event management to minimise such disturbances. To this extent, a two part recommendation was proposed with Part A requiring additional

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information and details to be provided to Council's satisfaction and Part B recommending that upon the submission of such information, delegated authority be granted to the General Manager to determine the application.

At DES Committee Meeting 07/06, dated 1 August 2006, Council resolved to defer the matter for consideration at the Council meeting on 15 August 2006.

Mayor, Councillor Sam Byrne and Council's Director, Community Services met with the organisers of the Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout event on Thursday 3 August 2006. Issues discussed included matters relating to policing, parking, road closure, traffic and waste management, configuration of Henson Park, in kind Council subsidies and related matters that were raised at the recent Development and Environmental Services Committee meeting.

At Council Meeting 07/06, dated 15 August 2006, Council considered DA 68 and a further report, GM 72, on the use of Henson Park for an Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Tournament which provided additional information in relation to traffic management, security, emergency evacuation, the internal configuration of activities during the Carnival and costs. At the time of writing that report the applicant had not submitted any further information/details to address those matters raised in the report that was considered at DES Committee Meeting 07/06. However, the applicant had amended the application such that the carnival would commence on Friday 29 September, 2006, not Thursday 28 September as previously proposed.

Council resolved to adopt the Recommendation in relation to DA 68 with the amendment that written approval be obtained from Marrickville High School, the deletion of the requirement for the organisers to pay a security bond, the requirement for Council offices to discuss with Marrickville Police the possibility of including "tow-away service" contact numbers and the incorporation of any consequential charge as a result of any additional resolutions of Council at the 15 August 2006 meeting. Council further resolved to adopt the Recommendations in relation to GM 72, noting that the number of security guards was reduced to ten and that the event organisers provide a contact number for residents; that Committee organisers, residents, Police and Councillors meet every day during the event and that the area be designated as on "alcohol-free" zone as a condition of the DA; and Council write to Sydney City Council seeking financial assistance for the event.

Copy of development consent is included as **ATTACHMENT 1**.

### **Discussion**

On 4 September 2006 the applicant submitted a Revised Traffic Management Plan, an amended site layout plan as well as written approval from the Principal of Marrickville High School to use the grounds on Sunday 1 October 2006 and Monday 2 October 2006 for the parking of private motor vehicles.

It should be noted that while the amended site layout plan illustrated the relocation of the ten (10) portable toilets previously proposed on the eastern perimeter of the ground, it failed to identify a buffer being provided along the eastern boundary/perimeter of Henson Park. To ensure that the

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buffer was provided, the area required to be secured was marked on the amended site plan with a pink highlighter with a note describing the area as a

*“1.5 metre – 2.0 metre wide buffer zone. This zone is to be secured with temporary fencing or the like. No access is to be provided to this area.”*

Having regard to the Revised Traffic Management Plan, the applicant advised that no State Emergency Service personnel were available to staff the road closure proposed at the intersection of Sydenham Road and Centennial Street. Council negotiated that this road closure should be staffed by appropriately qualified persons and on 7 September 2006 the applicant gave details of two appropriately trained traffic management personnel who would man the street closure in association with security staff.

On 7 September Council received an Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan prepared by the NSW Police. On 14 September 2006 Council was forwarded a copy of the Public Liability Insurance for the proposed Carnival.

Given the applicant had generally resolved the five (5) matters referred to in Council's letter dated 23 August 2006, on 15 September 2006 Council approved Development Application No 200600270 to use Henson Park for an Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival from Friday 29 September 2006 to Monday 2 October 2006 including the erection of up to 20 tents for sponsors, merchandise, administration, food and beverages and shade areas. The consent, which included 36 conditions relating to the operation of the event, was posted to the applicant.

Having received the consent at no stage did the applicant contact Council's Development Assessment Officers to seek clarification of any conditions contained in the consent.

Issues of Compliance with Conditions of Consent

On Wednesday 28 September 2006 at 4:00pm Council's Monitoring Services Section inspected Henson Park due to reports from Council's Technical Services Section that conditions of consent had not been complied with in relation to DA200600270.

At the time of this inspection the main concern was that Council had received information from the fence hire contractor stating that they had not been directed to install temporary fencing by the applicant along the eastern boundary which adjoins the rear of premises which front Holmesdale Street. Additionally, it became apparent that a dilapidation report had not been submitted as approved in regard to all amenities on the oval.

Council's Monitoring Services Section made contact with the Company Secretary, Ricky Lyons on Wednesday 28 September 2006 to discuss the issue. Ricky Lyons stated that as far as he was aware all conditions of consent were to be complied with.

On Thursday 29 September at 5:00pm an on-site meeting was held involving officers from Council's Monitoring Services Section and Police Commander Greg Rosman from Marrickville Police. Council's Monitoring Services Section carried out an inspection of the site and it was apparent that three (3) conditions of consent had not been complied with. These conditions were:-

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11. The 1.5m to 2m buffer provided along the eastern boundary/perimeter of Henson Park being secured with temporary fencing or the like with the temporary fencing set approximately a minimum of 1.5m-2m from the existing perimeter fence of Henson Park. The temporary fencing being erected before the commencement of the event and being maintained at all times to Council's satisfaction throughout the entire event. No access being provided to this buffer area for any purpose.

Reason: To protect the amenity of adjoining residential properties in Holmesdale Street.

15. The person acting on this consent or the operators of the event shall submit a dilapidation report including colour photos showing the existing condition of Henson Park (including the grandstand, change rooms, scoreboard, landscaping and perimeter fencing) before the commencement of the event.

Reason: To ensure the existing condition of Council's infrastructure is clearly documented.

21. Signs being appropriately located within the grounds of Henson Park advising persons attending the event of the nearby residences and seeking quiet and orderly ingress and egress from the grounds and the operators of the event being responsible to ensure that security staff give appropriate directions to and take reasonable steps to control noisy or offensive behaviour of persons entering or leaving the event.

Reason: To ensure the quiet and orderly ingress and egress of persons of the event and to protect the amenity of the surrounding residential neighbourhood.

Council's Monitoring Services Section contacted Ricky Lyons at 5.00pm on Thursday 28 September 2006. Ricky Lyons was not able to assist Council's Monitoring Services Section and advised that Council should contact the event co-ordinator Phillip Hall. Phillip Hall was not prepared to discuss the matter over the phone and offered to meet Council Officers at 7.00am on Friday morning (the day the event was commencing).

Council's Monitoring Services Section then contacted Clinton Wright from Wright Security, who was the security contractor providing the guards for the event. Clinton Wright had already arranged to come down to Henson Park on Thursday 26 September 2006 at 5.00pm to carry out an inspection with Commander Rosman and officers from Council's Monitoring Services Section, having particular regard to the eastern boundary where the temporary fencing was supposed to be erected. Clinton Wright advised that it was not part of his role to ensure that the temporary fencing was in place, as this was the responsibility of the organiser of the event. Council's Monitoring Services Officers advised that they only wanted to discuss with him the importance of the fencing to assist his men to carry out a sustainable and effective security plan.

Due to inaction on the part of the event organisers, the fencing was erected at Council's expense (\$9,038.00) at 4:30pm on Friday 30 September 2006. It is recommended that Council consider seeking reimbursement of this amount.

The NSW Police have also advised Council that Marrickville High School was not utilised for car parking on Sunday 1 October or Monday 2 October 2006, even though the applicant had produced a letter from the Principle of the Marrickville High School stating that the school could be used for

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car parking and this formed an integral part of the Traffic Management Plan submitted to and approved by Council.

Feedback from Residents

A group of residents living in Centennial Street were invited to give comment about the Knockout Carnival. In general they felt that the event was better run and had fewer negative impacts on them than the previous year. They noted that lines of communication were better with all parties, and commented on the good rapport and response by the police. The daily meetings with Councillors and event organisers were a good idea but it was felt that there was little effective resolution of matters discussed.

The residents had set up their own contact phone line and received over one hundred calls from local residents over the weekend. Issues raised included:

- toilets inside the Park were placed too close to houses 26 and 28 Centennial Street and the odour was offensive. An agreement to relocate them was not upheld;
- the toilet cleaning truck commenced operating at 4.30am, which woke residents;
- there was noticeably less rubbish in Centennial Street and inside the park, however Northcote Street and Jarvie Park were untidy. Council cleaning staff were commended for their assistance to Centennial Street residents;
- complaints of cars parked over driveways;
- complaints of public intoxication and urinating;
- complaints that vehicle entry and parking restrictions in Centennial Street and the Tennis Club car park were not enforced adequately;
- comment that some residents felt intimidated and stayed inside their homes over the weekend;
- comments that there did not appear to be enough entertainment provided for older children, who became bored and created their own fun, including launching missiles over back fences and bouncing objects off cars; and
- a separate complaint to Council relates to the use of the public address system at 7.30am, which disturbed a night-shift worker.

At the time of writing this report, residents from streets other than Centennial Street have not been contacted for a response.

Assessment by Police

Feedback from Marrickville Police indicated that they support the DA process for the event and had concerns with matters of non-compliance with consent conditions by the event organisers (referred to above). Other comments included:

- entry conditions signage required by the event organisers was flimsy and insubstantial;
- significant amounts of alcohol drinking were occurring about the venue, including Jarvie Park;
- security was inadequate on the Friday, but was improved quickly upon request;
- interaction of the Organising Committee was unsatisfactory and issues were not progressed;
- Policing would have benefited from having the services of a single Council Ranger on-call during the event;
- Police felt that the event organisers had worn out the good will of Council and the Police - this was apparent when Police were asked by event organisers to request Council to extend

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field lighting for match play on the Monday, after a dispute with players delayed completion of the competition by the scheduled time;

- If Council were to approve the event again, consideration should be given to some method of ensuring compliance with consent conditions prior to commencement of the event - e.g. site set-up completed a minimum 24 hours prior to the competition, with a security bond applied; and
- Police supported local resident involvement and would encourage greater involvement in any future event.

Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural Protocols

The Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural Protocols, developed by the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC), were endorsed by Council on 20 June 2006. The protocols require early contact and ongoing consultation on matters relating to the Aboriginal community, which includes reporting back and keeping the local community informed of developments as they occur. Therefore, staff from the Community Development Section have maintained close contact with the local Aboriginal community both formally and informally throughout the lead up to, and during, the Knockout. Information was exchanged and advice to Council was provided at MACC meetings of 27 February, 1 May and 28 August 2006 as a part of this process.

The Knockout Organising Committee did not attend scheduled MACC meetings. However, it is understood that informal out-of-session meetings were held between members of the Organising Committee and the local Aboriginal community prior to the event.

The principal issue is to ensure that the process for communication and consultation with the Aboriginal community in Marrickville continues to be effective and consistent with the requirements of the Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural Protocols.

The MACC Executive will meet to consider issues relating to the event, including whether it was successful as a community event and DA compliance and other issues raised by Council on (25 October 2006) and will respond accordingly.

Operational Matters

Council's Business Unit staff provided rubbish removal and cleaning services inside Henson Park and increased street cleansing services in streets surrounding the venue. In addition, tradespeople were on call for maintenance and repair works. The event contributes a significant additional work load for the Business Units who used their best endeavours to service the event effectively whilst not reducing other normal service schedules. The following comments were provided:

- staff found it difficult to undertake cleaning of TV tower due to persons sleeping/living in the facility for the entire weekend;
- staff were again subject to unacceptable abuse from patrons whilst undertaking their duties i.e. installing screen fencing to prevent outside viewing;
- change rooms were graffitied. This was promptly removed by the Council cleaners;
- boundary fencing was opened at 3 locations over the weekend to allow unauthorised entry and requiring repairs;

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- “No alcohol” sign erected in Amy Street at cost of Council was ineffective and police did not enforce it. Waste Services removed 2 x 240 litre bins of alcohol bottles from Amy Park each day;
- odour issues caused by persons urinating against rear of grandstand; and
- event infrastructure not removed within agreed 24 hour time period and concern expressed about hazards presented by partially dismantled structures e.g. a trip hazard from up to 100 car axles used for securing tents that had been left in place.

Costs Incurred by Council

A provisional estimate of costs directly incurred by Council in relation to servicing the Knockout Carnival is \$40,556, as shown in table 1 below. A breakdown of costs is provided in table 1 below. a breakdown of costs is provided in ATTACHMENT 2.

In addition to direct costs identified, the intense wear on the ground over the four days of competition has contributed (along with other regular users) to the current poor state of the playing surface. It is intended to undertake a field renovation program using turf sprigging in the second half of October at an estimated cost of \$10,000. It is estimated that renovation of the field using turf would cost in the order of \$50,000. This level of cost is not allowed for in the field renovation budget, which is \$100,000 for all sports fields and is sufficient for topdressing, fertilising and aeration programs.

Table 1 Costs Incurred by Council

A.	Waste Management Actual	\$18,463
B.	Contract Cleaners	\$ 6,734
C.	Business Unit Works	\$15,359
<b>Total Costs Incurred by Council</b>		<b>\$40,556</b>

**Conclusion**

The 36th NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival was held at Henson Park over the 2006 October long weekend. This event was the first time event organisers were required to submit a development application and also the first time in which the event activities were not shared between venues at Redfern Oval and Henson Park.

The development consent process identified that the Knockout Carnival event would result in amenity impacts on the surrounding residential area and would require significant event management to minimise such disturbances. The development application was deferred at Council Meeting 07/06 after the applicant had not submitted further information/details as requested at DES Committee Meeting 07/06. The applicant was advised of the need to provide additional information, which was generally forthcoming. Council approved the development application on 15 September 2006. At no stage after approval was granted did Council's Development Assessment Officers receive any request for clarification of any conditions contained in the consent.

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On the evening prior to commencement of competition, Council's Monitoring Services Section identified that the event organisers had not complied with three conditions of consent. These related to installation of buffer fencing along the eastern boundary/perimeter, submission of a dilapidation report on existing facility conditions, and installation of signage to address ingress and egress and noise from the grounds impacting on neighbouring residents. Due to inaction on the part of the event organisers, Council installed fencing at its own cost (\$9,038.00) on Friday 30 September 2006. Neither the signage nor dilapidation report issues were adequately addressed.

Centennial Street residents indicated that the management of the event had improved over previous years, and that communication between parties was better. Police response to resident concerns was good, and Council's Business Unit performance was commendable. The daily meetings with Councillors and event organisers were a good idea, however the event organisers failed to follow through on issues raised. Residents were able to identify a range of issues which relate to the planning and management of the event, where they felt they had suffered unreasonable intrusions on their enjoyment of their weekend.

Police expressed concern at the lack of compliance with consent conditions, the amount of alcohol consumption around the venue and the poor interaction of the Organising Committee. Contact with a single Council Ranger during the event would have assisted policing and local resident involvement was supported. Consideration should be given to a more effective process to ensure compliance with consent conditions prior to the competition starting.

Issues of Aboriginal Cultural Protocols within the Marrickville area arose during the planning and running of the Knockout Carnival event. Further meetings will be held through MACC to discuss these matters.

Council's Business Units provided an effective cleaning, rubbish collection and trades repair service throughout the event whilst not reducing other normal service commitments. A range of issues raised as a result of their operations will need to be addressed for any future event.

Council has incurred direct costs amounting to \$40,556 associated with the running of the 2006 Knockout Carnival at Henson Park. This includes some unexpected items and items that should have been the responsibility of the event organisers.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council ensure that communication and consultation with the local Aboriginal community continues to be effective and consistent with the requirements of the Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural Protocols.; and

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3. Council consider seeking reimbursement of its costs incurred in erecting a man-proof fence along the Eastern boundary of Henson Park pursuant to conditions 1 and 11 of the Development Consent as a result of non-compliance by the event organisers.

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Copy of Development Consent, 8 pages

**ATTACHMENT 2: Total 2 pages**

Breakdown of Costs Incurred by Council, 2 pages

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15 September 2006

Merritt-Pattern Memorial Rugby Leagues Club Incorporated  
PO Box 33  
BURWOOD NSW 1805

Dear Sir/Madam

HENSON PARK, SYDENHAM ROAD, MARRICKVILLE

Council has considered your application to use Henson Park for an Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival from Friday 29 September 2006 to Monday 2 October 2006 including the erection of up to 20 tents for sponsors, merchandise, administration, food and beverages and shade areas, on the above property and a copy of Council's determination is attached for your information.

In dealing with the application, Council resolved inter alia:

- (i) A complete assessment of the application under the provisions of the Building Code of Australia has not been carried out.
- (j) The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Commonwealth) and the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) impose obligations on persons relating to disability discrimination. This approval does not relieve persons who have obligations under those Acts of the necessity to comply with those Acts.

Your urgent attention to this matter is requested.

If you wish to discuss the matter please contact Jamie Erken on 9335-2011 from Council's Development and Environmental Services Division.

Yours faithfully

Judy Clark  
Manager Development Assessment

Encl.

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**DETERMINATION NO 200600270**

15 September 2006

Merritt-Patten Memorial Rugby Leagues Club Incorporated  
Po Box 33  
BURWOOD NSW 1805

Dear Sir/Madam

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 ("THE ACT")  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

Pursuant to Section 81 of the Act, notice is hereby given of the determination by the Council of **Development Application No 200600270** to use Henson Park for an Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival from Friday 29 September 2006 to Monday 2 October 2006 including the erection of up to 20 tents for sponsors, merchandise, administration, food and beverages and shade areas relating to property situated at:

**HENSON PARK, SYDENHAM ROAD, MARRICKVILLE**

In determining this application, the Council considered all matters listed under Section 79C of the Act that were relevant to the Development Application.

The Development Application was determined on 15 September 2006 by the granting of **CONSENT** subject to the following conditions:

1. The event being carried out substantially in accordance with Dwg Nos. Sheet 1 and details submitted to Council on 4 September 2006 with the application for development consent and as amended by the notations on that plan relocating the ten (10) portable toilets the toilets to the north eastern corner of the ground (behind the score board shop) and identifying the provision of a 1.5m to 2m buffer along the eastern boundary/perimeter of Henson Park, the letter dated 7 September 2006 from Merritt-Patten Memorial Rugby League Club Inc concerning "the appointment of two appropriately trained traffic management staff to maintain the restricted access to Centennial Street for the duration of the knockout carnival," the letter dated 18 August 2006 from the Principal of Marrickville High School giving permission to use the grounds on Sunday 1 October 2006 and Monday 2 October 2006 for the parking of private motor vehicles and the following conditions.  
Reason: To confirm the details of the application as submitted by the applicant.
2. The event being an alcohol and drug free event. The organisers of the event being responsible to ensure that no alcohol or drugs are brought into the premises or consumed on the premises.

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Reason: To confirm the details of the application as submitted by the applicant and the terms of Council's approval.

3. The organisers of the event providing a contact telephone number for a designated person(s) to be available during the event for residents to contact regarding breaches of consent or problems relating to the event. The organisers of the event being responsible to ensure that the designated person(s) is at the event and is able to be contacted on the specified contact number at all times during the conduct of the event.

Reason: To provide a person that residents can contact.

4. The organisers of the event being responsible to organise a meeting each day of the event between Committee organisers, residents, Police and Marrickville Councillors to ensure everything is running correctly.

Reason: To ensure that the running of the event is reviewed on a daily basis and assessed in light of its performance and any issues identified are appropriately addressed.

5. The operation of the event complying at all times with the approved Plan of Management for the event.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area.

6. The operation of the event complying at all times with the approved Traffic Management Plan for the event as amended by the following conditions.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area.

7. (i) All pedestrian and vehicular access to Henson Park being provided via the entrance accessed from Sydenham Road except as amended by Point (iv) of this condition. All other entrances are to be emergency exits only and are to be signposted accordingly. These exits are to be permanently attended by appropriately trained security personnel during the course of the event to ensure pedestrian and vehicular access is only provided through those entrances in the event of an emergency.
- (ii) A shuttle bus service being provided on all days of the event to transport players, officials and spectators from Redfern to Sydenham Road adjacent to the premises.
- (iii) The side gate of the school on Centennial Street being kept opened during the event on Sunday 1 October 2006 and Monday 2 October 2006 to enable the vehicle patrons to walk directly to Centennial Street and cross Sydenham Road using the existing marked pedestrian crossing in Sydenham Road.
- (iv) Centennial Street being closed at its northern intersection with Sydenham Road to restrict access from Centennial Street to Henson Park. This road closure is to be manned by appropriately trained Traffic Management Staff, one on duty at all times at the barricade at the road closure, during the course of the event to ensure that only local residents, Council's garbage service and cleansing vehicles, and users of the Tennis Club are permitted to gain vehicular access to Centennial Street.

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Notwithstanding the above a limited number of vehicles associated with the organising Committee, officials and dignitaries being permitted to gain vehicular access to Henson Park via Centennial Street. In this regard the number of vehicles associated with the organising Committee, officials and dignitaries referred to above is not to exceed a total of twenty vehicles on any given day of the approved event and appropriate arrangements being made with the Police to establish a credible system of rationing and monitoring such officials and dignitaries. All other persons associated with the event, including attendees/spectators of the 36th NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Competition be advised to park either on the surrounding streets or inside the Marrickville High School grounds on those days that parking is available in the school grounds.

- (v) The organisers of the event being responsible to ensure that all residents in Centennial Street, north of Sydenham Road, are issued with temporary parking permits, prior to the commencement of the event, so that they can be identified by the Traffic Management Staff, referred to in Part (iv) of this condition and/or the police and be allowed to park in such area during the event.

Reason: To confirm the terms of Council's approval and to ensure the appropriate traffic measures are in place for the event.

8. The operation of the event complying at all times with the Waste Management Plan for the NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival 2006 prepared by Council's Waste Services Section.

Reason: To ensure the appropriate disposal of wastes generated by the event.

9. The operation of the event complying at all times with the approved Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan for the event.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the area.

10. The operation of the event complying at all times with the Agreement for the use of Henson Park entered into by the organisers of the event with Council's Parks and Reserves Section.

Reason: To confirm the terms of Council's approval and to protect Council against public liability claims.

11. The 1.5m to 2m buffer provided along the eastern boundary/perimeter of Henson Park being secured with temporary fencing or the like with the temporary fencing set approximately a minimum of 1.5m-2m from the existing perimeter fence of Henson Park. The temporary fencing being erected before the commencement of the event and being maintained at all times to Council's satisfaction throughout the entire event. No access being provided to this buffer area for any purpose.

Reason: To protect the amenity of adjoining residential properties in Holmesdale Street.

12. No injury being caused to the amenity of the neighbourhood by the emission of noise, smoke, smell, vibration, gases, vapours, odours, dust, particular matter, or other impurities which are a nuisance or injurious or dangerous or prejudicial to health, the exposure to view of any unsightly matter or otherwise.

Reason: To ensure the operation of the premises does not affect the amenity of the neighbourhood.

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13. The use of the premises not giving rise to:

- transmission of unacceptable vibration to any place of different occupancy;
- a sound pressure level at any affected premises that exceeds the background (LA90) noise level in the absence of the noise under consideration by more than 3dB(A). The source noise level shall be assessed as an LAeq,15min and adjusted in accordance with Environment Protection Authority guidelines for tonality, frequency weighting, impulsive characteristics, fluctuations and temporal content as described in the NSW Environment Protection Authority's Environmental Noise Control Manual and Industrial Noise Policy 2000 and The Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW).

NOTE: Marrickville Council has adopted a 3dB(A) goal in order to prevent background noise creep and the 5dB(A) criteria as outlined in the above mentioned references are not to be used.

Reason: To prevent loss of amenity to the area.

14. No amplified music or live music being provided during the event.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood.

15. The person acting on this consent or the operators of the event shall submit a dilapidation report including colour photos showing the existing condition of Henson Park (including the grandstand, change rooms, scoreboard, landscaping and perimeter fencing) before the commencement of the event.

Reason: To ensure the existing condition of Council's infrastructure is clearly documented.

16. A minimum of ten (10) licensed security guards being employed by the person acting on this consent or the operators of the event to control the behaviour of persons attending the event within Henson Park and the dispersal of patrons from the ground and to carry out regular patrols of the immediate surrounding area during the operation of the event. Evidence of an agreement with a security firm to supply ten (10) licensed security guards being submitted to Council. A minimum of ten (10) security guards are to be on duty at all times during the event.

Reason: To minimise the risk of anti social behaviour and to protect the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood.

17. The person acting on this consent or the operators of the event having a licensed electrician to make all connections to any temporary electricity supply. No external power supply shall be taken from permanent outlets in the Park. Further, temporary potable water supplies shall be installed by a licensed plumber. Installation of all temporary service connections shall be to WorkCover requirements

Reason: To ensure temporary services installations comply with relevant standards and to ensure public health and safety is maintained.

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18. All waste water generated by the event being collected and disposed of by an approved waste water disposal method. Waste water is not to be disposed of on the park grounds including grassed and mulched surfaces or to stormwater.  
Reason: To prevent contamination of the park grounds and waterways and damage to lawns and trees by substances contained in waste water and to ensure the health and safety of park users during and after the event.
19. All stalls and tents are to be located a minimum of one metre from all park and street trees. No pegging is permitted to support stalls and other structures. Trees are not to be used to support power leads, water supply or any other items. No stakes, spikes or pegs are to be driven into the ground within 5 metres of a tree trunk.  
Reason: To protect existing trees from damage to the canopy or root system by event activities.
20. All dogs being on leash at all times. Security guards and marshals being responsible to enforce the dog on-leash policy for the duration of the festival. No dogs to be within 10 metres of any food stall, children's play area or inside any building.  
Reason: To comply with the requirements of the Companion Animals Act and the Marrickville Companion Animals Management Plan 2005.
21. Signs being appropriately located within the grounds of Henson Park advising persons attending the event of the nearby residences and seeking quiet and orderly ingress and egress from the grounds and the operators of the event being responsible to ensure that security staff give appropriate directions to and take reasonable steps to control noisy or offensive behaviour of persons entering or leaving the event.  
Reason: To ensure the quiet and orderly ingress and egress of persons of the event and to protect the amenity of the surrounding residential neighbourhood.
22. The side gate of the school on Centennial Street being kept open during the event on Sunday 1 October 2006 and Monday 2 October 2006 to enable the patrons parking in Marrickville High School to walk directly to Centennial Street and cross Sydenham Road using the existing mark pedestrian crossing in Sydenham Road.  
Reason: To provide for the safe movement of pedestrians from the car park within Marrickville High School and to Henson Park.
23. Woodland Street not being used for service vehicles. All vehicular access being from Sydenham Road with all vehicle movements within Henson Park being restricted to the paved areas within the Park.  
Reason: Woodland Street is unsuitable for use by service vehicles.
24. The Tennis Court car park being for the exclusive use of Tennis Club users.  
Reason: To ensure sufficient parking is set aside for use by the Tennis Club.
25. The organisers of the event being responsible to ensure that resources and procedures are in place to 'walk' heavy service and maintenance vehicles into Henson Park through the Sydenham Road entry as these trucks may be needed over the four (4) day time of the event.

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Reason: To provide for the safe movement of heavy service vehicles into and around the site.

26. All loading and unloading in connection with the use being carried out in such a manner as not to cause inconvenience to the public.

Reason: To prevent use and obstruction of the adjacent public thoroughfare.

27. The event hours (game playing times) being restricted to between the 8.00am and 10.00pm on Friday 29 September 2006 to Sunday 1 October 2006 (inclusive) and 8.00am to 5.00pm on Monday 2 October 2006. The set up of the stalls, marquees, tents, port-a-loos and other structures and equipment associated with the event not commencing before 7.00am.

Reason: To confirm the event hours.

28. The flood lighting on the ground being shut down no later than 11.00pm on Friday 29 September 2006 to Sunday 1 October 2006 (inclusive) and 8.00pm on Monday 2 October 2006.

Reason: To ensure the terms of Council's approval.

29. The person acting on this consent or the operator of the event being responsible to ensure that no person, or persons, are on the premises outside the approved hours of operation.

Reason: To confirm the terms of Council's approval and to protect the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood.

30. The person acting on this consent or the operators of the event, at all times, indemnify and keep indemnified the Council from and against all actions, suits, proceedings, losses, costs, damages, charges, claims and demands in any way arising out of or by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the person acting on this consent, in respect of the placement, erection, renewal, relocation, repair and maintenance of the work or of the existence or use thereof or by reason of the Council having given this consent or by reason of any approval, direction or assent to anything done or purported to be done by such person under this consent and that, in respect of any matter covered by this indemnity, the Council shall be at liberty to pay, satisfy, defend, compromise or settle any claim action or other proceedings which may be made, threatened, instituted, commenced or prosecuted against the Council and any amount paid by the Council in accordance with this Clause shall be repaid by such person.

31. All building work must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia.

Reason: To ensure the work is carried out to an acceptable standard and in accordance with the State's building code.

32. Ramped access to all facilities and an accessible toilet complying with AS 1428.1- 1998 "Design for access and mobility" shall be provided on site.

Reason: To ensure that the premises are accessible to all persons.

33. The food stalls being fitted-out to ensure compliance with the AS4674 - 2004 "Construction and Fitout of Food Premises", Food Act 1989 and the Food Regulation 2001. Copies of the Code are available from Council's Development and Environmental Services Division, Level

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1, Administrative Building 2 Fisher Street Petersham. To comply with the intent of these provisions the premises may incorporate the following features in the food preparation and storage areas:

- (a) All glass used in the construction of counters, cupboards and food displays is to be of safety glass;
- (b) The materials used in the construction fixtures, shall be able to be effectively cleaned, unable to absorb grease, food particles or water and be unable to provide harbourage for pests i.e. smooth faced, impervious material free from cracks, crevices and open joints;
- (c) Soap, hand washing facilities and paper towel dispenser are to be provided at each stall; and
- (d) Washing facilities must be provided and comply Food Standards Code.

Reason: To ensure that the premises comply with the relevant Acts and standards so as to promote sound hygiene and public health.

34. All appliances used for the storage of hot or cold food must be provided with a numerically scaled thermometer that:

- (a) is readily accessible; and
- (b) can accurately measure the temperature of potentially hazardous food to +/- 1°C.

Reason: To ensure that the premises comply with the relevant Acts and standards so as to promote sound hygiene and public health.

35. All food shall be protected from contamination. Hot food shall be stored at a temperature greater than 60°C and cold food stored at -5°C.

Reason: To ensure that the premises comply with the relevant Acts and standards so as to promote sound hygiene and public health.

36. Additional sanitary facilities (including the provision of disabled toilet facilities) shall be provided on the site, via the use of a minimum of forty (40) portable toilets to meet the needs of the public.

Reason: To ensure that adequate facilities are provided on site.

This consent is effective and operates from 15 September 2006. The consent will lapse unless the proposed development is commenced in accordance with Section 95 of the Act.

Under Section 82A of the Act you may, within twelve (12) months of receipt of this notice, request Council to review this determination. An application for a review of this determination may be made under Section 82A of the Act. That application must be made and determined by Council within twelve (12) months of the date hereon.

Under Section 97 of the Act you may, within twelve (12) months of receipt of this notice, appeal to the Land and Environment Court if you are dissatisfied with the Council's determination.

All conditions imposed by the Council must be observed. Breach of a condition is a breach of the Act and may also constitute an offence.

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Yours faithfully



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**BREAKDOWN OF COSTS INCURRED BY COUNCIL**

<b><u>A</u></b>	<b><u>Waste Management Actual</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,463</u></b>
1.	Waste Services delivery 29 <sup>th</sup> September to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2006 <u>Notes:</u> This includes delivery of waste services to this event over a 5 day period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Friday to Monday staff on site from 4am to 11pm, utilising two shifts.</li><li>• Streets in surrounding area swept daily</li><li>• "Seagull" picking of waste from inside of ground during daily events</li><li>• Initial daily service from 4am till 8am to ensure ground is clear of debris</li></ul>	
<b><u>B</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Cleaners</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,734</u></b>
2	Contract Cleaning Services 28 <sup>th</sup> September to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2006 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hiring of external contractors to clean change rooms, TV Tower and Score board daily over 6 day period</li><li>• Initial cleaning of all ( Change rooms, TV Tower, Score board) centres on Thursday</li><li>• Daily clean of all facilities from 4am with completion due by 7.30am</li><li>• Final detail of all centres on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006</li></ul>	
<b><u>C</u></b>	<b><u>Business Unit Works</u></b>	<b><u>\$15,359</u></b>
3	Supply, install and remove 270mts of temporary chain wire fencing <u>Notes:</u> Fencing and the concrete blocks had to be hand carried in from the Woodland Street entrance down to the far eastern side of the oval because of the tents and the crowd.	\$9,038
4	Shade cloth and 9mts of temporary fencing <u>Notes:</u> Required at the entrance of Woodland Street to stop the people from looking in. Call-out Saturday the 30 <sup>th</sup> October - one man four hours plus materials (shade cloth)	\$360
5	Loss of power to canteen and scoreboard <u>Notes:</u> Call-out Saturday the 30 <sup>th</sup> October. Loss of power caused by overload on switch board 100amp fuse. One man four hours.	\$240
6	Shade cloth required over fencing in Amy Park <u>Notes:</u> To prevent overlooking Henson Park. Call-out Saturday the 30 <sup>th</sup> October - two men at four hours each plus materials.	\$680
7	Hole in chain wire fence western side of oval <u>Notes:</u> Call-out Sunday the 1 <sup>st</sup> October - one man four hours plus materials (tie wire)	\$250
8	Hiring of eight water barriers to close off Centennial Street. <u>Notes:</u> Supply, install and pick up	\$550
9	Road closed sign and resident only sign for Centennial Street. <u>Notes:</u> Supply and install	\$195

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| 10 | Field line marking - daily  | \$600   |
| 11 | Plastic matting around 'Elders tent' - in response to complaints of odour and dust<br><u>Notes:</u> Installation only - 2nd & 3rd times - (Hire and initial installation by Parks & Reserves) | \$2,931 |
| 12 | Supervision overall   | \$515   |

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**Total: 40,556**

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**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report provides additional information on incorporating a 50 metre pool into the Enmore Pool Upgrade project in response to Council's resolution at its meeting 08/06, Item GM 74, which recommended that Council invite six of the firms which made submissions to a recent Expressions of Interest process to participate in a further Selective Tender process for the design of the previously endorsed 25 metre, New Site Enmore Pool proposal (Item GM 14, 01/06). Council officers have compiled relevant information from both previous reports to Council and the Major Projects Steering Committee, as well as new information from external consultants on the estimated differences in annual, ongoing operational costs between a 25 metre and 50 metre pool option, as well as up-to-date attendance records for the current Enmore Pool. The report also re-submits information on the estimated costs and viability of a new water slide to accompany any Enmore Pool redevelopment proposal. It is considered that the above information supports the rationale behind the previous Recommendation to Council and Council's resolution from its meeting of 20 February, 2006 (Item GM 14, 01/06) to support a 25 metre indoor pool aquatics and recreation complex, and accompanying Aquatics Facilities Upgrade Package. It is further considered that there are issues in relation to the appropriateness of a water slide proposal for the Enmore Park site, given the land use, landscaping and heritage sensitivities of the Park and its nearby residential properties. It is recommended that Council receive and note this report; Council not proceed with the 50 metre pool option or a waterslide for the proposed development at Enmore Park; and that it adopt the officers' recommendation for Item GM 74, 08/06, from the Council Meeting held on 19 September, 2006 to invite six preferred firms, which made submissions in respect of a recent advertisement for Expressions of Interest (EOI 8/06), to participate in a further Selective Tender process for the design of new aquatics complex for Enmore Park.

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

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

**Background**

- 1. Officers' Recommendation and Council's Most Recent Resolution (Item GM 74, 08/06, 19 September, 2006)**

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At its September Meeting, 08/06, Item GM 74, Council considered a report in relation to Expressions of Interest received for the design of the Enmore Pool Upgrade Project.

Council officers made the following recommendation in the report:

***“THAT Council:***

- 1. receive and note this report;*
- 2. in respect of the recent Expressions of Interest (EOI 8/06) process conducted for the Enmore Pool redevelopment design tender, endorse the following firms to be invited to participate in a further Selective Tender process:*
  - a) Prior Cheney*
  - b) Donovan Payne Hamor*
  - c) Cox Richardson*
  - d) Tomkins MDA*
  - e) PTW Architects*
  - f) Darryl Jackson Robin Dyke; and*
- 3. ATTACHMENT A be treated as a **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information in relation to the tenders, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers if it was provided. The information provided identifies the tenderer in relation to the tender price. If disclosed, the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderer in terms of market competitiveness, giving their competitors an advantage. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.”*

Council resolved the following in respect of the Item:

**RESOLVED:** On the Motion of Councillor S Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hesse, **THAT** the Recommendation as appearing on the Business Paper be **ADOPTED** with the amendment that point 2 be deleted and the following new points be added:

- “ 2. the recently received petitions signed by 1,000 people in support of a 50m pool at Enmore Park be also noted;*
- 3. advancement of the further Selective Tender process be deferred; and*
- 4. Council officers report to the October Council Meeting on incorporating a 50m pool into the project and investigating the issues involved, including:*
  - (a) ongoing running and maintenance costs and revenue implications;*
  - (b) footprint implications; and*
  - (c) the impact on the surrounding neighbourhood;*

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*and all options for resolving any issues.*

and point 3 be renumbered as point 5. ”

**2. Council’s Previous Resolution to Endorse a 25 Metre, New Pool Redevelopment Option for Enmore Park within a broader Aquatics Facilities Upgrade Package**

At its meeting on 20 February (Meeting 01/06 Item GM 14), Council considered a report on options for the upgrade of Council’s Aquatic Facilities, and resolved to adopt the following Aquatics Upgrade Package:

1. *“To adopt the Aquatic Upgrade Package including the upgrade of Enmore Pool, based on the New Site Option; the upgrade of Petersham Pool; and building of a Waterplay Park in Marrickville South, which was the subject of the comprehensive public consultation process, as follows:*

<i>Pool</i>	<i>Features</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Enmore Pool New Site</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Indoor 25m x 8 lane pool</i></li><li>• <i>Indoor 15m x 10m program pool</i></li><li>• <i>Indoor Waterplay areas, including children’s pool</i></li><li>• <i>New changing rooms, including family/ special needs changing rooms</i></li><li>• <i>Café and deck</i></li><li>• <i>Crèche (75sq m)</i></li><li>• <i>Health and fitness (600 sq m)</i></li><li>• <i>Outdoor lawn and play area</i></li><li>• <i>New foyer and administration area</i></li></ul>	<i>\$10,413,313</i>
<i>Petersham Pool</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Outdoor 25m x 8 lane pool</i></li><li>• <i>Outdoor 15m x 10m program pool</i></li><li>• <i>New waterplay pool</i></li><li>• <i>Refurbished changing rooms and family/ special needs changing rooms</i></li><li>• <i>Café and deck</i></li><li>• <i>Outdoor lawn and play area</i></li><li>• <i>Refurbished foyer and administration area</i></li></ul>	<i>\$2,615,624</i>
<i>Waterplay Park</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>To be determined by Council from consultation process feedback</i></li><li>• <i>May include water bubblers, playground features, splash pads, interactive fountains, mist spray</i></li></ul>	<i>\$630,000</i>

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<i>Pool</i>	<i>Features</i>	<i>Cost</i>
	<i>features, sprinklers and soakers, etc.</i>	

2. *the Enmore Pool upgrading be undertaken before the Petersham Pool upgrading; and a detailed design of the Enmore Pool upgrading be prepared, together with detailed costing for further community consultation; and that as part of that process the needs of young children be specifically addressed to ensure that they are met;*
3. *Council supports a Waterplay Park in Marrickville South; and*
4. *Council defer the Waterslide proposal for Enmore Pool and a further report be submitted to Council."*

**3. Information from the report on Item GM 14, 01/06 relevant to the most recent request from Council for further information on a new 50 metre Enmore Pool redevelopment option**

The officers' report on Item GM 14, 01/06 provided a comprehensive summary of the consultants' investigations, Councillors' Conferences and community consultation processes conducted, as background to the recommendation for the endorsed Aquatics Facilities Upgrade Package, including the proposed Enmore Pool redevelopment development, involving a 25 metre, New Site pool option, and other supporting aquatics and leisure facilities. The following extracts from this previous report are still considered relevant for Council's consideration:

**"The 2004 Aquatic Leisure Feasibility Study**

*A budget of \$60,000 was set aside in the 2003/04 Resources Plan to engage consultants to undertake an Aquatic Leisure Feasibility Study. Council commissioned the Study by HM Leisure Planning, C Leisure and Prior and Cheney Architects to assess the aquatic leisure facility needs of the Marrickville community, both now and into the future. The Study considered the demographics of the community, included extensive community consultation and examined the existing aquatic facilities, both in Marrickville and the surrounding region. The Study aimed to provide Council and the community with a sound indication of how the current and future needs of the community can be met.*

*The issues assessed in the Study included:*

- *reviewing the existing aquatic leisure facilities in Marrickville and the surrounding region;*
- *looking at how the Marrickville community is likely to change over time and what needs to be done to meet both the current and future aquatic and leisure needs of the community;*
- *finding out what aquatic leisure facilities and services the Marrickville community believes are important to the community;*

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- *looking at trends in aquatics and leisure and how community expectations impact on the provision of facilities, programs and services; and*
- *identifying if new or redeveloped aquatic facilities are required for the Marrickville community.*

*A Councillor Conference was held on 3 May 2004 to outline the scope of the project and seek comments from Councillors regarding the proposed first phase of the community consultation. Consultation then occurred throughout June and July 2004. The Consultants collated the outcomes from the consultation and identified preliminary future options.*

*The second Councillor Conference was held on 11 August 2004 to discuss the outcomes from the initial community consultation process and preliminary options for the future development of aquatic leisure facilities in the Marrickville LGA. In September 2004, following discussion with Councillors, the scope of the brief was altered to include options for an aquatic facility at costs of \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 million.*

*A Councillor tour was undertaken on 6 September 2004 of three of the key facilities within a 10km radius of Marrickville. This included Leichhardt, Ashfield and Hurstville Aquatic Centres.*

*In December 2004, the Consultants produced their final report based on extensive research and consultation. The key findings are outlined below.*

*Key Findings of the Research*

*The key findings of the Consultants' report can be summarised as follows:*

- *The physical condition of both pools is poor, with short future life spans of less than 10 years according to the 2003 Ninnes Fong Study and there is a threat of failure of the pool tanks, which would result in pool closure.*
- *Use of the pools is discouraged by their length of 33 metres, which does not meet FINA 25 and/or 50 metre standard; depths; disability access; lack of water space; lack of complementary dry leisure facilities; poor use of parkland settings; amenities; lack of seating; water treatment capacities; and the seasonal nature of Petersham Pool.*
- *There was a general consensus in the community that the existing facilities were outdated and needed to be upgraded to attract usage. There are large sectors of the Marrickville community who do not and cannot use the pools at all as their characteristics, facilities, services and temperatures are inappropriate to their needs. Further, the community consultation program, and even user surveys at the existing pools, showed that many residents are using facilities in surrounding Councils.*
- *Future aquatic provision in Marrickville must provide for formal and informal aquatic pursuits, dry health and fitness activities, indoor and outdoor settings, play and informal social opportunities if it is to be relevant to the changed make-up of the Marrickville*

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*community. The provision must also ensure access to people of all abilities and cultures and have an extensive programming regime.*

- New aquatic facilities should include multi-purpose water spaces providing children's pools, warm water program/secondary hydrotherapy pool, indoor leisure pool, indoor water play, lap pool, learn to swim pool, outdoor water play, spa/sauna and waterslides or whirlpool.*
- A site of 12,000-15,000 square metres or 1.2 to 1.5 hectares is necessary to accommodate the ideal mix of facilities and its associated parking and other services and to provide for future additions.*
- The process of site analysis has led to the conclusion and recommendation that the preferred location for a new aquatic leisure centre in Marrickville would be on the site of the existing pool complex at Enmore Park. Of 19 sites assessed, no others were found to be suitable in terms of size, accessibility and centrality for Marrickville residents, site ownership or existing uses. The only other sites discussed as possibilities arising from the assessment were Henson Park and Wilkins Primary School. Subsequent design modelling undertaken indicated that the development of a new, replacement centre on Enmore Park could be achieved within the current space requirement or a small increase in space.*
- The capital costs for a new Enmore Aquatic Leisure Centre with all the recommended components was \$13.66m. (This compares with the \$8.8m of works which was defined as being needed in 1996).*
- While the Petersham Pool tank will need to be replaced within the next ten years, the wider community needs will be met through the actions recommended at the Enmore Pool, therefore works at Petersham Pool should be delayed until the major initiatives at Enmore have been completed.*
- In the course of the community consultations conducted during the study, the issue of whether Marrickville needed a third pool in the South Marrickville area was raised on several occasions. Rather than build a third pool, it is recommended that Council initiate development of an outdoor, summer-only water play park in the southern part of the Local Government Area (LGA), to provide a far more appropriate, attractive and unique facility in the southern part of Marrickville at a cost which would be one-twentieth of a new indoor pool. It is further recommended that Marrickville Council assess the longer term opportunities for partnering Rockdale Council or other agencies in the development of a (potentially more regional) pool which has good accessibility to residents in the southern part of Marrickville.*

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- *A 50m pool was not recommended as it is considered to be a more specialist facility which generally attracts a comparatively small local market. It was noted that to be viable, it would need to attract higher overall use and regional use from a market which already has a high level of provision of these facilities and that this would mean that it would be financially marginal at best. It was also noted that provision of a 50m pool would have to be complemented by a 25m pool if needs were to be effectively met and if the 50m pool was to be kept free for 50m use such as lap swimming. The cost of a 50m pool would also be expensive:*

- *an outdoor 50m pool would cost approximately \$2.7m compared with \$1.8m for a 25m pool; and*
- *an indoor 50m pool would cost \$5.8 m as opposed to \$3.7m for an indoor 25m pool;*

*and the additional expenditure of \$0.9m to \$2.1m “would be spent to the detriment of other greater needs”. It was also noted that a 50m pool has a very large footprint and that no site in Marrickville could accommodate that size of the facility without significant impact on the site used.*

- *Five possible options for the upgrade of the aquatic facilities was presented for Councillors’ further consideration, as requested at the Councillor Conference, including retaining the existing facilities and new facilities at a cost of \$5m, \$10m, \$15m and \$20m.*

**4. Allocation of Funds for Aquatic Upgrades in Council’s Major Projects Financial Plan in 2005/06 Budget**

*Further consideration was given by Councillors to the Aquatic Upgrades as part of the process to develop Council’s Major Projects Financial Plan and 2005/06 Budget.*

*At the Councillor Conferences on 12, 13 and 31 March 2005, a briefing paper was presented providing information in relation to the need to upgrade the pools to address structural problems and the findings of the Aquatic Leisure Feasibility Study December 2004, as outlined in Section 3 of the Background to this report. Councillors considered two options:*

1. *a minimalist approach to address structural problems - \$6m; and*
2. *an optimal mix of investment in aquatic leisure facilities, which was considered affordable in the context of the financial model, which included:*
  - *modernising the Petersham facility including replacing the existing pools and supporting plant, ensuring reticulation rates meet health standards, refurbishing the 40 year old shower, toilet and change rooms, installing some basic shade*

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*structures and improving the café and timber decking area bridging the pool area with the larger Petersham Park in which it is set (\$3m);*

- *redeveloping the Enmore facility to provide a 25m 8 lane indoor pool, 10m x 15m warm program pool, an indoor waterplay area, concourse space for groups, standard and specialist change rooms, multi-purpose health and fitness and programmed use spaces, an indoor crèche (14 children), an outdoor children's dry play area, sunshading, timber decking, lawn and BBQ areas, a café, a foyer with circulation area and office space (\$10m); and*
- *investigating the establishment of a waterplay park in the Marrickville South area at an estimated cost of \$620,000.*

*In relation to Option 2, it was noted that total funding of \$13.62m will be required to complete all elements.*

*Councillors were advised that it was proposed to fund the aquatics upgrading work through a Special Rate Levy subject to the Minister's approval. The financial model put forward at the Conference on 31 March 2005 proposed funding the works totalling \$13.62m by a 5% Special Rate Levy over 10 years, with the proceeds being applied to fund both internal and external borrowings.*

*Councillors requested that further information be provided to them on other options for upgrading, including indicative costings; and options for reduced Special Rate Levy percentages over 15 years to fund the works.*

*In Councillor Briefing Paper Number 10, Councillors were provided with costings for two sets of options for the Enmore facility, together with costings for the Petersham upgrade and the waterplay park. Upgrade costs for the Enmore facility were separately identified – firstly, based on re-use of the existing lap pool and pool hall; and secondly, based on its demolition and re-siting. Within each option, an optimal solution, together with a low cost solution, was costed.*

*In summary the following options were presented:*

- *Enmore Pool – use of the existing pool and extending the existing pool hall, with the works previously proposed (\$9.2m); and with a reduced scope of works, which does not provide for health and fitness or indoor waterplay (\$6m);*
- *Enmore Pool – new site – use an alternate footprint incorporating the existing one but not protruding into the centre of the park (\$10.4m); and a reduced scope of works, which does not provide for health and fitness or indoor waterplay (\$7.6m);*
- *Petersham Pool – option including new 25m pool, program pool, change room refurbishment, café, and associated works (\$2.95m); and*
- *Waterplay Park at Marrickville South (\$630,000).*

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*Councillors were also provided, in Councillor Briefing Paper Number 11, with a model of the lowest percentage Special Rate Levy over 15 years, which was 3.5% and could fund the \$13.6m upgrading works.*

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

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

*At its meeting on 21 June 2005 (No. 05/05 – Item GM 42), Council approved the 2005/08 Management Plan and 2005/06 Budget incorporating funding to commence work on each of the Major Projects. In relation to the Major Projects for the Aquatics Upgrade, Council was advised in the report that:*

*“Some respondents commented favourably on the aquatic facilities proposal while others were concerned about a possible expansion that may reduce available park space. In that regard, a number of respondents referred to a leaflet that had been distributed in the Enmore Park area referring to a proposal for a ‘super aquatic centre’ and expressed concern about such a proposal.”*

*The 2005/06 Major Projects Resources Plan provides for a funding allocation of \$13.62m, funded by a 3.5% Special Rate Levy over 15 years, as follows:*

	\$
<i>Enmore Pool</i>	<i>10,000,000</i>
<i>Petersham Pool</i>	<i>3,000,000</i>
<i>Waterplay Park</i>	<i>620,000</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>13,620,000</i></b>

*with the funding projection being as follows:*

	\$
<i>2005/06</i>	<i>1,620,000</i>
<i>2006/07</i>	<i>9,000,000</i>
<i>2007/08</i>	<i>3,000,000</i>
	<b><i>13,620,000</i></b>

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**5. Further Development of Aquatics Upgrade Options**

*Council considered a report on the Major Projects (GM 62) at its meeting on 16 August 2005. In relation to the aquatics upgrade, Council was advised of the proposals funded in the 2005/06 Major Projects Resources Plan and the background to that decision, including the options provided to Councillors for consideration as part of the Budget Process in Councillor Briefing Paper No. 10. In that report, it was recommended that a Councillor Conference with the Consultants be arranged during September to review the current aquatics options. It was stated that:*

*“It is expected that following this Conference, Council will be in a position to determine its preferred option for the final form and cost of the aquatics proposals and be in a position to proceed to the final stage of community consultations. Council will then consider the results of the second round of consultations and make its final decision on the final form and cost and upgrading work will then commence.”*

*In relation to GM62 Council resolved that:*

*“A Councillor Conference be held in relation to options for the final form and cost of aquatic facilities to be considered by Council before commencing to the final stage of community consultations; and any future report submitted to Council include information on the impact on viability of the aquatic facilities of the Leichhardt Facility Upgrade”.*

*A further Councillor Conference consequently took place on 5 October 2005. A copy of the Aquatic Leisure Facility Feasibility Study Report 2004 was provided to all Councillors. The purpose of the meeting was to inform Councillors about the outcomes of the Study and discuss the options that have emerged from the research and community consultation undertaken to date. It was noted that the Consultants had taken into account the feedback from the first stage of consultation and developed options including appropriate upgrading works which would be the subject of the second round of the consultation process. There was discussion in relation to pool location; options for each pool; 25m versus 50m option; and waterplay park proposal, with it being noted that feedback from the second round of consultation would assist in Council’s decision on those matters.*

*There was also discussion on the Leichhardt Aquatic Masterplan with the Consultants commenting on the impact of a number of new aquatic developments in the locality, including the Leichhardt Aquatic Master Plan and the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre. The Consultants outlined the two stages of the Leichhardt project, Stage 1 being a \$5 million upgrade of the existing pool and Stage 2 being a \$16 million redevelopment of the site. Stage 2 includes a 400 square metre water playground, an indoor warm water pool, a deep water training pool, a water polo and diving pool, refurbishment of the 50 metre pool, improved access and landscaping works. The Consultants noted that they considered that these developments would not impact on the upgrade of community aquatic provision in Marrickville.*

*A report was presented to Council’s November 2005 Meeting 10/05, Item GM98, in relation to the conference and the plan for the second round of community consultation, which had been developed in consultation with the Consultants. It was noted that the consultation would take place between 21 November 2005 and 16 January 2006 and include a brochure distributed to all households in*

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*the LGA, a letter to local residents in the immediate vicinity of the current pools, displays at Council facilities inviting written submissions, question and answer sessions and a public meeting, to be promoted through Marrickville Matters, Council's website and local media advertising.*

*It was also noted that the results of the second round of community consultation would be presented to the Major Projects Steering Committee and that the findings would then be presented to Council to assist in its determination of the nature and extent of the upgrading to be undertaken.*

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**1. Major Projects Steering Committee – 7 February 2006**

*The results of the second round of community consultation were presented to the Major Projects Steering Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, 7 February 2006. At that meeting, further information was provided by the Consultants in relation to the cost of the Upgrading Options, including the Option for a 50m pool. Councillors requested further information in relation to the indicative layout site areas of the swimming pool for the New Pool 25m and 50m Option and in relation to a Waterslide proposal at Enmore Pool which was provided by Memorandum dated 10 February 2006. Information in relation to the outcomes of the second round of consultation and upgrading options is provided below.*

**Aquatic Upgrading Options**

**3.1 Introduction**

*The Aquatic Leisure Facilities Study 2004 and previous studies recognised the need to undertake urgent upgrading work at Enmore and Petersham Pools and recommended that the upgrading achieve the provision of quality, contemporary, aquatic and dry health and fitness facilities to meet community needs; and ensure future financial viability in the operation of the facilities.*

*This need was recognised by Council in allocating \$13.62 million in the Major Projects Financial Plan and 2005/06 Major Projects Resources Plan for Aquatic Upgrades of Petersham and Enmore Pools, funded by the 3½% Special Rate Levy over 15 years and a new Waterplay Park in Marrickville South funded by s94 contributions.*

*The second round of consultation undertaken shows strong support for the upgrading of Enmore and Petersham Pools and provision of a Waterplay Park in Marrickville South, as provided for in the funding package. Comments were received in relation to other issues as outlined in the previous section of this report, including the option of a 50 metre pool instead of a 25 metre pool at Enmore Pool, which has also been discussed by Councillors. The option of providing a waterslide at Enmore Pool for use by young people has also been discussed by Councillors. Those options are assessed below.*

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*\$10 million has been provided for Enmore Pool upgrading in the \$13.62m Aquatic Upgrade Funding Package in Council's Major Projects Financial Plan and 2005/06 Major Projects Resources Plan, funded by the 3½% Special Rate Levy over 15 years.*

*The \$10m allocation was based on options provided by the Consultants for upgrading the existing Lap Pool and Hall or building a new pool on the site, costing \$9.21m and \$6.975m (reduced scope); and \$10.413m and \$7.595m (reduced scope), respectively, which were provided to Councillors in Councillor Briefing Paper No. 10 as part of the 2005/06 Budget process. The two options which aren't of a reduced scope provide for a 25m pool; program pool; indoor waterplay; crèche and outdoor play; health and fitness; café; and foyer, circulation, offices, change rooms, sunshading and timber decking.*

*Those options formed the basis for the community consultation process to gain community feedback on the elements and their importance to assist Council to determine which elements to include in the upgrading.*

*The reduced scope options do not include health and fitness which would impact on future operational viability of the pools; do not include indoor waterplay; and involve a reduced scope of all facilities.*

*To assist in deciding on the upgrading options, Councillors requested:*

- i) updated indicative costings on the two options for a 25m pool and a 50m pool alternative; and*
- ii) information on the indicative layout site areas for the 25m pool option and the 50m pool option.*

*The indicative costings are shown below, together with the total site area required for each option. Indicative layouts based on a new site only are provided in **ANNEXURE 1**.*

<i>Site</i>	<i>Cost 25m \$</i>	<i>Space/ sq m **</i>	<i>Cost 25m Reduced \$</i>	<i>Cost 50m \$</i>	<i>Space/ sq m ** \$</i>	<i>Cost 50m Reduced * \$</i>
<i>New Site</i>	<i>10,413,313</i>	<i>3,696</i>	<i>7,595,369</i>	<i>13,087,090</i>	<i>4,650</i>	<i>10,675,480</i>
<i>Existing Site</i>	<i>8,939,580</i>		<i>6,251,920</i>	<i>11,809,182</i>		<i>-</i>

*\* Does not include Health & Fitness or Indoor Water Play. Has reduced size facilities. May not be operationally financially viable.*

*\*\* Current space used by pool is 4,207 sq m.*

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*The Consultants state that the new site options are preferred because they provide for the removal of existing assets and the building of a new facility, allowing for the best design of the layout of the Aquatic and Leisure Facility.*

*The Consultants' indicative layouts show that the New Site 25m Pool Option indicative cost of \$10,413m can be built in an area less than the site area of the existing pool. While the indicative cost is slightly over the allocated Budget, Council could decide to progress the option with a detailed design, community consultation and detailed costing and can assess allocation of the funds having regard to the cost of upgrading Petersham Park Pool, which has a revised estimated cost of \$2,615,624, which is \$384,376 less than the \$3m allocation in the Major Projects Resources Plan.*

*The New Site Reduced 25m Pool Option is also not preferred as it does not provide for health and leisure facilities, which would assist in ongoing financial viability of the centre. It also does not provide for indoor waterplay and restricts the areas available for citizen and administration amenity.*

*In providing the New Site Reduced 50m Option, the Consultants advised at the Steering Committee Meeting that they have costed the 50m reduced option to fit within the \$10m allocated budget but that it may not be viable financially because the health and fitness area has been reduced by 300 sq m to 300 sq m and the space allocated to facilities, including change rooms, foyer, circulation offices and café have been significantly reduced, impacting on amenity.*

*The New Site 50m Pool Option indicative cost is \$13.087m, which is significantly over Council's allocated budget of \$10m. The Consultants have advised that the additional operating cost of providing a 50m pool rather than a 25m pool, is \$150,000pa, with little or no likely offset in additional attendance and income; and that they do not recommend that Option. If Council decides to proceed with that Option, it will need to fund the additional amount from the Property Reserve as it cannot be funded from the 3½% Special Rate Levy. That would reduce the funding allocations from the Reserve to other Major Projects (new Library/Civic Centre - \$18m and new Childcare Centre - \$2m). The financial plan for the operation of the new Centre, prepared by the Consultants, will also need to be reviewed to take account of the annual additional operating expenditure.*

*As outlined in Section 2.2.1 in relation to the outcomes of the second round of community consultation, there was generally very positive community support for the proposed upgrading package of elements for Enmore Pool. A small number of respondents (38) stated that a longer pool was needed and 10 respondents providing written comment also supported a 50m pool. In that regard, there was comment that there was overcrowding and that reducing the pool to 25m would make overcrowding worse. It is unclear whether those respondents are aware that the proposal involves adding two lanes to the 25m pool and building an additional 15m x 10m program pool which will increase the total water space and free up water space for lap swimmers.*

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*In considering the outcomes of the community feedback and whether to allocate an additional \$3m to fund a 50m pool rather than a 25m pool, Council needs to weigh up the community benefit, not only in terms of aquatic and leisure needs, but also in relation to whether that decision will adversely impact on Council's ability to fund a new Library; and whether the additional annual operating costs of the 50m pool will adversely impact on future financial viability of the Pool."*

**4. Previous Information Reported to Council on a Waterslide Proposal for the Enmore Park Pool Redevelopment**

The officers' report on Item GM 14, 01/06 also provided the following information in respect of a water slide proposal to be considered in association with a new Enmore Pool redevelopment:

*"Waterslide for Enmore Pool*

*At the last Steering Committee Meeting on the Aquatic Upgrades, Councillors requested additional information in relation to the cost of providing a waterslide and indicative designs. That request was in recognition of the need to provide facilities that would attract young people to Enmore Pool, while needing to provide a balance between meeting those needs and the impact of such a facility in terms of space, height and visual amenity in the Enmore Park setting. That information was provided to Councillors by Memo dated 10 February 2006. (A report from C Leisure was attached the officers' report, along with images of various water slides and waterplay park examples. This report has been provided again for Council's consideration at the October, 2006 Meeting in Attachment 2)*

*In that regard, C Leisure estimate that it would cost in the order of \$1.1m for a two flume waterslide at Enmore and that its operation would achieve a net surplus of \$48,000 per annum (Income \$134,200 and Expenditure \$76,200) based on the same operating process and fee structure as at Botany Aquatic Centre, which operates a waterslide, and 20 users per session. The net surplus would be \$24,450 based on 15 users per session and \$91,550 based on 25 users per session.*

*In considering the Waterslide Option, other issues that need to be taken into account as outlined in the C Leisure report are:*

- the actual siting or location of the waterslide within the context of the overall development of aquatic services for the Marrickville community;*
- the visual impact of the waterslide tower on Enmore Park (or any site) and surrounds;*
- extended footprint on site into open space of Enmore Park or any site; and*
- long term drop off in usage due to attraction becoming stale. Management will need to market the waterslide as an integral part of the facility at all times.*

*It should be noted that the proposal can be progressed independently of the Aquatic Upgrades, although it needs to be complementary to the other facilities.*

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*If Council wishes to progress this Option, it is recommended that a further report be presented to Council following further examination of the proposal, including in relation to size, height, area needed and likely impacts; and that community consultation be undertaken in relation to the proposal."*

A number of relevant attachments from the report to Council's Meeting of 20 February, 2006 (Item GM 14, 01/06) have been reproduced as attachments for this report:

**ATTACHMENT 2:** Indicative Layouts produced by Prior and Cheney of the proposed 25 metre and 50 metre New Site Pool options for Enmore Park. (6 pages)

**ATTACHMENT 3:** Waterslide Cost Benefit Analysis produced by C Leisure (3 Pages).

**Discussion**

**1. Details of the Swim50 Petition**

At the 19 September, 2006 Councillor Meeting, there was discussion about the details of the Swim50 petition, which has been presented to Council in four main submissions, three before the last meeting and the latest received by Council on 11 October, 2006. Council officers reviewed these submissions and produced the following breakdown of people who signed the petition, of whether or not they resided in the Marrickville LGA:

- Those that live in the LGA: 2,194 (**87%**)
- Those that do not live in the LGA: 304 (**12%**)
- Residence not stated: 7 (**1%**)

These figures come to a total of 2,525 people who signed the petition.

The wording of the petition was as follows:

***"COMMUNITY PETITION***

***Upgrade not downgrade – support a 50 metre pool for Marrickville***

*We, the undersigned residents of Marrickville, recognise that Marrickville Council is about to embark on the largest and most significant redevelopment of its aquatic facilities for the next 30 to 40 years.*

*We call on Marrickville Council to overturn its decision to replace the present 33.3 metre pool at Enmore Park with a 25 metre pool.*

*Furthermore, we call on Marrickville Council to replace the present pool with a 50 metre pool.*

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*We believe that a 50 metre pool is essential to meet Marrickville's aquatic needs into the future."*

While respondents have indicated support for a 50 metre pool rather than a 25 metre pool, the wording did not provide people with the wider context and assessment of balancing community needs through Council's Major Projects funding program and Aquatics Facilities Upgrade package. It also did not provide the full details of the Enmore Pool Upgrade, which provides that the 6 lane 33 metre pool is replaced by an eight lane 25 metre pool plus an additional 15 x 10 metre program pool, resulting in increased water space together with an indoor children's pool, new administrative change room amenities, a café, crèche, an indoor gymnasium and outdoor lawn and play areas. Accordingly, the petition's main focus on whether people favoured a 50 metre pool option at Enmore Park does not recognise the wide range of social, financial and practical construction issues that Council took into account in reaching its decision to endorse the Aquatics Facilities Upgrade package.

The third and fourth parts of the petition, received by Council on 19 September and 11 October 2006 also contained 44 completed survey forms of people who supported the 50 metre pool option for Enmore. 32 of these people lived in the Marrickville LGA, 4 did not, and 8 people did not state where they live.

**2. An additional petition from Swim50 on behalf of 23 school principals and P&Cs in support of a 50 metre pool at Enmore**

On 4 October, 2006 Council received a letter from Jacki Wesson, a Swim50 representative and Co-President of the Ferncourt P&C Association which contained a signed petition from the following:

School Principals

Camdenville Public School  
Casimir Catholic College  
Marrickville Public School  
Wilkins Public School  
Taverners Hill Infants School  
Dulwich Hill Public School  
Marrickville High School  
Ferncourt Public School  
Lewisham Public School  
Bridge Road Special School  
St Peters Public School  
St Brigids Primary  
Marrickville West Public School  
Tempe Public School  
Dulwich Hill High School of Visual Arts and Design

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Presidents, Parent & Citizens Associations

Australia Street Infants School  
Tempe Public School  
Petersham Public School  
Wilkins Public School

Preschool

Director, KU Petersham Pre-school

The main reasons expressed in support of a 50 metre Pool included:

- To remove the financial and logistical burden of having to hire expensive buses to drive out of the area for school swimming carnivals and lessons;
- To allow children to learn to swim safely over distance;
- To build children's fitness and endurance;
- To enable their students to be competitive with their peers who have easy access to a 50 metre pool;
- To combat obesity;
- To accommodate Marrickville's growing population; and
- To provide a truly local facility.

It was also stated that some principals had verbally expressed the point out that for years they have been directly communicating to Marrickville Council the need for a 50 metre pool in the local area.

**3. Response to the Council Resolution GM 74, 08/06, 19 September, 2006**

Councillors requested the following information at the above meeting in respect of a 50 metre pool option at Enmore Park:

*"4. Council officers report to the October Council Meeting on incorporating a 50m pool into the project and investigating the issues involved, including:*

- (a) ongoing running and maintenance costs and revenue implications;*
- (b) footprint implications; and*
- (c) the impact on the surrounding neighbourhood;*

*and all options for resolving any issues."*

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**3.1 Ongoing Running and Maintenance Costs and Revenue Implications**

At various Councillors Conferences and meetings of the Major Projects Steering Committee, the consulting consortium for the 2004 Marrickville Aquatic Leisure Feasibility Study, HM Leisure Planning, C Leisure and Prior and Cheney Architects, were asked to estimate the likely differences in ongoing running and maintenance costs and revenue implications between a 25 metre and 50 metre option for a new pool redevelopment at Enmore Park. The consultants provided a verbal estimate of an additional \$100,000 to \$150,000 in costs p.a for a 50 metre pool option. This estimate was reported to the February, 2006 Council Meeting.

Given their previous work on the project, Council requested Chris Head of C Leisure to prepare a brief report to confirm the rationale behind this previous advice to Council. A copy of this report is provided in **ATTACHMENT 4**.

The further analysis conducted in this report re-visits the projected operational costs prepared for a new 25 metre pool redevelopment option for Enmore Park which was documented within the 2004 Marrickville Aquatic Leisure Feasibility Study. The core methodology of the assessment used for the earlier analysis for a 25 metre pool option was applied in the updated assessment for a 50 metre pool option at Enmore.

The results of this additional analysis re-confirm C Leisure's earlier estimates of the increased operating costs of a 50 metre pool option, noting on Page 5 of the report that, over a 15 year period, the 25 metre option would provide an average annual operating profit of \$175,567, compared to \$94,817 for the 50 metre pool option, equating to an annual variance of \$80,750 between the two options. The other main conclusions stated in the report are:

*"2.4 Conclusion and Implications of Options*

*Based on the projections and commentary contained within this report, the following conclusions and implications include:*

- The 50 metre option would increase visitations by an estimated 17,181 but it is estimated that it would cost the centre \$149,778 more to operate.*
- Provision of a 50 metre pool is a more specialist facility which generally attracts a comparatively small local market. The increased visits for the 50 metre option would be primarily those that a specifically requiring a 50 metre pool for lap swimming and fitness purposes.*
- Provision of a 50 metre pool would have to be complemented by a 25 metre pool if needs were to be effectively met and if the 50 metre pool was to be kept free for 50 metre uses. Otherwise, it would have to be used for programs which only need, and are better served by, a 25 metre pool*
- A 50 metre pool would be very expensive to provide. The latest figures provided by Currie and Brown (Quantity Surveyors) in February 2006 show that an indoor 50 metre pool would cost*

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*\$13.08 m. as opposed to \$10.4 m. for a 25 metre indoor pool. In all probability, the additional \$2.68 m. would be spent to the detriment of other greater needs, and*

*• A 50 metre pool has a very large footprint and it is probable that no site in Marrickville could accommodate this size of facility and a 25 metre pool or do so without a significant impact on the site used."*

Earlier information on the viability of 25 metre vs 50 metre pools was presented in the background notes for a Councillor Briefing held 11 August, 2004. A relevant extract from the notes prepared by the consultants for the Marrickville Aquatic Leisure Feasibility Study is provided in **ATTACHMENT 5** of this report.

### 3.2 Footprint Implications

Enmore Park is recognized as one of Marrickville's most important open space, recreational and community venues. The Park is listed as a heritage item under the Marrickville Local Environmental Plan, 2001. Its visually attractive gardens, undulating, amphitheatre-style, landscape setting and pathways all contribute to the Park's significance.

The current single level, aquatics complex is located in the north-eastern corner of Enmore Park, and currently occupies the following amount of space:

Existing Building: 1,704 m<sup>2</sup>

Existing External Area: 2,503 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Footprint Coverage: 4,207 m<sup>2</sup>

In assessing the footprint impacts of the endorsed Enmore Pool redevelopment option, Council was provided with the following area calculations:

#### ***25 Metre, Indoor, New Site Pool Option***

Proposed Building: 3,050 m<sup>2</sup>

Proposed External Area: 646 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Footprint Coverage: 3,696 m<sup>2</sup>

#### ***50 Metre, Indoor, New Site Pool Option***

Proposed Building: 3,825 m<sup>2</sup>

Proposed External Area: 825 m<sup>2</sup>

Total Footprint Coverage: 4,650 m<sup>2</sup>

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It is evident from these areas that the endorsed 25 metre, New Site Pool Option would result in an overall reduction of 511 m<sup>2</sup> in the existing footprint coverage of Enmore Park by an aquatics complex, whilst the 50 Metre Pool Option would result in an overall increase in footprint coverage by 443 m<sup>2</sup>.

The increase in footprint coverage created by the 50 metre, New Site Pool Option is likely to have a significant impact upon both the current users of the main Park facility, as well as the general aesthetics, vegetation, design and amenity of this part of the Park. As the Indicative Drawings for this option shows, the proposed building and outdoor facilities will cover an area extending further towards the centre of the Park, as well as a greater building mass in the north-eastern corner of the site, creating a greater impact upon the adjacent and opposite residential properties in Llewellyn and Black Streets, which is at the high point of the Park.

The current landscape, access and pathway design of the Park would also have to be re-evaluated in light of this proposal. In this regard, it should be recognized that the central flower bed is an iconic feature in the Marrickville LGA, and an increase in the footprint would bring the pool closer to this item. The footprint changes would also impact on the brief for the current consultancy for a new Park, Plan of Management and Conservation Management Strategy for Enmore Park, and would necessitate a review and re-negotiation of a contractual agreement.

There have also been suggestions throughout the debate on the new, 25 metre and 50 metre pool options that a 50 metre option could be redesigned to fit within the footprint of the current Pool complex. This proposal raises amenity issues as it would necessitate the loss of recreation space between the various pool areas. There also doubts about the viability of such a proposal, given the lack of useable recreation space for future pool users.

It is also of relevance to note that many people who have indicated their support for a 50 metre pool option at Enmore have commented on their preference for an outdoor pool, and the enjoyment they get out of doing laps out in the open air.

### **3.3 The impact on the surrounding neighbourhood**

Similar to the issues relating to the increased footprint on Enmore Park, the 50 metre pool option will create a structure which is larger, and closer to the residential properties in the adjoining Llewellyn and Black Streets. These properties are characterized by a mix of lower scale (1-2 storey), period buildings and streetscape. The larger, 50 metre pool building and complex will create a more visually and aesthetically imposing impact upon the surrounding neighbourhood.

The other impact that needs to be taken into account is the likely traffic and parking issues generated by the Pool proposal. If the 50 metre Pool option generated additional users to the

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complex, it will create further constraints on the availability of kerbside parking and traffic flow along Llewellyn and Black Streets.

A 50 metre pool option is also likely to attract a variety of school carnivals and other special events which generally create greater volumes of traffic, and a demand for bus drop off/pick up or parking in the vicinity of the Pool entrance. This will create further impacts on the amenity of the residents of Llewellyn and Black Streets.

### **3.4 Other Issues**

#### ***3.4.1 Impact on the Pools Management Contract with Council***

Following an open tender process, and Council endorsement of a preferred tenderer at its meeting of 20 June, 2006 (Item GM 46, 05/06), Council commenced a contractual agreement with the firm Belgravia Leisure in July, 2006 for the management of both Enmore and Petersham Pools over the next 5 to 10 year period. The issue of the impending redevelopment proposal for Enmore and Petersham Pools was factored into the drafting of the contract through a number of specific clauses.

Whilst these clauses allow for the management contract to be continued throughout the redevelopment of the pools, there are other clauses in the contract which provide that the licence fee that Council charges Belgravia Leisure relates to a specified proportion of net income received. Any decision by Council to alter the Enmore Pool redevelopment to include a 50 metre pool option will impact on net income as it will result in increased expenditure, which may not be offset by increased income. The impact will need to be reviewed in conjunction with Belgravia Leisure to determine the impact on the financial viability of the licence arrangements and agreement reached on future arrangements.

#### ***3.4.2 Current Enmore Pool Attendance Records***

At its September Meeting, a question was asked about the current rates of attendance at Enmore Pool.

Since Belgravia Leisure started on 17 July the paid attendances have been as follows:

17-31 July (2 weeks) – 2,467 entries

1-31 August (month) – 5,526 entries

#### ***3.4.3 Impact on Current Expressions of Interest (EOI 8/06) Process for the Enmore Pool Redevelopment Design Tender***

The officers' report to Council's meeting of 19 September, 2006 (Item GM 74, 08/06) recommended that Council invite six of the firms who made submissions to a recent Expressions of Interest process to participate in a further Selective Tender process for the design of the previously endorsed 25 metre, New Site Enmore Pool proposal (Item GM 14, 01/06).

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It is considered that the six recommended firms have a suitable range of professional skills and record of achievements to enable Council to proceed with the current EOI and subsequent design tender process, should Council decide not to proceed with the above proposal, and pursue further investigations for a 50 metre pool redevelopment option for Enmore Park. However, the delay in the EOI process, may impact on the availability of the six preferred firms to participate in the selective tender process.

**3.5 Overall Assessment of the Issues and Impacts of a 50 Metre Pool Option for Enmore Park**

As highlighted in extracts from the earlier Report to Council, it is important to recognise that Council has conducted extensive research and community consultation over the last several years in working towards its final determination of a preferred aquatics upgrade package at its 20 February, 2006 Meeting.

The primary research of the broader aquatic facilities trends and financial feasibility, as well as the more specific aquatics and recreational needs of the Marrickville community was conducted by an independent consortium of consultants, HM Leisure Planning, C Leisure, and Prior and Cheney Architects. The comprehensive 2004 Aquatic Leisure Facilities Study provided Council with a comprehensive analysis of these issues, as well as further costed estimates of a series of redevelopment concepts for both the Enmore and Petersham Pool sites.

The issue of the proposed size and location of upgraded pools was examined in great detail, with specific focus on the debate relating to the merits of 25 metre and 50 metre pool options. Some of the key points raised by the independent consultants in favour of a 25 metre pool option for both Enmore and Petersham included:

- \* The Consultant's research on broader aquatic facilities trends, highlighted the fact that financial viability was dependent on providing for more diverse and specialised aquatic facilities, as opposed to the traditional 50 metre lap pool; and
- \* A 50 metre pool in Marrickville would not be viable, given the strength of competition from other existing and planned 50m pools in the region, particularly in terms of the increased capital and ongoing maintenance costs.

Support for the proposed aquatics package funded in the Major Projects Financial Plan was verified through its second round of a major community consultation program in late 2005, which generated significant overall support for the size and diversity of the proposed facilities, and only a small percentage of citizens indicating their support for a 50 metre pool, rather than the proposed upgrading package.

The report to Council in February 2006 outlined the outcome of the extensive consultation process, including feedback received that a 50 metre pool should be provided, and provided an assessment of that proposal in terms of size and expense. In that regard, as part of its Financial Plan, Council has only budgeted for a total cost estimate for the 2 pool upgrades of approximately \$13 million, based on funds being generated by the 3.5% Special Rate Levy over 15 years, requiring loan funding. The cost of a new 50m pool option at Enmore would require allocation of an additional amount of more

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than \$3 million more than the \$10million allocated for Enmore Pool in the Aquatic Upgrade Funding Package, increasing the anticipated cost from \$10.413 million to \$13.087 million. Its footprint would also necessitate a greater encroachment and impact upon the setting of Enmore Park. As mentioned previously in this report, community feedback was received from the consultation on the 2005/06 Budget and Major Projects Resources Plan expressing concern that the Enmore Pool upgrade may reduce park space or result in a 'super aquatic centre'. Reduced versions of the 50 metre option to avoid that encroachment would also necessitate a significant compromise in the supporting facilities, by either deleting them, or reducing the size of them.

In addition, it was noted that Council has a number of other major capital works projects planned and budgeted for in the next several years, such as a New Library/Civic Centre, the upgrade of its community facilities, and a new child care centre for the Marrickville South area. The need for Council to weigh up the community benefits of the 50 metre proposal was noted, particularly in the context of whether the additional cost of the 50 metre pool option would make those projects less viable or not viable. These considerations were of particular significance to Council's deliberations, given the often perceived inequities between the provision of Council services in the northern and southern parts of the Marrickville LGA.

In summary, Council's adoption of the aquatics facilities upgrade package at the 20 February Meeting was based on expert and independent advice from external consultants, as well as the broader support of the Marrickville community.

The additional report from the firm C Leisure (See ANNEXURE 4) confirms that there are substantial additional ongoing operating and maintenance costs involved with a 50 metre pool option, as compared to the endorsed 25 metre pool option for Enmore Park.

The implications of these costs, combined with the planning and heritage impacts of larger facility on a larger footprint with the sensitive environment of Enmore Park, raises major issues in terms of the viability of a 50 metre pool option.

While additional revenue of in the order of \$3 million is anticipated from the sale of Council's land at Tempe, the due diligence period has not yet finished, and the sale contract has, accordingly, not yet been entered into. In that regard, terms have been agreed and the due diligence period ends on 29 October 2006, with exchange of contracts within two weeks after that date. It also needs to be noted that over \$1million of that amount is dependent on rezoning of Lot 201 to light industrial with permissible bulky goods being approved. Accordingly, a decision by Council to proceed with the 50 metre pool option at an additional cost of approximately \$3 million, based on that anticipated revenue, is considered to be premature because:

1. rezoning may not be achieved;
2. if the current sale of Tempe Lands does not proceed:
  - a) the revenue from the future sale of the land to another party may be less; and
  - b) there will also be an impact on cash flow from the delay in the sale

resulting in an adverse impact on the financial viability of Council's other Major Projects.

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A decision by Council to allocate the additional anticipated \$3 million in proceeds from the sale of the Tempe properties towards a 50 metre pool also needs to be carefully considered having regard to other community needs. If the funds are not allocated to expand the aquatics facilities upgrade to include a 50 metre pool, they would be available to increase the financial viability of Council's other Major Projects, including the new Library/Civic Centre and Marrickville South Children's Centre, and provide flexibility for Council in meeting community needs in these projects. In that regard, the funding models for those projects include a number of assumptions in relation to building costs and income from sale of property and the final design of the projects has not yet been completed therefore the total final cost is not yet finalised. The funds would also be available to allocate to another project if Council identifies a need to respond to an additional community need.

Allocation of an additional \$3 million to the \$10 million upgrade of Enmore Pool is a significant additional amount and it will increase Council's investment into the Aquatics Upgrade Project to \$16 million, which is a large investment for one project, particularly as the increase in the funding package has not been the subject of community consultation. Community consultation on the Major Projects Financial Plan as part of the 2005/06 and 2006/07 Budgets has been on the basis of Council having a limited amount of funds and being committed to planning to ensure that it meets an range of community needs by allocating a set amount of funds to each Major Project. A decision to allocate an additional \$3 million to the Aquatics Upgrade would be made by Council without community feedback on whether there was broad commitment or support for allocating the additional \$3 million to the Aquatics Upgrade, rather than using the funds to improve the financial viability of the other Major Projects to ensure that they are all achieved; or allocating them to another project to meet an identified community need. Also, making that decision without certainty about the availability of additional revenue from the Tempe Land sale may result in the other Major Projects no longer being financially viable and not proceeding. This issue of whether there would be community support for a 50 metre pool if it meant that the new library or child care centre could not proceed needs to be carefully considered by Council.

It is therefore considered that, based on both the previously presented research and justification for Council's endorsed aquatics facilities and upgrade package, as well as the additional information presented in this report, that Council should not support a 50 metre pool option for Enmore Park, and that Council should proceed with the endorsed 25 metre pool option.

**4. Further Assessment of a Waterslide Proposal to Accompanying a New Pool Redevelopment at Enmore Park**

As reported to the most recent meetings of the Major Projects Steering Committee, Council officers have conducted further investigations into a waterslide proposal for the Enmore Pool project. An expert in the field, Phil Goodwin, from the firm Waterforms International was invited to a Staff Workshop on Aquatics facilities issues, and he identified some issues that Council needed to take into account in Water Slide design:

- Accessibility for persons with a disability;

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- The facilities are labour intensive (supervision and ongoing inspections/maintenance);
- Given the additional labour costs, they can often only operate for limited parts of the day;
- The costs of water need to be taken into account;
- Safety hazards (surface slippages); and
- Challenges of a flat site (hard to get sufficient height and interest in the slide activity)

At the Workshop, the following additional matters were discussed:

- The siting of the proposed new Enmore Pool is at a high point within Enmore Park, and any water slide is thereby likely to have a greater visual impact, and will be seen above the existing larger trees;
- Water slides at Ashfield Pool were taken out;
- Any proposal to charge a greater admission fee for the water slide use is likely to discourage patrons, and given Council's socio-economic demographic, it could exclude certain low income groups from using the Pool, which goes against what Council had originally envisaged;
- A water slide requires a dedicated landing area, separate from the general pool users;
- There is a threat to the safety of young children attempting to use the water slide;
- A water slide requires regular re-investment, as kids become bored easily with the same concept;
- A water slide could not be the sole facility for the Pool; there needs to be a range of different activities to satisfy different age groups;
- The addition of the water slide to the Enmore pool design would require an extension of the overall footprint into Enmore Park;
- The Group discussed alternative play features such as a wave pool, but acknowledged that there wasn't sufficient space in the current design for many of those additional features; and
- The impact of a water slide on the heritage and landscape features of Enmore Park was acknowledged by the Group.

Councillors have previously identified the example of an existing water slide at the Botany Aquatic Centre, adjoining Booralee Park, at the corner of Myrtle and Jasmine Streets, Botany.

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Council officers made numerous attempts for detailed information on the general operations and financial viability of the Botany Pool Water Slide, but officers from the City of Botany Bay Council were not very forthcoming with such details.

The information made available by City of Botany Bay officers included the following:

- The main Pool was constructed approximately 40 years ago, with the water slide being erected separately in 1983;
- The water slide has a separate entry from the main Pool;
- The Aquatic Centre and water slide facilities are closed during the winter season, and are open in other seasons, seven days a week, 6.00am to 6.00pm (and opened to 7.00pm in the daylight savings period);
- The Pool facilities provide for recreation and lap swimming, with a 50 metre heated outdoor pool, a 22 metre heated outdoor learning pool, and shaded heated pool for toddlers; and
- The income received from the operation of the water slide for the last two financial years was \$102,667 (2005/06) and \$102,417 (2004/05); no figures were available on the operational and maintenance costs for the water slide, as they were reported in the overall financial statement for the Botany Aquatic Centre, however an officer did state the Centre runs at a loss each year.

C Leisure was also recently requested to provide some additional information in respect of their "Waterslide Cost Benefit Analysis" (see **ATTACHMENT 3** for a copy) which has previously been reported to Council. This report provided estimates for the capital and operational costs of a comparable sized aquatics centre and a water slide structure for a new completed Knox Leisureworks (Victoria). The capital cost estimate for a two flume waterslide, accessed within the main pool complex, with flumes structures eternal to the site was \$1.1million. In terms of operational costs, it was estimated that the Facility would achieve a net surplus of \$48,000 p.a (Income \$134,200 and expenditure \$76,200) based on the same operating process and fee structure as at the Botany Aquatic Centre, which has a separate entry, stand-alone water slide facility. From the further plan information of the Knox Waterslide facility recently provided by C Leisure (see **ATTACHMENT 6**), the estimated height of the external flume structure is 12.3m, whilst its footprint occupies an approximate external site area of 12m x 7m, or 84m<sup>2</sup>. The proposed height of such structure would be roughly the equivalent of a four storey building, which will exceed and be out of character with the prevailing two storey housing and height of trees in the surrounding context of Enmore Park. The loss of Enmore Park site area for the slide structure will further exacerbate the reduction in amenity and the use of the park created by the increased footprint required for the 50 metre pool option.

Taking into account these further investigations as well as advice from experts in the field, it is considered that a water slide proposal is not appropriate for the Enmore Park site, given the land use, landscaping and heritage sensitivities of the Park and its nearby residential properties, and if

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Council wishes to proceed with the proposal, a further detailed review needs to be undertaken, for example, using a concept design, before a final decision is made.

**Conclusion**

Additional information has been provided in this report to assist Council in assessing the option for a 50 metre pool and water slide proposal. It is recommended that Council discontinue these proposals and proceed with the previously endorsed aquatics upgrade proposal for Enmore Park.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note this report;
2. support the officers' recommendation within this report not to proceed with either a 50 metre pool option or a water slide for the proposed redevelopment of new aquatics facilities at Enmore Park; and
3. resolve to support the officers' recommendation from the Council Meeting held on 19 September, 2006 (Item GM 74, 08/06) as provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, to invite six preferred firms, who made submissions in respect of a recent advertisement for Expressions of Interest (EOI 8/06), to participate in a further Selective Tender process for the design of new aquatics complex for Enmore Park.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Copy of Report to Council Meeting of 19 September 2006 (08/06 Item GM 74) (18 pages)

Attachment 2: Indicative Layouts produced by Prior and Cheney of the proposed 25 metre and 50 metre New Site Pool options for Enmore Park. (6 pages)

Attachment 3: Waterslide Cost Benefit Analysis produced by C Leisure (4 Pages).

Attachment 4: Report prepared by C Leisure Pty Ltd , "Comparison of Aquatic Development Options for the Proposed Enmore Aquatic Leisure Centre", October, 2006 (9 Pages)

Attachment 5: Extract from Councillor Briefing Notes – Aquatic Leisure Facility Feasibility Study – Councillor Briefing, 11 August, 2004 (1 Page)

Attachment 6: Plan and section of Knox Leisureworks (Victoria) "Body Ride Water Slide", recently constructed, provided by Chris Head, C Leisure (2 pages)

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**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report seeks Council's consideration of an assessment of expressions of interest (EOI) submissions in respect of the Enmore Pool redevelopment design tender. Further to Council's endorsement of the Major Projects Aquatic Facilities Upgrade Package at its meeting of 20 February, 2006 (Item GM 14, 01/06), Council officers prepared a brief and commenced and advertised an EOI process (EOI 8/06) for the Enmore Pool Upgrade design tender, which will require initial design concepts, the preparation and lodgement of a development application and a construction certificate, as well as the relevant tender documentation for the subsequent construction phase, for which it is proposed to conduct a separate tender process. A total of ten (10) conforming EOI submissions were received. It is recommended that Council receive and note this report, and endorse the officers' recommendation for six (6) firms who made EOI submissions to be invited to participate in a further Selective Tender process for the Enmore Pool redevelopment design tender.

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

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

**Background**

**Council Endorsement of the Major Projects Aquatic Facilities Upgrade Package, February 2006**

At its meeting on 20 February (Meeting 01/06 Item GM 14), Council considered a report on options for the upgrade of Council's Aquatic Facilities, and resolved to adopt the following Aquatics Upgrade Package:

2. "To adopt the Aquatic Upgrade Package including the upgrade of Enmore Pool, based on the New Site Option; the upgrade of Petersham Pool; and building of a Waterplay Park in Marrickville South, which was the subject of the comprehensive public consultation process, as follows:

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Pool	Features	Cost
Enmore Pool New Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor 25m x 8 lane pool</li> <li>• Indoor 15m x 10m program pool</li> <li>• Indoor Waterplay areas, including children's pool</li> <li>• New changing rooms, including family/ special needs changing rooms</li> <li>• Café and deck</li> <li>• Crèche (75sq m)</li> <li>• Health and fitness (600 sq m)</li> <li>• Outdoor lawn and play area</li> <li>• New foyer and administration area</li> </ul>	\$10,413,313
Petersham Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor 25m x 8 lane pool</li> <li>• Outdoor 15m x 10m program pool</li> <li>• New waterplay pool</li> <li>• Refurbished changing rooms and family/ special needs changing rooms</li> <li>• Café and deck</li> <li>• Outdoor lawn and play area</li> <li>• Refurbished foyer and administration area</li> </ul>	\$2,615,624
Waterplay Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be determined by Council from consultation process feedback</li> <li>• May include water bubblers, playground features, splash pads, interactive fountains, mist spray features, sprinklers and soakers, etc.</li> </ul>	\$630,000

2. the Enmore Pool upgrading be undertaken before the Petersham Pool upgrading; and a detailed design of the Enmore Pool upgrading be prepared, together with detailed costing for further community consultation; and that as part of that process the needs of young children be specifically addressed to ensure that they are met;
3. Council supports a Waterplay Park in Marrickville South; and
4. Council defer the Waterslide proposal for Enmore Pool and a further report be submitted to Council."

In following up on the Council's resolution in respect of the Enmore Pool Upgrade, Council officers initiated an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process for the Design Tender for the Enmore Pool

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redevelopment in July, 2006, as the first stage of a Selective Tender process. An EOI Brief and appropriate advertising were organised in accordance with Council's Tender and Quotation Procedure.

**Discussion**

**Assessment of EOI 8/06**

In accordance with Council's Tender and Quotations Procedure, an EOI Tender Review Panel was formed to assess the submissions, consisting of the following officers:-

Executive Manager, Major Projects  
Manager Administrative Services  
Manager Property Services  
Manager Parks and Reserves  
Co-ordinator Community Facilities and Recreation

The Panel assessed the EOI submissions against the following Selection Criteria:

**Table 1 – EOI Selection Criteria**

EOI Selection Criteria	Weighting
Demonstrated recent experience in the design of aquatics facilities.	30%
Demonstrated multi-disciplinary experience, expertise and excellence in the urban design, ESD, accessibility, engineering, landscape and public art components of aquatics facilities design.	20%
Demonstrated experience in working collaboratively with government, business and community stakeholders in the design process.	15%
Demonstrated capacity to complete projects on time, and within an agreed budget, with particular reference to Council's initial project timelines.	25%
Accurate and complete return of required schedules, questionnaires and declarations in the EOI submission requirements.	10%

A total of fifteen (15) submissions were received by Council.

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Five (5) of the fifteen submissions were non-conforming as they did not address the selection criteria of the brief, and were basically promoting their firm's products and services. These firms were:

- Austact Pty Ltd
- HNJ Excavation
- Taiyo Membrane
- Rider Hunt
- Heliocol Solar

The remaining ten (10) conforming submissions included the following firms:

- Prior Cheney
- Donovan Payne Hamor
- Cox Richardson
- Tomkins MDA
- PTW Architects
- Darryl Jackson Robin Dyke
- Scott Carver
- Kinsley & Associates
- Facility Design Group
- ACOR

The following table outlines the performance of each submission against the selection criteria.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Recent experience in aquatics facilities.</b>	<b>Multi-disciplinary experience and expertise.</b>	<b>Experience in working collaboratively.</b>	<b>Capacity to complete projects on time, and on budget.</b>	<b>Completion of Council's Policy Forms.</b>
<b>Prior Cheney</b>	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP
<b>Donovan Payne Hamor</b>	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP
<b>Cox Richardson</b>	EP	EP	EP	EP	EP
<b>Tomkins MDA</b>	EP		EP	EP	EP
<b>PTW Architects</b>				EP	EP
<b>Darryl Jackson Robin Dyke</b>	EP	EP	EP		EP

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<b>Scott Carver</b>					EP
<b>Kinsley &amp; Associates</b>					EP
<b>Facility Design Group</b>					EP
<b>ACOR</b>					EP

EP = Equally Preferred

A more detailed tender evaluation ranking evaluation chart can be found in the **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT A**.

In reviewing the EOI submissions, the Tender Review Panel took account of the fact that the main emphasis of this process was to establish the basic capability and experience of firms relevant to the Enmore Pool projects, and that the EOI brief did not require firms to submit tender costs at this stage. The Panel acknowledged that there needs to be a greater emphasis on the assessment of financial and contract performance in the further Selective Tender submission process.

The overall response to the EOI advertisement was very pleasing. Of the ten (10) conforming submissions, the quality of the consulting firms was of a very high standard, and included many of Sydney and Australia's best regarded aquatics design specialists. The extensive range of relevant experience and achievements among these firms resulted in most submissions rating very highly in the Panel's assessment.

Six of the submissions stood out in terms of their recent record in designing some of Sydney's best regarded aquatics facilities, incorporating impressive multi-functional designs, and evidence of urban design, ESD, accessibility and engineering excellence.

The scale and type of these firms' projects were also quite varied, ranging from the comparable 25 metre, indoor pool model, through to the combined 25 metre indoor and 50 metre outdoor pool option, all with supporting program pools and other sporting/amenity features.

Some of the examples provided among the six best rated submissions included:

**Prior Cheney**

- Cabravale Leisure Centre (Fairfield LGA)
- Singleton Aquatic Centre
- Yarra Ranges Aquatic Centre (Victoria)
- Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre (Victoria)

**Donovan Payne Hamor**

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- Cherrybrook Aquatic Centre
- Liverpool Aquatic Centre
- Ryde Aquatic Centre
- Katoomba Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Cox Richardson

- Parklea Aquatic Centre
- Casey Aquatic Centre (VIC)
- Macquarie University Sports and Aquatic Centre
- Sydney International Aquatic Centre

Tomkins MDA

- Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre
- Mount Annan Leisure Centre
- Peninsular Centre, Woy Woy
- Emerton Leisure Centre (Blacktown LGA)

PTW Architects

- Ryde Aquatic Centre
- Wagga Wagga Aquatics Centre
- Sydney International Aquatics Centre
- Watercube National Swimming Centre, Beijing

Darryl Jackson Robin Dyke

- Prairiewood (Fairfield LGA)
- Tuggeranong (Canberra)
- Drummoyne Aquatic Centre

The Panel felt that each of the above firms demonstrated superior experience and reputation in the aquatics design field, and that they will provide Council with an excellent base for the further Selective Tender process.

Of the four remaining, conforming EOI submissions, the Panel identified that these firms failed to demonstrate a comparable capability with the six best rated firms, as assessed against the selection criteria:

Scott Carver

Predominantly a firm which specializes in the architectural, urban design and planning aspects of commercial and residential developments, their submission only produced one comparable example

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of the Aquafit Aquatics Centre at Campbelltown, an upgrade of Penrith Football Stadium, and input to the design of various 2000 Sydney Olympics sporting facilities.

Kinsley & Associates

Provided very limited range of project experience relevant to the Enmore Pool Upgrade design, as the project costs were below \$7 million, and were located mainly in Sydney regional and NSW country areas.

Facility Design Group

Their submission highlighted that they have contributed to the design of a significant number of smaller aquatics centre developments, mainly in rural and regional NSW, with budgets generally below \$5 million, and only one example of a facility (Trinity Catholic College) with a project cost of \$8 million. The Panel concluded that this firm could not match the level of experience and more comparable scale of projects suited to the Enmore Pool design project.

ACOR

The main issue is that this firm primarily comprises of engineering expertise with experience of input to aquatics projects, but with no demonstration of any in-house architectural or design skills. Whilst acknowledging this experience, the Panel was unable to determine the design capabilities of any collaborative efforts on previous projects.

**Conclusion**

The Panel considered that the six (6) top rated firms demonstrated superior experience and reputation in the aquatics design field, and will provide Council with an excellent base for the further Selective Tender process.

**Previous Council Financial Commitment to the Enmore Pool Redevelopment**

Council has previously developed and adopted a ten year Financial Plan to achieve implementation of its Major Projects including the Aquatics Upgrade costing \$13.62 million. In adopting the Financial Plan in its 2005/06 and 2006/07 Budgets, Council has recognised that it has a finite amount of funds available to achieve identified community needs, including a new library/civic centre, new children's centre, upgrading of its 32 community facilities, the relocation of the Marrickville SES Headquarters, and upgrading of its aquatics facilities, and that it needs to achieve a balance in allocation of its funds so that it is able to meet those needs. Accordingly, it has resolved to allocate \$13.62 million to upgrade its aquatic facilities, \$13 million of which has been funded to upgrade Enmore and Petersham Pools funded by a Special Rate Levy of 3.5% over 15 years.

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**Conclusion**

It is considered that the recent EOI process has produced an excellent range and standard of firms to invite more detailed submissions for a Selective Tender for the Enmore Pool redevelopment design tasks. It is aimed for the further stage of the Selective Tender process to be completed and reported to Council's December 2006 Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council:

1. receive and note this report;
3. in respect of the recent Expressions of Interest (EOI 8/06) process conducted for the Enmore Pool redevelopment design tender, endorse the following firms to be invited to participate in a further Selective Tender process:
  - g) Prior Cheney
  - h) Donovan Payne Hamor
  - i) Cox Richardson
  - j) Tomkins MDA
  - k) PTW Architects
  - l) Darryl Jackson Robin Dyke; and
3. **ATTACHMENT A** be treated as a **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information in relation to the tenders, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderers if it was provided. The information provided identifies the tenderer in relation to the tender price. If disclosed, the information would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the tenderer in terms of market competitiveness, giving their competitors an advantage. Accordingly, disclosure of the information is not in the public interest.

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**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

Council is advised of progress on the *Belonging in Marrickville* Social Plan. A summary of progress is reported each year in Council's Annual Report, consistent the requirements of the Local Government (General) Regulation 1999. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

In 1996 Council approved the preparation of Marrickville's first Social Plan for 1997/1998. The plan was revised early in 1999 and more recently in 2004 to better reflect the changing needs of local residents. The current plan incorporates feedback received from extensive consultation as well as a period of public exhibition in September/October 2004 and was approved by Council at its meeting of 16 November 2004 (CD 37 – 09/04).

It is a requirement under the Local Government (General) Regulation 1999 for all Councils in NSW to develop a social/community plan every five years. Therefore, the existing plan, which was submitted to the NSW Department of Local Government by the deadline of 30 November 2004, remains current until 2009.

The Social Plan is contextualized within Council's suite of strategic management plans and budgets. It documents the assessed needs of, and guides Council's social policy commitments to, local citizens. It is a reference for the development of social programs and community services across the LGA, guiding the activities of Council officers as well as community organizations seeking grants or donations of cash or in kind support under Council's Community Grants Program.

**Discussion**

A summary report is ATTACHED at (ATTACHMENT 1) documenting progress on strategies contained within *Belonging in Marrickville – a Social Plan for the Marrickville Local Government Area*, November 2004.

Key priorities for the social plan are based on extensive consultation with residents and service providers in Marrickville over the last 5-6 years. They form the key funding priorities of the Community Grants Program and point of reference for all formal advice on the future development of programs/services to the people of the Marrickville local government area. These priorities include:

1. Strengthening the Community of Marrickville
2. Making Marrickville fairer

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3. Cooperative approaches and innovation
4. Improving facilities and programs and
5. Creating spaces and places for current and future generations.

Main strategies for the next 2-3 years are identified under these priorities over ten pages of the published social plan document (pp 7-17). A report on each strategy would make for a very lengthy document indeed. Therefore, mandatory social justice groups have been combined with other target categories under the Key Priorities and relevant strategies. The specified social justice groups include: young people, children, people with a disability, older people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds, and women. Additional categories by the Marrickville social plan specifically include the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex community, residents of Boarding Houses, Safety in Marrickville and Marrickville South.

**Conclusion**

The attached summary documents progress on Council's social plan, *Belonging in Marrickville – A Social Plan for the Marrickville LGA, 2004-2009*. The simplified format, which can be easily updated in the future, provides a concise progress report against the Key Priorities. Many of the strategies are ongoing and are evolving over time in response to the changing needs of a diverse community. The majority of initiatives detailed in the report involve strategic partnerships with key stakeholders across the government and non-government sectors. In addition, important partnerships have been forged with the business community, particularly in areas such as children's services, public art, community festivals and access. The development of these partnerships is consistent with Council's strategic goals and values, as articulated within the Marrickville Model. Council's ongoing commitment to access and equity for all people who live, work and study in the area is clearly addressed within this strategic approach.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENT 1: Total 10 pages**

Progress on Belonging in Marrickville - A Social Plan for the Marrickville LGA

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**Key Priority 1: Strengthening the community of Marrickville**

**Strategy: Promote active citizenship and mutual respect**

- The Start Again Mentoring Program (StAMP – previously known as "Break-Free" Re-Entry and Transition Program) is a partnership between Council and the Community Restorative Centre to recruit and match 'buddies' to ex-offenders. This partnership has recruited, trained and linked 30 mentors, including those with an Aboriginal background, to program participants. All have participated in TAFE training, receiving a Statement of Attainment in Mentoring in the Community. The project has received a further 12 months funding from the Attorney General's Department.
- Following considerable developmental work, a Multi Faith Round Table/Interfaith Network with local religious leaders is to occur during Refugee Week 2006 to encourage respect for religious diversity.
- Using funds awarded to Council by WSN Environmental Solutions for its 2005 Clean Up Australia Day activities Council initiated the Citizens for Sustainability Grants program. Projects included the Community pocket gardens, Dulwich Hill Heights Restoration and Marrickville West Community Garden. Council won the award again for its 2006 Clean Up Australia Day activities and committed these monies to the Citizens for Sustainability Grants program for 2006/07.
- Council launched the Friends of the Cooks River Valley Garden group under the Environmental Volunteer Program. This group and the Friends of Camperdown Cemetery, Marrickville Landcare Group and the Marrickville Community Nursery Volunteers group met, recruited and trained new volunteers. These activities will continue in 2006/07.
- Investigation of the settlement experience and current needs of older migrants by the Australian Egyptian Council identifies older Egyptian migrants who have settled in Marrickville and documents their experiences and needs via interviews. Findings will assist service providers to better target services in the area to older people of migrant backgrounds.
- A Greek grand-parenting program in Marrickville LGA was undertaken by the Marrickville Greek Welfare Centre and involved a series of workshops with older people, particularly women. These workshops were focused on living skills, citizenship, community harmony, immigration and refugee programs.
- Specific research on the history of the Chinese community in Marrickville was undertaken and promoted through a display of material in the History Centre.

**Strategy: Facilitate a planned approach to the development and sustainability of a vibrant local culture.**

- Research and scoping exercises have informed development of a project brief for the development of Council's Cultural Plan, consistent with guidelines produced by the Ministry of Arts.

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- The Port Jackson Parents Supporting Parents of Children with Extra Needs group carried out a project entitled “Snapshot – Celebrating Us” designed to enhance the esteem of local children with extra needs and their families.
- New Mardi Gras Season Festival Workshop coordinated and planned workshop activities to support the New Mardi Gras Season 2006. Over 300 local community volunteers were involved.
- The Sydney Aerial Theatre was sponsored to conduct Aerialize, a 9 week workshop program in circus skills targeted at children 6-12 years of diverse cultural and social backgrounds, which culminated in a community performance at Addison Rd Centre.
- Marrickville Council provides the Chrissie Cotter Gallery (CCG) for use as a free gallery space and encourages innovative and contemporary forms of art and cultural expression by emerging and established artists and cultural workers. In 2005/6 over 20 exhibitions featuring a range of artforms and art practices were exhibited by artists from across Australia featuring Indigenous artworks, CALD artists and artists exploring social, cultural issues which are relevant to Marrickville. These issues explored complexities around war, ethnicity, migration, sexuality, sustainability and even sport using painting, installation, video, sculpture and performance.
- Council's Sister Cities Program is currently with six regions around the world: Safita in Syria, Kos in Greece, Keelung in Taiwan, Larnaca in Cyprus, Funchal in Portugal, and Bethlehem in Palestine. In 2005/6 the Multicultural Event was hosted in November 2005 at the Cyprus Community Club. 400 people attended the celebration which featured performances from all the sister cities, coordinated by the Sister Cities committee community representatives.
- Arts and Culture in Marrickville E-Network (ACME) is a networking and information sharing service for the arts and cultural communities of Marrickville. ACME provides subscribers with the latest information on what is happening in the region in relation to arts and culture such as exhibition openings, film screenings, job opportunities and forums. On average 2 emails are posted on ACME each day. ACME currently has 500 people on its subscriber base.
- The Stone Villa Artist Studios are located in Sydenham. In 1997 Stone Villa Inc. was formed to provide artists studio spaces in the Stone Villa, a building owned by Council. As part of the lease agreement the Stone Villa undertook various community programs in 2005/6 such as public art in Sydenham, festival workshops for Australia Day, Feastability and coordinating an international artist exhibition with the Sly Art group of artists located in the city of Keelung in Taiwan.
- In 2005/6 four Marrickville Galleries and Museums Guides (MGM) were produced listing galleries, museums, art cafes, artist studios and co-operatives and the Newtown Artspace program.
- In 2005/6 four grants totalling \$20,000 were provided under Council's Arts Grants Scheme to provide financial support to artists and non-profit, non government arts organisations that offer programs of benefit to residents in the Marrickville LGA.

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- Two Art in the Park events took place throughout the year in Maundrell Park in Petersham showcasing over 20 artists from the local area. Art in the Park was launched in November 2005 featuring a new, outdoor gallery space.
- Council's events program also includes an annual Cultural Grants Program (launched in 2006) which provides funding for local cultural activities held during Council's major event season in September. It is anticipated that the Cultural Events program will become part of the umbrella celebrations of the annual 'Marrickville Cultural Festival' when this is launched in September 2007.
- Council's events program is recognised as one of the most comprehensive and effective cultural animation programs in Sydney, serving to foster and promote Marrickville's unique cultural identity while providing important opportunities for belonging and celebration.

Key events in Council's events program :

- Marrickville Festival - Council's flagship annual event held in September, and one of the most popular Festivals in the inner west.
- Australia Day Celebrations - takes place on the Australia Day long weekend each year
- Bairro Português - celebration of Portuguese culture in Marrickville, and a promotion of Petersham as the Portuguese district of Sydney
- International Women's Day - celebrated on 8 March each year, honouring women's achievements.
- Sunday Arvo Sessions - annual events which provide alternative live music venues and support local bands
- Feastability - a large scale food and wine festival coordinated by Newtown South Main Street. The festival is a celebration and promotion of local food suppliers.
- Dulwich Hill Street Fair - community fair supported and organised by the Dulwich Hill Main Street Committee.

**Strategy: Improve community health and wellbeing**

- In 2005 the Marrickville Youth Interagency in partnership with Council, NSW CAG, SSWAHS, Brain and Mind Institute and Division of General Practice (Central Sydney) initiated planning and development of projects and training for youth service providers and young people with mental illness. A holistic support and service approach was proposed by SSWAHS for people dealing with complex needs such as drug and alcohol issues and mental health issues. The "Within Reach" project will continue to be the subject of collaboration across agencies into the future.
- Count Me In! The NSW Consumer Advisory Group on Mental Health Inc developed a community visual arts project to reflect the connection and attachment of young people in Marrickville who may be at risk of developing or experiencing symptoms of mental health.

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This project continues to underpin a growing strategy to address issues for people with mental illness across the LGA.

**Key Priority 2: Making Marrickville Fairer**

**Strategy: Improve and promote an accessible, equitable Marrickville**

- Council's historical commitment to legal street art as a legitimate art form that crosses the youth, arts and business cultures of Marrickville has supported the completion of nineteen legal street art murals in collaboration with schools and businesses. Postcards displaying images of aerosol artworks were launched in February 2006, along with the largest mural at Kelby's Café. Over 30 residents and shop owners indicated their support for continuation of the program.
- The Marrickville South Youth Working Group consists of representatives from Marrickville Youth Resource Centre, Barnardos, Rosemount Youth and Family Services, PCYC, MTC Work Solutions and Council. This working group met bimonthly and also provided feedback to both the Marrickville South Interagency and Marrickville Youth Interagency.
- Youth Week 2006 was celebrated by a range of events organised in particular collaboration with organisations participating on the Youth Interagency. One of the continuing themes of Youth Week, Seniors Week and Children's Week is a shared focus on intergenerational events to promote understanding and acceptance across the generations.
- Tanzanian Community Youth Workshops - A series of workshops for youth on Tanzanian culture and traditional values was conducted by the Tanzanian Community Association of NSW.
- 'On for Young and Old' - a partnership between the Seniors Reference Group and Youth Council - promotes understanding and acceptance. An inter-generational art project included participants from Tempe High School and clients of Tom Foster Community Care. The result was a photographic study which was exhibited at the Addison Road Gallery in November 2005.
- Children's Week 2005 activity included Tom Foster Community Care Seniors Group and 19 children from Camdenville Public School choir and a group of 12 seniors met to play word games and have lunch. This established an ongoing link with the School choir and a commitment to sing at seniors' Christmas parties.
- Council endorsed the development of an Ageing Strategy to address the needs of current and future generations. A stakeholder workshop was convened in June 2006 to initiate development of a communications and marketing strategy.
- The Food Services Program at Tom Foster Community Care was expanded to increase the range of multicultural meals available, including the launch on behalf of the Meals on Wheels Association, of a Bush Tucker Menu, which was attended by the Hon. John Della Bosca, Minister for Disability Services and Minister for Ageing.

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- A Food Safety program was developed by the Tom Foster Community Care Food Services Program to comply with changes to National Food Safety Standards.
- The Final Project Report: 'Inner West Region, Aboriginal Youth Needs Research Project' was funded by Families First. It describes the needs of Aboriginal young people and their families in the Inner West so service provision can be effectively directed; options for collaborative service delivery formulated; funding options recommended and a blueprint for services in the Inner West formulated. A Youth Reference Group is currently finalising its Terms of Reference, outlining its future role and representation. Council continues to work with community partners to develop initiatives that will assist local young Aboriginal people to increase their social and economic participation.
- A Meet and Greet Program was developed by Council's Aboriginal Services worker in collaboration with Aboriginal staff and Employee Services to support Council's Aboriginal Employment Strategy. The inaugural meeting was held on Aboriginal Sorry Day in May 2006 and will continue as a regular event to be held on days of significance to the Aboriginal community.
- The Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural Protocols have been developed by Council's Aboriginal Consultative Committee to guide cross cultural communications between the local Aboriginal community and the broader community, including Council's community partners. Work has also commenced on Aboriginal Place Naming Protocols.
- Children and Family Services was successful in gaining additional state government funding to provide professional development for service providers across the Marrickville, Canterbury and Burwood LGAs.
- Council and its community partners organise events on International Day of People with a disAbility annually to raise awareness amongst staff and residents. In 2005 this was supplemented by a combined SSROC Access Committee function. Over 100 people attended from 10 SSROC councils.
- A highly successful sensory access awareness activity was held as part of the Marrickville South Community BBQ at the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre as part of International Day of People with a disability. The activity educated children on the issues associated with a vision impairment.
- Council's Access Committee commenced work on the development of a marketing strategy to support community advocacy on accessible transport. Implementation of the strategy will commence in 2006/07, subject to Council's endorsement.
- The Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW held 5 awareness and information sessions this year on Understanding Mental Illness: Awareness Days for Carers, which were tailored to specific CALD groups, to acknowledge the role of local carers of people with mental illness.
- The "Missed Business" Guide was developed in 2004 to provide business owners with ways to attract more customers through provision of better access. Since completion, the guide has received an extremely positive response from a large number of other Councils within Australia and beyond. The Guide has been translated into five community languages to aid understanding across the Marrickville business community. Work is

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also underway on a combined promotion along King Street Newtown in partnership with the City of Sydney.

- Workshops held with the Access Committee and community partners identified barriers experienced in the built environment and the capacity of Council's Access DCP to address these.
- Through the GLL@M committee, Council has undertaken activities to respond to the need of the GLBTI community (canvassed in March 2005), including conducting focus groups, planning a GLL@M event (cancelled due to poor weather), attending Marrickville Festival and Mardi Gras Fair Day, adopting a new Terms of Reference and resolving to publicise City of Sydney's Relationship Register to the Marrickville community. Kidz Day Out – a family event for all the community will be held on 19 November 2006 at Marrickville Town Hall. The event is being organised by GLL@M and the Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby.

**Key Priority 3: Cooperative Approaches and Innovation**

**Strategy: Strengthen relationships and establish new partnerships**

- Regular BBQ's continue to be held at Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre in Marrickville South as a way of increasing opportunities for residents to access services. Council has taken a strong role in the development of partnerships between Marrickville Youth Resource Centre, Barnardos, Marrickville Police, Juvenile Justice and Rosemount to increase youth programs at the Centre, including the end of year camp project funded under the CDSE program. A Police Youth Programmer has commenced duties at the Centre.
- Training Opportunities in First Aid for young people have been provided with Council's support by the St Johns Ambulance, Marrickville Cadet Division. MTC Work Solutions was also supported to develop the WIN Personal Development Program - a bridging program for women who have disengaged from the labour market and require assistance to enter prevocational training and gain employment.
- Design works to enhance the value of the Cooks River through riverbank restoration works at Kendrick Park were completed.
- The Cooks River Foreshore Working Group finalised the strategy to provide new and better looking signage along the foreshores of the Cooks River.
- The project mapping the biodiversity and benchmarking ecological performance along the River was progressed. It is on track to be completed in 2006/07.
- The following Department of Planning documents are in Draft Form: Cooks River Path Improvement Study, CR Open Space Plan and CR Landscape and Access Guidelines. It is expected that designs will be available for public exhibition and comment in early 2007.
- The Cooks River Park Sustainable Irrigation Strategy was developed. Funding for the implementation of the strategy is now being sought.

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- The focus of History Week 2005 was on the industrial history of Marrickville with over 400 people accessing the exhibitions and walks.
- A Child Care Needs Analysis was undertaken to investigate potential to increase the availability of child care within the LGA. High levels of satisfaction with existing services were expressed. Utilisation rates remain at 97%. Action plans arising from the Child Care Needs Analysis will be implemented, subject to Council endorsement.
- Council's Family Day Care program developed a Carers Committee which established a working relationship with the local Aboriginal community in developing culturally responsive service provision. In addition, a number of important policy and procedural documents were developed to complement Council's Child Protection Policy and training program.
- Successful grant applications have allowed the Active After School Care program to continue throughout the year to promote greater physical activity amongst participating school aged children.

**Key Priority 4: Improving Facilities and Programs**

**Strategy: Reinforce social, environmental and economically sustainable practices**

- Stakeholder workshop held to develop marketing strategy for services provided to older people and people with a disability from Council's Tom Foster Community Care facility. An effective media campaign will promote the full range of food and social services available from Tom Foster Community Care, and the purchase of new equipment will increase productive efficiency in the kitchen. Planned renovations of Tom Foster centre scheduled for the end of 2006.
- Adoption of best practice from the National Dietary Guidelines for Older People has resulted in over 95% of satisfaction with services provided from Council's Tom Foster Community Care facility expressed through the annual satisfaction survey. Further expansion of meal choices based on assessed need and preference to be introduced.
- Planned renovations to Council's Tom Foster Community Care centre were approved and funded jointly by Council and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. Construction work will commence in 2006/2007 and will improve access and amenity of the centre for service users, volunteers and staff. Water conservation is also included as a key element of the project.
- Council's Library Services Section was granted funds by the Library Council of NSW to seed the development of an environmental resource collection.
- 'Festival of Learning', an annual 2 day promotion of all services provided by the Library, and organised with the assistance of Children and Family Services was again highly successful in engaging a significant number of community members.
- "Spring into Summer Reading Club" for 5-12 year olds was organised to encourage children to maintain their reading through summer break. This was a highly successful project with 154 children reading 1885 books.

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- Council's History Program supports the curriculum needs of local schools through visits and history walks of the local area, which is developed with teachers and students. Two schools are participating in a project to record details of war memorials in the area for inclusion in a database hosted by the State Library.
- Council launched a second Magic Yellow Bus in March 2006 to expand services into the Marrickville South area, ensuring equal access to this educational service for young children and their families across the LGA.
- Council, in partnership with the Community Restorative Centre, held a Families of Prisoners Forum in the Petersham Town Hall in November 2005.
- The Safety Committee responded to concerns from the community about anti-social behaviour in Wicks Park which, through Council's Parks & Reserves Section, has resulted in improved safety and easier monitoring of activity for Police.

**Strategy: Plan and respond to the changing needs of a diverse community**

- Consultants were engaged in 2004 to undertake a feasibility study into the future development of an indoor/outdoor modern aquatic leisure facility in Marrickville. Report to Council in February 2006 following second round of community consultations with recommendation to upgrade Petersham and Enmore Pools and install a water play park in Marrickville South. Further report required by Council to explore possibility of upgrade to 50 metre pool in response to requests from the community.
- The Inner West Aboriginal Community Company was sponsored to develop a Cadigal-Wangal cultural walk through history by designing space and planting native flora in front of Dulwich High School's new Art & Design Building.
- Information and training was provided to local sporting clubs to help improve their viability and responsiveness to community need. Council held a forum in July 2005 to assist sporting clubs with their planning and club management. Another was held in September 2005 entitled "Risky Business" to promote issues of public liability and risk management for sporting and leisure organisations.
- The History Program commenced a Volunteer Program with participants from a range of cultural backgrounds and age groups. The program provides assistance with identified projects and enables residents to engage with local history. The History Program is also preparing a Business Plan for future development and service provision to the community.

**Key Priority 5: Creating spaces and places for current and future generations**

**Strategy: Develop integrated services and solutions to reduce social disadvantage**

- Boarders and Lodgers Project was funded and commenced through Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. The aim of the project is to support the Boarders and Lodgers

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Action Group in its campaign for legislative reform to provide protection for people who live in boarding and lodging situations.

- Tom Foster Community Care staff and volunteers are working closely with Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to address various needs of residents of unlicensed boarding houses who have various health and disability related issues. Expanded services include a microwave lending program, transport and centre based activities.
- Council supported Sydney Community College to provide weekly classes building on literacy and numeracy skills for people with learning and/or intellectual disabilities, and economically and socially disadvantaged residents of boarding and rooming houses. Separate classes were established in Marrickville South for women from CALD backgrounds to improve their social and economic participation.
- The Australian Lebanese Association of NSW was sponsored to conduct Motivate Me, a monthly motivational program for disadvantaged youth.

**Strategy: Work towards a sustainable urban environment**

- Council continues to explore and facilitate opportunities for housing partnerships with the NSW Government and other major land owners to provide affordable housing to meet the housing needs of the population. Inner East Regional Housing Strategy identified issues such as loss of boarding houses, shortage of one bedroom accommodation, promotion of Universal Housing Design principles, loss of affordable rental housing and chronic itinerant homelessness.
- The Lesbian & Gay Anti-Violence Project (ACON) continues to support and expand the Safe Place Program in Marrickville with Council's support.
- A multi-faceted strategy to fund the public art program is under development. In the meantime, Council continues to provide and fund a range of cultural services such as art galleries, festivals and libraries. In May 2006 Council received a grant from the NSW Ministry for the Arts of \$45,000 under the 2006 Visual Arts and Craft Program towards the development of an artist's studio. This grant is for the implementation stage of the project aimed at securing an affordable artist studio site in the Marrickville LGA.
- The Local National Artist Residency Program expands and complements Council's annual International Artist Exchange Program with local and national residencies. The aim of this program is to contribute to the ongoing development of Marrickville's relationships with its own artist and cultural worker and those from other places. It also provides professional development opportunities for artists to assist in the creation and development of Marrickville's cultural assets and the development of the Arts Grant Scheme Policy. In 2005/6 the residency hosted over 20 artists from a range of arts practices and backgrounds who came from all over Australia, the Phillipines and Germany as part of the Biennale of Sydney, the Cracker Comedy Festival and the Performance Space.
- The Vietnamese Refugee Support Committee of NSW held an exhibition, Out of Place, at Addison Rd Gallery during Refugee Week 2005 showcasing local artists in collaboration with community groups and schools.

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- Council continues to support the Vietnamese community's celebration of the Children Moon Festival in September with a live cultural entertainment program for children, youth and families.

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**GM 94 - SEPTEMBER BUDGET REVIEW**

*For Decision*

File Ref: 328

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

A review of Council's 2006/07 Budget for the period to the end of September 2006 revealed a few variances. The net effect of these variances will reduce the need of Council's funds by \$12,677, and this will result in a deficit of \$50,744 for 2006/07. The anticipated working funds position as at 30 June 2007 will therefore be \$3,851,160. It is recommended that the report be received and noted and that the variations to the Budget be approved.

**Discussion**

In accordance with Clause 203 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the following Budget Review Statement is provided of revised estimates of income and expenditure for the year ending 30 June 2007.

**ATTACHED** to this report is the September 2006 Financial Report comprised of the Operating Budget at Division Level, the Operating Budget at Program Level and Operating Budget and Resources Plan at Activity Level.

Details of the budget variances requested in September 2006 are provided below. The variances outlined below will result in a surplus of \$12,677.

<b><u>PROGRAM</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b> \$	<b><u>ITEM</u></b>
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>		
<b>Corporate Services</b>		
Finance	16,677 (S)	As advised by official documentation from the NSW Fire Brigades Services, the Fire Brigades Levy for the financial year of 2006/2007 will be \$778,323, a saving of \$16,677 from our original budget estimate.
<b>Community Services</b>		
Community Development	\$4,000 (D)	A budget adjustment is required for the partnership payment with Southern Sydney Regional Organization of Councils (SSROC) in relation to the East Timor Partnership.
	\$42,030 (S)	Transfer of budget for Aboriginal RLF Knockout from Community Development to Parks and Reserves as advised by Manager, Parks and

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*For Decision*

Reserves and agreed upon by Manager  
Community Development.

**Technical Services**

Parks and Reserves	\$42,030 (D)	Transfer of budget for Aboriginal RLF Knockout from Community Development to Parks and Reserves as advised by Manager, Parks and Reserves and agreed upon by Manager Community Development.
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**OPERATING BUDGET**      \$ 12,677(S)  
**TOTAL**

**RESOURCES PLAN:**

**Community Services**

Children & Family Services	No net effect	As reported to the Community Services Committee Meeting 02/06, an extra \$30,000 worth of funding will be received from the NSW Department of Community Services in relation to the Families First Program. This is the second year out of three for the funding agreement, with an additional \$30,000 to be received in 2007/2008 financial year.
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**RESOURCES PLAN**

**TOTAL**      \$0

**TOTAL BUDGET**      \$12,677 (S)

**S= Saving, an improvement in Council's position.**

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

**Conclusion**

Council's anticipated result for the 2006/2007 Budget will be a surplus as shown in the Budget Summary below:

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*For Decision*

**Adopted Budget** **\$(2,113)**

	\$	\$
July 06 Budget Review	6,020	
August 06 Budget Review	59,510	
September 06 Budget Review	(12,677)	
		52,853

<b>Anticipated (Surplus)/Deficit 2006/07</b>	<b>50,740</b>
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**SUMMARY OF 2006/07 APPROVED BUDGET**

<b>1. 2006/07 Budget Position</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating Budget Surplus	(2,216,323)
Resources Plan Revenue Funding	2,214,210
<b>OVERALL BUDGET</b>	<b>(2,113)</b>
<b>2. Projected Working Funds Position based On 2006/07 Budget</b>	
Council's Projected Working Funds Position as at 30 June 2006	(3,901,900)
Less: Anticipated deficit/surplus for 2006/2007	50,740
<b>Projected Working Funds Position at 30 June 2007</b>	<b>(3,851,160)</b>
<b>Benchmark Figure as at 30 June 2005</b>	<b>1,172,000</b>

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Council:**

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

***GM 95 - QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT - 2006/2007 ANNUAL  
MANAGEMENT PLAN - FIRST QUARTER (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006)  
For Decision***

File Ref: 2130

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This Business Paper summarises Council's performance against the Key Objectives and the 2006/2007 Service Improvements as set out in the 2006/2007 Annual Management Plan with reference to 2006/2007 Performance Targets. Detailed information on performance in each program area is provided in the attachment to this report. The report indicates that, overall, a good start was made on the programs/activities that Council committed to for the 2006/2007 year.

This Business Paper also provides an overview of Council's performance within the Sustainability Reporting Framework. The Sustainability Reporting Framework provides a means of acknowledging and understanding the impacts of Council on the community with reference to environmental sustainability, economic sustainability, social sustainability and governance.

**Background**

This quarterly report is the first for Council's current 2006/2007 Management Plan.

The attached report details the status of the programs and activities set out in the Management Plan. The report also provides information on Council performance against identified performance indicators identified for 2006/2007 in the Management Plan.

Progress on the programs and activities contribute to the implementation of strategies that have been identified to achieve Key Objectives for Council as identified in the Strategic Plan 2006-2011. These Key Objectives are consistent with, and contribute to, the achievement of the Marrickville Community Plan - a long term vision for the Marrickville LGA - including:

- community wellbeing and inclusiveness;
- a creative, learning and diverse Marrickville;
- beautifying and caring for our environment;
- guided development and sustainable transport; and
- an innovative and efficient Council.

The performance targets provide quantitative and qualitative information on program performance. They provide an indication of how well the program is performing overall and the benefits being received by the community. An additional layer of analysis is provided in the assessment of the performance target information against Council's sustainability reporting framework. While each quarterly report will track internal indicators (directly relating to Council activities), external indicators (matters which Council can only influence - not control) will be reported on an annual basis.

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MANAGEMENT PLAN - FIRST QUARTER (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006)  
For Decision***

**Discussion**

**A. SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING FRAMEWORK**

To help it to meet its vision for Marrickville to be a great place for all people, including those of future generations, Council has adopted a Sustainability Reporting Framework. This Framework acknowledges that the programs and operations of Marrickville impact on the wellbeing and sustainability of the Marrickville community. The Framework assists Council to monitor its impact in four main areas:

- social sustainability
- environmental sustainability
- economic sustainability
- sustainable governance practice

**Highlights for the Quarter:**

- Social
- The major project for the second stage of the Ethnic Communications Strategy was implemented and involved the translation of 3,000 words about Council services into the five major language groups for Council's website. Separate webpages in the five languages will be accessible from the homepage of Council's site.
  - Under the Community Grants Program, Council distributed \$55,000 among 21 successful applicants.
- Environmental
- A series of workshops were held with relevant staff to examine Council's Local Action 21 Plan, identifying progress to date and action to be undertaken toward Council's objective of achieving a sustainable future for Marrickville.
  - The Plan of Action for Fleet Management was finalised with work commencing on implementation of the priority actions outlined in the Plan.
- Economic
- Work was undertaken on preparing the Annual Accounts with the external audit scheduled to commence on 3 October 2006.
- Governance
- A Staff Culture and Climate Survey (Voice@Marrickville) was completed during the quarter. There was a very high participation rate with the majority of responses very positive. The findings were considered by Management and shared with staff.
  - A major review of Council's Privacy Management Plan was completed during the quarter.

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MANAGEMENT PLAN - FIRST QUARTER (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2006)  
For Decision**

**Select Sustainability Indicators for the Quarter:**

<b>Area of Impact</b>	<b>Internal (directly relating to Council activities) Indicators</b>
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 12,384 meals on wheels provided</li> <li>→ 2 StAMP Network Mentoring meetings held</li> <li>→ utilisation rate in early childhood services greater than 97%</li> <li>→ 18,659 visits to the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre</li> <li>→ 787 bookings for hire of community facilities</li> <li>→ 100% occupation at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery and artist residency</li> <li>→ attendance of more than 50,000 at Marrickville Festival on 17 September</li> <li>→ participation of approximately 380 people in Council activities during History Week</li> <li>→ 30,092 Library members</li> <li>→ 3 Citizenship ceremonies</li> </ul>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 3,899.95 tonnes of non-recyclable waste collected</li> <li>→ 2,036.00 tonnes of recyclable waste collected</li> <li>→ 521.26 tonnes of recyclable green waste collected</li> <li>→ attendance by more than 50 people per month at Watershed workshops</li> <li>→ approximately 2050 volunteer hours worked across the environmental volunteer program</li> <li>→ 4,330 native plants planted</li> </ul>
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ 4 Main Street programs supported</li> <li>→ 2 business workshops and 1 business breakfast held by the Newtown Main Street</li> <li>→ resources plan (other than major projects) actual expenditure of \$2,045,889 as against budget estimated expenditure of \$5,173,251* as at quarter end</li> <li>→ operating budget actual expenditure of \$26,581,602 against budget estimated expenditure of \$29,177,761 as at quarter end</li> <li>→ debt service ratio of 14.02% at year end</li> <li>→ rates outstanding ratio of 2.55% at year end</li> </ul>
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ accurate compilation of 16 Business Papers and timely distribution to Councillors and to the public to support informed decision-making and community participation</li> <li>→ 76% of calls to the Citizen Service Centre answered within 2 minutes</li> <li>→ 100% of website community feedback forwarded to the relevant Division/Unit for action</li> <li>→ 320 members of the Citizens' Panel</li> <li>→ 77 days lost due to injury during the Quarter</li> <li>→ 11 Freedom of Information requests completed within statutory timeframes</li> </ul>

\* YTD Budget is an estimate determined on a default budget phasing of one twelfth of annual budget each month. Some projects will not be commenced until later in the year.

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**B. QUARTERLY REPORTING - HIGHLIGHTS**

Council received a number of significant awards during the quarter, including:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Project nominated</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
LGMA Excellence Awards - Management Excellence	Planning for our Future - Marrickville Plan 2025	Winner
LGMA Excellence Award - Service to Community	Public Art Project: People, Place + Art	Silver Merit
LGMA Excellence Awards - Aspiring Young Manager of the Year	Anthony Semann - Manager, Children & Family Services	Merit
Australian HR Awards 2006	Adcorp Award for Employer of Choice (Public Sector)	Winner
Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW) Sustainable Cities Awards 2006 (Packaging Stewardship Forum, Waste Minimisation Award)	Sump Oil Recycling Trailer	Winner

The following is a summary of the progress made in the first quarter of 2006/2007 in implementing the 2006/2007 Management Plan:

**Key Activity Area 1: Community Wellbeing and Inclusiveness**

- Under the Community Grants Program, Council distributed \$55,000 among 21 successful applicants. Separately, Council was involved in the Committee distributing \$78,600 to 17 successful applicants under the ClubsNSW Community Development and Support Expenditure Scheme
- A free community barbeque and Youth Showcase was held at the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Community Recreation Centre in Marrickville South on 10 August 2006.
- All community consultative committees ran to schedule and budget during the quarter.
- Council's Missed Business Guide, an initiative to assist local businesses to comply with Disability Discrimination Act legislation, was translated into 5 community languages. The Guide was also promoted at Marrickville Festival.
- The Child Care Needs Analysis was completed and a model to review and implement the recommendations is currently being completed.
- Child Care services upgraded administration packages to implement the Federal Government's JET (Joining Education and Training) funding.
- The Wilkins before school care was successful in an application to increase morning care places from 15 to 30.
- A new disability water lift was installed at the Fanny Durack Pool in Petersham.
- A new management contract for the two aquatic facilities was signed with Belgravia Leisure.

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**Key Activity Area 2: A Creative, Learning and Diverse Marrickville**

- The Petersham artists' residency hosted six international artists during the quarter.
- The September issue of *Marrickville Matters* was distributed from 28 August.
- Marrickville Festival was held on 17 September attracting more than 50,000 people.
- A 22 member Taiwanese delegation was hosted by Council. A high priority visit by a senior Syrian government official and the Syrian Arab Republic Ambassador was also received.
- History Week was held between 15-24 September. The Trail of Maps was launched on 15 September with over 50 participants and the Family History Workshops were fully booked with 30 participants.
- The Public Open Day of the History Centre attracted 93 visits representing a 13.8% increase over attendance last year.

**Key Activity Area 3: Beautifying and Caring for our Environment**

- New maintenance, inspection and reporting procedures were implemented for Council's sporting facilities.
- The frequency of BBQ cleaning in Council parks was increased.
- Work commenced on the compilation of information for the 2005-2006 State of the Environment Report.
- The Watershed trialed a new workshop called Eco Choices for Sustainable Living with positive participation rates and feedback.
- Fifteen businesses were visited as part of the Environment Means Business - Industry Assessment Program.
- Twelve Cooks River RiverLife Interpretive Tours were run by trained volunteer tour guides attended by 55 participants.
- Heritage studies for the Coptic Church and Stone Villa were completed as part of investigations to identify information for building and property assets.
- Graffiti was removed from the Lennox Street Car Park and a lighting upgrade at Seaview Street Car Park South was completed.
- Waterproofing repairs to the northern wall of Building A at the St Peters Works Depot were completed.
- A Plastic Bag Reduction Program was completed in the Dulwich Hill Area.
- The local road resurfacing program was completed including Anderton Street, Enfield Road, Hastings Street, Herbert Street, Yule Street, Fairmount Street and Roberts Street.
- The King Street Enhancement Works were completed with completion of the section between Alice Street and Lord Street in Newtown.
- The Literature review for development of the public domain part to Council's DCP was commenced.

**Key Activity Area 4: Guided Development and Sustainable Transport**

- Work continued during the quarter to prepare the Draft Urban Strategy for public exhibition.
- An interdivisional working group to develop Council's Affordable Housing Strategy was established and consultations were held with senior Department of Housing Officers.
- Arising from a Council resolution last quarter, letters were sent to the Premier and various State members seeking support for extending light rail in the inner city and inner west.
- Work continued on the final draft of the Bike Plan for reporting to Council in the second quarter.

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- The pedestrian refuge island and associated bicycle markings in Longport Street in Lewisham were completed. This forms part of the Bike Plan and, in particular, the Regional Route RR07 between King Street, Newtown and Longport Street, Lewisham.
- Cycling was promoted through Marrickville Festival and Bike Week with a range of incentives provided as prizes to reward and encourage an increased knowledge of bicycle safety and promote cycling as an active form of transport.
- A range of improvements to the Development Application process were implemented including preparation of Development Application withdrawal templates and linking to Proclaim. The checklist for shop fit-out was also completed. 70% of building referrals were automated via Proclaim.

**Key Activity Area 5: An Innovative and Efficient Council**

- Activities to provide information to citizens about Council's Community Plan, Strategic Plan 2006-2009 and Annual Management Plan and Budget 2006-2009 included the production and distribution of posters, e-newsletters and letters, and the distribution of approximately 2,500 paper copies of the Community Plan/Strategic Plan. The plans are also available on Council's website.
- The Annual Accounts have been completed and await audit, scheduled to commence 3 October 2006.
- Divisional Risk Management workshops were held to commence compilation of Council's Risk Register and Risk Management Plan.
- A total of 27,875 calls to the Call Centre were received during the quarter.
- Council was involved in Adult Learners' Week from 1 September to 8 September 2006. During the week, 9 learning opportunities were conducted involving 97 participants. Council also held a Careers Expo as well as hosting the National launch of *Learn@Work Today* on behalf of the Adult Learners' Association of Australia.
- Council's Mentoring Program was launched during Adult Learners' Week.
- The Your Voice staff survey was completed with excellent results in terms of response rates and outcomes.
- Exponare Public was launched and is available to citizens from Council's webpage or by the URL <http://www2.marrickville.nsw.gov.au/exponare/disclaimer.aspx>.
- SharePoint2003 and BizTalk 2006 were deployed.
- The Plant Replacement Program was developed for optimum maintenance and replacement of plant and replacements are being made on schedule.
- All services in Service Level Agreements were delivered within budget and to standard.

**Conclusion**

Council has made a sound start to implementing the wide range of programs and activities identified in the 2006/2007 Annual Management Plan that work towards the longer term vision for Marrickville as expressed in the Marrickville Community Plan 2025. The significant majority of programs/activities are currently on track.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENT 1: Total 87 pages**

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**GM 96 - 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 9 September 2006 and 4 October 2006. It is recommended that the report be received and noted.

**Background**

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

The policy provides in clause 10.6 that the "General Manager is to report monthly to Council in relation to Councillor requests for information, including the nature of the information requested, whether access was provided and, if access was refused or restricted, the reasons for the determination, and any other information considered appropriate." Accordingly, the **ATTACHMENT** provides details of requests for access that have been received during the period 9 September 2006 to 4 October 2006.

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 2007. It will be based on the collation of data from this and other monthly reports.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**ATTACHMENT 1:** Total 1 page  
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NO.	COUNCILLOR	DATE REQUEST RECEIVED	INFORMATION REQUESTED			DATE ACCESS PROVIDED	STAFF RESOURCES HOURS	STATUS	CONFIDENTIAL
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			MEETING	ITEM NO.	NATURE OF INFORMATION				
1	Owen	20/9/06	Council 08/06	GM 81	Transcript of item	29/9/06	7 hrs 30 mins	Completed	No
2	Owen	22/9/06	Council 05/06	NM 11	Transcript of item	29/9/06	5 hrs 30 mins	Completed	No

**GM 97 - OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS  
REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR'S  
For Decision**

File Ref: 4577-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

A progress report on all outstanding Conferences and Reports requested by Councillors 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.

• **Outstanding Conferences**

GM 79 – Council Meeting 08/06 – 19 September 2006  
REPORT ON GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT

A Councillor Conference on Graffiti Management be convened.

**It is proposed that the Councillor Conference on Graffiti Management will be scheduled for early December 2006.**

**B. Outstanding Reports**

MM 12 – Council Meeting 04/06 – 16 May 2006  
CULTURAL EVENT

- “2. the funds for that Cultural Event of \$20,000 be allocated to an Events Reserve and a Budget adjustment be made; and
3. following adoption of the Events Program for 2006/07 as part of the 2006/07 Adopted Budget, a further report be submitted to Council in relation to the proposed form of the new community events, after consultation with each of the communities; and that Council give further consideration to re-allocation of those funds at that time”.

**A further report was submitted to the October 2006 Community Services Committee Meeting in relation to the form of the new community events following community consultation and adoption of the 2006/07 Events Program as part of the 2006/07 Adopted Budget.**

**GM 97 - OUTSTANDING CONFERENCES AND REPORTS  
REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR'S  
For Decision**

GM 74 – Council Meeting 08/06 – 19 September 2006

**COUNCIL'S MAJOR PROJECTS – ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(EO1 8/06) FOR THE ENMORE POOL REDEVELOPMENT DESIGN TENDER**

“4. Council officers report to the October Council Meeting on incorporating a 50m pool into the project and investigating the issues involved, including:

- (a) ongoing running and maintenance costs and revenue implications;
- (b) footprint implications; and
- (c) the impact on the surrounding neighbourhood;

and all options for resolving any issues.

**A report will be submitted to the October 2006 Council Meeting in relation to ongoing running and maintenance costs and revenue implications; footprint implications; the impact on the surrounding neighbourhood; and all options for resolving any issues.**

GM 75 – Council Meeting 08/06 – 19 September 2006-

**COUNCIL MAJOR PROJECTS – ADVANCEMENT OF NEW CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
PROPOSAL WITHIN THE MARRICKVILLE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

3. Council officers conduct more detailed design investigations required for the advancement of a new Children's Centre proposal within the Marrickville West Public School, as well as further investigations in respect of the financial viability of refurbishing the May Murray Children's Centre into a facility for the education and care of birth – 2 year old children; and a further report be submitted to Council's December 2006 Meeting.

**A further report on the new Children's Centre proposal within the Marrickville West Public School and refurbishing the May Murray Children's Centre will be submitted to Council's December 2006 Meeting.**

Matter Arising out of GM 75 – Council Meeting 08/06 – 19 September 2006

**COUNCIL MAJOR PROJECTS – ADVANCEMENT OF NEW CHILDREN'S CENTRE  
PROPOSAL WITHIN THE MARRICKVILLE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

Council officers prepare a report on the viability of a respite and occasional care centre for young mothers at the Illawarra Early Childhood Centre building.

**It is anticipated that a report on the viability of a respite and occasional care centre for young mothers at the Illawarra Early Childhood Centre will be submitted to Council's November or December 2006 Meeting.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

***GM 98 - DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY STAFF***  
***For Decision***

File Ref: 4325-03

**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 a return which is **TABLED** for information pursuant to the Act:

- Pamela McCroary
- Dharini Meenachi-Sunderam
- Pavle Kuzmanovski

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

***GM 99 - DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST RETURNS TO 30 JUNE 2006***

*For Decision*

File Ref: 4325-02

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

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

**Background**

Section 450A of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by Councillors and Designated Persons are to be tabled at the first Council meeting after the due date of 30 September 2006.

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.

Pursuant to the Act, the returns for the period ended 30 June 2006 are **TABLED** for information. It is noted that all Councillors and Designated Persons lodged their return in the prescribed format by the due date of 30 September 2006.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**TABLED:**

Disclosure of Interest Returns lodged by Councillors and Designated Persons for period ending 30 June 2006.

***GM 100 - PETITIONS RECEIVED***

*For Decision*

File Ref: 4577-03

**General Manager reports:**

**Synopsis**

This report outlines the petitions received by Council during the period 12 September 2006 to 4 October 2006. 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 12 September 2006 to 4 October 2006 and referred to the appropriate Division for attention:

1. from 700 people supporting a 50 metre pool for Marrickville.
2. from 23 school principals supporting a 50 metre pool for Marrickville.

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.

***NM 14 - PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE INSPECTION  
PROCEDURES***

*For Decision*

File Ref: 1022-03

**From Councillor Victor Macri**

**Discussion**

It is proposed that Council make two changes to its procedures for the Development and Environmental Services Committee.

The first relates to items that the Committee resolves to defer for Inspection and provides that members of the public will not be permitted to address the Committee and instead, will have the opportunity to address Councillors at the Inspection. This will streamline the current Committee Meeting process and allow Councillors to gain a better understanding of the issues on site, providing an opportunity for Councillors to clarify issues with the applicant and objectors. To facilitate this change, it is proposed that before the Committee considers requests by members of the public to address it, Councillors will be provided with an opportunity to put forward requests for Agenda Items to be deferred for Inspection and the Committee will determine those requests by resolution at that time.

The second proposal is to change the normal day and time for Inspections from Saturday morning to Wednesday at 5.30 pm, to enable Councillors who work on Saturday to attend. This will also ensure that people with an interest in the Inspection don't have their Saturdays disrupted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

1. the Development and Environmental Services Committee's meeting procedure be changed to provide that:
  - prior to considering requests from members of the public to address the Committee, Councillors will have the opportunity to request that an Agenda Item be deferred for Inspection and the Committee will then determine those requests by resolution; and
  - if the Committee resolves to defer an Agenda Item for Inspection, members of the public will not be permitted to address the Committee in relation to that item; and
2. the normal day and time for Development and Environmental Services Committee Inspections be changed from Saturday morning to Wednesday at 5.30 pm.

***NM 15 - PROTECTING THE WHITE IBISES***  
***For Decision***

File Ref: 1958-06

**From Councillor Saeed Khan**

**Background**

Like some other areas in Sydney, a colony of white ibises has developed in Marrickville. A large number of these native birds live on palm trees near St Brigid's Church on Marrickville Road and this has caused some concern in the community.

According to animal experts, as a result of drought and other environmental stresses on the natural habitat of these birds in NSW, they have resorted to moving to cities along the east coast. They generally stay in areas near water. The numbers of these native birds have decreased to such an extent that they are close to becoming an endangered species.

While there may be a need to control the White Ibis population in Marrickville, we need to look at all the available options including relocation near the Cooks River.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:**

Council officers prepare a report on the migration of white ibises to Marrickville outlining:

1. Estimated white ibis population in the area and future trends
2. Measures undertaken by other councils (e.g. Fairfield) to control the population
3. Possible options without further endangering the native white ibis population in NSW

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## **Ibises - cull them or cuddle them?**



They seem to be everywhere.

Australian white [ibises](#) have become a familiar sight in Sydney over the past two decades, flapping around the city's parks, waterways and, occasionally, garbage dumps.

But research suggests far from thriving, the birds may be in dire trouble.

Animal behaviourist [Ursula Munro](#), of the [University of Technology](#), Sydney, has been studying ibises for the past five years and believes east coast cities have become a last bastion for the species in a time of extreme stress.

She said moves by [councils](#) to exterminate the birds and destroy their nests could threaten their future in this state.

“They are in trouble and we need to look after them,” Munro said.

“It may be that the only viable colonies we have are the ones in the big cities at the moment.

“Theoretically, if we keep on destroying them we could force these birds into extinction.”

Before the 1980s ibises were rarely seen in coastal cities like Sydney and the appearance of the odd straggler generated excitement among locals.

Most of the state's ibis population lived around inland waterways in the Murray Darling Basin, such as the [Macquarie Marshes](#).

Munro said the increased use of water for agriculture in inland NSW and on-going drought had forced the birds to look for other breeding grounds.

She said the species was very particular about nesting within view of water.

“They like to breed on islands,” she said.

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“Sometimes it happens that water levels drop and the birds leave everything - their nests, their eggs, their young.”

Munro said large numbers of the birds had relocated to coastal cities, including Sydney, where they attracted mixed responses from people.

Initially appreciated for their exotic looks, they soon developed a reputation among many people for being dirty, loud and for stealing from garbage bins.

Authorities at the [Royal Botanic Gardens](#) and councils in western Sydney have conducted culls in recent years.

“What happens a lot is that their nests are pulled down and their eggs destroyed,” Munro said.

“A very common belief is that these are exotic birds.

“But they are natives of Australia and it's our responsibility to protect them.”

Munro said counts of NSW ibises in the early 1980s had shown them numbering in the tens of thousands in the state's inland.

While recent counts suggest there are perhaps [3500](#) ibises living in the Sydney area, Munro said it appeared the overall NSW total was a small fraction of the 1980s levels.

She argued to cull birds without first determining how this would impact on wider populations was irresponsible.

“There's not much known about the biology of these urban ibises,” she said.

“We don't know a lot about their reproduction, abundance or movement.”

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There's no doubt ibises can be irritating.

Visitors to venues like Darling Harbour or Centennial Park commonly see them poking their long beaks into garbage bins, fishing out half-eaten meals. And when they congregate the noise and smell can be powerful.

But they are a native bird.

Should we be doing more to ensure their survival?

Or should we continue culling them?

**[More Discovery](#)**

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